

**HOWARDIAN HILLS
AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY
JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
3 APRIL 2008**

COMMUNITY INITIATIVE – PARISH PLANNING EVENTS

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise Members of a series of events that the AONB Unit and Yorkshire Rural Community Council (YRCC) are carrying out to promote Parish Plans and Community-led projects in the AONB and how these events will feed into the review of the AONB Management Plan.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The community consultation events held in autumn 2003 as part of the last Management Plan preparation process were necessarily in-depth, as many local people were not fully aware of the protected status of the area in which they lived.
- 2.2 Community consultation for the 2009-2014 Management Plan does not require such a significant level of intensity. Communities are now much more familiar with the AONB designation, although many of the issues raised in autumn 2003 are still relevant.
- 2.3 In order to further develop the consultation process with local people, and to offer something of more direct and immediate benefit to them, the AONB Unit is working with YRCC to develop a series of four drop-in sessions. The sessions will include access to local organisations and ‘initiatives’, information about grants, advice about Parish Planning and Village Design Statements and information gathering exercises such as ‘Planning for Real’ maps and ‘Village A to Zs’.
- 2.4 Partners potentially attending alongside the AONB Unit and YRCC include: Safer Ryedale, Community Education (NYCC), Countryside Ranger (NYCC), Ryedale District Council Funding Officer, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, Yorkshire Police, Fire and Rescue and a case study by a village that already has a Parish Plan.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received for information.