

**HOWARDIAN HILLS AONB ACTION PROGRAMME****2007/08**

The crosses indicate the periods during which the activity is likely to be undertaken.

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NB1.1 Rolling programme of SINC surveys. NB1.2 Detailed surveys of specific habitats or species.	> Assist with NYCC monitoring survey, as necessary. > Encourage YWT to undertake water vole survey in Bulmer/Terrington area. > Use volunteer to update surveys of Littledale & Fairy Dell SINC.	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX			> No requests received.  > YWT currently doesn't have any capacity to undertake this work. > Broughton Lane and Littledale SINC surveyed. > SDF grant to print Flora of AONB and NYMNP.
NB1.3 Assist farmers, land managers and communities with monitoring wildlife. NB1.4 Service Level Agreement with the Ecological Data Centre. NB1.5 Biodiversity Audit and Action Plan for the AONB.	-  > Feed actions achieved in AONB into BARS. -	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX			> 2006/07 actions sent to NYCC Biodiversity Officer in Jan '08.
NB2.1 Maintain a register of key sites.  NB2.2 Protect best sites through designation. NB2.3 Local Planning Authority policies that prevent development in Ancient Woodland. NB2.4 Monitor development proposals. NB2.5 Ensure farmers and landowners are aware of the existence of sites.	> Develop a database of SINC in the AONB, incorporating ownership details and Condition of habitat parcels. > Continue with work with NYMNP on Heritage Trees. > Incorporate SINC panel recommendations into LDF documents. -  > On-going. -	XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX	> Information on SINC Condition, for Local Area Agreement monitoring, passed to NYCC in Mar '07.  > On-going.    > No cases of proposed development within SINC.

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NB3.1 Local involvement with monitoring and management of wildlife.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; 6 school visits to important wildlife site, as part of AONB Discovery Project.</li> <li>&gt; Contact 1 PCC to discuss churchyard management.</li> </ul>	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Completed, June &amp; July '07.</li> <li>&gt; All churchyards in the AONB surveyed and management plans prepared. SDF-funded project by Yorkshire Wildlife Trust.</li> <li>&gt; Community conservation management of Chestnut Bank, Oswaldkirk.</li> <li>&gt; 20 hedgehog boxes built by volunteers for local community areas &amp; schools.</li> </ul>
NB4.1 Management of Local Priority sites (woodland). NB4.2 Restoration of Plantations on Ancient Woodland Sites. NB4.3 Creation of new native woodland. NB4.4 Creation of wet woodland and marshy grassland along riparian corridors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Complete management work at Scar Wood SINC.</li> <li>&gt; Encourage via EWGS consultations and advice of Native Woodland Development Officer.</li> <li>&gt; Encourage via EWGS consultations and advice of Native Woodland Development Officer.</li> <li>&gt; Create new area of wood pasture on Snargate Bank, to link to veteran tree.</li> <li>&gt; Encourage via EWGS consultations and advice of Native Woodland Development Officer.</li> </ul>	XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXXXX    XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX    XXXXXXXXXXXX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Replanting completed Feb '08.</li> <li>&gt; Schemes supported at Sproxton (2), Castle Howard &amp; Bulmer.</li> <li>&gt; EWGS scheme supported at Crayke (1.8ha).</li> <li>&gt; Scheme being progressed by Native Woodland Development Officer</li> <li>&gt; 23 new individual/hedgerow trees planted.</li> <li>&gt; EWGS scheme supported at Harome (10.3ha).</li> </ul>
NB5.1 Management of Local Priority Sites (grassland).          NB5.2 Special Interest Road Verges.   NB5.3 Restoration of grassland and lowland heath. NB5.4 Creation of new grassland habitats.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Carry out fencing and scrub clearance works at Little Dale SINC; re-introduce grassland management.</li> <li>&gt; Continue grazing sites with Exmoor ponies.</li> <li>&gt; Carry out management works on 35 SIRVs.</li> <li>&gt; Evaluate scope of installing grit bins on more SIRVs.</li> <li>&gt; Input into Grimston &amp; Gilling FC Forest Design Plan revision.</li> <li>-</li> </ul>	XXXXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXXXX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; 4 days strimming fen vegetation in Summer '07. 3 days scrub clearance completed Winter '07/'08. Fencing completed March '08.</li> <li>&gt; 6 sites grazed, at Cawton (2), Coulton (2), Terrington &amp; Bulmer.</li> <li>&gt; SDF grant to Yorkshire Exmoor Pony Trust, for transporter van &amp; display boards.</li> <li>&gt; Amotherby Lane and Appleton Churchyard SINCs managed.</li> <li>&gt; SDF grant to Basics Plus, to buy grassland management machinery.</li> <li>&gt; 43 SIRVs cut in Mar '08.</li> <li>&gt; No further progress.</li> <li>&gt; No further views requested as yet.</li> </ul>

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NB6.1 Management of Local Priority sites (wetlands & fen).	> Support coppicing of alders along River Rye SINC. > Manage birch at Terrington Carr.		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX		> Further work completed, upstream of Helmsley Bridge. AONB section identified for work in Winter '08/'09. > Clearance of one third of site completed March '08.
NB6.2 Restoration of sites that have declined in interest.	> Continue willow control work at Sandlands. > Carry out management work to bog area on Yearsley Moor			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	> No further work completed.
NB6.3 Creation of new habitat.	> Restore 170m of beck at Brandsby. > Restore dewpond at Cawton Heights.	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX			> Work agreed for late 2007. > Scheme completed. > No progress.
NB7.1 Local Target Areas and co-ordinated management measures.	> Participate in Ryedale DC schools project on bumblebees.	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX			> Attended day at Leavening School, to evaluate project for future use.
NB7.2 Management of key sites for specific species.	> Grassland management for knapweed broomrape, at Amotherby Lane SINC. > Take cuttings to propagate black poplar. > Plant 10 cuttings of propagated black poplar material.		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX		> Site cut and raked Oct '07. > 10 cuttings taken Mar '08. > '07 cuttings not large enough to plant out yet. > 15 barn owl boxes erected.
NB8.1 The Entry Level Environmental Stewardship Scheme.	> Provide advice to farmers and landowners, as necessary.	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	> See AG2.1.
NB8.2 The Higher Level Environmental Stewardship Scheme.	> Provide advice to farmers and landowners, as necessary. > Complete 2 FEPs for land in the AONB.	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	> See AG2.1. > 1 FEP completed. Achievement of target is always dependent upon demand.
NB9.1 FWAG Whole Farm Plans.	-					> Pilot project on Whole Farm Energy & Carbon Audits completed by FWAG, with SDF support.
NB9.2 Applications to grant schemes.	> See NB8 above.	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	
NB9.3 Flexible package of assistance.	> Carry out fencing works to protect veteran tree at Snargate.		XXXXXXXXXX			> Scheme being progressed by Native Woodland Development Officer.
NB9.4 Demonstrate 'best practice'.	-					

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CH1.1 Historic Landscape Characterisation survey. CH1.2 Further thematic research. CH1.3 Regular surveys of built heritage. CH1.4 Studies of individual historic parks and gardens. CH1.5 Recording local history and traditions.	> Assist with survey work in AONB. > Continue to develop project on Yearsley Moor, as part of CAN DO HLF bid. - - > Consider projects that could be included in CAN DO HLF bid. > Complete Young Ranger Club activities in partnership with Nunnington Hall.	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	> New timetable had meant that AONB wouldn't be completed until 2010. Now to be completed Summer 2008. > Scheme developed and submitted as part of CAN DO HLF Heritage Grant bid.  > York University made aware of research opportunities in the AONB. > See CH 1.2 above, which includes oral history recording. > Completed May '07.
CH2.1 Provide survey information to English Heritage and local authorities.	> As necessary.					
CH3.1 Local involvement in monitoring and management of cultural heritage features.	> Include interpretation of Todd Wood Mill in the Welburn History & Habitats leaflet. > Develop scope for community involvement in Yearsley Moor project (CH1.2). > Consider holding a community interpretation event at Slingsby Heights orchard.	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	> Information included in leaflet, published Dec '07. > Incorporated into CAN DO HLF Heritage Grant bid.  > Guided walk held as part of Apple Day, Oct '07.
CH4.1 Historic landscape conservation and management advice. CH4.2 Encourage entry into agri-environment schemes. CH4.3 Conservation Plans for SAMs and other important sites. CH4.4 Management plans for historic parks and gardens. CH4.5 Flexible package of assistance. CH4.6 Grant aid scheme for repair and restoration of Buildings at Risk. CH4.7 Demonstrate 'best practice'.	> On-going. > See NB8 above. > Address management issues arising from the EH Scheduled Monuments at Risk Survey on 5 SAMs. - > Carry out management or repair works on 8 Local Priority Sites or historic features. > Consider including major project for stone wall & lime kiln restoration/interpretation in CAN DO HLF bid. > Use AONB resources in partnership with NYCC/RDC to carry out works on 2 Buildings at Risk. > Consider whether any of the repaired Buildings at Risk could be used for demonstration purposes.	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	> See AG2.1.  > No progress – English heritage embargoing results until national launch Spring '08. > Input made to Castle Howard Conservation Management Plan. > Work completed on Local Priority Sites at Dalby, Scackleton. Other sites/features at Grimstone (4), Coulton, Hovingham (2). > Ineligible in new Heritage Grant bid.  > Scheme agreed for major repair works to Threshing Barn at Hovingham. > Repairs to roof of Newburgh Mill (didn't apply for grant aid). > No works started this year.

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LC1.1 Pass information from AONB consultation events to the relevant organisation /agency. LC1.2 Lobby Government on relevant national rural issues. LC1.3 Encourage Village Appraisals. LC1.4 Implementation of identified projects. LC1.5 AONB Village Forum.	-  > As necessary, via the NAAONB.  > As necessary.  > Discuss possible projects with Crayke and Ampleforth Parish Councils.  > Continue with CAN DO meetings, as appropriate. > Invite Parish Councils to AONB Partnership Group.	   XXXXXXXXXX	   XXXXXXXXXX	   XXXXXXXXXX	   XXXXXXXXXX   XXXXXXXXXX	  > Monitoring and input to various NAAONB consultation responses.   > No further progress.  > Bidding for LEADER funding, as part of wider partnership. > No further Parish meetings held.  > Parish Councils invited to AONB Partnership Group meeting April '08.
AG1.1 Lobby on development of new rural support mechanisms and agri-environment schemes. AG1.2 Funding for the Howardian Hills AONB. AG1.3 Promote rural support mechanisms to farmers and landowners.	-  > Continue to support the Environmental Stewardship scheme and lobby for targeting that allows AONB farmers to participate.  -					  > AONB is a Priority Area, with targets being BAP habitats, SINC's and Scheduled Ancient Monuments. New comprehensive targeting being developed – AONB still set to be a Priority Area. 2 meetings attended.
AG2.1 Provide specialist advice within the AONB. AG2.2 Flexible package of assistance for small-scale conservation projects.  AG2.3 Demonstrate 'best practice'.	> Provide advice, guidance and information to assist farmers applying for ES scheme.  > Assist 8 landscape conservation projects with AONB funding.  > Restore dewpond at Cawton. > Consider including major project for stone wall & lime kiln restoration/interpretation in CAN DO HLF bid. > Produce an advice leaflet on hedgerow planting and maintenance.	XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX	> HLS/ELS advice provided to farmers at Yearsley. Prepared list of farmers not yet in ELS; considering promotional letter. > Schemes completed at Hovingham (2), Thornton Hill, Barton-le-Street, Grimstone (3), Westow & Cawton. 3500m of hedging; 117m of gaps + 500m of wall overhauled. > No further progress. > Ineligible in new Heritage Grant bid.  > 2 separate leaflets produced, in partnership with NYCC and RDC. > Stone walling and hedge laying courses organised by FWAG, with SDF assistance.

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AG3.1 Positive approach to planning control for farm diversification projects.	> As necessary, via JAC consultations.					> No objections to 2 projects in planning consultation responses, at Bulmer and Husthwaite. Objections (plans subsequently revised) to 1 project, at Scackleton.
AG3.2 Lobby Government on incentives for biofuel and industrial crop production.	> As necessary, via NAAONB.					
AG4.1 High standards of design, siting and landscaping measures for new farm buildings.	> As necessary, via JAC consultations.					> Comments submitted on proposals subsequently: Approved at Bulmer, Scackleton, Yearsley, Welburn; and Refused at Oswaldkirk, Coulton. Large scheme at Scackleton Refused and subsequently amended. Scheme pending at Husthwaite.
FW1.1 Effective Felling Licence control.	-					> On-going, via consultations.  > 13 consultations on specific woodland management/planting schemes received.
FW1.2 Consultation procedure between JAC and Forestry Commission.	> Respond to consultations, as necessary.					
FW1.3 'Group felling', shelterwood' and 'selection' systems.	> As necessary, via JAC consultations.					
FW2.1 Management in accordance with the UK Forestry Standard.	-					
FW2.2 Use of the (English) Woodland Grant Scheme and Environmental Stewardship Scheme.	> As opportunities arise.					
FW2.3 Woodland management plans.	-					
FW2.4 Encouragement to achieve UKWAS certification.	-					
FW3.1 Promote the use of natural regeneration.	> As necessary, via JAC consultations.					> A requirement for PAWS restoration schemes (4 schemes (27.6ha) applied for this year).
FW3.2 Co-ordinated control of pest species.	-					
FW3.3 Promote the use of local provenance nursery stock.	> As necessary, via JAC consultations.					
FW3.4 Work with local forest nurseries.	-					

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FW4.1 Support small-scale wood fuel heating systems. FW4.2 Use of timber in the local furniture industry. FW4.3 Demonstrate on-site processing equipment.	> As necessary, via JAC consultations. > SDF support for Yorwoods Biomass Development Service. – –					> SDF grant for Yorwoods Biomass Development Service.
FW5.1 Use forestry grant procedures to advise on siting and design. FW5.2 Promote the availability of advice and grant aid schemes.	> As necessary, via JAC consultations. > As opportunities arise, using Native Woodland Development Officer as appropriate.					> Advice given at pre-application stage for proposals at Crayke and Grimston. > Supported Native Woodland Development Officer post and utilised for woodland advice.
FW6.1 Grant incentives for basic annual woodland management tasks. FW6.2 Grant incentives for PAWS restoration. FW6.3 Grant incentives for specific priority work, in line with the Regional Forestry Framework. FW6.4 'Scoring system' for new woodland. FW6.5 Flexible package of assistance for small-scale conservation projects.	– – > Monitor the prioritisation of regional funding, to maximise opportunities for projects in the AONB. – > As opportunities arise.					
FW7.1 Local demonstration sites/events. FW7.2 Skills Audit and/or Training Needs Analysis. FW7.3 Promote woodland training courses.	– – > As necessary.					
D1.1 Appropriate policies in Development Plans. D1.2 Consultation arrangements with the JAC.	> Utilise services of NAAONB Northern Co-ordinator, should the post proceed. > Respond to JAC consultations, as necessary.	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	> Post not proceeding, due to lack of funds. > 50 consultations received from NYCC, RDC, HDC or external contractors.

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D2.1 Rural Design Guidance. D2.2 Encourage Village Design Statements. D2.3 Guidance on building restoration techniques. D2.4 Conservation Areas. D2.5 Assist with works identified in Conservation Area appraisals.	– > Provide input to Ampleforth VDS, as appropriate. – – > As opportunities arise.					> No assistance requested.
D3.1 Local landscape works.  D3.2 Liaison arrangements with public utility companies.  D3.3 Resist increases in aircraft noise.	> Contact Yorkshire Water, to discuss possible screening planting at sewage works. > Continue work with NEDL, in relation to undergrounding cables within the AONB.  > Achieve undergrounding for at least 1 scheme in the AONB. > As necessary, via JAC consultations.	XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX	> Initial contact made; location of facilities identified; maps prepared.  > NEDL design work continuing. Site visit held at Nunnington, to discuss part-undergrounding. > No schemes completed.  > No relevant applications.
D4.1 Closer liaison between Local Planning Authorities and the DAPA Project. D4.2 Explore mechanisms to continue service.	–  –					
D5.1 Support appropriate proposals to re-use farm buildings.	> As necessary, via JAC consultations or HLS/FEP advice.					> No objections to 5 relevant applications.
D6.1 Applications for broadband and mobile phone installations. D6.2 Identify suitable sites for masts and site/mast sharing opportunities.	> As necessary, via JAC consultations.  –					> No relevant applications.
D7.1 Local Housing Needs Surveys. D7.2 District Councils to further develop and adopt measures.	–  –					



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RT1.1 Full-movement interchange at the A64/B1257 junction. RT1.2 Weight restriction on the Castle Howard Avenue. RT1.3 Monitor freight traffic in the AONB, to identify patterns in HCV through-traffic. RT1.4 Address any issues raised during monitoring.	– – – –					> Watching brief maintained.  > Watching brief maintained.
RT2.1 Regular NYCC monitoring of traffic speeds.  RT2.2 Regular programme of police speed-checks.  RT2.3 Events in local villages.	> Monitoring of traffic speeds in Stonegrave and Amotherby (x2) in connection with Speeding Bins initiative. > Monitoring of traffic speeds in 4 AONB villages. > Speed checks in 4 AONB villages.  > Consider extending Speeding Bins initiative to other AONB villages if appropriate.	XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX	> Completed.  > Welburn.  > Ampleforth (x2), Oswaldkirk, Amotherby, Hovingham (x2); Welburn. Operation Siren held in Amotherby. > No action – principally for partners to lead after initial pilot project.
RT3.1 Consultation arrangements between the JAC and highway authority.  RT3.2 Design protocol for road signage, etc. RT3.3 Visually prominent road signage. RT3.4 Inventory of historic 'roadside furniture'.  RT3.5 Maintenance and restoration of historic 'roadside furniture'.	> Continue to maintain good links with 2 Area Offices, to ensure informal arrangements continue to work. > Make contact with new Area Manager at Kirkbymoorside. > Progress via RT3.1 above.  –  > Compile an Inventory, to include location, extent of original features and condition. > Restore/repair 3 traditional direction signs.  > Repaint 2 mileposts. > Investigate potential for HLF/LHI funding to restore damaged/incomplete fingerposts.	XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX	> 7 consultations received (included in total shown in D1.2 above).  > Achieved.  > NYCC working group convened – unable to attend meeting.  > No progress.  > Signs repainted/repaired by NYCC at Hovingham (2), Coulton, Grimston (2) with SDF grant aid. <i>Also by NYCC at Terrington (2) &amp; Scackleton.</i> > Not achieved. > SDF funding currently being used by NYCC Area Offices.
RT4.1 Monitor future proposals and seek early discussions (A64).	> Involvement as and when necessary.					> Comments submitted on proposals to create roundabout at Musley Bank (landscaping, lighting, signage).

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RT5.1 Identify public and community transport service improvements. RT5.2 Encourage implementation of identified measures. RT5.3 Promote the availability of alternative transport services. RT5.4 Green Travel Plans.	- - > Include details in Welburn Local Information & Walks leaflet. > As necessary, via JAC consultations.					> Completed.  > No relevant applications.
RA1.1 Use planning policies to encourage appropriate recreational developments.	> As necessary, via JAC consultations.					> No objection to 5 schemes received as planning consultations.
RA2.1 Provide information for use in Tourism Guides and at TICs.  RA2.2 Forum of local tourism providers.	> Ensure that TICs and local accommodation providers, shops, etc have adequate supplies of the general AONB leaflet. > Ensure that Hovingham outlets are stocked with Local Information & Walks leaflet.  -	XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX	> Regular monitoring and replenishment of supplies.  > Regular monitoring and replenishment of supplies. > Welburn outlets stocked with new Welburn Leaflet. > Promotion of Welburn leaflet by Castle Howard.
RA3.1 Small-scale recreation management works. RA3.2 Investigate scope for additional public toilet facilities.	> As opportunities arise. -					> Litter picking – see RA11.1 below.
RA4.1 Complete Rights of Way survey and improvement programme.  RA4.2 Monitor path condition. RA4.3 Rectify identified problems. RA4.4 Community involvement in path management.	> Continue with minor improvement works as they are identified. > Ensure that any new/diverted paths are completed to the same standard as rest of network. > Complete '07/08 programme, utilising AONB Volunteers. > On-going. > Use AONB/NYCC volunteers to tackle identified problems, e.g. Himalayan balsam.	XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	> On-going.  > On-going.  > 131 routes (110km) surveyed by volunteers. > On-going. > Path clearance work completed at Hovingham and Terrington.
RA5.1 Complete Definitive Map review for the Ryedale District. RA5.2 Identify existing route anomalies and rectify.	-  > Continue discussions with landowners at Ampleforth, with regard to upgrading footpath to bridleway.					> Creation Order stalled due to cost. Assistance from AONB mooted, to progress scheme.

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RA6.1 Encourage creation of new access routes/areas.	> As opportunities arise.					> See RA5.2 above.
RA6.2 Support appropriate Public Rights of Way route alterations.	> Upgrade footpath between Gilling and Ampleforth Station to bridleway status. > Complete route re-alignments/creations /extinguishments at Howsham, Slingsby, Westow & Hovingham.	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	> No progress.
RA7.1 Encourage path improvements.	> As necessary, via JAC consultations.					
RA7.2 Monitor illegal use of footpaths.	> On-going.					
RA7.3 Make advisory signage available.	> As requested.					
RA8.1 Encourage low-key works on freehold Forestry Commission land.	> Resolve gate issue at eastern end of Grimston Moor.	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX		> FC action awaited.
RA8.2 Assist in negotiations on leasehold sites as appropriate.	> As necessary.					
RA9.1 Identify appropriate circular routes.	> See AP2.1 > Re-appraise missing routes hindering the establishment of a major route around the AONB.	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	> No further progress.
	> Re-appraise the possibility of circular cycle routes, in light of the recent establishment of national networks in the area.	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	> No progress.
RA9.2 Publish and distribute guide leaflets.	> See AP2.1.					> Welburn History & Habitats leaflet published & distributed Dec '07. Third leaflet due Winter '08.
RA10.1 Explore options to extend leisure bus network.	-					> No further input made to LTP.
RA10.2 Implement identified improvements.	-					
RA10.3 Investigate provision of facilities for transporting bicycles.	-					> No further input made to LTP.

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RA11.1 Carry out appropriate improvement works to informal carparks.  RA11.2 Assess measures to improve parking facilities at Kirkham Priory.  RA11.3 Investigate the use of Village Hall facilities by recreational visitors.	> Continue grass cutting regime at Badger Bank. > Litter clearance at car parks throughout the AONB.  > Continue discussions with English Heritage and Highway Authority.  -	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	> Completed.  > At least 5 regular litter picks carried out by Basics Plus, throughout the spring /summer /autumn. > Attended meeting with EH, landowner and Parish Council. Plan prepared, to alter layout and thereby maximise parking efficiency/prevent night-time nuisance. New car parking area also suggested by other attendees – potentially significant visual impact.
RA12.1 Use planning controls to discourage recreational use of the River Derwent. RA12.2 Countryside management measures to resolve local issues.	> As necessary.  > Litter clearance throughout the AONB, as necessary.					> No relevant applications.  > At least 5 regular litter picks carried out by Basics Plus, throughout the spring /summer /autumn.
RA13.1 Expand membership of existing Recreation and Access Forum. RA13.2 Hold regular meetings of the new Forum as necessary.	-  -					

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AP1.1 Install 'gateway signs' on roads leading into the AONB.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Ensure 'gateway sign' sites are adequately maintained.</li> <li>&gt; Investigate installing 'gateway signs' on the A64.</li> </ul>	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Successful cutting &amp; cleaning regime implemented.</li> <li>&gt; No progress.</li> </ul>
AP1.2 Establish AONB information points.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Update map at Terrington info point to more robust format.</li> </ul>	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Café closed; map removed.</li> </ul>
AP1.3 General information leaflet about the AONB.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Ensure that TICs and local accommodation providers, shops, etc have adequate supplies of the general AONB leaflet.</li> </ul>	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Regular monitoring and replenishment of supplies.</li> </ul>
AP1.4 Provide information via the Annual Report, Newsletter and website.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Publish AONB News 2007.</li> <li>&gt; Publish 2006/07 Annual Report.</li> <li>&gt; Ensure that new AONB website is running properly and is updated each month.</li> </ul>	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Achieved, Oct '07. Distribution delayed by postal strikes.</li> <li>&gt; Achieved, July '07.</li> <li>&gt; Achieved. 72,000 visits to website.</li> </ul>
AP1.5 Maintain a high public profile in the local media and at events/shows.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Obtain at least 35 media mentions</li> <li>&gt; Attend Ryedale Show.</li> <li>&gt; Use AONB display at 3 venues/events.</li> </ul>	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; 16 press mentions (planning application – goat shed, Welburn leaflet, Junior Ranger Club, SDF, CAN DO); Equivalent to £7,900 of advertising space.</li> <li>&gt; Cancelled, due to waterlogged ground.</li> <li>&gt; Used displays at Green Fair, NYCC Natural Environment &amp; Historic Environment Days.</li> <li>&gt; Local Produce Guide produced in partnership with NYMNP, with SDF grant.</li> <li>&gt; No progress.</li> </ul>
AP1.6 Consider establishing a Trail around the AONB.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Consider for inclusion in CAN DO HLF bid.</li> </ul>	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX			
AP1.7 Consider a major event to celebrate the anniversary of the AONB designation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year – consider branding/events.</li> </ul>		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; No action.</li> </ul>

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<p>AP2.1 Information leaflets for individual AONB villages.</p> <p>AP2.2 Guided walks on local farms.</p> <p>AP2.3 Install information boards at suitable sites.</p> <p>AP2.4 Annual programme of guided walks and talks.</p> <p>AP2.5 Programme of activities with local schools.</p>	<p>&gt; Publish and distribute Local Information &amp; Walks leaflet for Welburn.</p> <p>&gt; Identify third village for Local Information &amp; Walks leaflet.</p> <p>&gt; Demonstrate environmentally responsible farming on 1 guided walk.</p> <p>&gt; Start work on a board for the Kirkham Priory area.</p> <p>&gt; Hold at least 3 guided walks.</p> <p>&gt; Complete Year 4 of AONB Discovery Project.</p>	<p></p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p></p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>&gt; See RA9.2 above.</p> <p>&gt; Nunnington.</p> <p>&gt; On Howsham Mill walk and Castle Howard bat walk.</p> <p>&gt; Consultees approached in connection with a possible board at Caulkleys bank – negative response.</p> <p>&gt; Small information boards about Exmoor Pony grazing project erected at Terrington Moor and Littledale SINC.</p> <p>&gt; SDF grant to install information board about Archimedes Screw turbines at Howsham Mill.</p> <p>&gt; Howsham Mill (Aug '07) (12); Bat Walk, Castle Howard (Aug '07) (25); Fungi (Oct '07) (27); Apple Day, Slingsby (Oct '07) (16).</p> <p>&gt; Evening Talk for Scarborough Field Naturalists Society (May '07) (50).</p> <p>&gt; Completed. 6 schools in Jun &amp; July '07 (135 children); 5 Ranger Club sessions in May '07 &amp; 5 Ranger Club sessions in Oct '07 (210 children).</p> <p>&gt; Launch of GLOBE in 11 (14) schools in and close to the AONB (1 secondary, 10 (13) primary).</p>
<p>AP3.1 Establish a 'Friends of the Howardian Hills AONB' group.</p>	<p>&gt; Complete at least 1 project per calendar quarter using volunteers.</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>&gt; Hedgehog boxes (June '07); Littledale SINC scrub clearance (Feb &amp; Mar '08). Assisting with Junior Ranger Club (May &amp; Oct '07). Assisting at Ryedale Green Day (Sept '07). PROW Maintenance with NYCC Ranger. Surveying SINC.</p> <p>6 projects or tasks, worth over 70 days.</p>
<p>AP4.1 Review of the AONB Interpretation Strategy.</p>	<p>–</p>					

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<p>IM1.1 Seek funding to implement projects.</p> <p>IM1.2 Annual meetings of Topic Groups.</p> <p>IM1.3 Partnership arrangements with the North York Moors National Park Authority.</p>	<p>&gt; As necessary, via NAAONB, to ensure that AONBs are adequately funded by Natural England.</p> <p>&gt; Ensure full utilisation of £100k SDF allocation.</p> <p>&gt; Assist with CAN DO HLF bid, including major project for stone wall &amp; lime kiln restoration/interpretation if appropriate.</p> <p>&gt; Obtain additional resources from County &amp; District Councils, FC, EA &amp; CAN DO for specific identified projects.</p> <p>–</p> <p>&gt; Continue to use the National Park to provide specialist advice to help deliver the AONB SDF programme.</p> <p>&gt; Continue partnership arrangement to employ Native Woodland Development Officer to cover National Park &amp; AONB.</p> <p>&gt; Continue to participate in the CAN DO partnership.</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>&gt; £70k received. Fully allocated.</p> <p>&gt; Attendance at meetings, providing information, data and project ideas (see CH1.2/3.1).</p> <p>&gt; Resources secured from FC, EA &amp; CAN DO for specific projects.</p> <p>&gt; Arrangements continuing.</p> <p>&gt; Contributed to costs of post and making use of expertise.</p> <p>&gt; See IM1.1 above.</p>
<p>IM2.1 Assess achievements of 2001 Business Plan and agree a review strategy.</p> <p>IM2.2 Subsequent assessments and reviews.</p>	<p>–</p> <p>&gt; Annual Business Plan / Action Programme agreed by JAC in March 2008.</p>					<p>&gt; Annual Business Plan / Action Plan agreed.</p>
<p>IM3.1 Measure customer satisfaction via regular questionnaires.</p> <p>IM3.2 Undertake an annual EFQM assessment.</p>	<p>&gt; Extend questionnaire to include AONB Unit customers, not just grant recipients.</p> <p>–</p>			<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>&gt; No progress.</p>
<p>MN1.1 Develop a full set of AONB Condition Indicators.</p> <p>MN1.2 Develop a full set of AONB Unit/JAC Performance Indicators.</p> <p>MN1.3 Establish baseline April 2004 data.</p>	<p>&gt; Complete the GIS database of all work assisted by the JAC.</p> <p>&gt; Use NE Performance Indicators to measure performance of JAC.</p> <p>&gt; Collect baseline data for Condition Indicators.</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>&gt; No further progress.</p> <p>&gt; Results compiled for NE grant claim.</p> <p>&gt; No progress.</p>
<p>MN2.1 Information on Condition Indicators on a 5-yearly cycle.</p> <p>MN1.2 Information on Performance Indicators on an annual cycle.</p>	<p>–</p> <p>&gt; Report 2006/07 figures to JAC in October 2007.</p>			<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>		<p>&gt; Grant recipients questionnaire results reported.</p>

<p><u>National Association for AONBs</u></p> <p>Maintain input into NAAONB Board and Association activities.</p> <p>Keep up-to-date with knowledge and skills in relation to AONB management. Northern AONBs Co-ordinator.</p> <p>Assist with organisation of 2007 NAAONB Conference.</p>	<p>&gt; Paul Jackson planning to stand for re-election to NAAONB Board. &gt; Attend NAAONB Board meetings.</p> <p>&gt; Write 1 article for 'Outstanding' magazine. &gt; Attend training seminars, Northern Group meetings and Conferences, as appropriate. &gt; Continue to participate in efforts to appoint a Northern AONBs Co-ordinator. &gt; Well-organised and professional Conference.</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>&gt; Re-elected. Elected Vice-Chairman in Jan '08. &gt; 5 Board meetings attended. 1 Chairmen's meeting. &gt; Attended Northern Ireland visit, May '07. &gt; 2 articles, on Brandsby beck and GLOBE projects. &gt; 5 seminars/events attended, including AONB Conference. 2 Northern Group meetings attended. &gt; Post not proceeding, due to lack of funds. &gt; Conference completed; good feedback from delegates. &gt; Assisting with Conference 2008 also. &gt; Submitted information on all AONB events to NAAONB www.visitaonb.org website. &gt; Used temporary letterhead with the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary logo on, up until May '07. &gt; Attended Communications Officers meetings Oct '07 &amp; Feb '08. &gt; Northern Group AONBs 2008 calendar. &gt; Attended OS Outdoors Show 2008.</p>
<p><u>AONB Management Plan</u></p> <p>Begin to collate information to inform the Management Plan review process.</p>	<p>&gt; Attend NAAONB/NE seminars, to keep up-to-date with current thinking. &gt; Contact Policy Officer at NYCC to investigate SEA process &amp; any assistance available. &gt; Collate information likely to be useful in informing the new Management Plan, including Condition Indicators. &gt; Use the Partnership Group meeting in Mar '08 to begin the review process.</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>			<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>&gt; Attended 2 seminars/workshops. &gt; NYCC assistance secured for writing SEA. &gt; On-going. &gt; Started with extended Core Funders Group meeting in Nov '07.</p>