

We North Yorkshire

Looking back on 2018 and forwards to 2019!

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2018 was our best year so far ... we completed our governance audit. Trustees were then able to concentrate on our objectives which are to protect, enhance and promote North Yorkshire.

Communication with local groups, the public and members has dramatically increased. More people than ever before come to us for help or advice on a wide range of issues from planning to "Star Count", to conservation areas under threat. In 2018 we responded to over 60 planning applications across our 3500 square miles, replied to consultations in our two national parks and three AONB's, responded to North Yorkshire County Council consultations and of course, commented on the Local Plans across all the authorities in the area currently reviewing their local plans that shape the area for the future.

We are thrilled to have forged strong links with new parish councils and local campaign or action groups - this works both ways - as we help local groups we learn more about this great county.

However, we're not resting on our laurels. CPRENorthYorkshire continues to plan to meet the increased challenges we know we will face in 2019 and beyond.

Part of our strategy is to increase awareness and boost our membership so if you know someone who should join - tell them we need them! People are an organisation's most precious asset - where would we be without them?

Lots of people come to CPRENorthYorkshire for help -which we give freely but they don't realise we're a charity and we need them to join us. All charities are struggling at the moment but there really only is one planning based charity and that's us! Pressure on green fields is only going to grow over the next few years so, our work load is only going to increase. We need to plan and prepare to meet the growing demand





Hampsthwaite Action Group or HAG

It's been a harrowing year for Hampsthwaite in the Harrogate authority area. Applications threaten to double the size of the village. Members of the group contacted us for help - of course we did and continue to do our best.

From Margaret Willis
Hampsthwaite Action Group

"Hampsthwaite Action Group was formed just over a year ago by local residents to try to save their village from the mass development of new housing which threatens to change the character and destroy the valued heritage and landscape of this small, rural community.

CPRE North Yorkshire has become an important, valued source of information for the Hampsthwaite Action Group.

It has provided the campaign with a vital sounding board for approaches to different issues, offering clear, professional advice on heritage, landscape and environmental matters as well as helping to raise the public profile of the Action Group's work through the CPRE North Yorkshire Facebook pages."

Save OUR Craven Countryside (SOCC)

From Chris Sharpe, Chair;

"Save our Craven Countryside is a local group of people campaigning against a very large proposed holiday park on the doorstep of our village, over the famous and bio- diverse Hellifield Flashes.

How do ordinary village people fight such a proposal? We have limited knowledge of the planning minefield system and how it works.

We called on CPRENorthYorkshire. Their expert advice and expertise with all aspects of planning and the countryside has given us courage to continue.

Their support has been invaluable, not only for our campaign but for input and support with the local plan. We really wouldn't be the force we are without them behind us.



Great Crested Newt colonies are thriving on the Flashes

Carleton

Local residents of Carleton in Craven contacted this charity for help regarding a development that threatened their conservation area.

Our work resulted in increased membership and a donation to the charity in recognition of the work undertaken. We can't print all the the endorsement by this group due to the colourful descriptions within, this is just part of the endorsement from the Carleton Group:

"My lasting memories of that day are firstly that you said that I could speak for 10 minutes, and I spoke for over an hour !! And secondly that I had the pleasure of meeting Stephen Butcher, who I have and had the greatest respect for. I write simply to thank you for the 2 reports that you have commissioned."

Richard, Carleton resident.

Some of the local groups we're working with

Focus on Conservation areas

What is a conservation area?

'A conservation area is an area of "special architectural or historic interest, the character and appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance.'

There are approximately 7000 conservation areas in England.

These areas are part of our heritage. Heritage is about connecting with our past, to understand and appreciate our present to help inform and create our future.

Contrary to popular assumption, the majority (59%) of conservation areas cover open spaces rather than historic buildings, but their breadth is considerable, from coal mines to cafes and from parts of the Yorkshire Dales National Park to the Duxford Airfield in Cambridgeshire.

Leading estate agents say that *'people pay a premium to live in a conservation area because you're buying into the whole history as well as the quaintness.'*

They go on to say *'you're also buying peace of mind that your surroundings will stay that way. You won't wake up and find next door pebble dashed or a phone mast at the bottom of your garden. Even widening the road can't happen'.*

Our experiences show that the above is not quite the case in some areas of North Yorkshire!

Because of desirability of these areas, we constantly face applications to build 'executive homes' and as we all know, we need affordable homes for young families to keep the countryside alive.

We campaigned successfully to protect conservation areas in Redcar & Cleveland, Craven, Harrogate, Richmondshire and Ryedale.

Richmondshire Council regularly invite us to comment on conservation area appraisals.

We tried hard to protect conservation areas in Preston under Scar and sadly, we're still battling in the Craven area to stop the on going degradation of the Long Preston and Settle Carlisle Railway Conservation areas.

Fact file: How many conservation areas each planning authority manages across North Yorkshire

Craven: 29
 Harrogate: 52
 Hambleton: 46
 Richmondshire: 41
 Ryedale: 42
 Redcar & Cleveland 17
 Scarborough 15
 City of York: 35
 Selby: 23
 Yorkshire Dales National Park: 47
 North York Moors National Park: 42

Maintaining the character of conservation areas does not usually require special or costly measures - most of it is about good and pragmatic environmental management. But it does call for a commitment from all of a local authority's elected members and departments, not just the planning service.

Conservation Areas were first introduced in England in 1967 in recognition of the fact that the quality of historic areas depends not only on the quality of individual buildings but also on the historic layout of properties, the use of characteristic building materials, public spaces, trees, views between buildings and along streets.

1:7 Conservation areas are at risk
 9% of Conservation areas are expected to decline over the next three years
 48% of conservation areas still lack character appraisals

The benefits of conservation areas to local authorities, and to the areas they serve, can be proportionately much greater than the resources required to look after them:

Creating a positive image to visitors, the specialist building & craft skills needs can be a powerful catalyst for raising the skills base in the local economy.

They can be the focus of community aspiration and raise the bar for environmental quality beyond their boundaries

CPRENorthYorkshire CIO trustees met for the first time on January 9th 2018. THE NEW CHARITY BEGINS!

Our charitable objectives are quite clear, we campaign to protect and enhance North Yorkshire’s landscape and countryside ranging from Redcar & Cleveland to Selby across to Craven including York, Harrogate, Scarborough, Ryedale, Hambleton and Richmondshire authority areas.

Just what do trustees do?

Our full board meets every three months to ensure all decisions taken by the charity fulfil or work towards our objectives.

Trustees manage the day to day operations and future plans. Trustees liaise with other groups and the public to ensure help is given when needed. All trustees are volunteers who give freely of their time to manage this outstanding charity.

It’s a full time job without financial reward however, just one letter from a member of the public who writes thanking us for helping them makes it all worth while. Thank you to all the people who’ve written to us!

CPRENorthYorkshire works in an unusually large number of authority areas.

We are the only part of the CPRE network to have two National Parks and three AONB’s to protect and enhance!

We cover the following authority consultations:

- National Parks:
 - Yorkshire Dales
 - North York Moors

- Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty:
 - Howardian Hills AONB
 - Nidderdale AONB
 - Forest of Bowland AONB

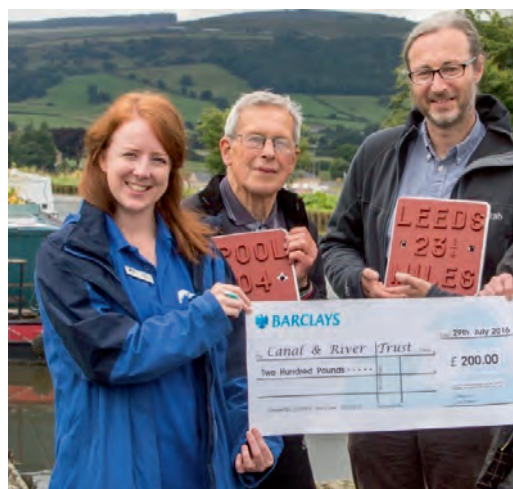
- Local Authority Areas:
 - Craven
 - Harrogate
 - City of York
 - Selby
 - Hambleton
 - Ryedale,
 - Richmondshire
 - Scarborough
 - Redcar & Cleveland
 - and North Yorkshire County Council

Focus on trustees working to protect and enhance North Yorkshire

Ron Healey - forty years of experience and commitment to CPRENorthYorkshire. Ron’s knowledge of rural transport, minerals and waste and all issues York & Selby is second to none. Ron is our voice of reason, common sense and fair play.

Image left shows Ron(centre) presenting a cheque to Canals and Rivers Trust. A mile marker on the Leeds Liverpool canal was sponsored on the boundary of North Yorkshire and West Yorkshire. Ron made the journey to the presentation by bicycle and train from near York!

Ron has been nominated for a national CPRE award for outstanding commitment to CPRE.





Stuart White, Vice Chair

Stuart supports our charity's work with reason, objectivity and realism! Stuart lives in the Redcar & Cleveland area of our charity. In addition to his work for the charity as a whole, Stuart keeps a careful eye on development negative and positive in the Redcar and Cleveland area (which includes the Heritage Coast) Stuart's areas of responsibility also include litter picks in the Redcar & Cleveland area.

Katie Atkinson used to work for the old regional structure of CPRE in Yorkshire & Humber so knows our organisation well. We were fortunate to persuade her to become a trustee last year as Katie brings a wealth of planning expertise to the Board. Katie lives in the Ryedale area so knows all things Ryedale! She has two young boys and manages to balance trustee work with a busy schedule!



Jules Marley, Chair

Jules' CPRE experience includes a term as Chair of the Yorkshire & Humber Regional Group and member of the CPRE national policy committee. Jules is writing a cookery & life style book, has a passion for all things North Yorkshire and a commitment to fair play in all walks of life. Jules is a Yorkshire woman with a family history that goes back to the 1500's in the Craven area.

Gail Simmons

Gail handles our Instagram account and photography competition and is an objective, reasoned and informed trustee. She is a travel writer and journalist who has lived in North Yorkshire for the past fifteen years. In a previous life Gail worked at a castle in Cumbria, listed buildings for English Heritage and led walking tours in Italy and the Middle East. When not travelling and writing, she likes to explore and photograph the beautiful Yorkshire countryside.



Focus on trustees working to protect and enhance North Yorkshire

Chair's Report 2018

Every day brings a new challenge. Working as Chair of this charity is a full time job and includes weekends and holidays! Our most time consuming and costly work has been, as always, planning - from applications to consultations across the county.

CPRENorthYorkshire is ready for all challenges. Our team work with dedication and commitment to achieve our goals and each day we're helping more and more people. That's what we're supposed to do!

Instead of outlining our achievements in the chair's report, I invite you to read this newsletter. I just did! We have a great story to tell. We simply couldn't fit all our positive stories into one publication! It is simply quite incredible that a small group of volunteer trustees can achieve so much in just one year. Our trustees continue to go above and beyond their brief to campaign in North Yorkshire. Our members who keep us informed about good and bad issues in their area are invaluable.

When I look back at the organisation I came into and the Annual reports of 2010 to 2014 - the changes speak for themselves. We're proactive, more professional and certainly more secure financially. We work with the same commitment and dedication on both positive and negative aspects of campaigning. We're reasoned, objective and we've become an organisation that cannot be ignored and one that is highly effective across the county.

The trustees and our members need to take a bow, together we've brought CPRENorthYorkshire into the current day and created an organisation that can sustain the work load in the long term.

I've had the most interesting, stimulating, rewarding, challenging time as Chair of CPRENorthYorkshire and worked with some truly outstanding people. I'm immensely proud of what we've achieved and how far we've come.

Jules Marley February 2019

A tribute to:
Mrs Serena Moore nee Denholm-Young,
whose family came from Pickering.

This incredible lady left a substantial legacy to CPRE for the protection of the North Yorkshire landscape (but not for administration). This enables us to continue our work and plan for the future. This most generous and overwhelming legacy illustrates the passion and commitment to North Yorkshire by people of North Yorkshire.

Such a legacy illustrates the confidence people hold in CPRE formed in 1929 to prevent urban sprawl. We shall continue to work hard to ensure North Yorkshire's landscape is protected.

So far, we used some of the money to prepare professional planning reports to prevent the wrong kind of development in the wrong place and to ensure we comment effectively on the local plans currently under consultation. If only we could have thanked Mrs Serena Moore nee Denholm-Young in person.

Hellifield application rumbles on and on....

42/2016/17496 Land to the West of Hellifield, Skipton North Yorkshire BD23 4HJ

"Outline application for the development of a leisure centre, including swimming pool, hotel and visitor accommodation, including up to 300 lodges, a park & ride facility, pedestrian access to Hellifield Station, parking areas, bus and coach drop off point. Landscaping including ground modelling and water features".



Local Green Space status was applied for in this very special area of biodiversity which includes the Great Crested Newt and provides sanctuary for thousands of migratory birds. Many of these birds are the RSPB's own Amber and Red Lists! It is currently the subject of debate in the Craven plan examination

This large area of land (around 200+ acres) sits ON the border of the Yorkshire Dales National Park and partially within the Long Preston Conservation area and Settle Carlisle Conservation areas!

Natural England 243 case study taken from Natural England's statutory publication "England's statutory landscape designation: a practical guide to your duty of regard" (NE243)

Development that takes place outside National Park boundaries can still have the potential to impact on the special qualities of National Parks, particularly on landscape quality and tranquillity.

The application, validated in 2016, is still awaiting officer determination!

Some of the statutory consultees who originally objected have now withdrawn their objections. The RSPB and Yorkshire Dales National Park being two of the withdrawals which dealt the most devastating blows to local campaigners.

However CPRENorthYorkshire along with the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, The Campaign for National Parks, The Ramblers Association and the Friends of the Dales continue to object.

image below shows the site from a trail in the Yorkshire Dales National Park!



The entire site is highly visible from the national trails within the Yorkshire Dales National Park (see top photograph) although the National Park planners say otherwise! Originally declared a tourist development opportunity site in the 1990's because of a planned by-pass. The by-pass was scrapped the designation was not.

The site has been the subject of building from houses, lorry park to an enormous trailer park. Much of the land in the area was compulsorily purchased by the Highways Agency and then sold off.... Local people and groups have battled for over twenty years. Isn't it time local people were listened to?

The first CPRENorthYorkshire Schools writing competition 2019

We say we're campaigning for this generation and the next yet - have we ever asked the next generations what they think?

CPRENorthYorkshire decided it was time to do just that! In 2018, we piloted our first ever school's writing competition trialling in Ryedale at Helmsley CP School and in Bolton Abbey at the Wharfedale Montessori School.

The children's stories made us laugh, cry and endorsed just how wonderful North Yorkshire is ..especially if you're lucky enough to grow up here.

"It's so tranquil, you can hear a leaf drop!"

The 2020 School's writing Competition is now open

The brief:
"My summer in North Yorkshire"
One A4 hand written page.
Illustrations are welcomed.

We're rolling this out to all 400 schools across North Yorkshire to learn more from our future supporters!

contact admin at cprenorthyorkshire.co.uk

If we could give an award for artistic interpretation of the brief "Why I love North Yorkshire", it would go to the anonymous entry below who got it in one...
"because North Yorkshire makes you smile!"



The 2019 Winner of the CPRENorthYorkshire schools writing competition is

Summer
(Helmsley CP School)

Super Special Winner
Alvin
(Wharfedale Montessori School)

Special winners
Evie O
Nyima
(Helmsley CP School)

Children's last names are not published.

Over 70 children entered. Such amazing stories deserved special judges.

We asked Emma Marrington, Senior Rural Policy Campaigner at the national CPRE charity in London and Ruth Bradshaw, Policy and Research Manager of the Campaign for National Parks to choose the winning entry.

Our runners up or 'special and super special winners' were chosen by Councillor Janet Sanderson, Children's Services member of North Yorkshire County Council.

Thank you to Helmsley CP School and Wharfedale Montessori School staff for enabling all the children to take part.

In addition to a love of all things country, we learned the children think we have the best fish 'n' chips in the country!

Certificates and prizes to the children and winning school will be presented at the AGM.

The winning school will receive £200 for books for all to encourage reading. Both schools receive a copy of 22 Ideas that saved the English Countryside.

"White horses on the sea and land"

Why I love North Yorkshire by Summer

Why wouldn't you want to come to the beautiful, picturesque North Yorkshire Moors because you could take a stroll in the dense woodland or even bike through the heathery moorland, so why not come and discover your road to the great outdoors.

I love North Yorkshire because of the stunning landscape and the sudden changes of weather. Where we live, right here near the moors, you could see all sorts of wildlife. In the moors, the most common animal is the Scottish Black Face because they roam and collect up all the ticks lying around in the heather.

My favourite bit is walking and the peatland and woodland because I just feel at home.

The rivers are a very common place to see dippers and kingfishers. This year hasn't been a very good year to let your dogs in the river because there has been some green algae which can make dogs ill but that doesn't stop anyone from having a riverside walk. If you are lucky, you could spot a water lily or some water weed.

Now, moving on to the magical moorland in Yorkshire is absolutely outstanding. It's the most common place to visit because you can see lapwings and lots of meadow pipits or if you're really lucky depending on how much noise you are making, you might spot a curlew!

In Spring you could come across Scottish Black face lambs and ewes crossing over the road. But just remember "beware of the adders".

The best place to visit is the James Herriot museum because if you want to be Yorkshire Vet and follow in the lead of his life (like I do) you could go and visit the museum and learn about the country life like he did. This museum is located on the outskirts of Thirsk. Now Julian Norton and Peter Wright has taken over veterinary centres. That is why Thirsk is famous.

The woodland in North Yorkshire is one of the best in the world to spend a day walking around in. You could see a great spotted woodpecker or a nuthatch. In our woodlands we have plants like wild garlic and in spring our woods are full of daffodils and bluebells. People like to visit our woods on an evening or at dusk.

In Autumn, all the leaves fall off the trees and you could see a red fox, one of the wonders of nature.

Now, you are inspired why not come and visit and try as many activities as you can.....

The Judges said:

"We loved Summer's entry as we felt it captured what's special to her about North Yorkshire and also the unique qualities of the area - creating a vivid picture."

Summer wins a book token and a £200 donation to her school to help buy books for all!

Governance

The last stages of the Governance review, completed in 2018, ensured compliance with the charity commission - the body to whom we are accountable.

Whilst not compulsory, it's advisable to have clear risk assessment policies and complaints procedures in place. We now have them!

CPRENorthYorkshire now produces risk assessments each quarter

Accountants

CPRENorthYorkshire worked to ensure transparent and professional accounting was in place.

We moved to Saffrey Champness in Harrogate, who produce our annual accounts and file them with the charity commission.

Full financial reports for the year are available FOC at the AGM. Copies may be obtained at a cost of £2.50 to cover postage and printing costs.

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Administration

All CPRENorthYorkshire correspondence is now on headed paper with ONE emailing address which can be handed on from management board to management board. This ensures continuity, clarity and reduces confusion.

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Facebook CPRENorthYorkshire

Facebook is an effective way to alert residents, receive information and post images. CPRENorthYorkshire have a strong following on facebook.

Click on the link on our web site to access.

Legal

In 2018 CPRE North Yorkshire changed legal counsel. Robert Nieri, our lawyer moved to Brabners in Manchester.

Previously a trustee of a national educational charity, for nearly 15 years Robert's been advising charities of all sizes around the country, is a regular speaker/trainer and has written extensively on charity legal issues. His focus is on working with clients to achieve their goals by helping them to manage their legal risk.

Planning

Our improved finances ensure we can comment professionally on planning issues - our bank of professional planners includes:

One Voyage Limited of Helmsley who specialise in Heritage and Conservation and

KVA Planning in Helmsley - professional planning consultants.

www.cprenorthyorkshire.co.uk

Traffic through our CPRENorthYorkshire website increased dramatically in 2018.

Journalists now have a point of reference. Local people have a one stop shop to find out what's going on in their area.

The largest 'hits' in a three day period in 2018 were the articles reporting on Hampsthwaite, Carleton and the school's writing competition each item reached over 1000 people

Instagram

Instagram is a chance to show off the best of our county through images. All images are judged in our photography competition - have you sent in your photographs?

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Local Plan Round up - North Yorkshire

Just what is a local plan?

A local plan sets out local planning policies and identifies how land is used, determining what will be built where. Adopted local plans provide the framework for development across England.

We need new affordable housing stock across the country.

We believe in SMART planning or 'plan, monitor and manage'. The NPPF or National Planning Policy Framework uses a conventional *predict and provide* approach.

Predict & Provide: uses population and household projections as the basis to determine future need.

Predict and Provide methodology is likely to increase pressure for higher levels of land allocation and potentially greenfield development.

Predict and Provide can (and frequently does) lead to an over supply of land allocated for housing.

Predict and Provide often increases market pressure for sites which are less suitable for development before more sustainable ones are used.

What makes people proud to be British?

According to a Opinium poll published and reported on Sky News, the three things are:

The NHS, Heritage and the COUNTRYSIDE!

CPRENorthYorkshire continues to work to ensure that people can be proud of our outstanding North Yorkshire countryside and we campaign continually to protect and enhance our heritage assets!



Hampsthwaite

The UK has a backlog of 423,000 new homes with planning permission waiting to be built -
source: *The Guardian February 2018*

This could be translated to read:

"you can grant all the planning permissions you like but you can't make developers build!"

Only 8% of rural housing is currently classed as affordable

" Just how can we keep our rural communities alive and thriving?"

30% of homes built in rural areas in 2011-12 were affordable.

In 2016 that percentage dropped to 16%.

Affordable allocations are frequently and habitually appealed against by developers who claim they cannot afford to build our the affordable quota!

The Local Plan must consist of a Core Strategy, Site Allocations, and a Proposals Map. The Core Strategy sets out the strategic vision and objectives for the area - how it will look in 15-20 years' time, and what the key things are to be achieved.

Development/Local/Management Plans across North Yorkshire

North York Moors National Park (NYMNP)

The Development Plan for the Authority currently consists of the Core Strategy and Development Policies Document (adopted 2008), Whitby Business Park Area Action Plan (2014) and The Helmsley Plan (2015) (co-authored with Ryedale District Council) and the North Yorkshire Minerals and Waste Plan.

The Authority are currently in the process of preparing a new Local Plan which will cover the period 2016-35 (excluding Helmsley). They are also joint authors of the emerging Minerals and Waste Joint Plan for North Yorkshire.

We've commented on the relevant evidence base documents for the Authority, including: aspects of tranquillity and dark skies and recently commented on the draft Preferred Options document consultation. The publication draft Local Plan should be consulted upon this summer.

Harrogate Local Plan (HBC):

The current Development Plan consists of saved policies from the 2001 Local Plan and Selective Alteration of 2004 alongside policies contained within the Core Strategy of 2009. The Council have recently had the hearing sessions for the emerging Harrogate District Local Plan. We await the Inspector's Main Modifications to the Plan. CPRENorthYorkshire have commented throughout the plan making process and fully expect to comment further when appropriate.

Redcar & Cleveland: The development plan consists of the Redcar & Cleveland Local Plan (adopted May 2018) and the Tees Valley Joint Minerals and Waste Development Plan Documents. The Council have recently consulted upon the Saltburn Conservation Area Management Plan, which, of course, we commented upon.

Richmondshire 2012-28

The Richmondshire Core Strategy was adopted on 9 December 2014. The Council are currently reviewing the Local Plan (following updates to National Planning Policy) which will update the policies used to consider new development across the district.

The new Local Plan (2014-2035) will also include other detailed policies, a masterplan for Catterick Garrison and site allocations for housing, economic development, retail and leisure, and community facilities.

Yorkshire Dales National Park (YDNP)

In 2016, the YDNP boundary was extended. The YDNP now covers four different local authorities within its boundary and means they "inherited" policies that were previously prepared by those four authorities.

Since the policies were all prepared at different times, in different contexts, there are a number of differences in approach.

The Authority has resolved to bring together all planning policy for the whole National Park by preparing a new Local Plan. It's still in the very early stages and naturally we'll be commenting on the emerging plan making process.

Ryedale

The Ryedale Development Plan is made up of several key planning documents. The Local Plan was adopted in March 2002 and contained a range of planning policies.

Most of these policies have now been superseded by the adoption of the Local Plan Strategy in 2013 and the Helmsley Plan in 2015.

The Council are in the process of adding to their Development Plan portfolio by the production of a Local Plan Sites document which has recently been through an Examination in Public and the Inspector's Main Modifications to the Plan are currently being consulted upon.

Selby

The Council are developing 'The Sites and Policies Local Plan' to deliver the strategic vision outlined in the Core Strategy (adopted in 2013).

When PLAN Selby is adopted, it will form part of the Local Plan for the district against which planning applications will be assessed. We've commented on all planning consultations relating to the new Local Plan so far. We believe a publication draft will be ready for public consultation in summer - naturally, we'll be working on this!

City of York

The Draft Local Plan Incorporating the 4th Set of Changes (April 2005), the associated appendices and proposals maps are the documents referenced when the Council make development control decisions for developments within York.

'The Plan' hasn't actually been adopted. The Council have submitted a draft Local Plan to the Secretary of State for independent Examination. CPRENorthYorkshire commented in full to the relevant consultations. We plan to take part in the Examination in Public.

Craven - The current local plan was adopted in 1999. The Council submitted their emerging Local Plan to the Secretary of State for independent examination and the hearing sessions were held in October 2018. We responded in full to all consultations relating to the plan making process and took full part in the hearing sessions. The Council has recently opened the consultation for the Inspector's Main Modifications to the draft Plan and we're in the process of preparing our response.

Hambleton - The Core Strategy (adopted 2007) was one of the first Core Strategies to be adopted in England following the introduction of Local Development Frameworks. The Council are currently preparing a new Local Plan will set out how much land should be provided to accommodate new homes and jobs that are needed within Hambleton up to 2035 and where this should be located. A publication version of the draft Local Plan will be consulted on this spring.

Forest of Bowland AONB: They've recently consulted on their Management Plan and we responded. A very small section of this AONB is within North Yorkshire.

North Yorkshire County Council

Current minerals and waste developments are assessed against the saved policies of the NYCC Minerals Local Plan (adopted 1997) and the NYCC Waste Local Plan (adopted 2006).

Scarborough
The present Local Plan was adopted on 3rd July 2017 and guides the development of the borough up to 2032. The council periodically updates its evidence base. We monitor all updates

The County Council are currently preparing a new Minerals and Waste Joint Plan (jointly with NYM NPA and CYC). It's a comprehensive plan and includes policies relating to hydraulic fracturing (fracking).

The Nidderdale AONB are in the process of reviewing their Management Plan and have published the draft document for public consultation.

The Joint Plan team have submitted the Plan to the Secretary of State for independent examination. CPRENorthYorkshire have been involved in all consultations and hearing sessions held to date.

We've responded to the document and were delighted to join the Joint Advisory Committee to the AONB Board.

The inspector has recently made some site visits and indicated she may require further evidence to be submitted by various parties. We'll assess the need to respond further.

And...

In addition to our extensive local plan work, CPRENorthYorkshire have commented on 60 applications across the county, responded to appeals & commented on National CPRE Consultations and Government consultations and we managed to fit in litter picks! We've even managed to do some cross authority work in Wetherby where CPRENorthYorkshire meets CPRE West Yorkshire!

York Poultry Farm: In 2016 CPRENorthYorkshire objected to the principle of development for a new (key word) *industrial scale poultry farm* (factory farm) in the *York Green Belt* (another key word!) Our view was an application of this size and scale would impact negatively on the green belt. Case law and PINS state that agricultural development in the green belt is a sustainable use of land. We argued the use of agricultural fields to create nearly 25000 square metres of industrial building housing over a quarter of a million birds along with with associated feeder silos, biomass boilers, access roads and parking was not sustainable in the true meaning of the word and that such a development was inappropriate for the Green Belt. Amendments to the application followed with extensions to time over the next two years. Each time CPRENorthYorkshire commented to ensure our objection stood. In August 2018 we were delighted to note that the application was both recommended for refusal by York Planners and refused by the committee. We did not comment on the principle of factory farming but did end our initial objection with the following:

"All animals are equal but some are more equal than others". George Orwell

Harrogate residents had a harrowing year!

We were bombarded with requests for help as application after application was lodged in Harrogate.

From Rowden Lane to Pannel to Whixley to Marton le Moor to North Stanley to Almsford Stables to Kirby Hill to Marton cum Grafton - we commented on every application and the many subsequent appeals!

Government made a bold change in 2018- CPRENorth Yorkshire contributed to the joint report by CPRE & Shelter. We've seen developers in the county buy up land, promise affordable homes, then scream poverty and inability to provide the promised homes needed and replace them with market executive homes. That loophole has been closed.

Glover Report

CPRENorthYorkshire responded to the National Park review led by Julian Glover. Nearly 70 years after the country's National Parks were first established, opening up the countryside and allowing more people to connect with nature, an independent panel will look at how these iconic landscapes meet our needs in the 21st century - including whether there is scope for the current network of 34 AONBs and 10 National Parks to expand.

Did you know?

The North Yorkshire and Cleveland Heritage coast runs from Saltburn to Scalby Mills in Scarborough?

There are 40 Heritage Coasts in England & Wales.

The North Yorkshire & Cleveland heritage coast is 36 miles long.

It's internationally significant for its geology. The rocks on the cliffs (reaching 200metres in Boulby) were formed during the Jurassic period which was about 180 million years ago - just a little bit before CPRENorthYorkshire came into being! In the nineteenth century geologist William "Strata" Smith laid many of the foundations of the early science.

The Cleveland Way national trail runs along the coast starting in Filey and up to Saltburn (53 miles)

In 2018 we had an interesting case in the Scackleton Conservation area in the Howardian Hills AONB.

Residents contacted us because, someone bought a field and started development work without applying for planning permission!

We lobbied Ryedale council who put an immediate stop notice on the site and when the owners appealed against the refusal of retrospective planning permission, we objected. The Planning Inspectorate agreed and dismissed the appeal.

You just can't build where you like and ignore the rules!

In October 2018, we were thrilled that following lobbying and lengthy reports from CPRENorthYorkshire, the Campaign for National Parks added their voice to those campaigning to stop the destruction of the Hellifield Flashes

and finally... we campaigned to ensure a TRO (traffic restriction order) was made permanent on Seggimire Lane, a mediaeval green lane in the NYMNP. The lane had suffered damage as it was used for vehicular fun or "green lane-ing" Thanks to the TRO being made permanent the lane is protected

York Green Belt facts:

Land area 72,372 hectares or 4.5% of the total green belt land of England

81% of the York Green Belt is currently in agricultural use compared with 71% nationally.

York Green Belt and the wider Vale of York have been classified as having "neglected landscape character"

The York Green Belt has 6 priority habitats and covers 1,510 hectares or (5% of the greenbelt area)

789 hectares are registered as Sites of Special Interest.

The Selby Canal built in 1778 took three years to complete. The canal is only four feet deep!

Because of the canals incapacity to cope with increased traffic, the Aire & Calder Canal was built to link Leeds with Goole - sadly this cut Selby out completely.

Today, it's an excellent place to walk and see how roads, railways, footpaths and industry have evolved. The canal is now part of Selby's Hidden Heritage.

Hardraw Foss, near Hawes, is the highest single drop waterfall in England.

Selby is the most inland port in North Yorkshire - it's 66 miles from the North Sea

Yorkshire Royalty: Everyone's heard of Boudica or Boadicea but have you heard of Cartimandua Queen of the Brigantes around 43 to 69AD?

Brigantes were the most powerful Celtic tribe at the time of the Roman Invasion in 43 AD. They ruled an area of Northern England now known as Yorkshire! So was this the first Queen of Yorkshire?

York City Walls are 3.4km long and the longest city walls in England

Scarborough was, apparently, Britain's first seaside resort - establishing itself as a holiday destination in 1626 - good staying power then!

The 2nd CPRENorthYorkshire Photography Competition



The winning entry is Mr R Haffield whose image had the most views on Instagram in February 2019. Mr. Haffield has been photographing the Hellifield Flashes for nearly a decade. He is a committee member of SaveOurCravenCountryside. The group is a member of CPRENorthYorkshire. The prize of £100 and certificate will be awarded at the 2019 AGM in Harrogate.

The 2020 Competition is now open, send in entries to info@cprenorthyorkshire.co.uk



This newsletter is dedicated to Stephen Butcher

Stephen , a farmer, former rally driver and all round super star, was also a planning committee member of the Yorkshire Dales National Park and Craven District Council. Most importantly - Stephen joined us when he retired from his posts, their loss was our gain.

Stephen was a rock, a mentor and a friend to CPRENorthYorkshire and, in particular, our Chair. Stephen 's vast knowledge of farming and wildlife was invaluable. Wild birds were one of Stephen's great loves, he could be seen in wind, rain, sleet or snow feeding the birds in his garden in Rylstone and was known for marking out the nests of ground nesting birds in his fields with golf flags to make sure the tractors cut round them!

Stephen died in May 2018 and, nearly one year later, his loss is felt daily. Some people have such an impact on life they can never be forgotten.

The image above shows Stephen on a CPRE NorthYorkshire litter pick with one of our younger helpers.

Thank you for your continued membership. Your support makes the effort worthwhile. If you know someone who would like to join CPRENorthYorkshire please let us know or visit "Join us" on our web site!

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