

PARISH REPRESENTATION TO NORTH YORK MOORS NATIONAL PARK
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DETAILS OF NOMINEES – SOUTHERN PARISH AREA FORUM

George Hawson Simpson

Reasons for Applying

I am interested in becoming a Parish Member for the Southern Forum again as I have been its representative for 14 years. I would like, if elected, to do one more term of office.

I really enjoy attending NPA meetings and I have represented this forum to the best of my ability. I have a good attendance record.

I have a particular interest in how tourism affects the lives of people who live and work in the National Park and how the conservation of moorland habitats is so important to the local economy (sheep, grouse and tourism).

Now I've retired I find it easier to attend all the meetings (site visits, training etc) and it makes me a better member.

Relevant Skills and Experience

I would bring with me a vast amount of local knowledge having lived in Gillamoor in the National Park for 67 years, and being a postman in the area for 38 years. I have been Gillamoor Parish chairman for 30 years.

I've represented the South Forum for 14 years since 1997 and have a good attendance record.

I always take careful note of the parish views on local issues and try and give support on most issues.

I sit on the Conservation Committee and chair the Access and Recreation Committee. I regularly attend the Southern Area Forum and have represented Gillamoor since forums began, and have chaired forum meetings.

I helped to run a local youth club for 30 years, and am chairman of Gillamoor Playing Field committee, being instrumental in purchasing a field for the community, setting up the committee and buying a MUGA, so understand the needs of local young people.

Ms Natalie Warriner

Reasons for Applying

I have lived and worked in the area for over 50 years, bringing up my children and now my grandchildren.

I feel that the future and sustainability of the National Park is the key focus to the future wellbeing and quality of life in North Yorkshire and beyond. North Yorkshire is renowned for its natural beauty but managing that attraction has to be measured with sensitive planning and future opportunities.

I am a politically Independent Town Councillor and latterly a District Councillor who has represented Ryedale at a national level. I was the northern vice chairman of SPARSE and the Rural Services Network and I also sat on the Policy Review group on the Rural Commission.

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Relevant Skills and Experience

I have been privileged to have worked within a national context for several years which has given me the opportunity to negotiate and debate with Ministers, DEFRA and the All Party Parliamentary Group at Westminster.

I have a good grasp of rural life and had some influence over recent legislation as the 'local rural voice' in a very urban environment.

I have also worked on the Dilnot Commission for Social Care Funding, and the NHS Health Bill, neither of which initially paid any consideration towards rural issues and the cost of service delivery until I highlighted some of the concerns we have in rural areas. Geographically and socially much of our community is isolated and every effort has to be made to ensure more inclusivity not least rural proofing included in all new legislation.

My experience of working at all levels within both statutory and voluntary sectors over several years, as well my close links within the local community as well as my understanding of the Localism Bill will be of great benefit to the National Park were you to decide to appoint me.