## **Simon Croft**

Growing up in Wharfedale developed Simon's love of countryside and interest in nature and conservation. Following a degree in Zoology at Durham University and early membership of Friends of the Earth, Simon undertook a PhD in parasitology at Liverpool University, subsequently working in tropical diseases overseas.

During his career in pharma, academia and at an international charity (DNDi), Simon acquired considerable management and leadership expertise in the UK and overseas, focusing in particular on drug discovery and development research for the treatment of neglected tropical diseases in low and middle income countries.

Simon moved to Arkengarthdale upon retirement and as an active member of Sustainable Swaledale, Yorkshire Wildlife Trusts and Friends of the Dales is actively engaged in long held interests to support nature and environmental concerns.