**Ian Harrison**

In my working life as a business manager in the energy sector, I have been very fortunate to live and work in many places both in the UK and abroad, but it is the Yorkshire Dales that I have always regarded as my spiritual home. Born and raised in West Yorkshire, with strong family connections on my father’s side to Swaledale and Wensleydale, I spent many long weekends walking in the hills as a youth. Those weekends also helped to develop my interest in landscape evolution, an area of study I was able to pursue at Durham University. Recent retirement has opened new opportunities to renew my acquaintance with the national park and Friends of the Dales, and I hope that my business-management experience continues to help the charity in its critical work to preserve and enhance such a beautiful part of the British landscape.