



Yorkshire Naturalists' Union

Charity 224018

Minutes of the Yorkshire Naturalists' Union **Annual General Meeting**, held at St John's Methodist Church & Hall, Settle, North Yorkshire BD24 9JH on 9th October 2021

1. Welcome

Tamsin Candeland of Craven Conservation Group gave the welcome address and warmly welcomed members and affiliated societies to Settle.

2. Present:

Judith	Allinson (President)	Jill	Hayler*
Jane	Baddeley	Jean	Kendrew
Guy	Baragwanath*	Andy	Millard (Chair)
Kevin	Briggs	Sara	Robin*
Terry	Crawford*	Tony	Serjeant
Roy	Crossley*	Helen	Serjeant
Elizabeth	Elliott*	Joyce	Simmons
Alastair	Fitter*	Paul	Simmons
Peter	Flint	Peter	Tannent
Sharon	Flint	Mike	Walton*
Andy	Godfrey	Barry	Warrington*
Audrey	Gramshaw	Terry	Whitaker
Margaret	Hartley*		

* = Attendance via Zoom

Members from 16 affiliated societies were present:

Barnsley Naturalist & Scientific Society	Ingleborough NNR
Bradford Botany Group	Leeds Naturalists Club & Scientific Association
Butterfly Conservation Yorkshire Branch	Mid Yorkshire Fungus Group
Craven Conservation Group	Ryedale Natural History Society
Craven Naturalists' & Scientific Association	Upper Wharfedale Field Society
Darlington & Teesdale Naturalists' Field Club	Wharfedale Naturalists' Society
Doncaster Naturalists' Society	Yorkshire Conchological Society
Halifax Scientific Society	Yorkshire Wildlife Trust

3. Apologies for Absence

Becky Bailey, Geoff Morries, Jill Warwick, Phillip Whelpdale.

4. In memoriam

The meeting stood for one minute's silence in memory of the following members, who had died since the last AGM in 2019:

Mr Alan Bamforth, Dr John Bowers, Mr Gavin Boyd, Dr Peter Cowan, Mr Peter Dunn, Mr Colin Stephenson, Mr David Proctor, Mrs Joyce Payne, Dr Anne Tupholme, Mrs Phyl Abbott, Mrs Pip Seccombe.

5. Minutes of the last AGM

The minutes of the last AGM held on the 9th November 2019 were accepted and approved. Proposed by Terry Crawford, seconded by Sharon Flint and accepted *nem. con.*

6. Annual Report and Accounts

The Treasurer, Guy Baragwanath, presented the Annual Report and Financial Statements, which will be available for reading on the Charity Commission website. The acceptance of the report was proposed by Sharon Flint, seconded by Paul Simmons and accepted *nem. con.*

7. Appointment of Auditors

Terry Whitaker formally proposed that Crumpton & Co., Chartered Accountants of 682 Anlaby Road, Hull HU3 6UZ be appointed as YNU auditors for the next financial year, seconded by Peter Flint and agreed *nem con.*

8. Election of Trustees

Three trustees were standing for re-election and were nominated at the 11th September Executive meeting: Becky Bailey, proposed by Andy Godfrey and seconded by Andy Millard; Andy Millard, proposed by Becky Bailey and seconded by Francis Hickenbottom; Jill Warwick, proposed by Andy Millard and seconded by Andy Godfrey. All nominations were elected *nem. con.* There are currently vacancies for two trustees. Anyone interested should contact Andy Millard.

9. Election of President Elect

Prof. Alastair Fitter, proposed by Paul Simmons and seconded by Peter Flint, was elected *nem. con.* as President of the YNU for 2023.

10. Any other business.

- Andy Millard notified the meeting that the Bird Section was in the process of losing some key personnel and that anyone interested in helping out should contact Becky Bailey.
- Sharon Flint asked about the proposed YNU grant scheme and Andy Millard responded that the necessary documentation had been prepared but publicity was on hold until the YNU had its online bank account available. An explanatory article would then appear in *The Naturalist* and on the website.
- Judith Allinson indicated that the Zoom Chat sessions, which she had been organising this year, provided an alternative vehicle for the kinds of discussions which took place at the Natural Sciences Forum, attendance at which had declined markedly and, effectively, was no longer functioning. She also made a plea for more people to help with running the YNU at the grassroots level.

Andy Millard (Chair)