**Jonathan Riley**

The two constants in my life have been the countryside and transport! I’m from the Peak District originally and through family, friends and scouts I was hill walking at an early age, rock climbing, cycling and lots of experience working on the land be it scout camp sites, gamekeeping and multiple garden projects. Always politically aware, the environment has been a big concern and interest throughout. After a long career in transport mainly railways but also ferries, bikes and overseas consulting as well a proud period being the Executive Director for Freight at the Strategic Rail Authority, I’ve moved from Derby to London to York and now to the Dales itself. Apart from being in the hills, amongst the streams and in the trees as often as possible, I’m passionate about supporting the important work of Friends of the Dales and others in dealing with the significant challenges faced today within our national parks and protected landscapes.

I bring a wide range of experience and skills from strategic planning, governance, investment planning, risk management to transport policy and planning. My more recent work experience has involved working on how to develop sustainable transport solutions to support communities and their economy’s especially in more challenging parts of these isles. Amongst all this you’ll usually find me supporting Yorkshire’s breweries and pubs or enjoying live music!