

Bolton Estate

The Bolton Estate covers approximately twelve and a half thousand acres in mid Wensleydale, about a half of which is in the Yorkshire Dales National Park. There is also a pub, a candle factory and about 90 residential properties, including those in agricultural tenancies. Much of the Estate is held in Trusts and the majority is managed by Harry, the 8th Lord Bolton, with professional support from Carter Jonas (land management), Grays of York and Scotts Wright (lawyers) and Kenneth Easby & Co (accountants).

The Estate was given to our Scrope ancestors during the reign of King John and has passed down successive generations, usually from father to son, but in two cases nephews and twice illegitimate daughters. Richard le Scrope, who built the castle was Lord Chancellor of England and became the first Lord Scrope of Bolton.

Following the death of Emmanuel, 11th Lord Scrope of Bolton in 1632, the title became extinct, however his illegitimate daughter Mary married Charles Paulet, who later became 6th Marquis of Winchester and was made 1st Duke of Bolton. When the 6th Duke died, the estate passed to the 5th Duke's illegitimate daughter Jean Mary, who married a politician called Thomas Orde. They made the surname Orde-Powlett in 1795 and he was created 1st Baron Bolton in 1797.

The Estate is a multi-faceted business, with diverse interests including renewable energy (commercial solar & hydro and domestic wind), tourism and weddings, alongside the more traditional rural estate enterprises in agriculture, quarries, forestry, shooting and fishing.

Bolton Castle is the historic family home and sits at the heart of the Estate. It is now run as a tourist attraction, wedding venue and for school activity days. Following damage inflicted during The Civil War, Bolton Hall was built in 1678 and this remains a private family home.



The moorland is managed in hand as a grouse moor, but the majority of farmland is tenanted, largely for sheep, beef and Wensleydale's renowned Dairy Industry.

Conservation of the natural and built environment plays a central role in our management and currently curlews are a key part of this focus. The Eurasian curlew is 'Near Threatened' with extinction under IUCN Guidelines and the UK is arguably the most important country in the world for them, as it holds such a disproportionately high percentage of the global population. As well as supporting a strong breeding population on the moors and rough grassland around the moor edge, more unusually Bolton supports large numbers of inland overwintering birds, which feed and roost on the more intensively managed grassland.

Contrary to national and global trends, The River Ure has supported an increasing population of Atlantic salmon over recent years and this has allowed an increase in sustainable fishing tourism in the area.

Much of the estate is designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), with EU designations as a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) for habitats and Special Protection Area (SPA) for birds.

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Minutes of last AGM

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 25 May 2018 held at Wykeham Abbey, The Dawnay Estate, Scarborough.

There were 7 apologies for absence.

- Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting:
The Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting held on 12 June 2017 at Swinton Park, Masham which had been previously circulated were approved and signed.
- Branch Chairman's Report:
Mr T A Chaytor-Norris presented his report for the year 2017/2018 which was received by the meeting.
- Election of Officers and Committee:
The following were duly elected:-
 - President: Lord Middleton
 - Branch Committee:
 - Retirements
The following retired and sought re-election. They were duly re-elected:-

The Hon J H Savile	Mrs R Straker
Mr K Storey	Mr A T Thornton-Berry
 - Resignations
Mr W H Booth Mr C P Consett
Mr J A Fife Mr G A Gaunt
The Chairman thanked them for their contribution to the Yorkshire Branch Committee.
 - New Members
The following new members were elected at the meeting:

Mr J Dugdale	Mrs H Rhodes
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- Branch Representatives to Council:
The following were duly elected as Branch Representatives to Council:

Mr T A Chaytor-Norris	The Marquess of Downshire
Mr R J Murray Wells	The Hon J H Savile
- Any Other Business: None.

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The Yorkshire branch of the CLA would once again like to thank Wrigleys Solicitors for their valued support.

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INVITATION TO THE CLA YORKSHIRE AGM

MONDAY 3 JUNE 2019
BOLTON HALL, WENSLEY DL8 4UF



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This year's Annual General Meeting, generously supported by Wrigleys Solicitors, is to be held on Monday 3 June at Bolton Hall.

Bolton Hall is situated on the Bolton Estate which covers approximately twelve and a half thousand acres in mid Wensleydale, about a half of which is in the Yorkshire Dales National Park. Much of the estate is designated as SSSI, SAC and SPA.

Programme for the day

10.30am	Registration and refreshments at Bolton Hall
11am	Formal AGM in the Hall Tim Breitmeyer - CLA President Wrigleys Solicitors LLP Introduction and welcome to Bolton Hall - Lord Bolton - Tom Orde-Powlett - Simon Brown (Carter Jonas)
12.30pm	Pre lunch drinks in Hall, followed by a two course lunch with wine or soft drinks and water
2.15pm	Tours around the Estate will include a river talk and casting demonstration; tours of the gardens; and a visit to the moors and wader conservation area
4.15pm	Tea/coffee, cake in the dining room or garden, weather permitting, prior to departure

Notice of the 2019 Annual General Meeting of the Yorkshire Branch of the CLA to be held at Bolton Hall at 11am on Monday 3 June.

Agenda

Apologies for absence.

- Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting held at Wykeham Abbey, Wykeham
- Report of the Branch Chairman, Trevor Chaytor-Norris
- Election of Officers and Committee Members
- Election of Branch Representatives to the Council
- Any Other Business of which due notice shall have been given

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Director North



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

In my two previous reports as Chairman, I have written on recurring themes, of significant change, mainly brought about by the Brexit referendum. These themes have dominated our politics and that remains true to the moment, with mixtures of fear and apathy creeping in, as we are all bombarded on a daily basis with the difficulties playing out in our Parliament.

However, it is in such times as these, that the CLA's principal to protecting the rights of private property ownership remain central to all its activities. That said, for most of us, we just get on with our lives, Brexit does not stop us living and it should not be defining. To this end and as you will read, the CLA continues to engage on your behalf on a huge breadth of issues that are important to all involved in rural land and business.

Turning back to Brexit and whilst I appreciate, not welcomed by all, the extension offered by the European Union to 31st October 2019 does give 'breathing space'. This will at least avoid an abrupt 'no deal' and the likely negative consequences for farming and the rural economy. The continued uncertainty is corrosive to all, but this should be balanced against having enough time to enable a post-Brexit relationship with the EU which delivers, as much as is possible, free and frictionless trade. This has to be the ultimate goal to meet the needs of farming and the broader economy.

Politics

In what has been another tumultuous year – and a continuing source of uncertainty, the CLA welcomed the appointment of Robert Goodwill, MP for Scarborough and Whitby, in replacing former farming minister George Eustice. Given the current political malaise, it is encouraging that another farmer would fill this role.

This year promises three new government policies on the environment, food and forestry. We expect further support in the Environment Bill and new food and forestry strategies to further enhance the important work of landowners and farmers.

The CLA will lobby to ensure that these are designed to promote the production of healthy and affordable food, restore and enhance the environment, and be robust in the face of future challenges to build a sustainable and resilient agricultural sector.

The CLA will press for the future Agriculture Bill to deliver absolute certainty for farmers that the current system of support will continue funding at current levels for at least five years.

Agriculture Bill, ELMS and Farming Support

Last year we published a detailed plan as to how a Land Management Contract (an idea that has now been adopted by Defra as an Environmental Land Management Scheme or ELMS) should be designed and delivered in England as part of a new national agricultural policy once UK farming transitions away from the current system of direct payment under the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP).

In Wensleydale, an associated pilot (with ELMS) run by the Dales National Park Authority team, has proved to be so successful that in August funding for this pilot was extended for another two years.

As a replacement for the CAP, the draft Agriculture Bill incorporates the CLA's general approach to rewarding farmers and land managers for providing public goods. The detail on how this will work in practice still needs to be finalised.

This policy will only succeed if it is balanced with a clear plan for supporting profitable food production through a transition period and for the long term to ensure sufficient incentive. Our hope is that the Agriculture Bill will take stock of our advice toward its finalisation.

In summer last year, cross-party MPs and Peers celebrated rural businesses at a special reception in the House of Commons hosted by the All Party Parliamentary Group for Rural Business and the CLA.

Rural Crime

Crime Minister Victoria Atkins and cross-party MPs showed their support for the CLA's campaign to stamp out hare coursing at an event in Westminster in October last year. We highlighted the seriousness of this rural crime to MPs, calling for sentencing guidelines specifically related to the crime.

Among those MPs lending their support to stamp out hare coursing were Shadow Minister (Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) David Drew and Graham Stuart, MP for Beverley and Holderness, who hosted the event. The CLA, in partnership with the UK National Wildlife Crime Unit, have created signs encouraging people to report this illegal activity.

Last year, Defra secretary Michael Gove announced a three-month review to strengthen the Government's approach to tackling fly-tipping in England. The CLA has welcomed this call for evidence in finding new ways to crackdown on organised crime in the waste sector.

Incidents of livestock worrying and thefts from farms are continuing to be a problem, and we are working with Police and Crime Commissioners and rural crime units across the North to highlight and address these issues.

Broadband & Connectivity

Bridging the digital divide between urban and rural areas is crucial for the rural economy to prosper. The issue of connectivity involves not only fixed line broadband but mobile coverage as well, to ensure the wider benefits are obtained from the digital economy.

Our 4G For All campaign to increase the delivery speed to 4G mobile coverage to rural areas achieved strong cross-party political support across Westminster in 2018. We were delighted by Ofcom's recent announcements that there will be 500 new mobile masts in rural areas, along with greater transparency for consumers, the very first steps to rural roaming.

We will continue to work with the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for Rural Business and the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, to make sure these good intentions are acted upon and that the people who live and work in the countryside get to reap the transformational rewards.

At the Great Yorkshire Show, the CLA North team, working with the Yorkshire Agricultural Society planned a well attended broadband drop-in surgery, hosted by CLA President Tim Breitmeyer.

Housing and Planning

The Government published a revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) in Spring last year, but the CLA warned that the changes made to the criteria for Entry Level Exception Sites lack flexibility and thus, prevent a mix of affordable and market homes from being built, severely limiting the chances of solving the rural housing crisis.

A key win for the CLA in the NPPF was getting backing from Government by including flexibility to allow the building of new homes within existing farms to help farmers retire and free up farmhouses to get the next generation into the industry.

The Sustainable Villages – making rural communities fit for the future report, published by the CLA in November last year, found that more than 2,000 villages are missing out on new affordable homes because they are classified as unsuitable for growth by the local planning process. The East Riding of Yorkshire was ranked 5th with 101 unsustainable villages.

The report argued that planning criteria must be updated to reflect how people access services in the 21st century and encourages local authorities to be more proactive in identifying the housing needs of small rural communities.

The CLA continues to lobby to ensure that housing, vital to the rural economy, is available to the people that need it most in our countryside.

Northern Farming Conference

Last year's Northern Farming Conference, which the CLA was heavily involved in organising, at Hexham Auction Mart cemented its position as the North's leading 'muddy boots' farming conference. It attracted an audience of some 200 farmers and land managers as well as impressive speakers, including former CLA Policy director, Emeritus Professor Allan Buckwell, Head of Agriculture at HSBC Neil Wilson, and farmer Neil Heseltine from Malham. This year's event, in its tenth year, is due to take place on Wednesday 6 November.

Rural Business Conference

The CLA's third annual Rural Business Conference took place at the end of November in Westminster. The event was themed 'Inspiring Investors' and showcased how integral landowners are, not just to the economy, but also to the places where they live and work. The conference coincided with at the CLA calling on government to commit to a new Enterprising Countryside Charter.

Our Enterprising Countryside Charter comprises five policies essential to rural business growth post-Brexit and includes strands on better rural connectivity, new rural enterprise frameworks, improving consistency in the planning system, an update on criteria to determine 'sustainable village', and extending the remit of the Minister with responsibility for rural business across both Defra and BEIS. CLA President Tim Breitmeyer told the 500 industry leaders that government can create a more positive environment for rural businesses giving them the confidence to make the new investments needed to secure a strong future rural economy. The conference also heard from Secretary of State Michael Gove, and a range of industry leaders from across farming.

We can all look forward to the CLA's fourth Rural Business Conference with a working title of Markets of the Future which will explore opportunities of

changing and new markets, and how to maximize the use of existing assets. The conference will take place at the QE11 Centre in Westminster on Thursday 28 November.

AGM

Last year's AGM was held in the spectacular setting of Dawnay Estate, Wykeham Abbey, which has, since then, been awarded The Royal Agricultural Society of England's prestigious Bledisloe Gold Medal for 2018. Many members attended and Lord Downe with his team led by Robert Sword were extremely hospitable and generous, in accommodating such a large group.

This year's AGM takes place at the impressive Bolton Hall, set at the heart of Bolton Estate in Wensleydale. The house, built in the late 17th century and rebuilt after a fire in 1902 is situated 3 miles west of Leyburn. I look forward, with our hosts Tom & Katie Orde-Powlett to welcoming you there.

Membership

I would like to thank Dorothy and all her team at the regional office as well as my fellow committee members for representing the CLA throughout the region and in London to ensure that Yorkshire's voice is heard at a national level. Further and importantly for the hard work and time given in providing a really high quality advisory service to all our members. Also, my thanks to the continual efforts of Dave Hill, the CLA's Yorkshire Territory Manager, membership numbers in Yorkshire remain strong at close to 3,000 and we continue to recruit new members.

Retention is more of a challenge during these testing economic times and, once again, I would ask you all to talk about the CLA and the great work we carry out to your friends and colleagues and encourage them to join. The CLA North enews bulletin is a good way of keeping up to date with the latest news, events and information, so please do let the regional office have your email address if you haven't done so already.

To close, I would like to thank you for your continued support. I very much hope that having read the report, it demonstrates the CLA's commitment to serving and interacting, on a raft of rural issues, which can be also be seen and experienced through our numerous conferences and events. As ever, the CLA will continue in its commitment to lobby on your behalf for positive rural related policy outcomes, particularly through these times of great social and political turbulence.

Trevor Chaytor-Norris

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