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WALKING FOR WOODLANDS

Business people who come to the Yorkshire Dales for their team events are helping to create more native woodlands thanks to a new scheme.

Harrogate-based TeamWalking organises team building activities in the Yorkshire Dales countryside. In 2013 TeamWalking teamed up with local charity Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT) to dedicate at least one tree for every organisation booking an outdoor adventure in the Dales, making a total of 17 trees so far.

The Yorkshire Dales National Park is a popular destination for business people who want a break from the boardroom. Organisations from across England are taking advantage of the beautiful Dales landscape to boost staff morale and build on team working and communication skills, TeamWalking offers a range of walking activities from orienteering to the challenging Yorkshire Three Peaks. The TeamWalking tree scheme means that they can enjoy the Dales and leave something valuable behind when they go back to the office - a brand new native tree.

Mark Reid from TeamWalking said: “The Yorkshire Dales are a fantastic place to bring our corporate clients as the landscapes are truly inspirational, and offer a completely different environment for people to spend time with their colleagues away from the distractions of the office. Here at TeamWalking, we are passionate about giving something back to the Yorkshire Dales, and so we always base our outdoor adventures from great pubs to help the local economy and we plant at least one deciduous tree in the Dales on behalf of our clients. I firmly believe that we should always give a little back to help sustain this beautiful area for future generations to enjoy as we do today.”

The TeamWalking tree scheme supports the Dales Woodland Restoration Programme, which is delivered and funded by a partnership including YDMT, Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority and the Forestry Commission. The programme aims to double the amount of broadleaf woodland in the Dales by 2020. The trees dedicated as part of the scheme will help to create new native, broadleaf woodlands which will be planted this winter. The businesses will also have the opportunity to come back to the Dales to visit the new woodlands next year.

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YDMT Director David Sharrod said: “The TeamWalking tree scheme is doing two things that are invaluable for the Dales - helping to restore beautiful native, broadleaf woodlands, and encouraging visitors to appreciate and value this special area. We’re extremely grateful for Mark’s support.”

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Picture Captions:

1. L-R: Richard Tarran and Mark Reid of TeamWalking
Larger images and alternative images available on request.

Notes to the Editor

Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust

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1. The Dales Woodland Restoration programme is delivered and funded by a partnership of the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT), Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority and the Forestry Commission.
2. The Dales has less broadleaf woodland than any other national park, only 4.5% of the land is covered by trees compared with the national average of 9%. Of this, nearly half is conifer plantation. The Dales Woodland Strategy aims to double the amount of broadleaved woodland in the dales by 2020.
3. YDMT works to support the natural and built environment, and the social and economic well-being of this special area. Find out more at www.ydmtd.org.
4. To date the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust has helped to deliver over 1,300 projects worth around £25 million in the Yorkshire Dales and surrounding areas. These projects cover areas as diverse as countryside apprenticeships, supporting local businesses, education and outreach, restoring woodlands and wildlife habitats, and conserving heritage features.

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TeamWalking is operated by Mark Reid, author of ‘The Inn Way’ guidebooks and Mountain Leader. Based in Harrogate, North Yorkshire, Mark takes individuals, groups and corporate teams out on outdoor adventures in the Yorkshire Dales, North York Moors, Lake District and beyond. TeamWalking also offers a range of navigation courses in the Yorkshire Dales and Lake District. Mark bases his outdoor adventures from great country pubs, thus helping the local communities as well as the natural environment in a sustainable way.

www.teamwalking.co.uk