

Carol Pyrah

Carol is an experienced heritage professional with a background in both charities and the public sector.

Since December 2024 she has been Chief Operating Officer at Ripon Cathedral. Prior to this she was Chief Executive of Urban Green Newcastle, an independent charity set up to manage the city's 33 parks and 60 allotment sites and Executive Director of Historic Coventry Trust, finding innovative ways to sustain historic places and to inspire, involve and connect people with the city's history.

An archaeologist by training, Carol had a senior career at English Heritage and Historic England, where she was Assistant Director of Planning and a member of the Executive team. She has a track record in place-based regeneration projects and is passionate about the role of local places to foster civic pride and community cohesion.

Carol has been a Commissioner of the Cathedrals Fabric Commission for England and a Trustee for the Churches Conservation Trust.

She has lived in the Yorkshire Dales for over 25 years.