

Local Access Forum Annual Review Form

April 2014 to March 2015

Name of LAF	Yorkshire Dales Access Forum
Name of LAF Chair	Alistair Thompson
Name of LAF Secretary	Rachel Briggs

Total number of LAF members	18
Number of members representing users of public rights of way or access land	5
Number of members representing owners and occupiers of access land or land over which PROW subsist	4
Number of members representing other interests	6

1. LAF achievements? (Please give examples to illustrate how your LAF has improved public access to land for the purpose of open air recreation and the enjoyment of the area)

A lot of work of the YDAF is done through a various advisory groups who facilitate discussion between a wide range of users to reach consensus on access issues. Recent examples include temporary voluntary 4x4 restrictions on some routes & access for caving.

2. What are the main challenges affecting your LAF's ability to deliver improvements to public access in the coming year?

Lack of funding available to the YDNPA to improve public access

3. What are your top three priorities for the year ahead?

1. Continued maintenance of good relations with all user groups to achieve consensus on access issues
2. Consideration of a 'way forward' that would enable the YDAF to improve it's ability to undertake its role & develop closer relations with neighbouring LAFs & other forum groups (eg LNP, LEP, Health & Wellbeing, etc)
3. Potential implications of Boundary Review

4. Is there any particular support or training that you need to deliver your priorities?

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LAF activity in 2014/15

Number of full LAF meetings held	2	Number of sub-group meetings held	6
Number of working groups led by others		Number of training days provided by the Appointing Authority	

Partners the LAF worked with during 2014/15 (click on a box or type 'x')

Local Nature Partnerships	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Local Enterprise Partnerships	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health and Wellbeing Boards	<input type="checkbox"/>	LEADER funding Local Action Groups	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please add numbers to the following differentiating between formal consultations and general advice given by the LAF on particular subjects. If a consultation covered more than one subject area, please count separately.

	Consultations	Advice
Green Infrastructure strategies		
Public Space Protection Orders (including gating orders)		
Transport (LTP, traffic management, rail, DfT, Highways Agency)	1	1
Water / Coast (slipways, flood defence, EA, shoreline)		
Public open space (protection orders, commons, village greens)		3
Dog exclusion/on leads/fouling orders	1	
Planning applications		
Housing development schemes		
Local development frameworks and planning strategies	1	
PROW creation, diversion or closure - number of each	1	
Right of Way Improvement Plan review		
Route improvements (to PROW and other multi-user/cycling/horse-riding/walking routes)	1	1
Promotion of access, open air recreation and the enjoyment of the area		6
Definitive map and recording PROW		
Parish Council or other grant schemes		
Disabled access / access for people with mobility issues?		2
Vehicular access and issues relating to motorised use of PROW		2
Nature conservation (including SSSIs)		
Land use and planning matters (e.g. informal advice on land development)		1
Greenspace including Country Parks and Local Nature Reserves		
Open Access land restrictions		1
Coastal Access/National Trails		
NNR dedication		
Agri-environment scheme issues (HLS and new Countryside Stewardship) e.g. expiring permissive access agreements, effects of land management options on public access etc.		
Forestry and woodland		1

Any other LAF activity (please specify)

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5. Summarise any feedback received from section 94(4) bodies¹

6. Please provide any comments from your Appointing Authority

It's been another great year for the Yorkshire Dales Access Forum. The input we get from this group of 'volunteers' is really encouraging. As in previous years, much of the work is carried out within the Advisory Groups which are still functioning well.

Members are beginning to be much more proactive in terms of setting the agenda and bringing items to the table. They are also keen to develop the LAF so next year should be interesting.

7. Comments from LAF Chair

The YDAF continues to be well supported by its members & has a very good relationship with the YDNPA & YDNP officers. The advisory groups are well established & continue to provide an invaluable means of engaging with other user groups & interested parties. There is a recognition that the YDAF should move forward & consideration is being given as to how this can be best achieved.

8. Any important information to bring to the attention of Natural England

9. Any other comments

¹ The Countryside and Rights of Way Act, 2000, Section 94(4) specifies that it is the function of a local access forum, as respects to the area for which it is established, to advise the appointing authority; the local highway authority; other bodies exercising functions under CROW Act Part 1 (Natural England, Forestry Commission and English Heritage) and such other bodies as may be prescribed. These other bodies are set out in the LAF Regulations 2007, paragraph 21, and include: any conservation board established by the Secretary of State, any parish or town council in the area covered by the LAF, and Sport England.

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