

37th Annual General Meeting



YORKSHIRE DALES SOCIETY



**Review of the Year
2019-2020
Bruce McLeod, Chair**

Campaign Protect Enjoy



Our Vision:

“To be the leading voice campaigning for a sustainable future for the Dales”

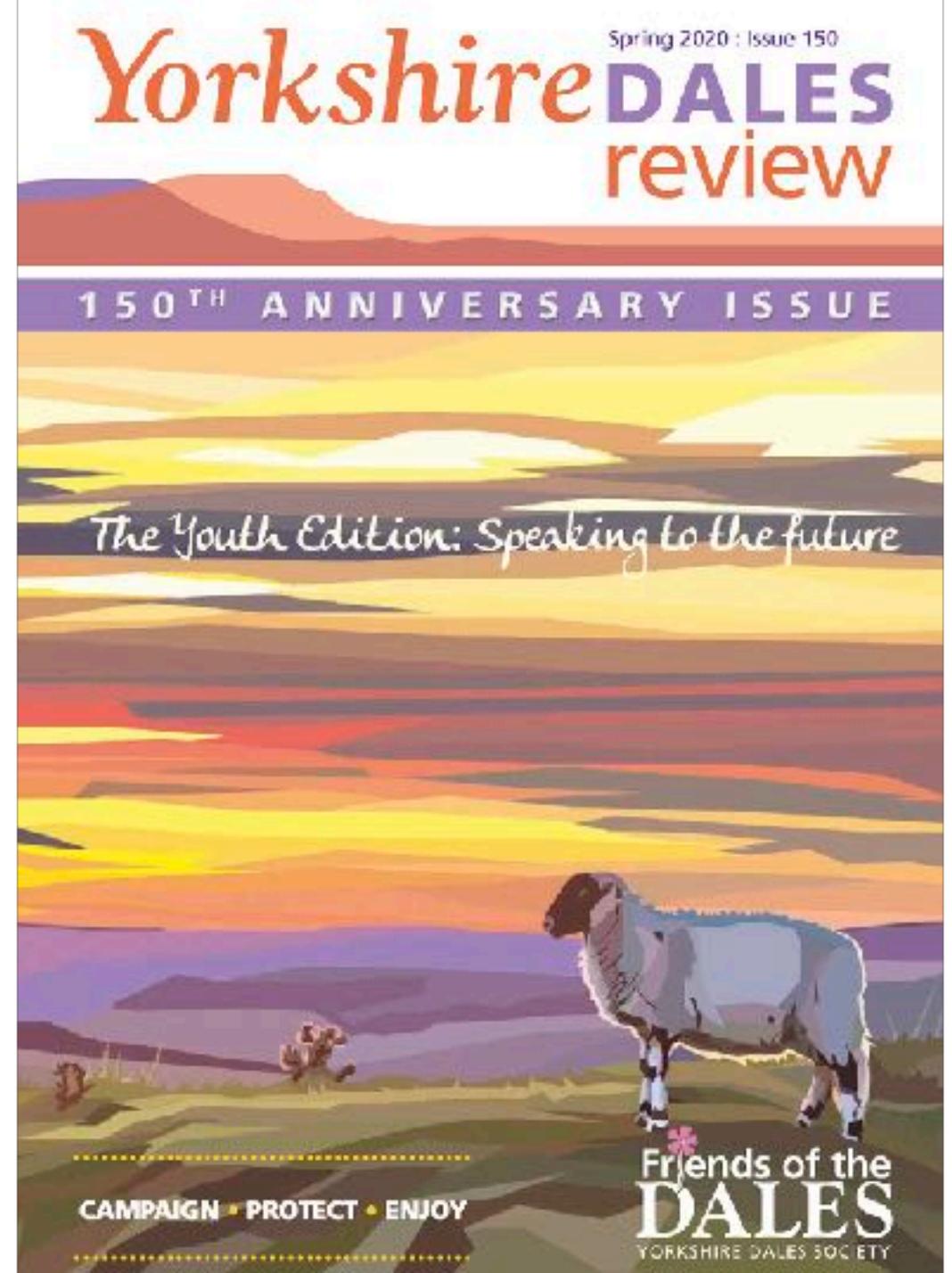
Our Voice/Younger Voices:

In one of our four excellent Reviews this year we invited young people to share their views of living and working in the Dales.

We had an excellent reaction across the board.

“I think it’s absolutely on point, tackles today's issues in a balanced way, and all from a young and creative perspective.” Neil Heseltine, Chair YDNPA.

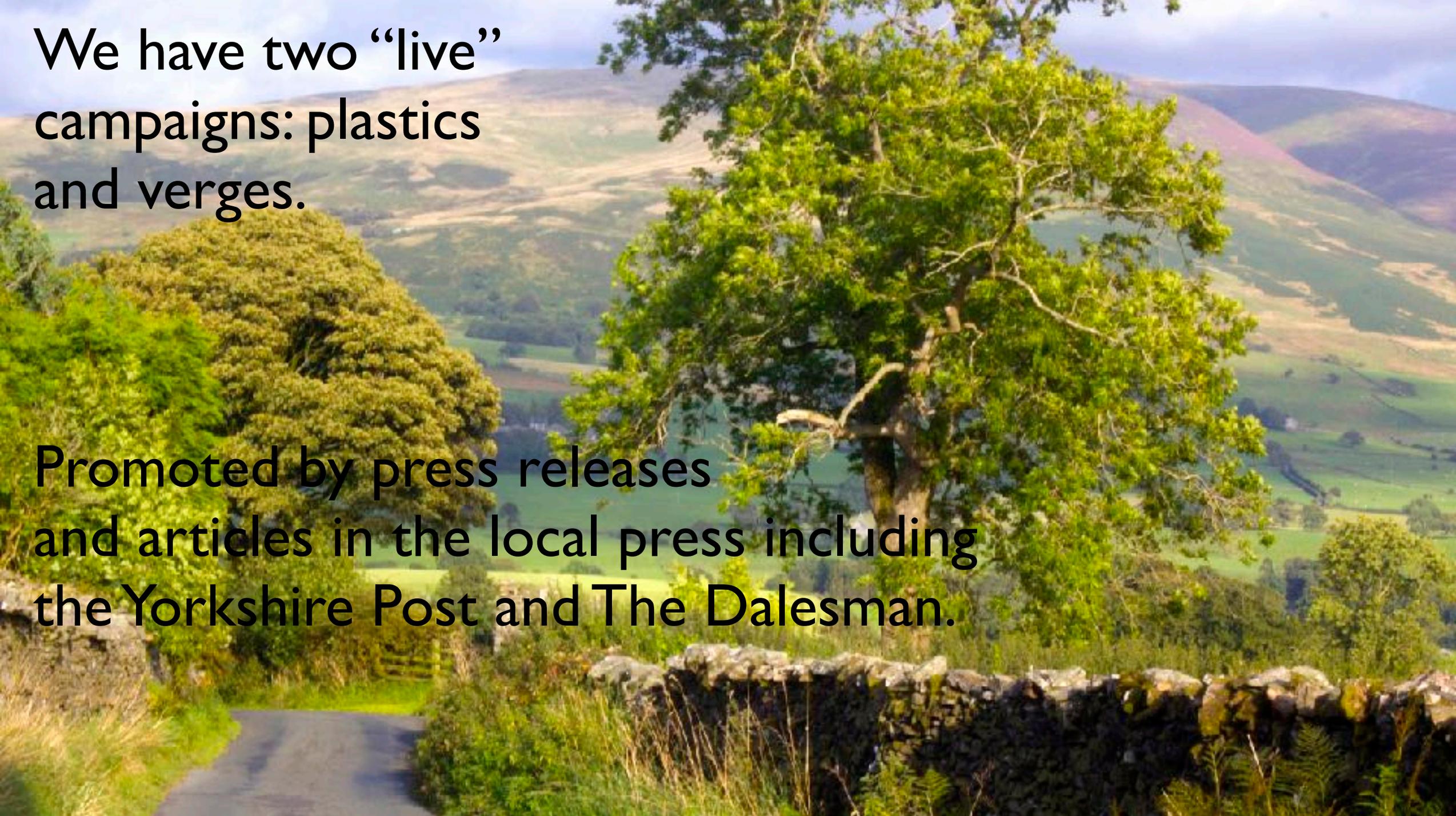
“Inspired.” David Butterworth, Chief Exec., YDNPA.



Benny Rothman leads ramblers and members of the Young Communist League. The mass trespass at Kinder Scout in the Peak District in 1932 contributed to the setting up of national parks.



CAMPAIGN

A scenic landscape featuring rolling hills in the background, a large, leafy tree in the middle ground, and a stone wall in the foreground. The hills are covered in green grass and some patches of brown, suggesting a mix of vegetation and possibly some dry areas. The sky is blue with some light clouds. The overall scene is bright and clear, with good lighting.

**We have two “live”
campaigns: plastics
and verges.**

**Promoted by press releases
and articles in the local press including
the Yorkshire Post and The Dalesman.**



**Our anti single-use plastics campaign
Led by Bruce McLeod**

Plastic tree guard litter pick at Otterburn,
in partnership with Plastic Free Skipton
- October 2019

*The tubes were collected and reused by
Skipton Town Council.*



Second tree guard litter pick at The Hawes -
woodland owned by Mark Corner - March
2020

*The tubes were collected and taken for recycling
by the manufacturer, Tubex.*





ONE NOTICEABLE TREND IS THAT WITH THE MOVE TO EARLIER HARROW CUTTING IN SPRING, WE ARE ERASING SUMMER FROM OUR VERGES.

* SOLUTION: ONE CUT PER YEAR FROM MID-JULY-SEPT TO MAXIMISE SPECIES DIVERSITY



Our verges campaign
Led by Dr Anne
Readshaw



REMOVAL OF GRASS CLIPPINGS PLAYS A MAJOR ROLE IN MAINTAINING SPECIES-RICH VEGETATION ON VERGES *

SOLUTION? SOME COUNCILS ARE LOOKING INTO THE USE OF CLIPPINGS AS BIOFUEL = MORE ECONOMICALLY VIABLE

We met with NYCC, along with a member of Plantlife and an officer from YDNPA to discuss cutting regimes.

Verging on social media #dalesverges:

We encouraged people to post images of their (uncut) verges.

We posted two movie clips showing the abundance of wild flowers in verges.



Arcow Quarry and Austwick bluebells



PROTECT

655 planning applications reviewed and we submitted comments on 40.

Examples of objections:

development of the quarry near the Hoffmann Kiln.

Hotel complexes at Linton Camp and Hellifield Flashes.

10 barns in open countryside.

Example of support:

The conversion of the Bainbridge Methodist Chapel into affordable housing.



149 back issues of the Review have been catalogued, scanned and uploaded to our website.

Capturing the Past is fully funded for a further two years.

Friends of the Dales and D&BCIC are working together to secure a longterm and sustainable future for Dalesbus.



www.friendsofthedales.org.uk

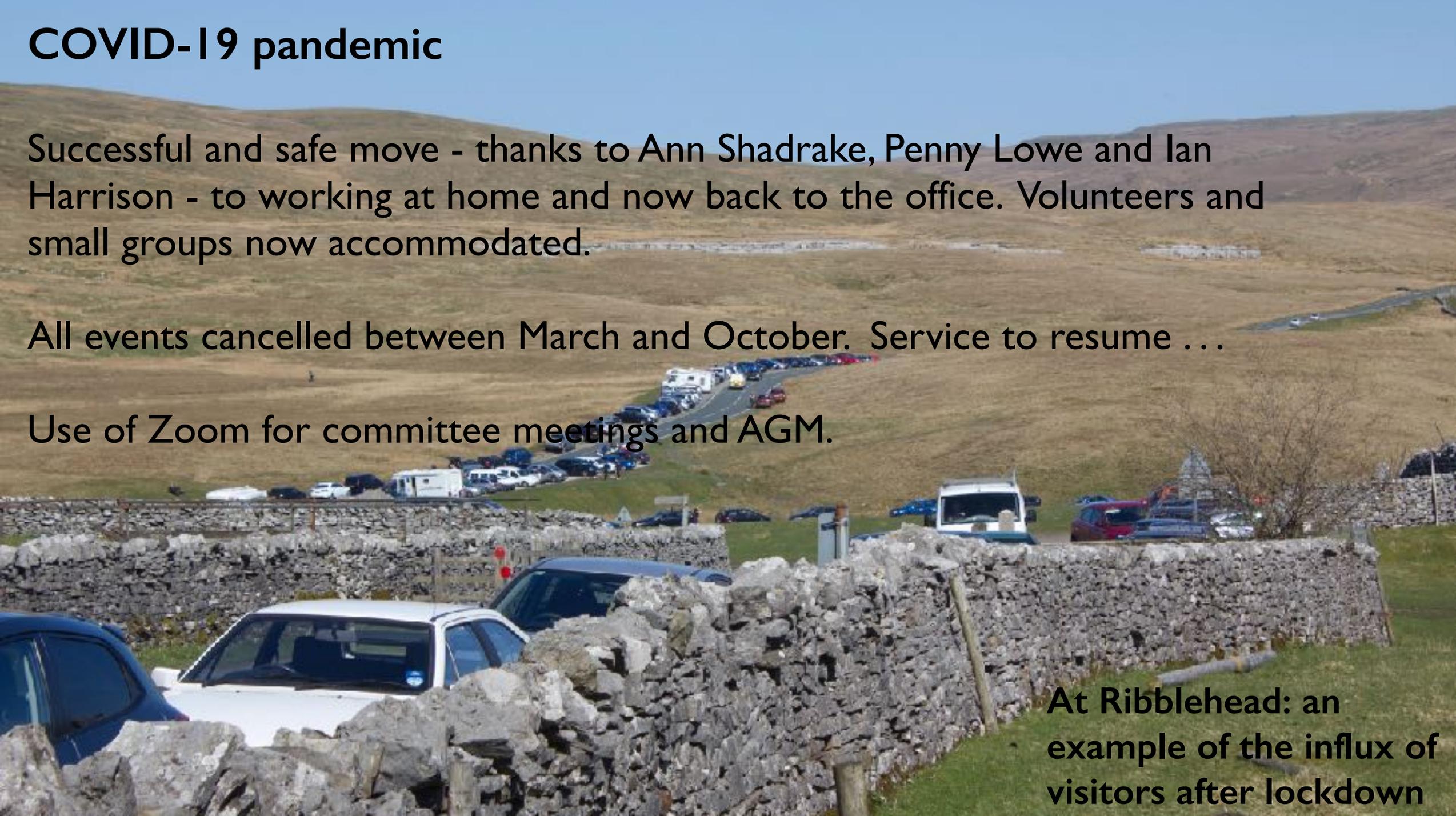
COVID-19 pandemic

Successful and safe move - thanks to Ann Shadrake, Penny Lowe and Ian Harrison - to working at home and now back to the office. Volunteers and small groups now accommodated.

All events cancelled between March and October. Service to resume ...

Use of Zoom for committee meetings and AGM.

At Ribblehead: an example of the influx of visitors after lockdown



Members of The Scythe Association of Britain and Ireland cutting a field in Otterburn in August.



ENJOY

Events

PBA Applied Ecology Ltd of Giggleswick: an illustrated talk on and walk to see native crayfish conservation, October 2019.

Jim Crossley led a walk and gave a talk on the history of Skipton's waterworks, November 2019.

Christmas walk to Gordale Scar via Janet's Foss during which local farmer Neil Heseltine (now Chair of YDNPA) spoke about the farming approach to conservation and Sandy Todd spoke about energy production schemes in Malhamdale to reduce carbon emissions, December 2019.



Events

Friends of the Dales and Dales and Bowland CIC (Dalesbus) joined members of the Sikh and Muslim communities in Bradford to participate in the BBC TV's 'Good Life' documentary at Bolton Abbey, January 2020.



Events

Nancy Stedman gave an illustrated talk on 'Tracking Barn Conversions in the Dales' to the Skipton Civic Society, February 2020 (and later online).

Other walks were led by Ken Humphris, Colin Speakman and Bernard Peel (with his popular pub walks), while Wilf and Hilary Fenten promoted the charity at the AGM of Craven U3A.

Friends of the Dales became a partner of the iWharfe project. Trustee Nancy Stedman represented us at one of the water sampling "stations" at Kettlewell, August, 2020.



The River Wharfe Big Health Check

24th August 2020

Improving water quality on the River Wharfe from Oughtershaw to the Ouse: a citizen science project

Yorksire Dales Rivers Trust Hiking Clear River Group Addingham Environment Group

Taking and analysing water samples from Oughtershaw to the Ouse on one day to obtain a snapshot of water quality conditions along the full length of the River Wharfe



We want to draw attention to the problem of river water quality and help to find solutions.

We are citizen scientists representing community groups from along the Wharfe working together with Yorksire Dales Rivers Trust, The Yorksire Dales National Park and the Environment Agency

For more information
visit: <https://www.yorksire.dales.rivers.trust.com/projects/iwharfe/>
For enquiries, email: ang@addingham.info

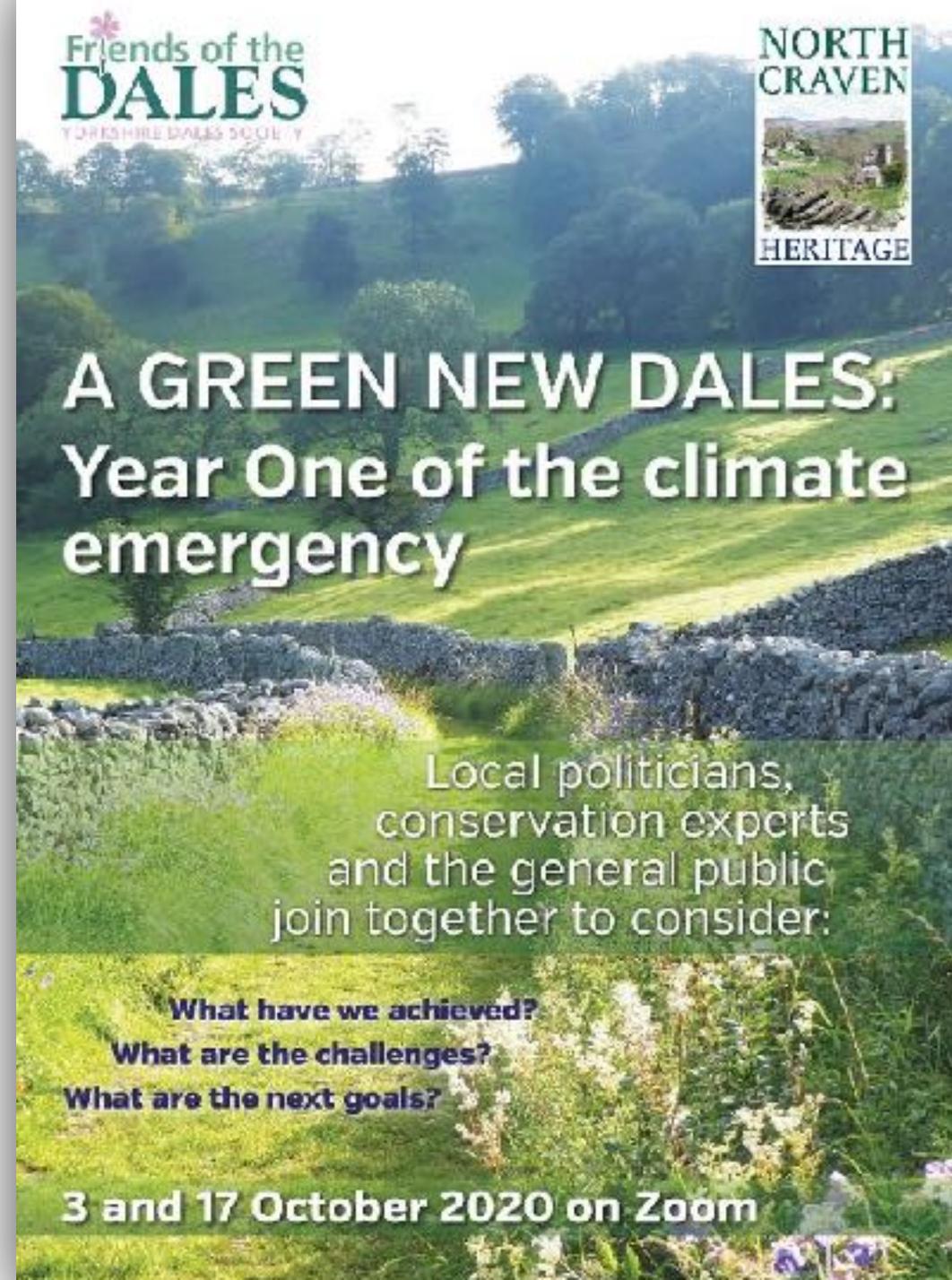


**The future is bright, the future is
A Green New Dales.**

**Our Autumn issue of the Review is
Themed: Reaching Further Afield.**

**With our actions, our voice, our views,
and for members.**

To register, email: greennewdales@gmail.com



**Friends of the
DALES**
YORKSHIRE DALES SOCIETY

**NORTH
CRAVEN**

HERITAGE

**A GREEN NEW DALES:
Year One of the climate
emergency**

Local politicians,
conservation experts
and the general public
join together to consider:

**What have we achieved?
What are the challenges?
What are the next goals?**

3 and 17 October 2020 on Zoom

Thank you to our trustees and volunteers for your work and especially to all our members for your continuing support.

