**Rachael Caton**

I graduated from Manchester University in 2000 with a BSc in Biology, after which I joined the graduate training programme at Yorkshire Water. This allowed me to gain skills in many areas, but ultimately resulted in me becoming an Operations Manager. After having children I decided to take a more active role in our farm business and have worked with my husband on our beef and sheep farm in Otterburn, near Malham, primarily focussing on the financial and business aspects of the business. In recent years this has also involved undertaking some diversification projects for the farm and getting involved with schemes such as Farming in Protected Landscapes, the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust and the Defra co-design workshops which are helping to shape new agricultural schemes.

My local community involvement includes roles around advertising, sponsorship and social media for Malham Show, being Chair of Governors for two local primary schools, helping with the local Young Farmers Club, managing a junior cricket team at Settle CC and being the Child Welfare Officer for the cricket league.