

West Yorkshire

NTV

Annual Report 2014



From the Chairman

Dear WYNTV Members

Welcome to the WYNTV Annual Report for 2014. As you will remember from last year, the Annual Report is now the resting place of the various highlights from the previous year, including individual task statistics, long term volunteer awards, properties visited over the year, and work carried out over the year.

Enjoy

Pete Hine, Chairman WYNTV

Putting in a new pond
dipping platform at Brimham



Boarding the boat for
Derwent Island



Digging
brambles on
the bank at
East Ridd



Task Sites visited in 2014

6th January	Nostell Priory	Clearing up rocks near the entrance. Back aching!
19th January	East Riddlesden	Painting benches, and clearing brambles.
2nd February	Beningbrough	Removing a fallen cedar by the river, spreading soil in the lime avenue and hedge laying.
9th February	Nunnington Hall	Moving compost, and general gardening tasks.
23rd February	East Riddlesden	Clearing rocks behind the barn, bramble clearance, pothole repair, path gravelling, hobbit house.
2nd March	Brimham Rocks	Putting in a new pond dipping platform, birch scrub removal and path repair.
16th March	Hardcastle Crag	Groundwork round charcoal burners.
30th March	Marsden Moor	Spreading heather on the moor. Misty start.
6th April	Upper Wharfedale	Planting trees on the side of a very steep hill.
26th/27th April	Borrowdale	Clearing an old canal bed.
11th May	Nostell Priory	Clearance around the lake.
25th May	Hardcastle Crag	Learning how to use a proper scythe plus bracken clearance.
8th June	Brimham Rocks	Repairing a barn door and birch scrub removal.
22nd June	Beningbrough	Working in the walled garden and the orchard.
20th July	East Riddlesden	Balsam pulling near the river on the hottest, and most humid, day of the year.
2nd August	Brimham Rocks	More replenishment of the guard hedge plus putting in a new path to the story telling area.
16/17th August	Borrowdale	Clearing rhodies on Derwent island. Spectacular.
14th September	East Riddlesden	Brambles, raking the bank, moving leaf mould.
21st September	Malham	Taking out an old fence around a plantation.
2nd October	Marsden Moor	Flag laying — tough but brilliant day.
12th October	Upper Wharfedale	Putting in a new fence.
26th October	Hardcastle Crag	Ditching up the road from the base.
2nd/3rd Nov	Cragside	Clearing rocks around a path. Wonderful fires.
16th November	Rievaulx Terrace	Clearing vistas, collecting logs.
23rd November	Malham Tarn	Planting trees near the tarn in fenced off areas.
30th November	East Riddlesden	Brambles on the bank and potholes.
13th December	Brimham Rocks	Xmas social, huge fire and tasks around the base camp.

Individual Task Statistics—2014

Peter Dennis	29
Peter Hine	23
Stuart Dalby	22
Steve Ellis	22
Colin Fowler	22
James Archer	20
Sue Bowler	18
Andy Gamble	18
Neil Collins	15
Jenny Ellis	15
Martin Kingdom	15
John Shackleton	15
Lesley Deacon	11
Margaret Thornton	11
James Deacon	10
Geoff Thornton	10
Georgina Collins	9
Jane Padfield	8
Sylvia Revell	8

Congratulations to all the above who qualified for a 50 hour card. The 50 hour card gives you free entry into National Trust properties for 1 year, plus 20% discount in the shop and restaurants/tearooms. As a reminder, if you do any other voluntary work for the Trust, such as room stewarding or working weeks in another area of the country, please put them in the task book on your return so I can add them to the year record and make sure you are suitably rewarded.

The Group did 28 task days in 2014 at an average of 13 people/task and a total of 1835 volunteer hours. This is the highest number of tasks that we have ever managed in a year, and this does not include the 'extra' tasks at Brimham that we also attended, plus all the days that various retired members do around the region, often on a weekly basis.

For only the third time in the group's 31 year history, one person, Peter D, did all the tasks in the year, an amazing effort.

As you will see from above, the 'regulars' put in their usual sterling efforts over the year, making sure we had more than enough people at every task day to get the planned work completed—most volunteers cards ever. Thanks to Steve, Margaret and Geoff for documenting most of the tasks and putting them on to Shutterfly for us all, and also to Steve as keeper of the sweet bag (and of course the tools).

Overall, sixteen people did over 10 tasks, and another three over 8. Whether you managed just a few tasks or over 15, it all helps the Trust and is equally valuable so just come along when you can. For their continued work in helping with the smooth running of the Group, David Blackburn (Secretary), Fiona Foxtan (Treasurer) and Linda Jones (Task Organiser) all qualified for a 50 hour card. Thanks also to Stuart for looking after the website, John for handling the membership and Georgina and Neil for putting together and circulating the programme.

Long Term Volunteer Awards — 2014

30 years	Pete Hine
30 years	John Shackleton
10 years	Martin Kingdom
5 years	Lesley Deacon, James Deacon



Many congratulations to John, Martin, James, Lesley, (and even myself) for their continuing, and long-standing support of WYNTV over the years (you need to do 8 tasks or serve as an elected official in a year to qualify). We will plan to award these at the AGM in May.

TEN PIN BOWLING WINNERS 2014

- February: Trophy Winner : Martin Kingdom
New PBs: Paul Bennet (172), James Deacon (183).
- June : Trophy winner : Paul Gibson
New PB: Paul Gibson (218).
- November: Trophy Winner: Martin Kingdom (again - twice in one year!)
New PB: Steve Ellis: (171)

SOCIAL HIGHLIGHTS 2014

New Year's Day Walk: This year we returned to Ilkley to Chez Blackburn for the NY Day walk. It was wet, but we set off for a short stroll along the river, but we got soaked anyway. Good spread afterwards though.

Six Dales Trail: This year we started a new long-distance walk, the Six Dales Trail, from Otley to Middleham — we may even all finish this one, although some people did make it to the end of the Dales Way. Thanks to Steve for organising the first two legs this year: leg 1 from Otley to Fewston reservoir and then leg 2 from Fewston reservoir to Glasshouses.

Walk and Brewery Trip: Spent a lovely day in and around Masham, first with a walk around the very interesting woodland landscape of Hackfall Woods . Then to the Black Sheep brewery for a meal and a pint or two.

Many lovely evenings at Vintage Inns plus a great curry at the Aagrah.

A night at the theatre to see The War Horse.

Xmas Eve Meal and bowling: Thanks to Colin for organising this, now traditional, social event (especially as he spent most of the evening trying to make sure we got our meal on time).



31 YEAR STATISTICS

The NT recently asked for our stats for the last 31 years. For stat fans here they are shown below.

	Total no of tasks	Total number of people	Average no of people/ task	Total no of hours worked
Beningbrough Hall	80	911	11.4	4555
Borrowdale	30	418	13.9	2090
Bransdale	1	3	3	15
Brimham Rocks	86	976	11.3	4880
Cerne Abbas	2	32	16	160
Clumber Park	1	8	8	40
Cragside	38	590	15.5	2950
East Riddlesden Hall	125	1450	11.6	8600
Fountains Abbey	39	416	10.7	2080
Goddards	1	12	12	60
Hardcastle Crag	77	774	10.1	3870
Hudswell Woods	1	10	10	50
Malham Tarn	94	967	10.3	4835
Marsden Moor	27	211	7.8	1055
Nostell Priory	20	321	16.0	1605
Nunnington Hall	11	143	13.0	715
Rievaulx Terrace	24	299	12.5	1495
Upper Wharfedale	39	420	10.8	2110
Totals	696	7961	11.4	41,165

- Most popular regular task site – Nostell Priory – a firm favourite since we first started going on 23rd July 2006
- Most hours worked – East Riddlesden Hall – nearly double the next nearest. First visit 22nd Jan 1984.
- Most visits – East Riddlesden Hall, Malham (first visit 20th Nov 1983) and Beningbrough Hall (17th Feb 1985).
- Weekend tasks at Cragside and Borrowdale still very popular.

TASK STATISTICS FOR 2014

	No. days	No. of people	People /visit	People hours
Beningbrough Hall	2	28	14	140
Borrowdale*	4	41	10	205
Brimham Rocks	4	66	17	330
Cragside*	2	33	17	165
East Riddlesden Hall	5	81	16	405
Hardcastle Crag	2	18	9	90
Marsden	2	18	9	90
Malham Tarn	2	19	10	95
Nostell Priory	2	27	14	135
Nunnington Hall	1	12	12	60
Rievaulx Terrace	1	14	14	70
Upper Wharfedale	1	10	10	50
Totals/Averages	28	367	13	1835
2012/2013	21		14	1405
2011/2012	25		13	1695
2010/2011	25		12	1560
2009/2010	27		12.5	1660
2008/2009	24		16	1935
2007/2008	22		16	1745
2006/2007	27		14.5	1825
2005/2006	25		11	1395
2004/2005	25		10	1205
2003/2004	24		12	1465
2002/2003	24		13	1530
2001/2002	22		14	1600
2000/2001	20		12.5	1250
99/2000	23		13.5	1550
98/99	23		15.5	1785
97/98	22		15	1620
96/97	24		11	1315
95/96	20		13.5	1340
94/95	21		12	1275

* weekend tasks

TASK STATISTICS FOR 2014

- 28 NT properties visited in 2014: highest ever plus quite a few other non-programmed visits at Brimham Rocks and East Riddlesden Hall.
- Second highest number of hours worked in a year.
- Most popular regular property visited in 2014 was Brimham Rocks, including a number of extra visits to help finish the pond dipping platform and joining their regular Sunday volunteers.
- Most visits to East Riddlesden Hall, which continues to be popular as it offers tasks across all abilities.
- No tasks cancelled due to the weather in 2014.
- The weekend tasks continue to be popular, both as task days and as social weekends away. On Neil's suggestion, and with a month free without any tasks, we had an additional visit to Borrowdale in August, where we had a great day working on Derwent Island.

