

# West Yorkshire NTV Annual Report 2017



## From the Chairman

Dear WYNTV Members

Welcome to the WYNTV Annual Report for 2017. 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.

Pete Hine, Chairman WYNTV



Pond clearance at Nostell  
(picture Martin Kingdom)



Hedgerow mulching at East  
Riddlesden.  
(picture Martin Kingdom)



Apple Day at  
Beningbrough Hall  
(picture Stuart Dalby)

# Task Sites visited in 2017

15th January	East Riddlesden	Hedgerow planting.
22nd January	Nostell Priory	Clearing the bank alongside the lake, plus bonfire.
5th February	Nunnington Hall	Garden work, spreading mulch, compost and a fire.
12th February	East Riddlesden	More planting the new hedgerow in the snow.
19th February	Brimham Rocks	Cutting birch on the moorland (and a fire!).
5th March	East Riddlesden	Finish hedge planting plus mulching/weeding.
11th-18th March	Borrowdale	A full week of work in Borrowdale, including path work, gate hanging, on the island, plus culvert work.
2nd April	Malham Tarn	Putting up a temporary fence, great fun.
9th April	Beningbrough	Fencing the hazel plantations, plus gardening.
23rd April	Upper Wharfedale	Tree planting up above Raisgill.
8th May	Malham Tarn	Digging out cattle grid and work in the walled garden.
4th June	Nostell Priory	Painting new fence (watching paint dry).
16th July	East Riddlesden	Himalayan Balsam clearance by the river.
13th August	Hardcastle Crag	Bracken clearance using sticks.
3rd September	East Riddlesden	Raking the bank.
10th September	Brimham Rocks	Cutting birch and burning.
24th September	Rievaulx Terrace	Raking the bank—welcome back.
8th October	Beningbrough	Apple Day.
15th October	Upper Wharfedale	Clearing a gully—a wild beautiful spot.
22nd October	Hardcastle Crag	Cancelled.
4/5th November	Cragside	Clearing rhodies round Blackburn Lake and dam.
12th November	Malham	Tree planting high above the tarn—very cold.
18th November	East Riddlesden	Mulching the hedgerow planted in January.
2nd December	Nostell Priory	Cutting bamboo and pond clearance.
16th December	Brimham Rocks	Pond clearance and a bonfire.

## Individual Task Statistics—2017

Ann Burnett	24
Martin Kingdom	24
Stuart Dalby	22
Roger Payne	22
Peter Hine	21
John Shackleton	19
Steve Ellis	18
Sue Cullen	17
Colin Fowler	16
James Deacon	15
Lesley Deacon	14
Andy Gamble	14
James Archer	13
Jude Mawson	13
Stuart Weston	13
Jenny Ellis	12
Sue Bowler	11
Richard Forrester	11
Dennis Shepherd	11
Neil Collins	10
Sylvia Revell	10
Mark Wrigley	10
Geoff Thornton	9
Margaret Thornton	9
Isobel Jackson	8
Jane Padfield	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.

The Group did a record 30 task days in 2017, due to the week long residency at Borrowdale in March. The task was enjoyed by all who attended some (or all) of the days and also proved a social highlight for those who stayed in the house. Average task attendance over the year was again 15 and the total number of volunteer hours, of 2235, was also a record and the only time we have ever passed 2000 in a calendar year. This is likely to remain a record unless we are offered a week long task at some point in the future. For the first time ever we had joint 'top taskers' in 2017, so many congrats to Ann and Martin for their sterling attendance over the year. However many task you were able to come along to, many thanks. Thanks to all for making sure we have photographic evidence of our work days, which you can normally see quite soon after a task day on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/wyntv>), which you can look at even if you are not a Facebook member.



Overall, twenty nine people qualified for a Volunteer Card, which is the most we have ever qualified for (it really was a record breaking year last year, not bad for our 34th year!). Thanks as always to David Blackburn (Secretary), Fiona Foxton (Treasurer) and Linda Jones (Task Organiser), who all help the smooth running of the Group behind the scenes, and all qualified for a 50 hour card. Thanks also to Stuart for looking after the website (and our Facebook Page), John for handling the membership, Steve for taking care (and cleaning) our tools (and for providing the sweets)

## Long-Term-Volunteer Awards — 2017

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| 20 years | Margaret Holmes |
| 15 years | Linda Jones     |
| 5 years  | Isobel Jackson  |
| 5 Years  | Andy Gamble     |



Many congrats to all.

## TEN PIN BOWLING WINNERS 2017

February: Trophy Winner : Richard Forrester

June : Trophy winner : Jo Puttock

November: Trophy Winner: Helen Shackleton



## SOCIAL HIGHLIGHTS 2017

New Year's Day Walk: Once again we had a lovely walk along the Wharfe (after a bacon sandwich) at Bolton Abbey, followed by tea and cake at David and Jean's.

Seaside trip: Another wonderful summer's day at Filey.

Canal boat: Probably our favourite day out, this time heading North along the Leeds Liverpool canal from Skipton.

Walk: A nice walk along the river and canal at Apperley Bridge followed by a pub meal.



Cruising on the canal.

## 34 YEAR STATISTICS

For stat fans here they are:

	Total no of tasks	Total number of people	Average no of people/ task	Total no of hours worked
Beningbrough Hall	84	969	11.5	4845
Borrowdale	36	506	14.1	2530
Bransdale	1	3	3.0	15
Brimham Rocks	95	1109	11.7	5545
Cerne Abbas	2	32	16.0	160
Clumber Park	1	8	8.0	40
Cragside	42	664	15.8	3320
East Riddlesden Hall	135	1588	11.8	7940
Fountains Abbey	39	416	10.7	2080
Goddards	1	12	12.0	60
Hardcastle Crag	81	809	10.0	4045
Hudswell Woods	1	10	10.0	50
Malham Tarn	100	1037	10.4	5185
Marsden Moor	28	211	7.5	1055
Nostell Priory	24	363	15.1	1815
Nunnington Hall	13	175	13.5	875
Rievaulx Terrace	26	328	12.6	1640
Upper Wharfedale	43	476	11.1	2380
Totals	752	8716	11.4	43,580

- Most popular regular task site – now Cragside.
- Most hours worked – East Riddlesden Hall – nearly double the next nearest.
- Most visits – East Riddlesden Hall (First visit 22nd Jan 1984), Malham (20th Nov 1983) and Brimham (3rd Dec 1983).
- Weekend tasks at Cragside and Borrowdale continue to be very, very popular. Basecamp use now becoming a regular occurrence.

## TASK STATISTICS FOR 2017

	No. days	No. of people	People /visit	People hours
<b>Beningbrough Hall</b>	2	24	12.0	120
<b>Borrowdale*</b>	5	60	12.0	300
<b>Brimham Rocks</b>	3	47	15.7	235
<b>Cragside*</b>	2	56	28.0	280
<b>East Riddlesden Hall</b>	6	91	15.2	455
<b>Hardcastle Crag</b>	2	30	15.0	150
<b>Malham Tarn</b>	3	37	12.3	185
<b>Nostell Priory</b>	3	41	13.7	205
<b>Nunnington Hall</b>	1	15	15.0	75
<b>Rievaulx Terrace</b>	1	16	16.0	80
<b>Upper Wharfedale</b>	2	30	15.0	150
<b>Totals/Averages</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>15.4</b>	<b>2235</b>
2015/2016	27	398	15	1990
2014/2015	28		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

\* weekend tasks



## HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2017

### Record breaking year—due to the weekend tasks

- 11 different NT properties visited in 2017 and **30 task days (record due to the week-long task at Borrowdale)**:
- Most hours ever worked in a year (**2235**) - due again to Borrowdale week-long task.
- Highest ever number of volunteer cards for the group (**29**).
- The weekend tasks continued to be very popular. **Cragside highest ever task attendance on a single day in 34 years — 28 volunteers.**
- Average attendance of 15 (which is quarter of the current membership).

