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| **Locations** | Staff operate from 2 main offices* Bainbridge in Wensleydale
* Grassington in Wharfedale
* 5 National Park Centres at Aysgarth Falls, Grassington, Hawes, Malham and Reef
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| **Chief Executive** | The National Park Authority’s staff are managed by the Chief Executive, David Butterworth he is responsible for the day-to-day running of the Authority. |
| **Directorates** | There are 3 directorates at the YDNPA: Conservation and Community, Corporate Services and Park Services. Staff are in a directorate relevant to their job role and areas of responsibility. |
| **Conservation and Community directorate** | Teams within this directorate: Development Management (planning), Sustainable Development and Land Management.These teams look after and conserve the landscape, wildlife and cultural heritage within the National Park. |
| **Corporate Services directorate** | Teams within this directorate: Finance, Human Resources, IT, Legal, Communications, Members/Committees, Payroll and Premises. The teams are responsible for delivering key organisational functions including financial management, human resources, legal advice, as well as complementary resource services such as IT, communications and premises management. |
| **Park Services directorate** | Teams within this directorate: Park Management (with three area based Ranger teams, West, South, North), Access and Engagement and Visitor Services. The teams work to enable everyone to access and enjoy the Park and promote understanding of the area’s special qualities. |
| **Yorkshire Dales National Park (YDNP)** | The Yorkshire Dales National Park (YDNP) was established in 1954. In the UK there are 15 members in the national park family, which are protected areas because of their beautiful countryside, wildlife and cultural heritage. People live and work in the national parks and the farms, villages and towns are protected along with the landscape and wildlife. National parks welcome visitors and provide opportunities for everyone to experience, enjoy and learn about their special qualities. |
| **Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNPA)** | The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNPA) role is clearly defined in Parliament by two statutory purposes. These are:* To conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the National Park.
* To promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of the area by the public.

In pursuing these purposes, the YDNPA are also required:* To seek to foster the economic and social well-being of local communities within the National Park.
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