

PORTRAIT OF THE YORKSHIRE WOLDS

Janet & Peter Roworth

The Yorkshire Wolds are a range of rolling chalk hills which rise from the banks of the River Humber, west of Hull, and curve in a crescent shape until they end in the dramatic cliffs of Flamborough Head. Although less well-known than the Yorkshire Dales and the North York Moors, the Wolds are becoming increasingly valued as an area of open, unspoilt countryside.

The gentle hills and dry valleys create a beautiful and peaceful landscape, while there are many picturesque villages. Sheep and cattle graze the steepest slopes but the open tops, with their patchwork quilt of fields, are given over to arable farming. One of the best ways to explore the Wolds is on foot and there are many paths and walks, with the best known being the 79 mile Yorkshire Wolds Way which meanders from Hessle in the south to finish at Filey in the north. The area has a rich heritage with ancient landmarks, deserted medieval villages, many fine churches and the splendid grand houses of Sledmere and Burton Agnes. The market towns of Driffield, Market Weighton and Pocklington offer a range of individual shops and cafés in attractive surroundings. It is this variety that has been captured in the wonderful photographs of Janet and Peter Roworth; from stunning views to close-up details, they depict the unique landscape of the Yorkshire Wolds.

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Janet and Peter Roworth share a background in farming and a concern for the natural and built environment. Janet's photography developed from her interest in local history, buildings and architecture. She is a freelance family history researcher and has an MA in local history. Peter has worked in conservation for over 30 years and is currently employed by Natural England as Senior Reserve Manager for the Lower Derwent Valley National Nature Reserve. His photography has been a life-long interest, specializing in landscape and agricultural subjects, and he is an Associate of the Royal Photographic Society. The couple live in the East Riding of Yorkshire and their work has featured in numerous previous Halsgrove publications.

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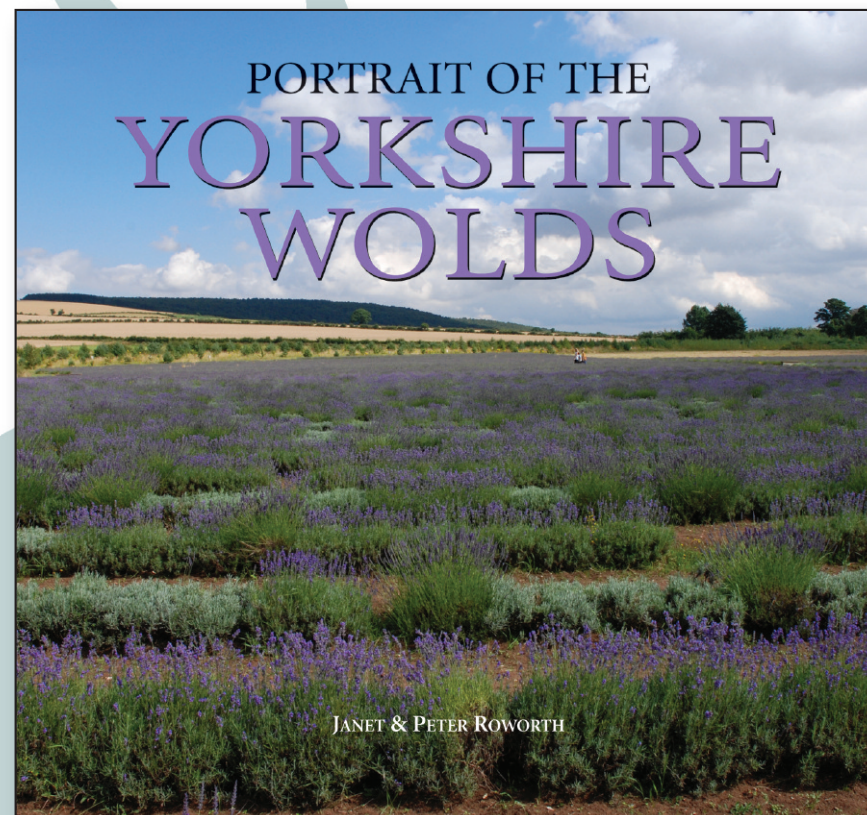
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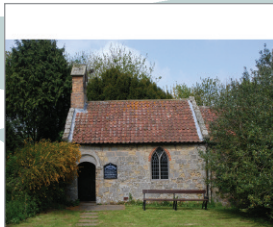
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The village green at Lund has a market cross which indicates that it once hosted a weekly market.



Skidby Windmill. Built in 1821, this is the only windmill in working order in the East Riding.



St James' church, Foston
The tiny church belongs to the small hamlet of Foston. It has not always been kept in such good condition; at times in the past it was used by rustlers and smugglers and more recently by dishonest sheep and lambs.

Potato planting
Looking like crickets on a top farm these six tractors are working the soil and planting potatoes in this field above North Dale at Foston.



Bampton Cliffs. The chalk Wolds form spectacular vertical cliffs where they meet the sea.



The Wolds Way passes close to the lavender farm and distillery at Wintringham.



Thixendale. The isolated village lies at the bottom of a steep-sided dry valley.

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