

THE YORKSHIRE MAMMAL GROUP - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

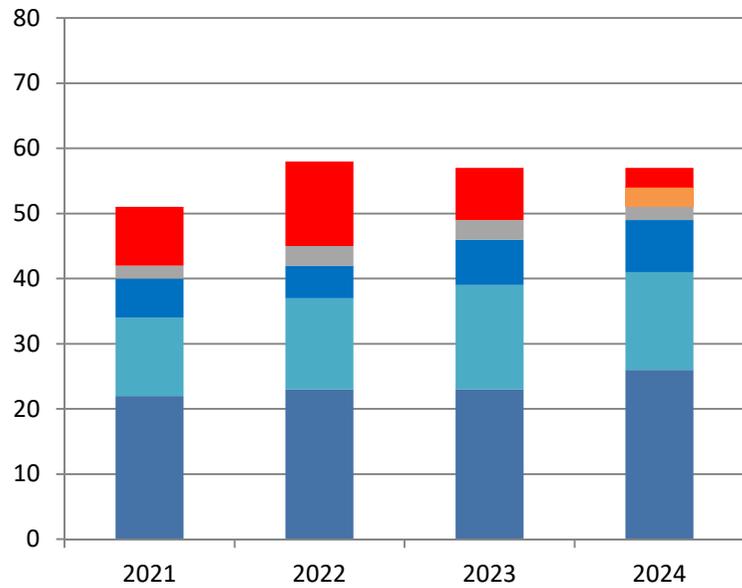
Minutes of the AGM held at 7.30pm Thursday 12th December 2024 at St. Olave's Church Hall, York

Eight members attended.

- 1. Apologies for absence.** Anne Carter, Ian Bond, M Charlton
- 2. Minutes of the last AGM held 9th November 2023.** The 2023 minutes had been circulated by e-mail to the Committee previously. The minutes were accepted with no matters arising.
- 3. Chairman's Report.** John Ray noted that there had been several outdoor activities throughout the year, with a reduced number of indoor events. JR thanked the committee members for their time and efforts.
- 4. Treasurer's report.** Robert Mashedor had previously circulated accounts for the year ending 31st October 2024, and presented them to the meeting. The General Section had a small surplus of income compared to expenditure; the Bat Section had a surplus, due to income from data search fees. Virgin Money geared towards personal rather than business accounts. New parent company Nationwide to be asked about more than one person being allowed to operate the account, plus a deposit account. It was suggested that changing to another bank could risk members not renewing standing orders. **RM**
- 5. Field Studies Report.** Ann Hanson reported on 7 small mammal traps and some walks, fewer than normal due to work pressures. New owner of Three Hagges Wood discontinued long-term study; Dalton Estate, near Ilkley, to be surveyed each August as long-term study. Verge traps set for the Pine Marten Project in Dalby Forest had yielded few small mammals, potential prey of pine martens. Beaver reintroduction progressing well.
- 6. Membership Secretary's Report.** Kate Wright noted that YMG subscriptions (57) and NYBG subscriptions (75) were similar to the previous year, although NYBG has a high turnover - see KW's graphs at end of minutes. KW still requires online access to the bank a/c. to ease reconciliation of subscription payments. **RM/KW**
- 7. Imprint report.** Andrew Halcro-Johnson advised he would welcome further articles for a combined 2022 & 2023 volume, due to be published by May 2025. **AH-J**
- 8. Archivist's report.** Mary Youngman has archive material in her loft that needs to be rehomed. Yorkshire Museum and Borthwick Institute to be approached. **MY**
- 9. Election of the YMG Committee members.** The Chairman expressed a wish to stand down, but there were no nominations for a successor.
Other committee members kindly agreed to remain in position.
Talks Secretary and Bat Group Representative were not elected.
- 10. North Yorkshire Bat Group.** The chairman, David Watkins, had resigned; the post remains unfilled. Kay Richardson now has a bat flight cage, in addition to the one in KW's garden. A request has been made for NYBG records to form the basis of a Bat Habitat Suitability Model. There was a discussion of implications on revenue if that data became available for commercial purposes. Modellers to be asked to sign an agreement. **JR**
- 11. Any Other Business.** Use of already paid for Zoom online webinar facility for talks would widen both audience and pool of speakers. Hybrid talks, in-person plus Zoom, would require more equipment.

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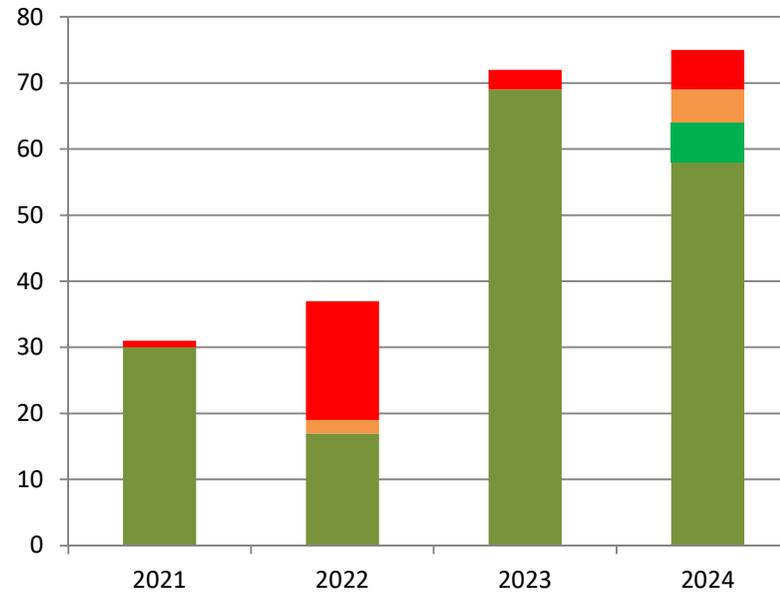
| | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Individual | 22 | 23 | 23 | 26 |
| Joint | 12 | 14 | 16 | 15 |
| Concession | 6 | 5 | 7 | 8 |
| Old Rate | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| Pending | | | | 3 |
| Unpaid/Lapsed | 9 | 13 | 8 | 3 |
| | 51 | 58 | 57 | 57 |



■ Unpaid/Lapsed ■ Pending ■ Old Rate
■ Concession ■ Joint ■ Individual

NORTH YORKSHIRE BAT GROUP

| | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Individual | 30 | 17 | 69 | 58 |
| Family | | | | 6 |
| Pending | | 2 | 0 | 5 |
| Unpaid/Lapsed | 1 | 18 | 3 | 6 |
| | 31 | 37 | 72 | 75 |



■ Unpaid/Lapsed ■ Pending ■ Family ■ Individual