



Hugh St. Lawrence in Trapdoor Pot, Ingleborough, Yorkshire
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Going the extra mile to gather our cave
conservation data

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Journey to the centre of the earth...

You cannot actually go to the centre of the earth from Yorkshire, but you can go some way towards it.

Deep under the Yorkshire Dales landscape there lies a network of huge and complex caverns that have formed naturally in the limestone rock, over hundreds of thousands of years. The caves are up to 200 metres below the land surface and contain an astounding array of natural features like stalactites and stalagmites.

Most of the important features within the Yorkshire Dales, over and underground, are classed as Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs). Natural England is the organisation responsible for identifying and protecting these sites. Natural England has requested the voluntary help of experienced potholers in monitoring the condition of these special features.

The cave conservation information is being gathered as part of a successful partnership project called the Northern Caves Monitoring Project, between Natural England and the Council of Northern Caving Clubs (CNCC).

The Project also raises awareness amongst local communities about the importance of caves and helps local farmers and landowners to maintain cave entrances. Volunteers undertake surface conservation work around caves, like removal of rubbish and improvements to walls and fences.

Please visit our website for further details
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