

Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust

Trustee Information Pack

**People, Landscape
and Wildlife**



YORKSHIRE DALES
MILLENNIUM TRUST



What is in the pack?

Thank you for your interest in joining our board of trustees at Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT). We are very pleased that you are considering offering your time.

In this information pack, you'll find the following information:

- About us, the work we do, and our ambitions for the future.
- About the YDMT Board of Trustees.
- Requirements of the role of a YDMT Trustee.
- How to apply.

If you have any questions about any aspect of the organisation or the role, please don't hesitate to get in touch by emailing Governance@ydmtd.org or calling 015242 51002.

About Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust

YDMT is an independent charity doing big things to support People, Landscape and Wildlife in the Yorkshire Dales.

Over the last 30 years, we have delivered diverse and inspirational projects that help to create habitats for our wildlife, tackle climate change, and connect people to nature. To date, we've helped to plant 1.7 million trees, secure the future of over 850 hectares of wildflower hay meadows, and enabled thousands of people to care for the Yorkshire Dales.

How we work

Delivering projects



We deliver transformative projects for people and nature, and use our skills to enable other organisations to increase their impact.

Enabling others



We raise and distribute funds, providing flexible grants and support for innovative community led action where it's needed most.

Collaborative partnerships



We are firmly rooted in our communities and have a greater impact by joining forces with our partners.

Our values guide everything we do



Enabling



Creative



Caring



Honest

Our Impact

Our latest impact report outlines the breadth of our achievements over the past year
www.ydmt.org/our-impact

Some highlights include:

People: 1,930 connections made with people from marginalised communities - at least 770 benefitted from longer term support

Landscape: 56 field-scale meadow restoration schemes delivered and 36,474 native broadleaf woodland and hedgerow trees planted

Wildlife: 300 bird boxes installed creating nesting sites for House Martins, House Sparrows, Starlings and Swifts

£2.17 million spent on charitable work and improving our organisation.

At this crucial time for climate and nature, we are looking for people who can bring new skills and experience to our board, helping us to reach more people and deliver more projects that tackle climate change, biodiversity loss, and empower people to stand up for nature.

As a trustee, you will help us to continue to improve YDMT governance and management to continue to focus on our priorities: developing our team; strengthening our operations; building sustainable income streams; and developing our wider networks.



About the YDMT Board of Trustees

Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust is a company limited by guarantee as well as a charity, so all trustees are also directors of YDMT. All trustees have equal responsibility and serve for a term of three years which can be renewed up to a maximum of three consecutive terms of office.

The Trustee Role

Being a trustee can be a very rewarding and enjoyable experience. Successful candidates will:

- help shape the future direction of the charity;
- improve YDMT's support for people who visit or live in this special area;
- find new ways to protect and enhance the landscape of the Dales.

The trustee role is focused on the strategic direction of the charity and its effectiveness and accountability. Day-to-day operational decisions are delegated to the Chief Executive and Senior Management Team.

YDMT employs around 30 staff members, most of whom are closely involved with directly delivering our charitable projects.

YDMT currently has 9 trustees, and we are looking to recruit three additional members to join the Board of Trustees. We are keen to expand the collective knowledge base of the board to better reflect YDMT's charitable activities and our beneficiaries.

We deliver our objectives through a number of Governance meetings, which are sub-committees of the Board of Trustees. Most committees meet five times per year, with the exception of the Remuneration committee, which meets once per year. Ultimate responsibility for decisions lies with the whole board.

As a trustee, we also ask you to provide advice and assistance periodically in relation to other important areas such as new Trustee recruitment and onboarding, and to attend YDMT events to meet our supporters and beneficiaries.

We are particularly interested to hear from candidates who have skills and experience in:

- **People & Human Resources**
- **Health and Safety**
- **Land management**
- **Senior business leaders**

(see Requirements for the Role overleaf)

Sub-Committee are:

- **Finance & Resources**
- **Grants**
- **Health, Safety and Wellbeing**
- **Sustainability**
- **Remuneration**



Requirements of the role

We are currently seeking two trustees with the following skills and experience, and we have opportunities for a further two trustees with experience in other areas (see over).

Fundraising

- Experience in Fundraising Strategy and Income Generation
- Donor Engagement and Relationship Management
- Fundraising Governance and Sector Insight

Outreach

- Experience of Community Engagement and Outreach Strategy
- Partnership Development and Stakeholder Influence
- Strategic Oversight of Access, Inclusion and Public Engagement

All trustees undertake to govern the organisation by directing its activities through collective decision-making, and by:

- **Defining Mission and Strategy** - actively contributing to setting the organisation's direction and determining the approach for achieving it through the annual planning process and strategic business plans.
- **Accountability** - accepting collective responsibility for the organisation's decisions and performance; overseeing the identification, assessment, and management of risk; and ensuring that those delegated with operational responsibilities, including staff and volunteers, are held appropriately accountable.
- **Safeguarding Assets** - acting as custodian of YDMT's tangible assets (such as funds and property) and intangible assets (including the organisation's name and reputation), ensuring they are protected and used appropriately. Providing oversight to ensure the organisation maintains sufficient resources to meet its ongoing and future needs.
- **Decision-making** - contributing to effective decision-making and information sharing processes, taking part in reflection, learning and development as necessary.
- **Being an effective ambassador** - representing the organisation externally when necessary.
- **Recruitment** - contributing to the recruitment and selection of staff as appropriate.
- **Board renewal** - Contributing to board renewal by getting involved in the recruitment and induction of new trustees.

Commitment required and location

As a trustee, it is important to be able to commit the time to the business of the organisation for it to effectively deliver its objectives. This will include:

- Preparation for and attendance of full board meetings five or six times per year (approximately two hours in duration), and at least one subcommittee and training as required. At least two meetings per year will be held in person at various locations. Other meetings will be hybrid and can be joined online or in person at our offices in Clapham.
- Supporting the leadership team in taking forward any action stemming directly from meetings, as well as in the intervening periods between official committee meetings.
- Attending some of our events and open days throughout the year to talk to our supporters and beneficiaries. Whilst this time is unpaid, travel and other incidental expenses will be reimbursed.

Our recruitment priorities

We welcome applications from people of all backgrounds and experience, particularly those who are not afraid to constructively challenge existing policies or practices and provide new perspectives.

We are keen to appoint committed individuals who will be representative of our community, our stakeholders, and our beneficiaries and will help to

increase diversity on the board in terms of age, background, and ethnicity.

Whether you are an experienced trustee or looking to take on your first trustee role and have the time and energy to commit to the role, we want to hear from you.

We are interested to hear from candidates who have skills and experience in:

- **Fundraising**, helping us to grow income, build strong relationships with donors and funders, and support the long-term sustainability of YDMT. Trustees with fundraising expertise will provide strategic insight and constructive challenge, helping the Board to secure the resources needed to deliver the Trust's charitable objectives and maximise its impact.
- **Outreach**, helping us to engage diverse audiences, build effective partnerships and strengthen connections with the communities we serve. Trustees with outreach expertise will provide strategic insight and guidance, helping the Board to broaden participation, demonstrate public benefit and extend the reach and impact of YDMT's work.
- **Experience in land management**; we work in partnership with farmers and landowners to create space for nature and connect more people to the Dales. We pride ourselves on being a trusted partner, providing expert advice for our communities.
- **Senior business leader**; we are award winning at delivering corporate partnerships that support ESG objectives and keen to continue growing our income from the private sector across the region.

Personal Specification - Essential Criteria

- Commitment to YDMT's values, ethos & aims.
- Relationships: ability to build strong stakeholder relationships, including with the YDMT Leadership team and external stakeholders.
- Experience: a track record of delivery within the private, public, or voluntary sectors.
- Knowledge: an understanding of the work, priorities, and challenges of the organisation, and the context within which it operates.
- Collaboration: ability to work closely with Trustees and other key stakeholders, providing support, constructive challenge, and assurance as appropriate.
- Judgement: effective decision-making skills with the ability to critically analyse a wide range of information to make clear and objective evidence-based recommendations to support the delivery of YDMT's objectives.
- Communication: strong communication and interpersonal skills with the ability to listen, accept challenge, and constructively challenge others in discussions with clarity and respect.
- Understanding and acceptance of the responsibilities and liabilities of trusteeship.
- Willingness to devote the necessary time and effort to trustee duties.

How to apply

Do you want to use your skills to help support our people, landscape and wildlife?

If you are up for the challenge, please email **Governance@ydmtd.org** with your CV and a covering letter explaining why you would like to be considered for a trustee position at YDMT.

If you have any questions regarding your application or would like an informal discussion, please email **Governance@ydmtd.org** or call us 015242 51002 to arrange a suitable time to speak with our chair.

Application deadline

Friday, 30 October 2026.
Interviews will be held in person, where possible, at the YDMT offices in Clapham on **Monday 16 November 2026.**

Applicants will be selected through an open and transparent process, measured against the requirements as described in this pack. Applicants will be required to attend an interview with a panel of trustees and our CEO.

We hope to be able to give applicants the opportunity to meet staff and board members prior to the interview.

All applications will be acknowledged.

Equality & Diversity

YDMT is subject to the public sector duty under the Equality Act 2010 and, as such, is committed to equal opportunities and expects all staff and volunteers to recognise and value differences and to treat everyone with dignity and respect. We actively encourage people from diverse backgrounds to apply.



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