



North Craven Heritage Trust Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts

for the period

1 September 2016 to 31 August 2017

Trustees

Anne Read	President
John Asher	Chairman
Giles Bowring	Treasurer
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Carole Beattie	
Mark Corner	
Maureen Ellis	
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Michael Slater	

Examiner of the Accounts

Haworths Limited, Chartered Accountants
The Old Tannery, Eastgate, Accrington BB56PW

Structure, governance & management of the Trust

The Trust is an unincorporated association governed by its constitution as amended in October 2011.

Trustees are elected by the membership for terms of three years. The Trustees may co-opt further members to the management committee who shall attend in an advisory and non-voting capacity. Meetings of Trustees are normally held four times in each year.

Officers are Trustees and are elected annually by the membership.

Objectives and activities of the Trust

The Trust is established in the administrative area of the former Settle Rural District Council to:

1. Encourage high standards of planning and architecture, and,
2. Stimulate public interest in and care for the beauty, history and character of the area, and,
3. Encourage the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features of historic or public interest.

In furtherance of these objectives the Trustees have borne in mind and sought to follow the Charities Commission's guidance on public benefit. When considering planning

applications the Trustees seek to ensure that the Trust's concerns to conserve and protect seek to guide rather than to prevent appropriate change and development. Policies regarding planning are posted publicly on our website and public feedback encouraged. Similarly, policies regarding grants for research and historic buildings are accessible on the website. Activities are spread across the whole of the area rather than just concentrating on the larger centres of population. Subscriptions are maintained as low as possible with reduced rates for joint and senior members. Entry fees for non-members are kept low.

The main activities of the Trust in pursuance of its objectives are:

- lectures, walks, publication of the annual *Journal* and other literature;
- supporting surveys and research; scrutinising planning applications; and
- raising funds and providing grants towards restoration of historic places of worship and other historic buildings in North Craven, that are not in private ownership.

Membership

Memberships currently number 251 (2016 243) which, taking joint memberships into consideration, gives a total of 353 members. It is heartening to see this – albeit modest – growth.

Chairman's Report

Our programme is the 'public face' of the Trust and judging by the numbers of both members and visitors we've had at all our talks the programme is popular. Several visitors have joined as members. Some of the talks have been given by our own members, others by visiting academics or experts, but all have lit up new corners of the past life of Craven and Yorkshire.

The *Journal* continues to win plaudits from our members, and encourages new members, especially from outside the area, to stay with us. Our grants this year have all gone to Malhamdale, where we have helped with research into the erstwhile St. Helen's Chapel, and (although we will now be paying it in this financial year) towards restoring an external door to the chancel of Kirkby Malham parish church, a casualty of Victorian 'modernising'.

The continuing delay in producing a Local Plan for Craven Rural District Council causes concern. This encourages developers to apply for schemes outside the various drafts of the plan. Developers have deep pockets whereas Craven District Council does not – so the threat of facing an appeal may well be influencing Craven's planning decisions. Fortunately the part of our area in the Yorkshire Dales National Park is now covered by a Local Plan

We have responded to the consultation on the various drafts of the emerging plan, latterly as a joint submission with North Craven Building Preservation Trust. In doing so we have objected to the possible development of the land to the South of Ingfield Lane, the car park off Lower Greenfoot, and the area south of Runley Bridge Farm and west of the B6480 - all in Settle. We continue to monitor planning applications in North Craven, commenting as appropriate. For example we objected to the planned major development on the Hellifield Flashes.

NORTH CRAVEN HERITAGE TRUST
(Charity Registration Number : 504029)

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT - Year Ended 31st August 2017

GENERAL FUND

	2017 £p		2016 £p
Opening Bank Balances			
Skipton Building Society Bonds	15,050.00		5,500.00
Capital Reserve Account	0.00		0.00
Clubs and Charities account	2,501.00		0.00
Current Account (less Historic Buildings Fund)	-1,251.74	16,299.26	14,688.53
Receipts			
Subscriptions (net) & Donations	2,372.05		2,603.50
Bequests	0.00		1,000.00
Income Tax refund	370.19		374.88
Refund subscription: Ramblers Association	60.50		0.00
Music Festival	0.00		209.00
- less costs	0.00	0.00	-192.00
Annual outing	400.00		672.00
- less costs	400.00	0.00	672.00
Browsholme visit		483.00	
Sale of Books & Publications			
- Bentham Books		14.00	0.00
- Flora of Craven		10.00	39.49
- Journals		8.50	36.50
- Images of Dales Life		10.00	0.00
- Frankland Diary		0.00	5.99
- Settle Town Trail		119.20	84.00
- Dated Buildings		28.00	0.00
- Long Preston booklet		2.00	0.00
- Austwick book		52.00	51.88
- less costs	105.00	-53.00	0.00
- Misc. cards/leaflets and documents		129.59	3.00
- Doc Sales		15.00	
Refund re Clapham Village Hall		0.00	25.00
Interest (see Note 1)		227.99	93.60
Sub-total Net Income		3,797.02	4,125.84
Payments			
Journal	1,744.00		1,707.80
- less advertising revenue	480.00	1,264.00	540.00
Membership Cards		110.28	1,167.80
Lectures & Field Days		893.50	108.12
Annual General Meeting		286.46	282.00
Publicity		0.00	191.73
Administration		611.45	81.00
Subscriptions			289.46
- Friends of YDNPA	0.00		0.00
- British Association for Local History	65.00		65.00
- Yorkshire Dales Society	35.00		30.00
- Ramblers Association	0.00		60.50
- Yorkshire Dales Green Lanes Alliance	0.00	100.00	0.00
Books/Publications		200.00	155.50
Equipment		207.16	0.00
Sub-total Net Expenditure		3,672.85	2,275.61
Surplus/(Deficit) before Donations and Bursaries		124.17	1,850.23
Bursaries		0.00	239.50
Surplus/(Deficit) of Income over Expenditure on General Fund		124.17	1,610.73
Closing Balances @ 31st August, 2017			
Skipton Building Society Bonds	10,000.00		15,050.00
Skipton Building Society Clubs and Charities a/c	7,639.96		2,501.00
Current Account (less Historic Buildings Fund and Historical Projects and Archeology Fund)	-1,216.53	16,423.43	-1,251.74
16,423.43			16,299.26
Assets			
		Sundry books and leaflets	
		Display Boards	
		Loudspeaker System	
		Laptop/Projector and stand	
Liabilities			
		Nil	

Note 1.

Interest for the year was £253.32, of which £227.99 has been allocated to the General Fund and £25.33 to the Historic Buildings Fund

Note 2.

A claim for Gift Aid was submitted after the year end

Note 3.

The costs of the Journal 2017 are not included in these accounts

Note 4.

During the year, two bonds with the Skipton Building Society matured, and the proceeds were reinvested in the Clubs and Charities account (£2500) and two new bonds maturing in 2019 and 2020 (£5000 in each bond)

Note 5.

A new fund was established with the proceeds of a bequest, which the Trustees have named the Historical Projects and Archeology Fund

Note 6.

In August 2016, the Trustees made a pledge of £1,000 to Kirkby Malham PCC in connection with a scheme to reopen the Lady Chapel door. It is anticipated that the pledge will be honoured in September 2017.

HISTORIC BUILDINGS FUND - Year ended 31st August 2017

	2017 £p	2016 £p
Opening Bank Balance	3,322.21	3,311.81
Receipts		

Interest	25.33	10.40
Transfer from General Funds	0.00	0.00
Payments		
Grants	0.00	0.00
Closing Bank Balance	3,347.54	3,322.21

HISTORICAL PROJECTS AND ARCHEOLOGY FUND - Year ended 31st August 2017

Opening Bank Balance	0.00	
Receipts		
Hudson Bequest	1835.36	
Payments		
Grants	500.00	
Closing Bank Balance	<u>1,335.36</u>	

J Asher (Chairman)

G R Bowring (Treasurer)