



North Craven Heritage Trust Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts

for the period

1 September 2015 to 31 August 2016

Trustees

Anne Read MBE	President
John Asher	Chairman
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Examiner of the Accounts

Haworths Limited, Chartered Accountants
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Structure, governance & management of the Trust

The Trust is an unincorporated association governed by its constitution as amended in October 2011.

Trustees are elected by the membership for terms of three years. The Trustees may co-opt further members to the management committee who shall attend in an advisory and non-voting capacity. Meetings of Trustees are normally held four times in each year.

Officers are Trustees and are elected annually by the membership.

Objectives and activities of the Trust

The Trust is established in the administrative area of the former Settle Rural District Council to:

1. Encourage high standards of planning and architecture, and,
2. Stimulate public interest in and care for the beauty, history and character of the area, and,
3. Encourage the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features of historic or public interest.

In furtherance of these objectives the Trustees have borne in mind and sought to follow the Charities Commission's guidance on public benefit. When considering planning

applications the Trustees seek to ensure that the Trust's concerns to conserve and protect seek to guide rather than to prevent appropriate change and development. Policies regarding planning are to be posted publicly on our website and public feedback encouraged. Similarly, policies regarding grants for research and historic places of worship are accessible on the website. Activities are spread across the whole of the area rather than just concentrating on the larger centres of population. Subscriptions are maintained as low as possible with reduced rates for joint and senior members. Entry fees for non-members are kept low.

The main activities of the Trust in pursuance of its objectives are lectures, walks, publication of the annual *Journal* and other literature; supporting surveys and research; scrutinising planning applications; and raising funds & providing grants towards restoration of historic places of worship and other historic buildings in North Craven, that are not in private ownership.

Membership

Memberships currently number 243 which, taking joint memberships into consideration, gives a total of 344 members.

Chairman's Report

Wednesday 12 October 2016

Thanks are due to all the committee for their work over the year. It has been another successful year for the Trust. A special series of events this year was our four-concert celebration of North Craven's amateur music-making, which got the year off to a 'molto allegro' start. We've enjoyed talks on the monastic period in Craven and delved into local quarrying history. Outings have taken us to Slaidburn, to Carleton and, very memorably, to Lanercost Priory and Naworth Castle on David Johnson's Summer Outing. Our links with other like-minded organisations have continued: the talk on "European Parks – their splendour, our treasure, our care" was shared with the Yorkshire Dales Society; and our quarrying talk and subsequent walk were arranged with the Royal Geographic Society.

Our *Journal* and our electronic archive on the website go from strength to strength.

This has been an important year for scrutinising planning issues. We have responded to the consultations for the Local Plans of both Craven District Council and the National Park Authority. These Local Plans are very important since they provide the framework within which Planning Applications are considered. The National Park 2015-2030 Plan, which we think is basically sound, is now with the Central government Planning Inspector and the final, approved version is expected to be published before the end of the year. The CDC Plan has had several consultation rounds. It is pleasing that some of our comments around the unsuitability of potential development sites in Settle and Giggleswick appear to have been taken on board but we wait to see the final version of the plan.

We continue to monitor individual planning applications in the North Craven Area submitted to the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNPA) and to Craven District Council (CDC) and we submit comments where we think it is appropriate. As examples, we objected to a large solar panel farm in Bentham (which looks like going ahead) and to a biomass boiler facility at Giggleswick School (which was refused permission).

We continue to improve coordination with other heritage-related organisations on planning matters. For example we submitted our comments on the CDC Local Plan jointly with the North Craven Building Preservation Trust, and we liaise with the Yorkshire Dales Society.

Those of you who were here last year will remember that we asked you to complete a questionnaire about improving our recruitment. Thanks to the three people who contributed with a great deal of thought. Your ideas have informed – or confirmed – our thinking. Invite newcomers to the area! Link with other societies! Don't panic – all societies like ours are facing membership challenges! We have not put all your suggestions into practice yet, but we are working down the list. And the proof of the pudding is in the eating. Membership this year has increased very gratifyingly – so well done to all of you who have recruited your friends and neighbours – keep at it!

We continue our grant-giving work and have been greatly heartened by receiving a second bequest. We are hoping that you will agree to increase the scope of our grant-giving later in the agenda but this year saw us provide a further grant to a Lancaster University MA student for research in North Craven. Claudia Minett used the transcribed Giggleswick wills to produce a paper entitled “Patterns of Bequest Among the ‘Middling Sort’ in the Parish of Giggleswick: 1600-1750” which provided a picture of the proto-middle class of Giggleswick and their family connections.

NORTH CRAVEN HERITAGE TRUST

(Charity Registration Number : 504029)

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT - Year Ended 31st August 2016**GENERAL FUND**

Opening Bank Balances	2016	2015
	£p	£p
Skipton Building Society Bonds	5,500.00	6,000.00
Capital Reserve Account	0.00	1,122.81
Current Account (less Historic Churches Fund)	9,188.53	888.83
	<u>14,688.53</u>	<u>8,011.64</u>
Receipts		
Subscriptions (net) & Donations	2,603.50	2,415.40
Bequests	1,000.00	8,125.78
Income Tax refund	374.88	406.37
Music Festival	209.00	0.00
- less costs	<u>401.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Annual outing	672.00	356.00
- less costs	<u>672.00</u>	<u>370.95</u>
Sale of Books & Publications		
- Bentham Books	0.00	3.50
- Flora of Craven	39.49	0.00
- Journals	36.50	0.00
- Images of Dales Life	0.00	10.00
- Frankland Diary	5.99	0.00
- Settle Town Trail	84.00	100.00
- Dated Buildings	0.00	3.50
- Long Preston booklet	0.00	0.00
- Austwick book	51.88	98.27
- less costs	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
- Misc. cards/leaflets	3.00	24.8
Refund re Clapham Village Hall	25.00	
Interest (see Note 1)	93.60	371.62
Sub-total Net Income	<u>4,125.84</u>	<u>11,544.29</u>
Payments		
Journal	1,707.80	1,674.30
- less advertising revenue	<u>540.00</u>	<u>465.00</u>
Membership Cards	108.12	1,209.30
Lectures & Field Days	282.00	105.48
Annual General Meeting	191.73	279.50
Publicity	81.00	187.91
Administration	289.46	50.00
Subscriptions		260.21
- Friends of YDNPA	0.00	20.00
- British Association for Local History	65.00	65.00
- Yorkshire Dales Society	30.00	30.00
- Ramblers Association	60.50	60.00
- Yorkshire Dales Green Lanes Alliance	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Books/Publications	155.50	175.00
Sub-total Net Expenditure	<u>2,275.61</u>	<u>2,267.40</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) before Donations and Bursaries	1,850.23	9,276.89
Bursaries	239.50	600.00
Transfer to Historic Churches Fund	0.00	2,000.00
Surplus/(Deficit) of Income over Expenditure on General Fund	<u>1,610.73</u>	<u>6,676.89</u>
Closing Balances @ 31st August, 2016		
Skipton Building Society Bonds	15,050.00	5,500.00
Skipton Building Society Clubs and Charities a/c	2,501.00	0.00
Current Account (less Historic Buildings Fund)	-1,251.74	9,188.53
	<u>16,299.26</u>	<u>14,688.53</u>

Assets Sundry books and leaflets
 Display Boards
 Loudspeaker Sysem
 Laptop/Projector and stand

Liabilities Nil

Note 1.

Interest for the year was £104, of which £93.6 has been allocated to the General Fund and £10.40 to the Historic Buildings Fund

Note 2.

A claim for Gift Aid was submitted after the year end

Note 3.

The costs of the Journal 2016 are not included in these accounts

Note 4.

The Capital Reserve account with the NatWest was closed and the balance transferred to the current account

Note 5.

During the year a Clubs and Charities account was opened with the Skipton Building Society.

Note 6.

In January, £3000 originally invested in a Skipton 2 year bond matured and was reinvested in a one year bond maturing in Jan 2017, together with cash totalling £9,500. Total bonds with the Skipton now amount to £15,050

Note 7.

In August 2016, the Trustees made a pledge of £1,000 to Kirkby Malham PCC in connection with a scheme to reopen the Lady Chapel door

HISTORIC BUILDINGS FUND - Year ended 31st August 2016

	2016	2015
	£p	£p
Opening Bank Balance	3,311.81	2,270.52
Receipts		
Interest	10.40	41.29
Transfer from General Funds	0.00	2,000.00
Payments		
Grants Kirkby Malham PCC	0.00	1,000.00
Closing Bank Balance	<u>3,322.21</u>	<u>3,311.81</u>

J Asher (Chairman)

G R Bowring (Treasurer)

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Reserves Policy

The NCHT will try and maintain reserves at a minimum of twice the average of the previous two years' pre-exceptional gross annual income.

Reviewed and agreed by Trustees on 10th November 2016