

West Yorkshire NTV Annual Report 2015



From the Chairman

Dear WYNTV Members

Welcome to the WYNTV Annual Report for 2015. The Annual Report is a summary of the various highlights of the previous year, including individual task statistics, long-term-volunteer awards, properties visited over the year, and the type of work carried out.

Enjoy

Pete Hine, Chairman WYNTV

Getting birch logs off the moor
at Brimham in February



Tackling rhodies at Cragside in
November

Balsam pulling at
Hardcastle Crag in
summer



Task Sites visited in 2015

18th January	East Riddlesden	Felling, pruning and a huge fire... and snow
1st February	Brimham Rocks	Clearing logs from the moor in the snow.
8th February	Nunnington Hall	Clearing the car park and a huge fire.
15th February	East Riddlesden	Pothole repair, path gravelling, mulching and bramble clearance.
1st March	Brimham Rocks	Clearing logs from the moor.
15th March	Nostell Priory	Clearing round fence and then wire brushing.
30th March	Marsden Moor	Spreading heather on the moor.
6th April	Upper Wharfedale	Chaining fence posts uphill and then laying them out.
25th/26th April	Borrowdale	Putting in a new ditch, soak away and ditch—litter pick.
10th May	Malham Tarn	Digging in the walled garden, spreading woodchip.
7th June	Brimham Rocks	Laying a hard standing area, putting up fence posts.
21st June	Beningbrough	Balsam pulling and weeding round orchids.
5th July	Nostell Priory	More work on the fence round the churchyard.
19th July	East Riddlesden	Balsam pulling near the river and moving compost.
2nd August	Brimham Rocks	Resurfacing the track and processing wood.
	Malham Tarn	Cutting weed from the pond for the flightless caddis fly.
14th September	East Riddlesden	Brambles, raking the bank, moving leaf mould.
12/13th Sept	Borrowdale	Working on Derwent Island putting in a new wall.
4th October	Upper Wharfedale	First ever fire in Red Mire woods.
18th October	Hardcastle Crag	Felling and then collecting up wood.
25th October	Marsden Moor	Pulling up an old fence.
31st Oct/1st Nov	Cragside	Opening up an old path from overgrowing rhodies. Seven fires over the two days.
November	Malham Tarn	Chipping wood and clearing away pond weed.
15th November	Rievaulx Terrace	Clearing vistas, cleaning chess pieces etc.
13th December	Beningbrough Hall	Putting in a new path in the American Garden
20th December	Brimham Rocks	Xmas social, huge fire and tasks around the base camp.

Individual Task Statistics—2015

Peter Dennis	24
Steve Ellis	23
James Archer	22
Stuart Dalby	21
Peter Hine	21
Sue Bowler	20
Colin Fowler	19
Martin Kingdom	18
John Shackleton	17
Jane Padfield	15
Neil Collins	13
James Deacon	13
Peter Clark	12
Lesley Deacon	12
Andy Gamble	12
Jenny Ellis	11
Sylvia Revell	10
Geoff Thornton	10
Dennis Shepherd	9
Ellen Spence	9
Margaret Thornton	9
Stuart Weston	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 official task days (and another two were cancelled this year), plus a number of unofficial task days at an average of 13 people/

task and a total of 1855 volunteer hours. This is the joint 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. Congratulations to Peter D who did the most tasks again, as last year, although not every task.

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. 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, twenty two people qualified for a Volunteer Card, which is the most we have ever qualified for. 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 Foxton (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 — 2015

30 years	Geoff Thornton
25 years	Margaret Thornton
10 years	James Archer, Stuart Dalby, Jenny Ellis and Steve Ellis



Many congratulations to Geoff, Margaret, James, Stuart, Jenny and Steve for their 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). Checkout our facebook page for lovely pictures of Margaret and Geoff with their certificates. Although these awards have already been sent out by the Trust this year, we will definitely celebrate these at the AGM in May.

TEN PIN BOWLING WINNERS 2015

February: Trophy Winner : Paul Gibson

June : Trophy winner : James Deacon

November: Trophy Winner: Peter Clark



SOCIAL HIGHLIGHTS 2015

New Year's Day Walk: We had a great walk along the Wharfe at Bolton Abbey, and particularly enjoyed the 12 days of Xmas.

Six Dales Trail: Another two legs of the Six Dales trail were enjoyed by all who took part.

Seaside trip: A great day out to Filey for a whole lot of seaside fun. The sandcastle built by Sarah, Linda, Helen and Sue was a particular highlight. Many hours of paddling also on offer.

Xmas task: Another masterpiece of organisation from Steve and thanks to Brimham for hosting.

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).



32 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	82	933	11.4	4665
Borrowdale	34	471	13.9	2355
Bransdale	1	3	3.0	15
Brimham Rocks	91	1052	11.6	5260
Cerne Abbas	2	32	16.0	160
Clumber Park	1	8	8.0	40
Cragside	40	620	15.5	3100
East Riddlesden Hall	129	1504	11.7	7520
Fountains Abbey	39	416	10.7	2080
Goddards	1	12	12.0	60
Hardcastle Crag	78	784	10.1	3920
Hudswell Woods	1	10	10.0	50
Malham Tarn	97	1001	10.3	5005
Marsden Moor	28	211	7.8	1055
Nostell Priory	22	341	15.5	1705
Nunnington Hall	12	158	13.2	790
Rievaulx Terrace	25	317	12.7	1585
Upper Wharfedale	41	447	10.9	2235
Totals	724	8320	11.3	41,600

- 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 (first visit 18th March 1984), Malham (20th Nov 1983) and Brimham (3rd Dec 1983).
- Weekend tasks at Cragside and Borrowdale always popular.

TASK STATISTICS FOR 2015

	No. days	No. of people	People /visit	People hours
Beningbrough Hall	2	22	11.0	110
Borrowdale*	4	53	13.3	265
Brimham Rocks	5	76	15.2	380
Cragside*	2	30	15.0	150
East Riddlesden Hall	4	54	13.5	270
Hardcastle Crag	1	10	10.0	50
Marsden	1	12	12.0	60
Malham Tarn	3	34	11.3	170
Nostell Priory	2	20	10.0	100
Nunnington Hall	1	15	15.0	75
Rievaulx Terrace	1	18	18.0	90
Upper Wharfedale	2	27	13.5	135
Totals/Averages	28	371	13	1855
2013/2014	28		13	1960
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

RANDOM TASK STATISTICS FOR 2015

- 28 NT properties visited in 2015: joint highest ever plus quite a few other non-programmed visits at Brimham Rocks and East Riddlesden Hall.
- Highest ever number of volunteer cards for the group.
- Most popular regular property visited in 2015 was again Brimham Rocks, including a number of extra visits to join the regular Sunday volunteer group. Brimham Rocks continues to be popular as it is the nearest place where you can get that 'wild' moorland feeling.
- Nostell and Marsden Moor tasks cancelled.
- The weekend tasks continued to be popular. Great days at Borrowdale working on Derwent Island and a fantastic weekend at Cragside opening up an overgrown path—seven (!) fires over two days.

