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Yorkshire Peat Partnership Annual Report

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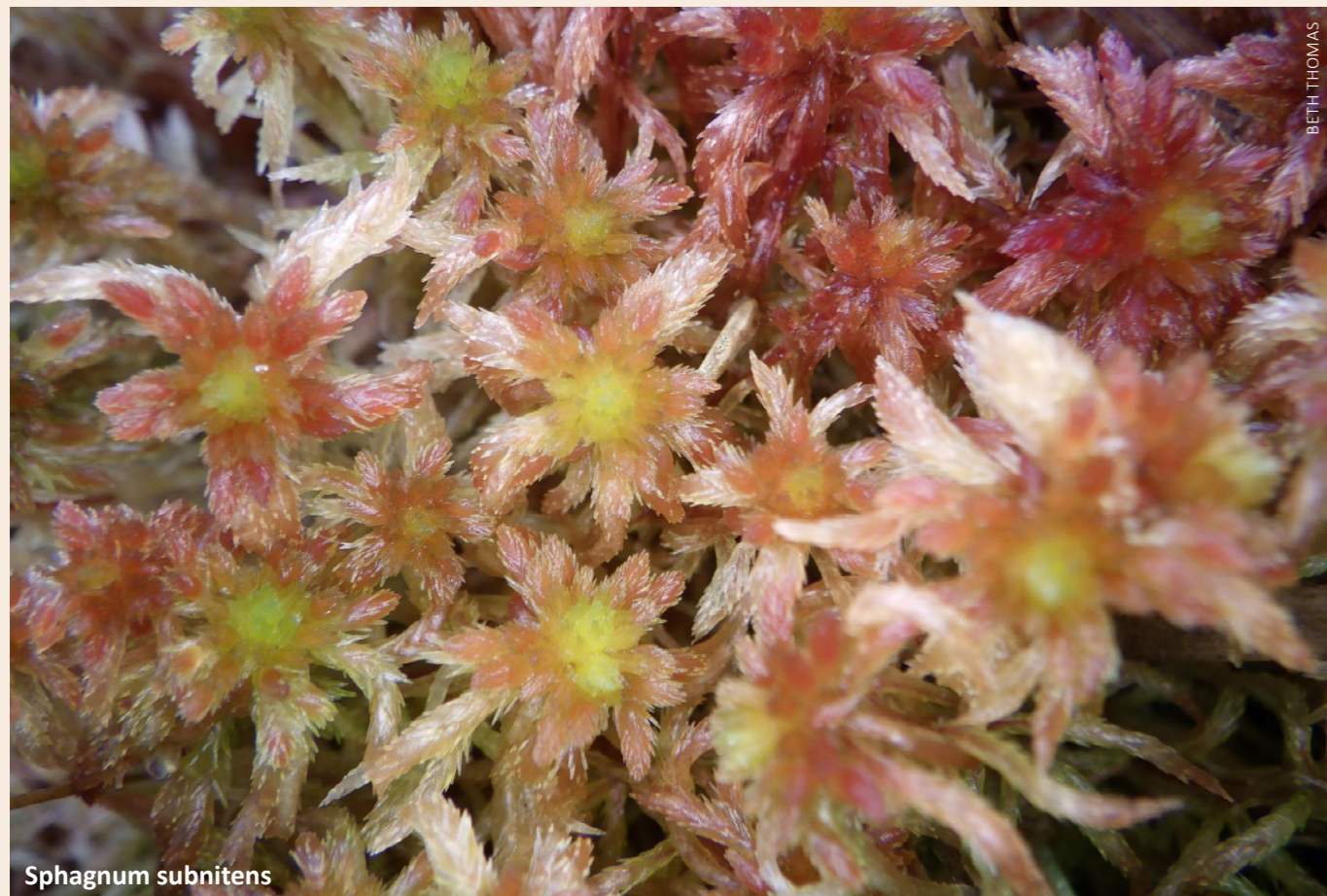
Rewet, replant, restore

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HEADLINES

This is a progress report on the peatland restoration work completed in Yorkshire since 2009. Previous annual reports have included work in Forest of Bowland; this was, strictly speaking, carried out by Yorkshire Wildlife Trust rather than Yorkshire Peat Partnership.

Landscape-scale Action

Yorkshire Peat Partnership delivered a remarkable 46,952 ha* of peat restoration work by the end of March 2024 which is 50% of the estimated 94,220 ha* of peatland in our operational area.

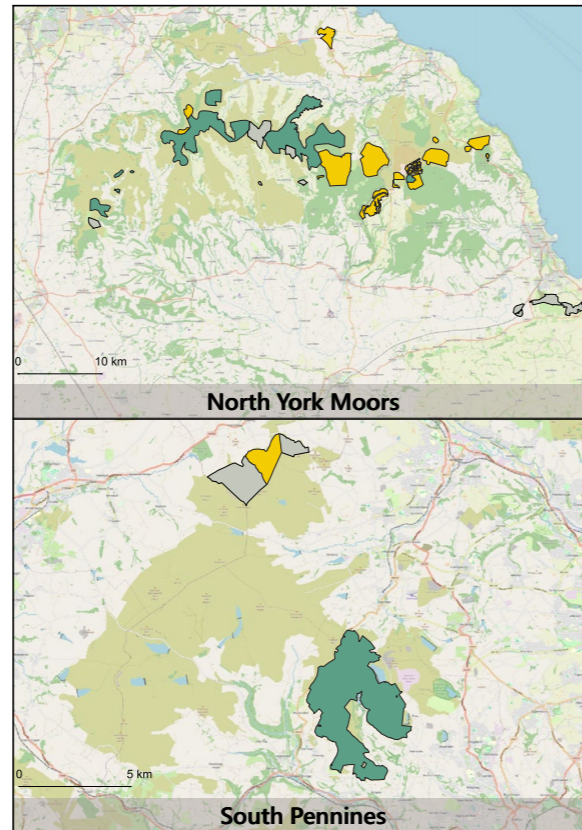
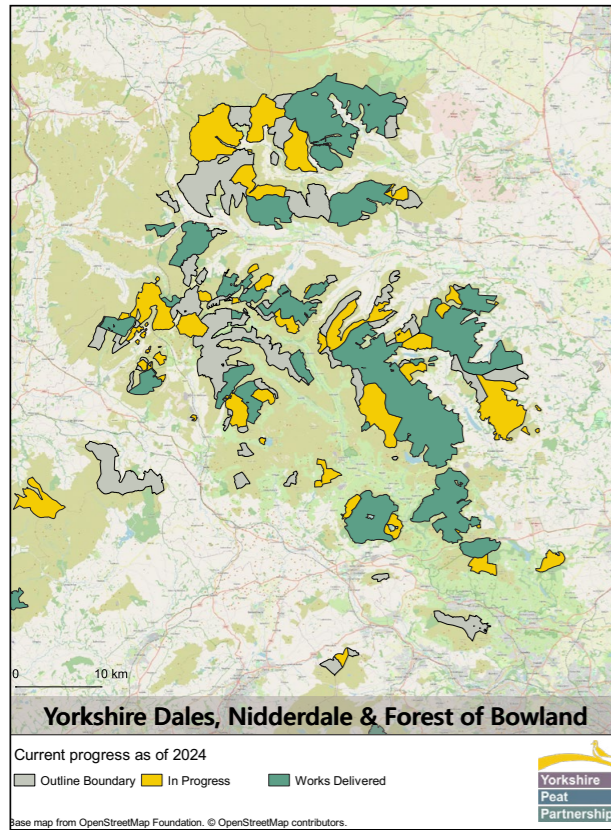
Key highlights included:

- ✓ Securing £989,045 to cover core costs (e.g. staff, vehicles, equipment and office costs)
- ✓ Securing £3,731,234 of capital funds to carry out direct peatland restoration
- ✓ Completing foot surveys of 3,579 ha of the estimated 94,220 ha of peatland
- ✓ Carrying out Unoccupied Aerial Vehicle (UAV) surveys of over 2,625ha of peatland in Yorkshire
- ✓ Completing restoration plans for 4,460 ha of peat units in new sites
- ✓ Implementing works on a total of 7,321 ha of peatland – 4,084 ha on new sites and 3,237 ha on existing sites

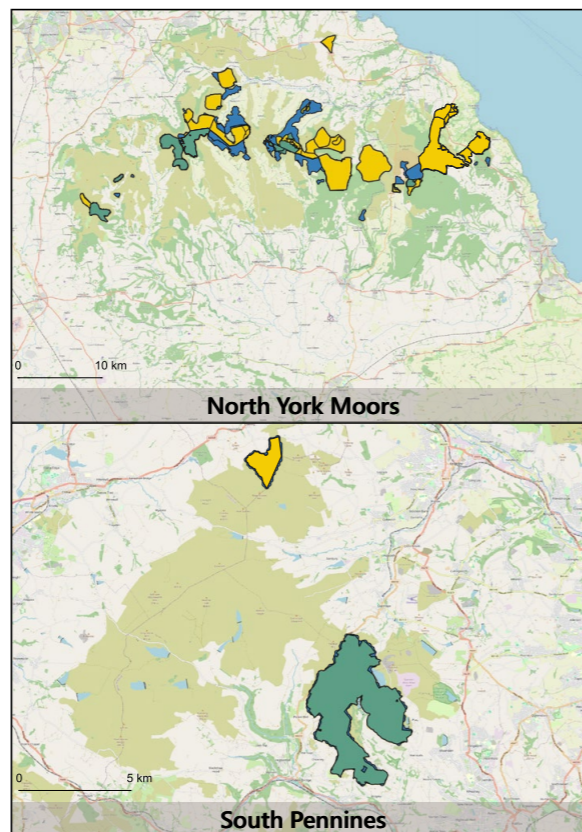
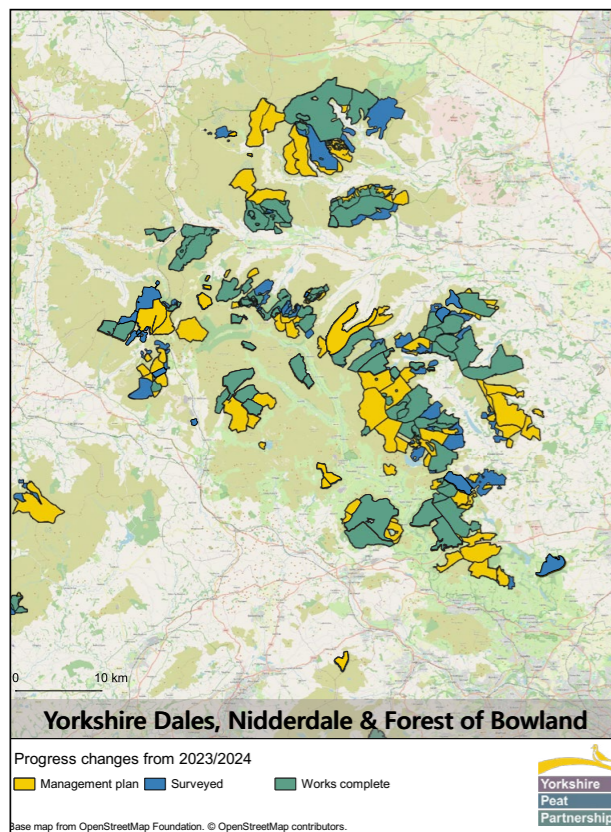
*this is defined as upland management units containing peat.

1. OUR WORK

1.1 Our work on the ground since 2009



1.2 Our work on the ground 2023/2024



1.3 Our work in numbers 2023/2024

Areas covered by walkover surveys

Region	2024 New Area (ha)	Previous Area (ha)	Total Area (ha)
Forest of Bowland National Landscape	0	1,819	1,819
Nidderdale East	424	0	424
Nidderdale National Landscapes	411	15,483	15,894
North Pennines	0	74	74
North York Moors National Park	0	12,637	12,637
South Pennines	0	1,699	1,699
Yorkshire Dales East	0	805	805
Yorkshire Dales National Park	2,709	34,764	37,473
Total: All regions	3,544	67,281	70,825

Areas of restoration plans

Region	2024 Area (ha)	New Area 2024 (ha)	Repeat Area (ha)
Forest of Bowland National Landscape	0	0	0
Nidderdale East	0	0	0
Nidderdale National Landscapes	384	9	339
North Pennines	0	0	0
North York Moors National Park	2,468	2,486	0
South Pennines	167	0	167
Yorkshire Dales East	0	0	0
Yorkshire Dales National Park	2,628	1,789	839
Total: All regions	5,630	4,460	1,170

Areas of works implemented

Region	2024 Area (ha)	New Area 2024 (ha)	Repeat Area (ha)
Forest of Bowland National Landscape	0	0	0
Nidderdale East	0	0	0
Nidderdale National Landscapes	1,105	1,093	12
North Pennines	0	0	0
North York Moors National Park	532	517	15
South Pennines	0	0	0
Yorkshire Dales East	0	0	0
Yorkshire Dales National Park	5,684	2,475	3,209
Total: All regions	7,312	4,084	3,237

1.4 Funding

Yorkshire Peat Partnership is not-for-profit; all of our funding goes into covering our overheads, research and development, monitoring or capital restoration works.

Core revenue funding

Organisation	Amount £					TOTAL
	2009-19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	
Yorkshire Wildlife Trust – legacies, fundraising, overhead recovery and consultancy	428,173	106,054	53,556	27,051	-	614,834
Morgan Sindall donations to Nature for Climate					200,000	200,000
Yorkshire Wildlife Trust – Individual donations					11,794	11,794
Yorkshire Wildlife Trust – Corporate donations					7,800	7,800
Yorkshire Wildlife Trust – People's Postcode Lottery Nature Based Solutions			188,843			188,843
Yorkshire Wildlife Trust – VP PLC corporate donor to Peatfix project	-	-	24,000	-	24,000	48,000
Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority	300,100	-	-	5,000		305,100
North York Moors National Park Authority	93,146	-	-	-		93,146
Nidderdale National Landscape Partnership	1,000	-	-	-		1,000
North Pennines National Landscape Partnership	10,000	-	-	-		10,000
Environment Agency – direct	314,379	95,000	14,348	14,250	13,180	451,157
Environment Agency – via Pennine PeatLIFE	225,000	-	95,000	-		320,000
Environment Agency - Great North Bog Development	-	-	59,833	-		59,833
Natural England	588,845	-	-	-	23,961	612,806
DEFRA Peatland Fund – via YWT	66,666	33,333	13,703	-		113,702
DEFRA England Peat Strategy Pilot	45,083	-	-	-		45,083
Higher Level Stewardship Scheme	248,864	-	-	-		248,864
Countryside Stewardship (PA2s & CoW)	154,231	90,977	97,227	73,536	63,774	479,745
Yorkshire Water – contracts	405,074	61,258	194,661	178,924	150,936	990,853
Yorkshire Water – via Pennine PeatLIFE	143,771	-	-	-		143,771
Peter de Haan Conservation Trust – via YWT	100,000	-	-	-		100,000
EU-LIFE – via Pennine PeatLIFE	-	121,902	119,630	70,025		311,557
Natural England – Nature for Climate Fund	-	-	90,820	147,657	194,685	433,162
Nature for Climate Fund – Moor to Restore	-	-	-	44,363	4,736	49,099
Esmée Fairbairn Foundation – via YWT	-	-	110,000	176,000	121,000	407,000
Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority FiPL	-	-	-	-	6,288	6,288
Nidderdale National Landscape Partnership FiPL	-	-	-	-	6,288	6,288
Tees-Swale: Naturally Connected (Heritage Lottery Fund via NPAP)	-	-	-	23,640	20,638	44,278
Bradford MDC – WYCA Climate Community Grant	-	-	-	-	26,000	26,000
Groundwork contribution – New to Nature Trainee	-	-	-	-	18,238	18,238
Peat Practitioners training course	-	-	-	-	14,115	14,115
Garfield Weston Foundation				15,000		15,000
TOTAL	3,124,332	508,524	1,061,621	785,044	989,045	6,468,566
Average per annum	284,030	-	-	-		462,040
Loans – Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority	2,107,341	-	-	-		-
Loans – The Wildlife Trusts	1,500,000	-	-	-		-

Capital funding

Organisation	Amount £					TOTAL
	2009-19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	
Environment Agency	643,410	-	80,652	6,583	138,750	869,395
Natural England – Water Framework Directive	166,239	-	-	-	-	166,239
Natural England Nature for Climate Fund	-	-	219,600	2,045,597	2,586,536	4,851,733
Higher Level Scheme (administered by Natural England through individual land manager agreements)	11,417,822	77,076	-	-	-	11,494,898
Countryside Stewardship Scheme (administered by Natural England and Rural Payments Agency through individual land manager agreements)	176,219	573,551	1,250,563	73,536	222,937	2,296,806
Yorkshire Water – contracts	2,489,508	149,709	415,585	789,532	719,619	4,563,953
Yorkshire Water – via Pennine PeatLIFE	756,229	-	-	-	-	756,229
EU-LIFE – via Pennine PeatLIFE	38,588	799,341	140,437	19,736	-	998,102
DEFRA Peatland Fund -via YWT	1,621,850	1,811,373	98,106	-	-	3,531,329
Nidderdale National Landscape Partnership FiPL	-	-	-	6,495	-	6,495
Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority FiPL	-	-	-	-	63,392	63,392
Garfield Weston Foundation	-	-	-	297,000	-	297,000
TOTAL	17,309,865	3,411,050	2,204,943	3,238,479	3,731,234	29,895,571
Average per annum	1,573,624	-	-	-	-	1,993,038

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The success of Yorkshire Peat Partnership is the result of the hard work of by a huge range of partners and could not have happened without them. Landowners, their agents, gamekeepers, farmers and tenants have helped deliver the restoration work on their land, often helping practically but also providing advocacy support and helping to unlock funding.

None of the work could have taken place without our major funders supporting both the capital work but also the hugely important core funds that enable Yorkshire Peat Partnership to function. We are hugely grateful to Natural England, the Environment Agency, Yorkshire Water, the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, the North York Moors National Park Authority, Peter de Haan Conservation Trust, Esmée Fairbairn Foundation & Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, Garfield Weston Foundation, Vp plc, People's Postcode Lottery and Defra.

We would also like to thank our Steering Group members for supporting and guiding our work.

A special mention goes to Yorkshire Wildlife Trust for hosting Yorkshire Peat Partnership and providing all the essential back-up services we couldn't have done without. The impact and cost of hosting YPP should not be under-estimated.

Last but not least none of this could have happened without the support of Yorkshire Wildlife Trust's hugely dedicated, hard-working peat team (Shanti Adamson, Roz Bardon, Joe Bodycote, Katie Bolton, Mark Brown, Josh Burge, Lucy Cardy, Pete Christopherson, Matt Cross, Aaron de Raat, Emily East, Liberty Firby-Fisk; Rhiannon Green, Sam Halliday, Joseph Haywood, Dom Hinchley, Astrid Hanlon, Les Hughes, Ceri Katz, Emma Knowles, Lucy Lee, Megan Lee, Samantha Lewsey, Tessa Levens, Ollie Mackrill, Lyndon Marquis, Jessica McMaster, Chris Miller, Gautier Nicoli, Chris Osborne, Manon Pue, Sophie Pyne, Jenny Sharman, Ellen Shields, Lizzie Slingsby, Alexandra Smith, Jackie Smith, Matt Snelling, Rosie Snowden, Emily Stewart-Rayner, Elizabeth Sullivan, Kane Szuman, Tim Thom, Beth Thomas, Kay Waites, Jamie Wharton, Laura Watson, Jo Welch) who have come and gone over the years but remain the heart, soul and spirit of Yorkshire Peat Partnership.

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Volunteer planting sphagnum on Fleet Moss