

**HOWARDIAN HILLS
AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY
JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
1 APRIL 2010**

AONB UNIT ACTIVITY

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To receive details of the work areas and progress achieved by the AONB Unit since the last meeting of the JAC.

2.0 SUMMARY OF PROGRESS ACHIEVED

- 2.1 Appendix 1 gives separate details of the meetings and site visits that have been carried out by the AONB Manager, AONB Officer and AONB Assistant in the period 24th October 2009 to 23rd March 2010. Appendix 2 gives full details of the wide range of projects that the AONB Project Fund has assisted during the year. Appendix 3 gives details of the Consultations that the JAC has received during the year.
- 2.2 Countryside management work has been continuing, through the AONB Project Fund. The main areas of work have been rhododendron clearance, restoration of Listed mileposts, restoration of traditional direction signs, in-field and boundary tree planting schemes and conservation work to the Lodges at Howsham Hall. Unfortunately the extreme and prolonged winter conditions have meant that the last three items listed above have been prepared but won't be implemented until 2010/11, although all schemes bar the tree planting ones will be started in April or May.
- 2.3 Many Countryside Stewardship and Entry Level agreements in the AONB are due to expire this coming summer and we have had a number of requests for assistance with deciding on future options. One Farm Environment Plan (for HLS) is almost completed, with 5 more in the pipeline.
- 2.4 Volunteer activity has again been significant during the last six months. Tasks clearing gorse at Peel Park Wood & Grassland SINC, clearing scrub at Dalby Bush Fen SSSI and bashing rhododendron at Piper Hill Plantation SINC have all attracted good numbers of volunteers. Several volunteers have continued coming out with the local NYCC Area Ranger, working in the AONB approximately every second week, and in late March a team of volunteers from Natural England helped with one of the rhododendron tasks.
- 2.5 A very successful series of Junior Ranger Club days were held in the October half-term holidays at Slingsby and Nunnington and in the February half-term at the Castle Howard Arboretum visitor centre. The February events had been scheduled for December but attendance was severely curtailed by the heavy snow and so they were re-arranged. Full details of the activities and attendance are shown in Appendix 4.
- 2.6 Significant work has been put into developing a successor project for schools work in the AONB. A number of meetings have been held with the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, who will be delivering the new programme, and the funding bids are almost ready to be submitted to the LEADER Programme and Heritage Lottery Fund.

- 2.7 The Community Development Officer at Rural Action Yorkshire has been continuing to work with parishes and community groups within the AONB. A number of new Parish Plans are being developed as a result of this SDF-funded project, with a workshop on Village Design Statements also planned for late March. In 2010/11 it is hoped that some of the projects coming out of the Parish Plans can be helped with accessing funding, from a variety of different sources.
- 2.8 Two meetings to discuss the next round of undergrounding overhead electricity lines in the AONB have been held. The full details of how the scheme will operate have yet to be finalised, but a scheme at Nunnington should be starting shortly and a site meeting has been held at Welburn.
- 2.9 The Joint Advisory Committee's budget will be overspent this year by approximately £2,700. It should however be borne in mind that we brought £26,000 of unspent Project money forward from 2008/09, as well as approximately £12,000 of other unallocated funds. As explained in paragraph 2.2 above, some projects that we had hoped to complete this year have been delayed by the prolonged wintry weather and will be completed next financial year. These projects total approximately £21,000 and in many cases the grant offer letters have been issued or the project details agreed.
- 2.10 A grant proposal for 2010/11 was submitted to Natural England in December 2009. An update on the funding situation earlier that month indicated that AONBs could expect to receive 100% of the figure that they received in 2009/10, in line with the 3-year commitment made by Natural England in May 2008. At the time of writing this report there was no news on the result of this bid, although we are not anticipating any significant issues. The interim claim for payment of the 2009/10 grant was also submitted on schedule in January 2010.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received for information.

AONB MANAGER'S REPORT

24th OCTOBER 2009 – 23rd MARCH 2010

Work during this period has principally consisted of:

- NYCC training courses – Management Development, Attendance Management, Legionella.
- NYCC administrative tasks – training, forms to be completed, etc.
- Progressing work on the undergrounding of overhead electricity lines.
- Geographical magazine visit.
- Project development – rhododendron control, milepost repairs.
- Submission of 2010/11 grant proposal to Natural England.
- Submission of 2009/10 interim grant claim to Natural England.
- Dealing with e-mail backlog from summer/autumn 2009.
- NYCC training courses – Internal NYCC e-learning courses.
- Project development – milepost and traditional direction sign repairs, hedge and in-field tree planting schemes, geodiversity conservation work at Hildenley.
- Skiing holiday and single days of Annual Leave.

MEETINGS

- 27th October – CAN DO meeting, Helmsley.
- 5th November – JAC meeting.
- 12th November – CE Electric; DPCR5 planning meeting, Northallerton.
- 25th November – AONB Team Annual Action Programme meeting.
- 27th November – Natural England Landscape Conference, York.
- 1st December – LEADER Support Group, Helmsley.
- 2nd December – NYCC Change & Improvement workshop, Selby.
- 11th December – Ranger Team 3 Liaison meeting, Helmsley.
- 15th December – Core Funders Group.
- 23rd December – NYCC Landlord Services annual meeting.
- 19th January – NYCC Highways (Ryedale), re restoration of traditional direction signs.
- 21st January – Cleveland Corrosion Control, re restoration of traditional direction signs.
- 22nd January – NYCC Highways (Hambleton), re restoration of traditional direction signs, Thirsk.
- 28th January – Ryedale Vernacular Building Materials Research Group, re geodiversity & historic landscape conservation works at Hildenley.
- 9th February – AONB Team Annual Action Programme meeting.
- 12th February – NE Walking for Health staff, re future possibilities for joint working.
- 17th February – Regional Landscape Characterisation workshop, York.

- 22nd February – LEADER update.
- 23rd February – Native Woodland Development Officer Steering Group, Helmsley.
- 4th March – NEDL DPCR5 briefing, Northallerton.
- 9th March – LEADER Support Group, Helmsley.
- 12th March – FC Regional Habitat Network Study meeting, York.
- 16th March – Rick Walker (NYCC) visit to AONB offices.
- 17th March – Core Funders Group meeting.
- 23rd March – NYMNP/HHAONB/NYCC Highways Liaison meeting, Helmsley.

Monthly project update meetings with Liz and Mark Antcliff.

Monthly AONB Team meetings.

6-weekly NYCC NET meetings.

Quarterly – work programme meeting with team.

NAAONB

- 16th November – Conference 2010 teleconference.
- 5th January – New CEO induction, Northleach.
- 11th February – NAAONB Board meeting, London.
- 24th February – National Training Programme Steering Group, Birmingham.
- 10th March – NE Chairman's meeting, London.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- 25th March – SDF Panel, Helmsley.
- 30th March – Ryedale BAP Steering Group, Malton.
- 1st April – JAC meeting.
- 8th April – SDF Steering Group, Helmsley.
- 14th April – LEADER wider LAG meeting, Moorsholm village hall.
- 26th April – AONB Partnership Group meeting.
- 29th April – CAN DO Forum, Helmsley.
- 6th May – SDF Steering Group.
- 11th May – Rural Affairs Forum.
- 27th May – SDF Panel, Helmsley.
- 2nd June – SDF Steering Group.
- 18th June – Ranger Team 3 Local Liaison Group meeting.
- 6th July – Native Woodland Development Project Steering Group, Helmsley.
- 22nd July – CAN DO Executive meeting, Helmsley.
- 23rd July – JAC site visit.
- 3rd August – Rural Affairs Forum.
- 9th September – DPCR5 Steering Group, Northallerton.
- 28th October – CAN DO Executive Group meeting, Helmsley.

Monthly project update meetings with Liz and Mark Antcliff.

Monthly AONB Team meetings.

6-weekly NYCC NET meetings.

FUTURE NAAONB

- 22nd April – NAAONB Board meeting, Birmingham.
- 14/15 June – Northern AONBs Group meeting, Forest of Bowland AONB.
- 12th – 15th July – NAAONB Conference, Folkestone.
- 20th July – National Training Programme Steering Group, Birmingham.
- 29th July – NAAONB Board meeting, London.
- 21st October – NAAONB Board meeting, Birmingham.

SITE VISITS

- 3rd December – Flat Top Farm, Terrington; planning application pre-visit.
- 10th December – Pre-application advice on new free-range egg production building, Terrington.
- 12th January – Assess traditional direction

signs, Hambleton part of AONB.

- 16th February – Planning application site visit, Thornton-on-the-Hill.
- 16th February – Assess suitability of excavated stone for walling, Yearsley.
- 25th February – NEDL, overhead electricity line undergrounding, Welburn.
- 3rd March – Discuss repairs schedule for Lodges, Howsham Hall.
- 5th March – New farm building & wind turbine advice, Terrington.
- 5th March – New farm building and HLS advice, Dalby.
- 5th March – Wind turbine advice, Yearsley.
- 5th March – Nesting birds constraint to road repairs project, Ampleforth.
- 5th March – Planning application site visit, Oswaldkirk.
- 5th March – Scar Wood limekilns, Gilling.
- 5th March – Advice on colour of new farm building, Coulton.
- 5th March – Planning application site visit, Grimstone.
- 18th March – Geodiversity and historic environment works, Hildenley.

FUTURE SITE VISITS

- 24th March – Westow PC; management of car park area at Kirkham Priory.
- 7th April – Ampleforth Abbey & College; management of Park Wood Fishponds SINC.

PROJECTS

- **30th October – distribute final printed Management Plan/CD copies, etc. Upload final versions to AONB website.**
- **24th December – Preparation and submission of 2010/11 grant proposal and Annual Action Programme.**
- **22nd January – Submission of interim NE grant claim.**
- Installation of new workstation and PC for Volunteer Projects Assistant/NYCC Area Ranger.
- SEE SEPARATE TABLE FOR LIST OF PROJECTS GRANT AIDED

FUTURE PROJECTS

- **Obtaining signatures on The Agreement and returning it to Natural England.**
- **Revision of 2010/11 budget, if reduced**

grant funding offered by Natural England.

- 25th March – Volunteers rhododendron clearance, Piper Hill SINC.
- Submission of final grant claim and reports to Natural England, by 31st April.
- Digitisation of Phase I data for AONB.
- Digitisation of work completed by the AONB Project since 1997.
- Summer/autumn – Renewal of lease on AONB Office.
- 9th December – Management Development Course, Northallerton.
- E-learning courses – Freedom of Information, Data Protection, Information security, Slips Trips & Falls, Procurement, Complaints & Compliments.
- 20th January – Management Development Course, Easingwold.
- 8th March – Environmental Stewardship update briefing, Thirsk.

CONSULTATIONS

- SEE SEPARATE TABLE FOR FULL DETAILS OF CONSULTATIONS RECEIVED.

PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION

- 10th November – Geographical magazine visit and tour of AONB.
- 14th November – Lime & Ice site visit, Yearsley Moor.
- 16th December – 60th Anniversary Beacon, Danby.
- 10th February – Discovering Places workshop, Dewsbury.
- 4th March – Hambleton DC Committee Briefing, Northallerton.

FUTURE PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION

- May/June – Preparation, printing and distribution of 2009/10 Annual Report.
- 27th July – Ryedale Show.
- Sept/Oct – Preparation of AONB News 2010.

TRAINING

- 28th October – Management Course, Easingwold.
- 9th November – Attendance Management course, Northallerton.
- 11th November – Management Course, Easingwold.
- 24th November – Management Course, Easingwold.
- 4th December – Legionella Awareness course, Harrogate.
- Meetings with Management Course buddy, between each session.

FUTURE TRAINING

- 29th March – Management Development Course, Easingwold.
- 14th April – Historic Environment Action Plans seminar, Cranborne Chase & West Wilts Downs AONB?
- 23rd June – NAAONB Adapted & Resilient Landscapes workshop.

MISCELLANEOUS

- 2nd & 4th November – Team Appraisals, 6-month review.
- 18th & 19th November – Leave.
- 28th January – 5th February – Annual Leave.

FUTURE MISCELLANEOUS

- 15th April – NYCC Countryside Service (Christmas) walk.
- 20th April – Team Appraisals.

AONB OFFICER'S REPORT
5TH NOVEMBER 2009 – 23RD MARCH 2010

Some of my main duties over the past 4½ months have been:

- **Projects Fund:** Grants offered for several hedge planting and walling projects. Autumn and winter walling projects completed and checked. Grants offered for five in-field tree planting projects. Rhododendron clearance at Gilling has taken place and more volunteer work is planned for this month. Special Interest Verge cutting has been contracted. Refurbishment of seven traditional signs in Coxwold jointly funded with National Park and village nameplates funded for four AONB villages.
- Updating and maintaining the **Countryside Management Budget**.
- **Exmoor Pony Grazing** – newsletter and grazing schedule for 2010 agreed with YEPT and circulated to landowners.
- **SDF 2009/10:** Ground-source heat at Gilling Village Hall progressing. Support provided to Rural Action Yorkshire Community Projects Officer covering the AONB and to Husthwaite Orchards (two year project). Year 1 grants paid to Husthwaite Orchards Group. Project developed with and grant offered to Hovingham Wildlife Group.
- **ELS and HLS** – Advice given to landowners who are due to renew their ELS agreements this year. One FEP for HLS partially completed (Huttons Ambo) and five more agreed to (3x Crayke, 1x Hovingham and 1 x Newburgh). Agents briefing session attended.
- **Volunteers:** content for volunteer newsletter. Volunteers assisted with delivery of December and February Junior Ranger Clubs. Volunteer ‘Sunday Group’ tasks at Peel Wood and Grasslands SINC, Dalby Bush Fen SSSI (x2) and Piper Hill Plantation SINC. Walk for volunteers provided after half-day task and group lunch.
- **Naomi Cox** has been volunteering 2 days per week with the AONB Unit and 2 days per week with the NYCC Countryside Ranger (November 2009 to early January 2010), then 3 days per week with the AONB Unit mid-January 2010 onwards. I’ve overseen her day to day management - coordinating her tasks to provide an appropriate combination of independent tasks and joint site visits/meetings (to gain skills/experience).
- **Junior Ranger Club:** Preparation for and delivery of sessions at Castle Howard Arboretum December 2009 and February 2010. Date agreed for a JRC day in August 2010. Negotiation of financially sustainable way of delivering JRC with the Arboretum.
- **Schools activities:** Outline project plan for twinning of schools in the AONB and Hull produced. Outline budget determined with Yorkshire Wildlife Trust. Initial discussions with LEADER Project Officer and HLF Funding Officer. Draft application form and business plan sent to LEADER Officers for feedback.
- **CAN DO** – ongoing input into AONB-related aspects of the project – in-field and boundary trees planting grants and rhododendron clearance at Gilling/Yearsley.
- **Lime and Ice:** Yearsley Archaeology Group meetings facilitated. Group now working on gathering information and fieldwork.
- **RAY in the AONB:** working with the Community Project Development Officer to develop her role in the AONB; jointly developing ideas relating to rural arts at Slingsby School and possibly wider area rural arts work in the Street Villages. Regular up-date meetings re parish plans and on-going projects. Developing a series of community drop-in events/roadshows and possibly use of the RyePod.
- **Publicity** - Inputting news, events, text and photos for website, Preparation of Howardian Hills page for Northern Group AONBs Calendar. Content for Outstanding and NYCC Countryside Volunteers Newsletter.

MEETINGS

- Nov 5th – Helmsley – SDF Steering Group
- Nov 18th – Hovingham – RAY Community Projects Officer update
- Nov 19th - Northallerton – Natural Environment Team
- Nov 25th – Hovingham – AONB Team Work Programming meeting
- Nov 26th – Helmsley – SDF Panel
- Dec 3rd – Helmsley – SDF Steering Group
- Dec 3rd – York – YWT – meeting with Community Projects manager re. rural:urban schools twinning
- Dec 14th – Helmsley – Development Officers
- Dec 15th – Hovingham – Core Funders
- Dec 16th – Hovingham – Projects update – Paul, Mark and Naomi
- Jan 7th – Helmsley – SDF Steering Group – by e-mail due to snow
- Jan 12th – Northallerton - Natural Environment Team
- Jan 13th – York – YWT – twinning project
- Jan 15th – Newburgh/Coxwold landowners – wetland group meeting
- Jan 27th – Hovingham - Projects update
- Jan 28th – Helmsley - RAY Community Projects Officer update
- Jan 28th – Helmsley – CANDO Steering Group
- Feb 4th – Hovingham – SDF Steering Group
- Feb 5th – Helmsley – LEADER Officers re.

funding for twinning project

- Feb 5th – Helmsley – Lime and Ice with Project Manager
- Feb 9th – Hovingham – AONB work programme meeting
- Feb 10th – Leeds – HLF Funding Officer
- Feb 12th – Hovingham – Walking for Health
- Feb 15th – Helmsley – Development Officers
- Feb 16th – Northallerton – Natural Environment Team
- Feb 18th – Hovingham – Projects update meeting
- Feb 22nd – Hovingham – LEADER review with LEADER Officer
- Mar 2nd – Hovingham – Energy Saving Trust – community links work in AONB
- Mar 4th – Helmsley – SDF Steering Group
- Mar 5th – Hovingham – LEADER Officer re. grant application finance
- Mar 9th – York YWT – Rural:Urban twinning grants development
- Mar 17th – Hovingham – Core Funders
- Mar 22nd – Helmsley – LEADER Officers – draft application and business plan feedback
- Monthly - Howardian Hills AONB Unit meeting

FUTURE MEETINGS

- Apr 1st – Oswaldkirk – JAC
- Apr 12th – Hovingham – Development Officers
- Apr 21st – York – Road verges group
- Apr 21st – York – NYBAG and verges group
- Apr 26th – Appleton-le-Street – AONB Partnership Group
- Apr 29th – Helmsley – CAN DO Forum
- June 24th – Helmsley – additional SDF Panel
- Monthly - Howardian Hills AONB Unit meeting
- Monthly – SDF Steering Group Meetings
- Approx every 6 weeks – Project updates with Paul.
- Approx every 6 weeks – Natural Environment Team Meetings
- Quarterly – work programme meeting with Paul and Maggie
- Bi-monthly – SDF Panel Meetings

SITE VISITS

- Nov 4th - Yearsley to Brandsby Road – hedge planting site meeting with NYCC Highways
- Nov 9th – Crambe Grange – in-field and boundary trees visit with Native Woodland Development Officer. Hedge planting project also emerged from this.
- Nov 11th – Coxwold/Newburgh – 2x potential community wildlife projects – with NYMNP

Senior Ranger.

- Nov 11th – Moorside Plantation SINC – Rhododendron assessment
- Dec 9th – Hovingham – village habitat box locations with community wildlife group rep
- Dec 16th – Dale Plantation Stud – English Heritage Officer
- Jan 25th – Huttons Ambo – pre-FEP meeting with landowner
- Jan 29th – Wiganthorpe Wall, Brandsby Village sign, Amotherby village hall
- Feb 1st – Scackleton – Wiganthorpe Wall with contractor
- Feb 23rd – Crambe – hedge planting check
- Mar 1st – Slingsby – Orchard hedge pollarding – grant offer visit
- Mar 10th – Moorside Plantation SINC – site visit with NYCC Ranger pre. vols task
- Mar 18th – Hildenley – access/geology/cultural heritage projects

FUTURE SITE VISITS

- Bonnygate Lane Hedge planting project

PROJECTS

- Nov 6th – Hovingham – BARS info hand over/sort out with Paul and Naomi
- Nov 11th – Yearsley/Gilling – Rhododendron clearance
- Dec 1st – Todd Mill – Naomi - site visit pre-clearance of scrub
- Dec 7th – Crambe Grange – Naomi – pre-hedge planting photos
- Jan 26th – draft Exmoor pony grazing schedule
- Jan 28th – Hovingham – Hildenley Projects meeting
- Feb 1st – Hovingham – planning meeting re. vols tasks with NYCC Ranger
- Feb 19th – YEPT – grazing schedule agreement meeting
- Feb 22nd – Hovingham – Playground Committee – hedge planting grant
- Mar 17th – Helmsley – Energy Saving Trust application to SDF – work up with SDF Officer
- AONB Countryside Volunteer Tasks:
 - Nov 22nd – Countryside Volunteer Task – Dalby Bush Fen SSSI
 - Jan 24th – Yearsley Moor – Rhododendron clearance in areas machinery couldn't access
 - Feb 13th – Dalby Bush Fen SSSI
- January – FEP surveying at Huttons Ambo
- Feb/Mar – background information obtained re.

Crayke CSS and ELS agreements as preparation for FEPs

- Jan and Feb – Pony grazing schedule and newsletter negotiated with YEPT and sent to land owners.
- As the above projects have been completed they have been checked prior to grant payment.
- SDF Projects – advice during delivery and checking completed projects. Direct involvement with the majority of those on the separate table in the form of advice on delivery/minor changes to conditions.

SEE SEPARATE TABLE FOR FULL DETAILS OF PLANNED/DELIVERED PROJECTS.

FUTURE PROJECTS

- AONB Countryside Volunteer Tasks:
 - March 25th – Moorside Plantation SINC and Piper Hill SINC – Rhododendron clearance
 - March 28th – Piper Hill SINC - Rhododendron
 - May 16th – Centenary Way – path drainage
- June 1st – Sutton Bank – joint volunteer task for National Volunteers Week – NYCC, NYMNP and AONB

RECREATION/ACCESS

- Appleton le Street to Wath bridleway – with Area Ranger – assessing potential for circular routes, work required on surface and impacts of Estate operations and potential impacts on historic monuments
- Dec 9th – Hovingham – handover info to designer for Nunnington walk leaflet

FUTURE RECREATION/ACCESS

- March – ongoing communication with designer for Nunnington walk leaflet

COMMUNITY WORK

- Nov 14th – Yearsley – field work and mapwork introductory session for Lime and Ice (Yearsley) volunteers
- Nov 20th – Hovingham – Lime and Ice volunteer – historic maps
- Dec 21st – The Arboretum Castle Howard – Junior Ranger Club
- Jan 16th – Hovingham – Lime & Ice volunteers – fieldwork planning / desk study reporting
- Jan 28th – Helmsley – RAY Community

Projects Officer

- Feb 17th – The Arboretum Castle Howard – Junior Ranger Club
- Feb 18th – Hovingham - RAY Community Projects Officer
- Mar 2nd – Hovingham – Energy Saving Trust – SDF advice re. community energy projects

FUTURE COMMUNITY WORK

- Progress Rural Arts project in Slingsby and investigate options elsewhere in AONB
- Huttons Ambo – site visit with Community Projects Officer and LEADER Officer – collection of community projects ideas
- April 10th – Helmsley – Lime & Ice volunteers – fieldwork planning / desk study reporting
- August 26th – The Arboretum Castle Howard – Junior Ranger Club
- Build on links with schools, parishes and community groups.
- Continue to build links with existing volunteer schemes in the locality and to develop joint tasks

PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION

- Completion and distribution of Junior Ranger Club fliers for December sessions.
- Content supplied for NYCC Volunteer Newsletter.
- Article included in NAAONB Outstanding autumn/winter 2009 edition.
- Text and images supplied for Northern Group AONBs calendar.
- Ongoing contribution to AONB website.
- Content supplied for NYCC Volunteer Newsletter.

FUTURE PUBLICITY/INTERPRETATION

- Articles for Volunteer and Countryside Service Newsletters.

EDUCATIONAL/RAISING AWARENESS

- Jan 29th – Financial information and preparatory notes sent to HLF for twinning project
- Feb 4th – York – Park Grove School – twinning project discussion with teacher
- Mar 2nd – Slingsby School – Rural Arts project

- meeting with headteacher and Rural Arts
- Outline for new Sustainable Living section on the website has been produced. I've started content for Renewable Energy downloadable flier and Naomi has completed a Composting flier.

FUTURE EDUCATION/AWARENESS

- Mar 23rd – Kirkdale – evening talk
- Apr 19th – Welburn – evening talk
- April 21st – Sheriff Hutton – evening talk
- Continue to work towards obtaining funding for children's projects in AONB
- Continue to develop projects with local schools through working with them both in their school grounds and on field-trips.
- Developing the skills of the Volunteers on a variety of tasks including ongoing PRow Condition Assessment Training, Community Events and Habitat Management.
- Continue producing content for sustainable living section of the website.

TRAINING

- Nov 10th – Greenhow – Wader habitat management training
- Nov 19th - BARS inputting – trained by NYCC Biodiversity Officer
- Jan 21st & 22nd – Losehill Hall – Project Management - a Practical Guide

FUTURE TRAINING

- First Aid – one day skills update – March course cancelled

MISCELLANEOUS

- Feb 2nd – Northallerton – Health and Safety update
- Mar 8th – Thirsk – Environmental Stewardship agents update
- Feb 24th-26th – On leave

FUTURE MISCELLANEOUS

- Mar 24th – FEP surveyor update
- Mar 25th – Hovingham and Yearsley - Natural England Teem meeting followed by practical task
- Apr 15th – Sutton Bank/Kilburn – NYCC Countryside Service away day
- June 15th (&14th?) – Forest of Bowland – Northern Group AONBs meeting
- March 26th-31st – On leave
- June 3rd /4th to 11th – On leave

AONB ASSISTANT'S REPORT

24 OCTOBER 2009 – 19 MARCH 2010

My main duties over the period have been:

- Assisting in planning and preparation of Junior Ranger Club sessions in December and February.
- Attending October, Christmas and February half-term sessions of Junior Ranger Club.
- Site visits to Yearsley and Piper Hill Plantation.
- Distribution of the Management Plan, the Autumn/Winter edition of 'Outstanding' magazine and the Northern Group Calendar.
- Attending and minuting Core Funders' Group meetings in December and March
- Organising new workstation for Volunteer Projects Assistant.
- Preparation of a new leaflet on HHAONB Project Fund.
- General admin tasks for the unit eg taking minutes, dealing with orders, invoices, post, both incoming and out, file management.
- Uploading and amending of text and information to website.
- Handling telephone and email enquiries to the Unit.
- Dealing with IT issues.

MEETINGS

- 5 November – JAC Meeting
- 25 November - AONB Unit Action Programme meeting
- 15 December – Core Funders' Group
- 12 January and 16 February – NET Team meetings, County Hall
- 9 February - AONB Unit Action Programme meeting
- 17 March – Core Funders' Group
- Monthly AONB Unit meetings

FUTURE MEETINGS

- 1 April – JAC meeting
- 18 May – NET Team meeting, Hovingham
- 15 June – Northern Group Staff Mtg – Forest of Bowland
- 17 June – Core Funders' Group
- Monthly - Howardian Hills AONB Unit meeting

SITE VISITS

- 4 November – proposed hedge planting near Intake Lodge (with LB)
- 11 November – Yearsley Moor – to check rhododendron removal (with LB)
- 3 February – Castle Howard Arboretum to plan programme for JRC session

FUTURE SITE VISITS

RECREATION/ACCESS

- Research for horse-riding page on website

FUTURE RECREATION/ACCESS

- Continue supply of walks leaflets to local shops/outlets

COMMUNITY WORK

- 26/27 October - attendance at JRC sessions at Slingsby and Nunnington
- Preparation for Christmas session of Junior Ranger Club
- 21 December – assisting with delivery of JRC session at Castle Howard Arboretum
- Planning and preparation for February session of Junior Ranger Club
- 17 February – assisting with delivery of JRC session
- Assisting with preparation of HLF bid for Schools Twinning Project

FUTURE COMMUNITY WORK

- 25 March – Volunteer Task at Piper Hill

PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION

- Distribution of 'Outstanding' magazine and Northern Groups Calendar
- Ongoing updating of AONB website

FUTURE PROMOTION/
PUBLICITY/INTERPRETATION

- Distribution of spring edition of 'Outstanding' magazine
- Further development of Howardian Hills AONB website

PROJECTS

- Gather information on visitor numbers, activity etc from YTB
- Preparation of new flier for project fund
- Assisting with future site surveys of farms for FEPs

TRAINING

- 8 December – Travelcare training
- 20 January – Procurement E-learning package

FUTURE TRAINING

- First Aid
- Assertiveness Training
- Customer Care course

MISCELLANEOUS

- 4 November – 6 monthly appraisal
- 16-20 November – Annual leave
- 23 December – 1 January – Annual leave
- 5-7 January – Annual leave
- 2 February – Health & Safety update at CH
- 16 March – Rick Walker visit to AONB Unit

FUTURE MISCELLANEOUS

- 15 April – Countryside Services Awayday
- 20 April – Annual appraisal
- 26-30 April – Annual leave

AONB PROJECTS 2009/2010

1st April 2009 – 23rd March 2010

Projects that have received formal offers of assistance; **Completed projects.**

AONB Enhancement – Natural Environment

APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
~	AONB-wide	Native Woodland Development Officer post	-	FW6.5	£34,375	£2,500
~	AONB-wide	Graduate volunteer – Naomi Cox	-	AP3	£4,750	-
G Horsfield	Yearsley	Planting 323m of new hedge	Zones 1 & 2C Landscape	AG2.2	£3,556	£2,000
Forestry Commission	Coulton Moor Plantation	Repairing 4m of roadside stone wall	Zone 1 Landscape	AG2.2	£130	£130
J Butler	Valley Farm, Grimstone	Repairing 2m of roadside wall	Zone 1 Landscape	AG2.2	£65	£65
J Butler	Valley Farm, Grimstone	Spraying bracken along roadside wall	Zone 1 Landscape	AG2.2	£375	£375
Mr & Mrs G McHarg	Crambe Grange	Planting 350m of hedge gaps	-	AG2.2	£1,371	£648
E Swiers	Brandsby/ Yearsley	Planting 510m of new roadside hedge and gaps	Zone 1 Landscape	AG2.2	£2,793	£2,293
C Woolley	Dale Plantation House, Grimstone	Planting 132m of new roadside hedge	Zone 1 Landscape	AG2.2	£660	£495 (75%)

APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
R Hall	Thorn Tree Farm, Gilling	Repairing 9m of gaps in roadside wall	Zone 1 Landscape	AG2.2	£480	£225
A Glaister	Garbutts Ghyll, Husthwaite	Laying 150m of hedge (inc. hedgelaying course)	Zone 2B Landscape	AG2.2	£2,176	£800

APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
(AONB Unit – Yorkshire Exmoor Pony Trust)	Coulton (1), Cawton (2), Terrington (2), Bulmer	Conservation grazing of 6 SINC's or other important sites	Sites 1.59, 1.41, 1.47, 1.66, 1.20, 1.21	NE5.1, NE6.1	£1,180	£787
(AONB Unit – Basics Plus)	Littledale SINC	Habitat management	Site 1.20	NE5.1, NE6.1	£100	£100
(AONB Volunteers)	Foss Spring Mire, Yearsley	Removal of Western hemlock saplings	-	NE6.3, AP3.1	£250	-
Huttons Ambo Churchyard group	Huttons Ambo Churchyard	Habitat management	-	NE3.1, NE5.4, NE10.1	£60	£30
Amotherby Churchyard Conservation Group	Amotherby Churchyard	Habitat management	-	NE3.1, NE5.4, NE10.1	£200	£100
(AONB Unit – Basics Plus)	Appleton-le-Street Churchyard SINC	Grassland management	-	NE5.1	£200	£100
(AONB Unit – Basics Plus)	Amotherby Lane SINC	Grassland/scrub management	Site 1.38	NE5.1, NE7.1	£100	£100

APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
(FWAG - J Wilkins)	Hovingham	Grassland creation advice	-	NE5.5	£215	£215
(AONB Volunteer)	Dale Wood SINC	Botanical survey	Site 1.12	NE3.1, AP3.1	£300	-
(AONB Unit – Curlew Conservation Contractors)	Wath Beck; Terrington - Howthorpe	Cutting/pulling Himalayan balsam	Inc. Site 1.65	NE8.2	£1,960	£1,960
(AONB Unit – Countryside Services)	Wath Beck; Howthorpe - Wath	Cutting/pulling Himalayan balsam	Inc. Site 1.33	NE8.2	£1,056	£1,056
(AONB Unit – P Gospel Landscapes)	Terrington	Installing fencing and water trough on ‘spare’ land for Exmoor pony grazing	-	NE5/NE6	£271	£271
(AONB Unit – Basics Plus)	Mugdale & Barker Woods SINC	Cutting/pulling Himalayan balsam	Site 1.58	NE8.2	£300	£300
(AONB Unit – Basics Plus)	Park Wood, Gilling	Removal of Western hemlock saplings	Adj. Site 1.6	NE4.1	£100	-
(AONB Unit – NYCC)	Snargate Bank, Brandsby	Installation of 2 salt bins to protect ancient oak tree	-	NE4.2	£260	£160
AONB Unit (Forestry Commission)	Piper Hill Plantation SINC	Control of rhododendron in heathland and Ancient Woodland areas	Sites 1.7 & 1.6	NE5.4	£11,500	£7,332
(AONB Unit – Castle Howard Estate)	Terrington Carr SINC	Cutting birch and then chipping	Site 1.67	NE4.1, NE12.2	£450	-
(AONB & NYCC Volunteers)	Terrington Carr SINC	Moving cut birch off-site for chipping	Site 1.67	NE4.1, NE12.2, AP3.1	£300	-
(AONB Volunteers)	Dalby Bush Fen SSSI	Grassland and fen management	Site 1.56	NE5.4, NE6.3, NE12.2,	£750	-

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APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
(AONB Volunteers)	Peel Wood & Grassland SINC	Scrub control	Site 1.11	NE3.1, NE5.1, NE12.2, AP3.1	£700	-
(AONB and Lime & Ice Volunteers)	Piper Hill Plantation SINC	Rhododendron control	Site 1.7	NE5.4, AP3.1	£800	-
(AONB Volunteers)	Dalby Bush Fen SSSI	Scrub control	Site 1.56	NE5.4, NE12.2, AP3.1	£500	-
(AONB Unit – J R Clifford & Sons)	Various	Management of 44 Special Interest Road Verges	-	NE5.3	c.£1000	c.£1000
J Hicks	Cawton Bank	Replacement fencing on Exmoor pony grazing site	Site 1.41	NE5.1	c.£400	c.£220
(AONB & NYCC Volunteers)	Moorside (Black Fir) Plantation SINC	Rhododendron control	Site 1.9	NE5.4, AP3.1	£100	-
(AONB, NYCC & NE Volunteers)	Piper Hill Plantation SINC	Rhododendron & Western hemlock control	Site 1.7	NE5.4, AP3.1	£450	-
(AONB & NYCC Volunteers)	Piper Hill Plantation SINC	Rhododendron control	Site 1.7	NE5.4, AP3.1	£350	-

AONB Enhancement - Historic Environment

APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
(AONB Unit – P Gospel)	City of Troy Maze, Dalby	Regular maintenance	Site 2.25	HE4.5	£168	£168
(AONB Unit – Castle Howard)	Wiganthorpe Park, Scackleton	Spraying scrub regrowth	Site 2.92	HE4.5	£75	£75
(AONB Unit – M Aconley)	Wiganthorpe Park, Scackleton	Re-building 70m of Park wall	Site 2.92	HE4.5	£1,300	£1,300
(AONB Unit – Arbortec)	Wiganthorpe Park, Scackleton	Clearing scrub from 330m of Park wall	Site 2.92	HE4.5	£3,000	£3,000
(AONB Unit – Clarkes)	Wiganthorpe Park, Scackleton	Top-stones for 330m of Park wall	Site 2.92	HE4.5	£820	£820
(AONB Unit – M Aconley)	Wiganthorpe Park, Scackleton	Laying top-stones on 330m of Park wall	Site 2.92	HE4.5	£2,470	£2,470
S Scott	Low Lions Lodge, Ampleforth	Re-building 35m of Park wall	Site 2.15	HE4.5	£1,370	£1,096 (80%)
(AONB Unit – Basics Plus)	Todd Wood Mill, Welburn	Scrub control	Site 2.73	HE4.5	£175	£100
(AONB Unit – Cleveland Corrosion Control)	Slingsby	Restoring Milepost and taking mould for future castings	-	HE4.5, RT4.5	£1,000	£1,000
(AONB Unit – Cleveland Corrosion Control)	Oswaldkirk	Re-casting Listed Milepost	-	HE4.5, RT4.5	£1,000	£1,000

APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
(AONB Unit – M Aconley)	Wiganthorpe Park, Scackleton	Re-building 40m of Park wall	Site 2.92	HE4.5	£1,950	£1,950
Mr & Mrs G Simm	Slingsby	Pollarding 130m of overgrown hedge, adjacent to historic orchard	Site 2.52	HE4.5	£240	£120

APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
P Tate	Cawton	Restoration of limekiln (Listed Building at Risk)	Site 2.65	HE4.5	£1,000	£500
(AONB Unit – Cleveland Corrosion Control)	Leysthorpe	Re-casting Milepost (Listed Building at Risk)	Site 2.63	HE4.5, RT4.5	£1,000	£1,000

Enjoying the AONB

APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
(AONB Unit – Basics Plus)	Various	Litter picking (5 visits)	Sites 3.8, 3.14, 3.19	D3.5	£500	£500
(AONB Unit – P Gospel)	Badger Bank car park	Strimming	Site 3.17	RA11.1	c.£50	c.£50
(AONB Volunteers)	Howthorpe	Removal of Himalayan balsam from Public Bridleway	-	RA4.5, NE8.2, AP3.1	£250	-
Hovingham PC	Hovingham	Restore village name sign	-	HE4.5	£800	£400 (50%)
(Coxwold PC)	Coxwold	Restore village name signs	-	HE4.5	£4,000	£550

APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
(Dalby-cum-Skewsby PC)	Dalby	Restore village name sign	-	HE4.5	£800	£800
(Brandsby PC)	Brandsby	Restore village name sign	-	HE4.5	£800	£800
(Hovingham PC)	Hovingham	Restore village name sign	-	HE4.5	£800	£800
Hovingham Playground Group	Hovingham	Plant 274m of hedge around new play area	-	NE10, LC1.5	£1,590	£540
(Brandsby PC)	Brandsby	Repointing village name sign plinth	-	HE4.5	c.£100	c.£100
Westow PC	Kirkham Priory	Provision of additional litter bin	Site 3.15	RA3.1	c.£200	c.£100
-	Various	Volunteer effort with Junior Ranger Club, Ryedale show, Walk for Nepal, Green Day, etc.	-	AP3.1		
-	Various	Volunteer effort on PRoW in the AONB (av. 4 people/week, every other week)	-	RA4.5, AP3.1	£5,200	-
CAN DO Lime & Ice Project	Project area	2009/10 contribution			£194,000	£4,000

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FUND GRANTS 2009/2010

1st April 2009 – 23rd March 2010

Projects that have received formal offers of assistance; **Completed projects.**

APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	SDF ASSISTANCE
Rural Action Yorkshire	AONB-wide	Community Planning, Engagement & Development Project (Year 1)	-	LC1	£27,000 (Year 1)	£15,000
Gilling Village Hall	Gilling East	Ground-source heat pump	-	SF2.4, D5.2	£28,485	£13,103
Castle Howard Estate Ltd	Castle Howard	Ground-source heat pump	-	SF2.4, D5.2, D5.3	£179,010	£10,000
Appleton-le-Street Parish Hall	Village Hall, Amotherby	Refurbishment of Village Hall	-	SF2.4, LC1.5	£46, 653	£1,050
Orchards of Hushwaite	Hushwaite	Orchard development and apple processing equipment	-	NE10, HE4.5, SF2.4, LC1.5	£32,791	£8,600
Hovingham Wildlife Group	Hovingham & Scackleton	Erection of bird and bat boxes	-	NE3.1, NE10.1, LC1.5	£946	£470
(AONB Unit – NYMNP)		Administrative services	-	-	£1,000	£1,000

AONB CONSULTATIONS (SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS) 2009/2010

1st April 2009 – 23rd March 2010

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Ryedale District Council	Various	Weekly lists of Planning Applications and Decisions	-	-	-
Hambleton District Council	Various	Weekly web lists of Planning Applications and Decisions	-	-	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Various	Weekly list of Planning Applications	-	-	-
Forestry Commission	Various	Weekly web lists of woodland planting and management applications and decisions	-	-	-
Natural England	Howsham	Installation of canoe slalom poles on weir	-	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Hovingham	Planning application (Formation of recreational play area)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Scackleton	NRSWA consultation (Installation of 30 mph limit)	No	Signs to be on black poles	Galvanised poles
Hambleton District Council	Skewsby	Planning application (Installation of a greenhouse – amended plans)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Skewsby	Planning application (Retrospective application for creation of a wildlife pond)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Yearsley	Planning application (Creation of new vehicular access)	No	Harvest Buff conservation kerbing to be used for verge crossing	Included as a Condition
Ryedale District Council	Oswaldkirk	Planning application (Creation of new vehicular access)	No	Harvest Buff conservation kerbing to be used for verge crossing; native hedging to be used	Native hedging included as a Condition

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Ryedale District Council	Stittenham	Planning application (Change of use of barn to residential annex)	No	Spoil not to be used to fill rigg-and-furrow, no driveway lighting	Included as Conditions
North Yorkshire County Council	Gilling	NRSWA consultation (Kerbing works)	No	Harvest Buff conservation kerbing to be used	?
North Yorkshire County Council	Nunnington (Low Street)	NRSWA consultation (Kerbing works)	No	Harvest Buff conservation kerbing to be used	?
North Yorkshire County Council	Nunnington (Rectory Lane)	NRSWA consultation (Kerbing works)	No	Harvest Buff conservation kerbing to be used	?
North Yorkshire County Council	Ampleforth	NRSWA consultation (Installation of signs)	No	Signs to be on black poles	?
Ryedale District Council	Welburn	Planning application (Alterations to layout of café and residential accommodation)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Scackleton	NRSWA consultation (LV overhead and underground works)	No	Minimise damage to hedges	?
Forestry Commission	Gilling & Coulton	Woodland management proposals (Removal of Western hemlock)	No	Encourage heathland regeneration during restocking	Accepted
Ryedale District Council	Coulton	Planning application (Erection of agricultural storage building)	Yes	Serious reservations – darker colour needed. Landscaping management plan.	Included as Conditions
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Planning application (Erection of conservatory)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Skewsby	Planning application (Erection of an agricultural building)	Yes	Darker wall colour, different location preferred	Location as proposed,
Ryedale District Council	Nunnington	Planning application (Installation of solar energy system)	No	None	-

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
North Yorkshire County Council	Cawton	NRSWA consultation (LV underground works)	No	None	-
NEDL	Howsham	Installation of pole-mounted transformer	Yes	Not next to Listed Gatehouses	Now hidden in group of trees
Ryedale District Council	Coneysthorpe	Notification (5 Caravan Certificate)	Yes	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Malton	Planning application (Erection of sports centre)	No	Minor – light spillage, capacity of bike parking area	-
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Agricultural Notification (Erection of an agricultural building)	Yes	Confirm colour of roof sheets	?
North Yorkshire County Council	High Stittenham	NRSWA consultation (LV overhead works)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Yearsley	Planning application (Erection of an agricultural building)	No	Roof panels to be dark grey	Approved as “grey”
Environment Agency	Dalby	Spreading of composted food waste on agricultural land	No	Minor, re proximity to City of Troy maze	-
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Planning application (Erection of a replacement garage)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Dalby	NRSWA consultation (LV overhead and underground works)	No	None (AONB undergrounding scheme)	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Welburn	NRSWA consultation (LV underground works)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Whenby	NRSWA consultation (LV underground works)	No	None	-
Forestry Commission	Huttons Ambo	Woodland management proposals (felling and replanting)	No	Minor, re. species to be replanted	-
Forestry Commission	Ampleforth	Woodland management proposals (felling and replanting; conifer to mixed)	Yes	Minor	-

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Planning application (Erection of classroom and maintenance shed and extension to car parking area)	Yes	Concern about additional car park area	Car park area expansion withdrawn
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth College	Planning application (Erection of extension to boarding house)	Yes	None	(Approved)
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth	Planning application (Change of use of barn to form residential training centre)	No	None	(Refused)
Ryedale District Council	Oswaldkirk	Planning application (Formation of wildlife pond)	Yes	Landscaping scheme of native species needed	All concerns addressed as Conditions
Hambleton District Council	Whenby	Planning application (Erection of a 15m wind turbine)	No	None	(Approved)
Hambleton District Council	Yearsley	Discharge of Conditions (removal of agricultural buildings, landscaping)	No	Minor	(Approved)
Hambleton District Council	Grimstone	Planning application (Erection of an 18m wind turbine)	Yes	No Objection	Refused
North Yorkshire County Council (Jacobs)	Ampleforth College	Pre-survey consultation (road stabilisation works)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Brandsby	Planning application (Extensions, etc to form a poultry shed)	Yes	Colour of roof sheets and silos; landscaping scheme	Included as Conditions
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Planning application (Installation of ground-source heat pump)	No	None	(Approved)
North Yorkshire County Council	Oswaldkirk	NRSWA consultation (Works for new 40mph limit)	No	Local materials; new signs and road markings minimised	Low-key scheme implemented
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth	Planning application (Erection of a 15m wind turbine)	Yes	None	(Approved)
North Yorkshire County Council	Helmsley	NRSWA consultation (Installation of sign post)	No	None	-

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
North Yorkshire County Council	Hovingham	NRSWA consultation (Installation of verge crossing)	No	None	-
Forestry Commission	Welburn	Woodland management proposals (F/RP; 3.8ha conifer PAWS to native broadleaves)	(Yes)	Support	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Slingsby – Barton-le-Street	NRSWA consultation (Haunching)	No	Species-rich road verges. No damage by vehicles or imported soils	?
North Yorkshire County Council	Coulton	NRSWA consultation (Installation of new sign post)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Swinton	NRSWA consultation (LV underground works)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Crambe	NRSWA consultation (LV underground works)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth	Planning application (Erection of a playground canopy)	No	Minor (roof colour)	-
Ryedale District Council	Welburn	Planning application (Extension and alteration of barn to form worker's accommodation, above stabling)	No	Minor (roof and wall colours)	(Withdrawn)
Hambleton District Council	Brandsby	Discharge of Conditions (landscaping)	No	Minor	?
Forestry Commission	Kirkham	Woodland management proposals (T to favour native broadleaves; 2.8ha conifer PAWS to native broadleaves; 1.27ha mixed woodland to native broadleaves)	No	Minor	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Castle Howard Avenue	NRSWA consultation (Drainage works)	No	Species-rich road verges. No damage by vehicles or imported soils	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Oswaldkirk	NRSWA consultation (Installation of new sign posts)	No	None	-

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Hambleton District Council	Brandsby	Planning application (Erection of extension to farm building)	No	Sheeting colour to be dark green; proposed location blocks a Public Footpath	Withdrawn
Forestry Commission	Ampleforth	Woodland management proposals (Felling of conifer hedges)	(Yes)	None	-
Halcrow	Crambeck	Installation of new bus shelters	No	Minor (unnecessary sign, surface materials, verge restoration)	?
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Planning application (Erection of new golf clubhouse)	No	Minor (wall colours)	?
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Planning application (Erection of playground equipment)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Bulmer	Planning application (Change of use to 5 bedroom dwelling)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Thornton-on-the-Hill	Planning application (Temporary siting of log cabin as agricultural workers accommodation)	Yes	Minor – colour of window frames	?
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning application (Erection of an agricultural building)	No	Minor – colour of roof sheets	?
Ryedale District Council	Oswaldkirk	Planning application (Erection of 12m wind turbine)	Yes	Minor – colours of mast, head and blades	?
Ryedale District Council	Grimstone	Planning application (Erection of eco-centre and manager's house)	Yes	Colour of wall finish, Condition on use/removal of dwelling	?
Ryedale District Council	Malton	Planning application (Extension of York Road Industrial Estate)	No	?	?
Pegasus Environmental	Melmerby	Landscape & Visual Impact Assessment for windfarm	No	Minor	-

AONB CONSULTATIONS & NOTIFICATIONS (STRATEGIES, ETC) 2009/2010

1st April 2009 – 23rd March 2010

ORGANISATION	AREA	DOCUMENT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Ryedale District Council	District	Local Development Framework	Distribution of new housing development	
Forestry Commission	UK	Restoration of open habitats from woods and forests	None	
English Heritage	Region	Historic Environment Strategy for Yorkshire & The Humber Region	None	
Forestry Commission	UK	Future of the Public Forest Estate	By NAAONB	
North Yorkshire County Council	County	Local Transport Plan 3 consultation	??	
Natural England	England	Wind Energy Policy	By NAAONB	
Natural England	England	Protected Landscapes Policy	By NAAONB	
English Heritage	Region	Historic Environment Strategy for Yorkshire & The Humber Region – draft Action Plan	None	
Natural England	England	Draft Food Security and Environment Policy	By NAAONB	
DCLG	England	Consultation Paper on proposed amendments to Planning Policy Statement 25: Development and Flood Risk	By NAAONB, if appropriate	
Hambleton District Council	District	Draft Domestic Extensions SPD	None	
Natural England	England	Draft policy: The True Value of Nature - An Ecosystems Approach	By NAAONB	
Natural England	Crayke	Disposal of Crayke Service Reservoir	None	
Hambleton District Council	District	Proposed Submission Allocations DPD	None	
Natural England	England	Draft Policy on Soil	By NAAONB	

ORGANISATION	AREA	DOCUMENT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Natural England	England	No charge? – valuing the natural environment	By NAAONB	
DECC	England	Smart Grids	By NAAONB	
DCLG	England	Permitted Development Rights for scale renewable and low carbon energy technologies	By NAAONB	

TECHNICAL DOCUMENTS RECEIVED 2009/2010

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ORGANISATION	DOCUMENT
AONB Units	Annual Reports, Newsletters, etc
English Heritage	Historic farm buildings: extending the evidence base
ENPAA	Position Statement: Sustainable Tourism
Europarc Consulting/CCW	Pathfinder – Testing the appropriateness of (AONB) designation
Natural England	2009/10 – 2011/12 Corporate Plan
Natural England	Yorkshire and The Humber State of the Natural Environment
English Heritage	Heritage at Risk in Yorkshire and Humber
Environment Agency	Hydropower Good Practice Guidelines

The 2009/10 Discovery Project**Ranger Club Sessions****April 2009 : Egg-citing Easter in the Howardian Hills**

December 2008 should have been the final set of Junior Ranger Club sessions. However, as we delivered under-budget and the end-date was July 2009, we were able to carry out four more days of activities using the HLF grant. The following sessions took place in the Easter Holidays.

Ranger Day	Activities	No of children attending
Biodiversity and Cultural heritage 'Treasures, tombs and decomposers' Monday 6 th April (am)	Mini-beast hunt in the leaves and under dead wood. Making bugs out of recyclables. Learning about the tombs and burial mounds of the past. What would the children have put in their tomb with them? What would they avoid putting in? (link to composting etc – would you really take chocolate!?!)	25
Landscape and biodiversity 'Take it or leaf it!' Monday 6 th April (pm)	Deciduous or coniferous? How can I work out how tall a tree is? Blowing tree skeletons, taking bark rubbings and making collages from leaves they have collected.	17
Cultural heritage 'Behind the scenes' Tuesday 7 th April (am)	National Trust kindly offered access to Nunnington Hall and a guide. A chance to experience the sights and smells of the past. How did the maid live? What jobs did people carry out? What toys did the children have? Crafts included plate and candle-holder painting.	25
Landscape 'High flying' Tuesday 7 th April (pm)	A session focussing on the River Rye and the food chains that it supports. Making kites, crystal dragonflies, butterfly prints and flapping fish.	23
Geology 'Rocking with geology' Wednesday 8 th April (am)	Where does local stone come from and how was it formed? Search for fossils in Hovingham. Make a fossil cast to take home.	26
Enjoying the outdoors 'Marvellous maps – How not to get lost!' Wednesday 8 th April (pm)	Working in groups to follow clues to solve a treasure hunt around Hovingham. Introduction to maps and compasses for family groups.	21
Biodiversity 'Spring has sprung' Thursday 9 th April (am)	Bird watching from the bridleways and footpaths through Hovingham Estate. Gathering material to weave nests in cardboard bowls (then lining them and filling with eggs!). Marbling eggs and decorating eggs.	20
Biodiversity 'Wet and wild' Thursday 9 th April (pm)	Discovering the creatures that live in Hovingham Beck. Pond dipping and identifying through magnifiers. Making stained glass window stickers with a watery theme.	30

October 2009 : Amazing Autumn in the Howardian Hills

We have decided to support the continuation of the Junior Ranger Club. It provides a valuable and currently unique insight into the Howardian Hills for children in its target age range. The activities are diverse; they are suited to boys and girls and can be adapted to accommodate younger children as well as the 7-11 year olds that we aim to attract. The requirement for parents to attend alongside the children that they bring means that we now get the opportunity to spread the word to these adults about the AONB and the work of Yorkshire Wildlife Trust as well as providing informal educational activities for their children.

The activities that took place in the October Half-Term Holiday were:

Ranger Day	Activities	No of children attending
Biodiversity and Cultural heritage 'Amazing apples' Monday 26 th October (am) at Slingsby	A visit to the historic orchard in Slingsby which has now come into management once again. Apples picked to be washed and tasted back at the village hall. Apple bobbing, apple bird feeders and mask making amongst the activities on offer.	25
Recycling and autumn leaves 'Pulpitations' Monday 26 th October (pm) at Slingsby	Collecting autumn leaves and including them in our paper making. Paper making lead by Niki Hampson (Pulpitations workshop at Dalby Forest) and the children made the paper from recycled newspaper and natural materials. Session included other types of recycling, composting etc in the introductory discussion.	25
Landscape and biodiversity 'Tremendous trees' Tuesday 27 th October (am) at Nunnington	Getting to know trees – bark rubbing, paint blowing, paper-weaving and making a giant tree collage. A visit to Nunnington Studios to see the potter using her wheel (linking into the afternoon session)	24
Landscape, local business and an element of heritage 'Autumn pottery' Tuesday 27 th October (pm) at Nunnington	The potter from Nunnington Studios led this session in which the children made their own pots. They built autumn leaves and nuts into the pots.	26

December 2009 : Festive Fun in the Howardian Hills

This session saw a switch in delivery method for the Junior Ranger Club. Making JRC self-sustaining whilst paying YWT to run it was unfortunately not proving viable. We looking into alternative delivery partners and identified the Education Officer (Katherine Forsey) at The Arboretum, Kew at Castle Howard. Katherine has been delivering high quality educational activities for school groups who visit the Arboretum for the past three years and we have worked with her and YWT when the JRC has visited the Arboretum previously.

The activities planned for the December day were high quality and over-subscribed. 30 children booked to attend and there were an additional 3 on the waiting list. Unfortunately the weather beat us this time and only six of the children made the trip along a very snowy Castle Howard Avenue.

Ranger Day	Activities	No of children attending
Biodiversity 'Festive Fun' Monday 21 st December (am) at The Arboretum	A walk around the very snowy Arboretum looking for animal tracks in the snow. Visit to the bird hide. Making animal prints from plaster of Paris. Late start due to weather.	30 booked on but only 6 able to get there.
Cultural heritage 'Festive Fun' Monday 21 st December (pm) at The Arboretum	Making bird feeders. Making Yule Logs from local logs, holly, ivy, candles, sparkly stuff, cones and plenty of snow spray. Shortened session due to weather.	30 booked on but only 6 able to get there.

February 2010 : Winter wonderland in the Howardian Hills

Delivered with The Arboretum, Kew at Castle Howard. We hadn't planned that we would be holding JRC activities in February half-term. However, the low numbers at the December sessions due to the weather led us to offer JRC to those children who had booked onto the December sessions. Some of the activities that had been planned for December that weren't delivered due to the shortening of the day were used and we supplemented them with additional activities (some of which Katherine had already prepared for use with school groups). Preparation time was kept to a minimum and we focussed on simply delivering a day of fun biodiversity-focussed activities.

Ranger Day	Activities	No of children attending
Biodiversity 'Winter wildlife' Wednesday 17 th February at The Arboretum	Filling the bird feeders and a follow-up visit to the bird hide. Making bird cake. Dissecting owl pellets. Making badger masks. Half an hour of pond dipping (ice broken on the top of the pond before the children got there!) Habitat relays and animal 'who am I?' game.	26
Biodiversity 'How things grow' Wednesday 17 th February at The Arboretum	'Meet a tree' activities. Making tree silhouette pictures. Making grassheads and growing beans. Colour dye movement in cut flowers to watch the water being taken up.	26