

# PARISH INFORMATION FROM YDNPA: JULY 2017

## CURRENT ISSUES

### 1. National Park Management Plan

The initial public consultation on the issues to tackle in the next National Park Management Plan closed formally on 3 July. The partnership responsible for producing the Plan has received nearly 600 responses. These are now being analysed, and the results will be published on the Authority's website in August. We will also be publishing a series of six 'evidence reports', assessing the latest facts and figures about what's happening in the National Park. Together with the consultation responses, these will inform the drafting of the new Management Plan. All parishes will be alerted when the information is put on the website.

**NB** For any parish still wishing to respond to the consultation – it's not too late! We will endeavour to take account of any responses from parish councils that are received after the deadline. The consultation questionnaire can still be found on our website [here](#).

### 2. Reporting on progress

This is the time of year when the Authority and its partners publish a range of information about progress. First, the [National Park Management Plan Steering Group](#) has just published its [annual report](#). It sets out a brief summary of progress on each of the 53 objectives in the current National Park Management Plan.

Second, the National Park Authority, has published its own report of progress in delivering its objectives. Many of these are taken directly from the National Park Management Plan but there are a number of additional organisational objectives relating to things like the development management service and dealing with the extension to the National Park boundary. The full report can be viewed [here](#).

### 3. Converting light industrial buildings to housing

On 27 June, the National Park Authority confirmed the making of what is called a non-immediate Article 4 Direction to remove forthcoming national permitted development rights that would otherwise allow some light industrial buildings to be converted to residential use without the need for planning permission. The Authority originally made the Direction, in January, because of concern that the new rights would encourage the permanent loss of employment sites that are critical to retaining viable local communities. Reinstating the need for planning permission also means that any buildings that do end up being converted to residential use will have conditions attached to prevent them becoming second homes.

The Authority consulted on the Direction earlier this year, and received letters of support from Craven District Council, Richmondshire District Council, Lancaster City Council, South Lakeland District Council and North Yorkshire County Council. The Article 4 Direction will now come into effect 12 months after its original publication (i.e. in January 2018).

### 4. Parish Forums

The next meetings of the Western, Northern and Southern 'Parish Forums' will be held on 11, 18 and 21 September respectively (full details on the website – follow the link above). The Forums provide an opportunity for discussion and liaison between the Authority and Parish Councils on any and all National Park issues.

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FROM THE AUTHORITY

(Click on the hyper-links below to get more information)

### 1. Sustainable Development Fund

New funding is now available for 2017/18 for local projects that would have economic, social and environmental benefits. Details at [Yorkshire Dales - Sustainable Development Fund](#).

### 2. Conservation Areas

Funding for projects that help preserve or enhance [Conservation Areas](#).

### 3. Parish Wildlife Project

Funding and support is available for local groups who want to carry out nature conservation work on local sites. [www.natureinthedales.org.uk/projects/parish-wildlife-project](http://www.natureinthedales.org.uk/projects/parish-wildlife-project)

### 4. Woodlands

Funding is available to farmers and land-owners to [create new woodlands](#), or improve woodland management.

### 5. Catchment Sensitive Farming

The [Yorkshire Dales - Catchment Sensitive Farming](#) initiative provides grants for works to improve farm infrastructure so as to reduce diffuse pollution.

## LATEST FACTS AND FIGURES

- Over 137 ha of upland hay meadows have been restored in the National Park over the last 4 years. There are just over 900 ha of upland hay meadow in the National Park – over a quarter the total for England.
- Planning permission was granted for 48 new dwellings in the National Park in 2016/17, and 38 dwellings were constructed. The figures were up on 2015/16 but still some way below the Local Plan target of 55 new dwellings per year.
- In 2016/17, 94% of planning applications in the National Park were approved

## MORE INFORMATION

The long-term ambitions for how the National Park will be looked after and developed by local communities and a wide range of organisations are set out in the [National Park Management Plan](#)

The Authority's specific objectives for each of its services are set out in the [Corporate Plan 2017-18](#)