



RTPI
Royal Town Planning Institute

Annual Review 2018



Chair's Foreword.

Celebrating Yorkshire Planning

RTPI Yorkshire has continued to make tremendous progress in celebrating planning, supporting local members through our [comprehensive CPD and social events program](#) and contributing to the long-term debate in key areas of planning. We are proactive, passionate and committed to ensuring the very best for our members.

Event highlights

We took our premier event in the RTPI calendar to South Yorkshire for our [Awards Reception and Keynote address](#) and [RTPI President's Visit to Yorkshire](#).

Professor Greg Marsden, of the University of Leeds, delivered our keynote - The Future of travel – Dilemmas for integrated planning in an era of change. More than 120 people attended the canapé reception and awards ceremony at the historic Sheffield Town Hall, including [RTPI President John Acres](#) and our new [RTPI CEO Victoria Hills](#). This year, we are proud to report a record number of entries for our [RTPI Yorkshire Planning for Excellence](#)

[Awards](#), with 15 organisations entering the competition. The judging panel had a tough job but chose one overall winner and four commended projects.

More than 750 delegates have attended our unique [Yorkshire Conference Series](#) this year, showing the long-standing value of our CPD program to planning and built-environment professionals. Our place-based Yorkshire Seminar Series continues to thrive and we have an ever growing number of talented people joining our [Young Planners' network](#), and [International Core Group](#).

Our successful year would not be possible without the active role played by our [Regional Management Board](#), [Regional Activities Committee](#) and Regional Coordinator. Thank you all for your fantastic efforts.

This year, we sadly lost Harvey Pritchard, Harvey contributed greatly to the RTPI for more than 20 years in a wide variety of roles. No-one could have put more effort and passion into planning and RTPI Yorkshire than Harvey.

This Annual Review showcases the work of [RTPI Yorkshire](#) in 2018. Please read through and celebrate our success - which would not have been possible without our many volunteer members and Regional Coordinator. Get in touch with us by contacting Regional Coordinator Sarah Richardson at yorkshire@rtpi.org.uk

Regional Management Board

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- Jennifer Winyard
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- Derek Mckenzie



Richard M Wood

Chair, RTPI Yorkshire

Championing the Planning profession.

South Yorkshire praise from RTPI President

John Acres visited the Yorkshire region in September. During his two-day visit up North, the President visited the award-winning [Sheffield 'stuck sites' programme](#) as part of a walking tour of the city centre.

John praised the council's expertise and creativity in transforming these sites of regeneration and bringing them back into use.

The President also visited award winners Rotherham Council, who were named Local Authority Planning Team of the Year in the [2018 RTPI National Planning Awards](#) in May. John met the planning team and discussed a number of local projects and developments.

As part of his Yorkshire welcome, John also spoke to and answered questions from planning students at the University of Sheffield and attended a Heads of Planning meeting with Sheffield City Region.

Green Port Hull - Planning Excellence

Hull City Council won Yorkshire's top planning award for its vision and expertise in delivering Siemens's new offshore wind turbine blade

manufacturing, assembly and serving facilities at the city's [Alexandra Port](#).

The project is the centrepiece of the Green Port Hull vision to establish Hull and the East Riding of Yorkshire as a world class centre for renewable energy.

Calderdale Council were highly commended for the restoration of the [The Piece Hall](#), a Grade I-listed, monumental building in Halifax town centre. It is the only surviving intact cloth hall in the UK and an iconic reminder of Halifax's once pivotal position at the centre of the world's woollen trade.

Championing Planning Excellence

Other commended projects.

- Holbeck Neighbourhood Plan, submitted by Leeds City Council.
- Number One, a commercial development at Kirstall Forge in Leeds, entered by CEG
- Wakefield Residential Design Guide, entered by Integreat Plus.

Many congratulations to all our winners.

Jennifer Winyard, Yorkshire Awards Chair, said of the winning entry:

"This is a prime example where planners play a vital role in securing long-term sustainable economic growth and employment for the region."



Green Port Hull winners Alex Codd, Simon Brett and Simon Mounce, attending the 2018 RTPI Yorkshire Awards and Keynote Address.



Yorkshire boasts excellent planning and regeneration projects, said RTPI President John Acres during his tour of Rotherham and Sheffield.

Supporting and Growing Membership.

Continuing Professional Development

A continuing key role of RTPI Yorkshire is our high-profile, well-established [Yorkshire Conference Series](#).

More than 750 delegates have attended our 10 conferences this year in Leeds, Sheffield and York.

The conferences, in partnership with Leeds Beckett and Sheffield Hallam University, have covered a range of topics including Affordable Housing, town centre regeneration, Development Management Law, and the Northern Powerhouse.

Overall feedback from attendees has been very positive, with particular highlights including our Development Management Practice and Annual Planning Law conferences.

Steve Quartermain, Chief Planner at the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) answered questions from more than 130 delegates in a lively session at our Development Management Practice event.

Affordable seminars

Informative seminars and a range of Young Planner events supporting the future generation of planners have continued to thrive in 2018.

Our [RTPI Yorkshire Practice Seminars](#) has continued – enabling planners to access high-quality CPD at low prices. This year’s events took place in Sheffield, Selby and Dewsbury.

Our [Young Planners](#) have had a busy year, continuing their excellent CPD and social events programme. Highlights include the *What makes a good place?* Seminar in Sheffield, the Annual Pub Quiz in Leeds, and the Christmas party in partnership with the Forum for the built environment. In 2019 we hope to encourage and expand activities by Young Planners in Yorkshire.

We will also continue our strong tradition in the region of awarding student prizes, Yorkshire Chair Richard Wood attended both Leeds Beckett and Sheffield Hallam award ceremonies this year to congratulate the winners in person.

RTPI Event Feedback

“The best Planning Law Conference I have ever been to.”

“High-quality speakers, superb venue and a very well-organised event.”

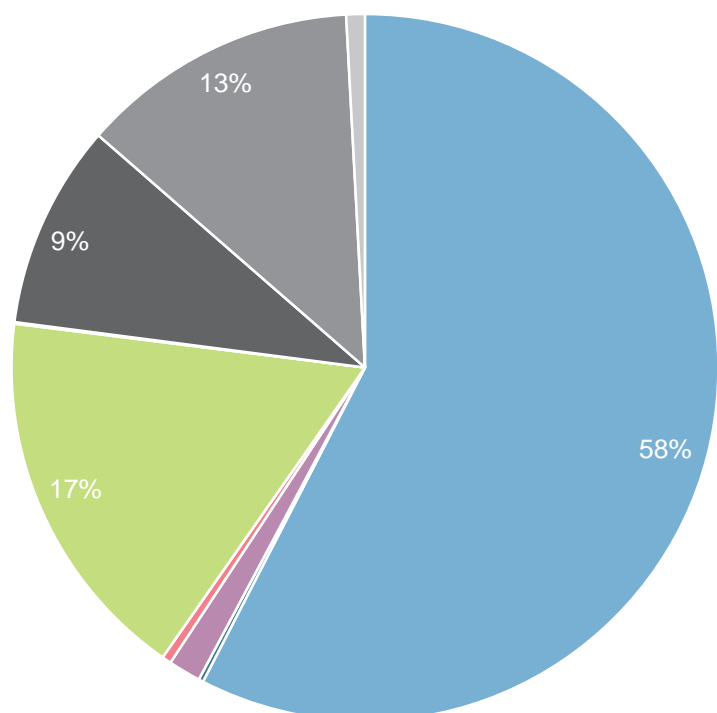
“Very informative event which has increased my knowledge – well done.”

“Brilliant event and fantastic value for money.”

Yorkshire Membership Figures 2018

Membership Class

- Chartered Town Planner
- Fellow
- Associate
- Legal Associate
- Technical
- Retired
- Honorary
- Licentiate
- Student
- Affiliate



In Yorkshire we have more than 1500 members

Shaping and Informing Policy and Practice

Regional Research

Yorkshire has been at the forefront of RTPI research and policy in 2018, leading on its Great North Plan projects and continuing to ensure members views are communicated through liaison with the National [Policy and Research](#) team. These views have then been incorporated into RTPI's response to Government consultations on planning issues, such as the Transport for the North draft strategy consultation and roundtable discussions on the draft National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

RTPI Yorkshire is also well-represented nationally on the General Assembly, International and Membership and Ethics Committees and the Nations and Regions Panel.

Great North Plan

RTPI Yorkshire, North East and North West regions, in partnership with Peter Brett Associates and Newcastle University, have progressed a project called "[Ambitions for the North of England: People and Place](#)".

By promoting co-operation beyond traditional boundaries, it aims to create a joined-up

approach that would help Northern towns, cities and rural areas develop sustainably, ensuring that prosperity generated by the Northern Powerhouse is shared as widely as possible, not just in the key cities.

The RTPI and IPPR North launched a [Blueprint for a Great North Plan](#) in 2016 after consultation with over 400 Northern businesses and local leaders. The current project picks up this strand and complements the other ongoing Great North Plan collaborative strategies on transport, energy, natural assets, and the economy. The project's findings will be published in Spring of 2019 after a series of roundtable events.

International Yorkshire

Our [International Network](#) has continued to thrive. Highlight events include an evening presentation from Janet Askew, chair of the RTPI international Committee. Janet talked about the role of British planning globally at the *Planning and Partnerships* event in Leeds.

In the Spring, Clive Harridge, of the Commonwealth Association of Planners, gave a talk on how to tackle some of the biggest challenges to planners in the Commonwealth.

"Our People and Place project will add much needed insight into people's needs and aspirations to inform big, vital decisions ahead."

Bob Wolfe, Yorkshire Hon. Secretary



Speaker Clive Harridge (third from left) gave an insightful talk into how we tackle some of the world's biggest challenges at Sheffield Hallam University in April 2018.



Janet Askew, Chair of the RTPI International Committee spoke about her experiences of working and talking to town planners across the world at our International event in Leeds.

Empowering Communities.

Supporting Planning Aid

RTPI Yorkshire works with [Planning Aid England](#) to advise on planning matters to a wide range of communities and helps recruit volunteers. There are currently 46 members in Yorkshire, including 23 chartered members. Planning Aid Yorkshire is led by a task group of volunteers supported by a member of staff based at RTPI national office. The task group plays a key role in identifying and developing outreach opportunities for Regional PAE volunteers to support, where outreach activity focuses in particular on communities in areas of deprivation and groups not traditionally engaged with planning.

Members of the task group regularly attend and present reports to meetings of the Regional Management Board and also take part in the monthly national PAE teleconference to exchange news on PAE activities across the country.

Neighbourhood Planning

More than 100 people attended this year's Neighbourhood Planning Forum in Leeds in

October. The event was held in conjunction with Leeds Beckett University, Leeds City Council, RTPI Yorkshire and Planning Aid England. Key speakers included Ian Mackay, Neighbourhood Planning Manager at Leeds City Council, and Tony Burton, Chair of the London Neighbourhood Planning Forum. A number of workshops and case studies, including the Holbeck Neighbourhood Forum, (commended at this year's Yorkshire Planning Excellence Awards) were presented.

After many years of good work, our aim in 2019 is to strengthen the Planning Aid Yorkshire core group with new members and raise the profile of Planning Aid Yorkshire.

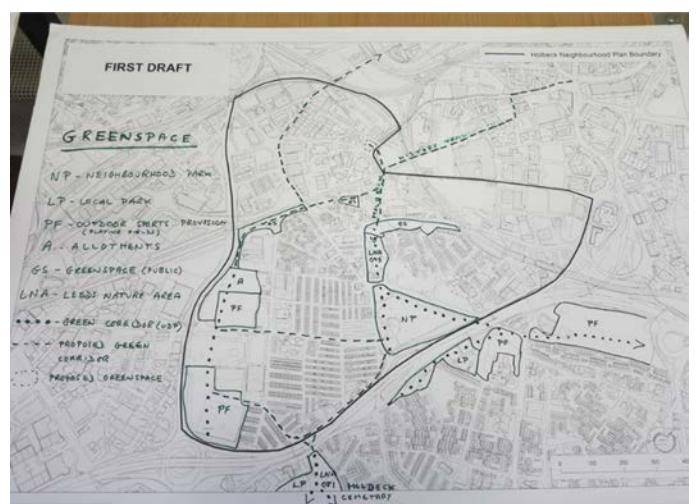
Planning Aid Yorkshire will also work collaboratively with local planning authorities, as well as [Neighbourhood Planning](#) groups and community stakeholders.

As a result of this there are a number of exciting opportunities and volunteering roles in 2019 from local plan reviews to member training. If you are interested in volunteering on these projects please get in touch.

Planning Aid Yorkshire provides planning advice and support to help individuals and communities and engage with the planning system and get involved in planning in their local area.



Tony Ray, Chair of Planning Aid Yorkshire, took part in our Neighbourhood Planning Forum event at Leeds Beckett University.



Planning Aid Yorkshire has been involved with the Holbeck Neighbourhood Plan for six years, the plan was commended at the 2018 Yorkshire Planning Excellence Awards.

Achieving Good Governance

Regional Management Board (RMB) and Regional Activities Committee (RAC)

Five meetings of the RMB/RAC were held in 2018. The RMB is formed of the Region's elected officers who have overall responsibility for the finance and operation of the Region and the preparation, monitoring and delivery of the Regional Business Plan. They are supported in their roles by the Regional Co-ordinator.

The Regional Activities Committee (RAC) supports and advises the RMB. They also undertake much of the volunteer activity in the region. Volunteering for RTPI Yorkshire enables members to develop their skills, network with key professionals and enhances further career opportunities. If you would like to get involved, please contact us at yorkshire@rtpi.org.uk

2019 – Our goals

The Business Plan and budget for 2019 was signed off by the RMB in September, and

includes a number of initiatives and activities to support Yorkshire members.

Operating in our allocated deficit budget in 2018, we have been able to support and fund a number of projects including our student prizes at our three regional accredited universities: Leeds Beckett, Sheffield University and Sheffield Hallam.

In 2019 we will continue to invest in our well established and highly successful Yorkshire Conference Series, Yorkshire Practice Seminars, and our highlight event of the year - the Annual Keynote address and Awards reception.

We will continue to seek opportunities for inter-professional working to enhance and develop links with other built environment professions, recruit more Yorkshire volunteers, in particular [Young Planners](#), champion the role of planning in the region and continue to deliver high-quality events and services for our members.

Regions provide an essential part of our service to members, meeting their needs for CPD and networking. In essence regions have a vital role in supporting and listening to RTPI members.





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