



MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR

FROM THE WHOLE YDRT TEAM

**THIS FESTIVE SEASON, WE WOULD LIKE TO
BRING YOU AN UPDATE FROM OUR TEAM, AND
GIVE YOU A SNEAK PEEK AT WHAT WILL BE
HAPPENING IN THE NEW YEAR!**

YDRT OPEN DAY

IN OCTOBER WE HOSTED OUR ANNUAL OPEN DAY. COMPLETE WITH TALKS, INTERACTIVE DEMOS AND A PIE AND PEA LUNCH, IT PROVED TO BE ONE OF OUR BUSIEST YET.

YDRT's open day this autumn, which was held in the lovely setting of St Peter's Church, Addingham, provided us with the perfect opportunity to say thank you to our supporters.

After a guided tour of one of our local work sites, our much-loved Rivers2U mobile classroom made an appearance, as did our SUDS house.



In collaboration with Professor Jonathan Grey of the Wild Trout Trust, we were also able to hold an electrofishing demonstration and find out exactly what was hiding in Town Beck!

Finally, informative talks about both our iWharfe and TeesSwale projects were followed by poster presentations and a pie and pea lunch provided by the famous Pateley Bridge butchers, Weatherheads.

We wanted to thank everyone who came along to the day and contributed their time, resources and interesting discussion!





CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER AUCTION

CULMINATING ON BLACK FRIDAY, THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISING AUCTION FEATURED MORE LOTS THAN EVER BEFORE - AND RAISED MORE MONEY THAN ANY YEAR ON RECORD!

Preparation for this year's Christmas fundraising auction began in early August. With the help of many kind donors, we were able to feature tried-and-tested favourites, such as a stay in the beautiful Kilnsey Park, alongside new and exciting lots, such as go-kart racing and axe throwing,

Once again we were hosted by the fabulous Tennants Fine Art Auctioneers, who have been supporting the auction since its conception in 2020.

In return for our efforts this year, which included being featured on BBC Radio stations across Yorkshire, our final figure raised was £6455 - almost £2000 more than last year!

The whole team were thrilled with the result, and there are big plans in place for the funds already. We regularly receive requests for advice and help which fall outside of project bounds, this money will help to fund staff time and equipment to respond to these requests. We hope that this will contribute to an even more cohesive and joined-up strategy to improve the rivers of the Yorkshire Dales in the coming year.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR DONORS & BIDDERS!

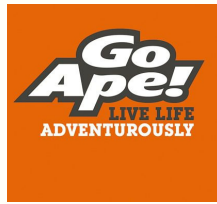
WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SAY A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL OUR DONORS AND BIDDERS WHO SUPPORTED OUR AUCTION THIS YEAR - WE TRULY COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU!



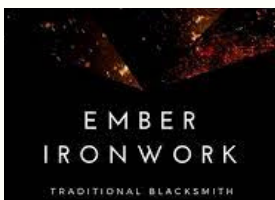
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AN UPDATE ON OUR YEAR

THE TEAM HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD ON 14 PROJECTS ACROSS OUR CATCHMENTS IN 2022. WE HAVE MADE BRILLIANT PROGRESS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND WOULD LOVE TO SHARE OUR HIGHLIGHTS WITH YOU!

- **Volunteer leady dam building days** - 20 leaky dams constructed. From Arkengarthdale to Elmet, our volunteers have done an incredible job to bring Natural Flood Management to the forefront of what we have been up to.
- **Natural Flood Management farm walkovers** - Our staff have been incredibly busy this year, both engaging landowners and planning the best interventions to naturally reduce flood risk.
- **Volunteer seed collection of calimarian plants** - we can't wait to incorporate this unique set of seeds into the future of some of our project sites.
- **200m of runoff draining works installed** - diverting contaminated water from metal mines away from rivers.
- **Relocated and stockpiled 3000 tonnes of topsoil** - to eventually be used to help establish vegetation on contaminated spoil.
- **Riparian fencing** - in collaboration with contractors we have installed over 700m of riparian fencing this year, and provided alternative drinking solutions for livestock.
- **Soil sampling** - carried out in conjunction with a student of the University of Durham and Natural England.
- **Delivered river education to 44 classes** - engaging with 1000 children
- **Engaged with 1700 people** - at over 15 shows.
- **DVRN Catchment Partnership Working** has supported delivery in both the Foss and Nidd catchments.

We still have three months left of the financial year and we are very much looking forward to updating you on our final outputs in the New Year!

COMING UP NEXT YEAR...

THE NEW YEAR HOLDS THE EXCITING PROSPECT OF EXPANDING OUR TEAM AND GETTING INVOLVED IN MORE AMBITIOUS PROJECTS THAN EVER BEFORE.

- **Programme Manager appointed** - we look forward to having a new team member join us to head up an exciting new project.
- **New project on the horizon** - in collaboration with City of York Council, YDRT are heading an ambitious catchment - wide Natural Flood Management programme within the Swale, Ure Nidd and Ouse, working in collaboration with our DVRN partners.
- **Volunteer work expansion** - with a mix of funding including that raised from the auction, we are looking forward to expanding our volunteering capacity and creating a regular schedule of activities for our volunteers.

We have a number of other changes and updates in the pipeline, funding dependent. Our whole team are working hard to make them come to fruition, so watch this space!





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