**Nancy Stedman**

Originally training as a landscape architect, I worked for the Countryside Commission before moving up to Yorkshire in 1986 to take on the role of landscape conservation officer at the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNPA). I left to follow a parallel career in visual art and arts development, but all the while maintaining my interest in landscape matters. Notably I worked on defining and describing the national character areas in Yorkshire and teaching on Sheffield University’s MA in Landscape. For 10 years I was a Secretary of State appointed member of YDNPA, alongside working as landscape specialist for Natural England.

I have served on the board of charities including the Landscape Research Group, and Friends of the Dales from 2015 until 2021. Here I helped to set up and oversee the development of ‘Capturing the Past’ the project that successfully established the web-based searchable Dales Community Archive. I also contributed to assessing planning applications, and monitored the changes brought about through the change in barn conversion policy. I maintained these roles as a volunteer for a year, returning as a Trustee in 2022.