

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

**AONB ACTION PROGRAMME 2009/10**

**1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To receive details of progress made on implementing the AONB Management Plan during 2009/10. The Action Programme for 2010/11, combined with a Business Plan, is covered under a separate Report on this agenda.

**2.0 INTRODUCTION**

- 2.1 At each Spring meeting the JAC considers a report detailing the progress achieved on the Management Plan objectives. The Action Programme contains details of the progress made against the previous year's targets. The Action Programme covering detailed progress against 2009/10 targets is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.
- 2.2 Although some of the progress is difficult to measure completely objectively, realistic analysis shows that 84% of the specific targets were either exceeded or fully/partly achieved. Progress was also achieved against a further 8 Objectives for which no specific Targets had been set, with 12 separate actions being completed.
- 2.3 Statistically this is exactly the same performance as that of the previous year, although from a subjective viewpoint it is felt that performance was more structured and therefore more efficient than in previous years. Targets where no action was completed were largely those that were overtaken by events, relied heavily on action from partner organisations or were lower priorities for the AONB Unit. A new programme of quarterly team meetings to specifically discuss progress against Targets, agree new priorities and assign tasks helped significantly and for many of the Targets the work completed substantially exceeded what we had planned to achieve.

**3.0 SUSTAINABILITY**

- 3.1 Achievements this year included:
- Delivery of the Sustainable Development Fund with a grant pot of £45,000.
  - Investigation into the principle of ecosystems services and developing a matrix table against which to assess projects and consultation responses.
  - Gathering information from other AONBs, to begin development of an environmental policy for the JAC's activities.

**4.0 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT**

- 4.1 Achievements this year included:
- Inputting a 2-year backlog of information into the Biodiversity Action Recording System.
  - Carrying out 10 workdays with volunteers on 6 SINC/SSSI.
  - Developing 8 schemes to plant 63 new hedgerow or in-field trees and 5 copses. Work delayed until winter 2010/11, due to prolonged snow and frost.

- Carrying out further restoration work on Littledale SINC and managing 7 other sites (all SINC's bar one).
- Controlling Himalayan balsam along approx. 5.8km of Wath Beck.
- Clearing 10ha of rhododendron on Piper Hill Plantation SINC.
- Preparing 1 Farm Environment Plan, with initial work on 5 more.
- Working with a new partnership of farmers in the Newburgh area on an initiative to restore breeding wader numbers.

## **5.0 HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT**

### 5.1 Achievements this year included:

- Launching the CAN DO Lime & Ice Project's Yearsley Moor Archaeology Group, with 10-15 volunteers exploring the history of the area.
- Securing the funding to prepare a Conservation Management Plan for the Gilling Castle Registered Park & Garden, to be carried out in 2010/11.
- Completing work on 8 Local Priority Sites or other historic features. The most significant of these was again the work completed to restore the roadside stretch of Wiganthorpe Park wall near Scackleton.
- Agreeing a specification for restoration work on the Lodges at Howsham Hall, which are on the Listed Buildings at Risk Register. Work to be started Spring 2010, due to severe winter weather.

## **6.0 LOCAL COMMUNITIES**

### 6.1 Achievements this year included:

- Continuing our involvement with the LEADER Local Action Group and CAN DO Partnership.
- SDF funding for the 2-year Rural Action Yorkshire project of community engagement, planning and development.
- RAY Project Officer has been involved in developing 6 Parish Plans, with initial meetings also held with 3 other Parish Councils.
- Funding advice and other workshops also held.

## **7.0 AGRICULTURE**

### 7.1 Achievements this year included:

- Providing HLS/ELS advice to 2 farmers and land managers.
- Completing 8 landscape enhancement schemes, involving 965m of new hedge planting, 350m of hedge gapping-up, 150m of hedge laying, 15m of field wall restoration, 145m of wall restoration (Wiganthorpe Park) and clearing scrub from 330m of wall (Wiganthorpe Park).
- Submitting responses to planning consultations for 8 new agricultural buildings or infrastructure.

## **8.0 FORESTRY AND WOODLAND**

### 8.1 Achievements this year included:

- Continuing to fund the Native Woodland Development Officer post.
- Providing woodland management advice to 3 landowners or managers.
- Scrutinising 6 Forestry Commission English Woodland Grant Scheme consultations.

## **9.0 DEVELOPMENT**

### 9.1 Achievements this year included:

- Scrutinising 64 development control consultations – full details of Development statistics for the AONB in 2009 are given in a separate Report on this agenda.
- Overhead electricity wires undergrounded in Dalby and Ampleforth, and initial discussions held in Welburn.
- Inputting to the development of the Ryedale Local Development Framework.

## **10.0 ROADS, TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT**

### 10.1 Achievements this year included:

- Scrutinising 21 development control consultations proposals.
- Attending 1 NYMNP/HHAONB/NYCC Highways Liaison meeting.
- Developing a programme of work with both NYCC Area Offices, to restore approximately 10 traditional direction signs. Work to be carried out in Spring 2010, due to severe winter weather.
- Re-casting 3 broken mileposts, one of which is on the Listed Buildings at Risk Register.

## **11.0 RECREATION, ACCESS AND TOURISM**

### 11.1 Achievements this year included:

- Ensuring that outlets had an adequate stock of AONB literature.
- Litter picking at ‘hot-spots’ throughout the AONB.
- Preparing a Local Information & Walks leaflet for Nunnington/Caulkleys Bank, but unfortunately not completing it as had been originally hoped.
- Meeting Natural England staff to discuss the Walking for Health Initiative.
- Significant progress with upgrading the footpath between Gilling and Ampleforth Station to bridleway status.
- A team of at least 4 volunteers working with the NYCC Area Ranger at least 1 day every other week in the AONB on Public Rights of Way maintenance.
- Identifying potential circular off-road cycle routes.
- Holding discussions on the car parking issues at Kirkham Priory with Parish Council and English Heritage representatives.

## **12.0 AWARENESS AND PROMOTION**

### 12.1 Achievements this year included:

- Maintaining a neat appearance around the AONB gateway signs.
- Ensuring that outlets had an adequate stock of AONB literature.
- Publishing AONB News and our Annual Report for 2008/09.
- Maintaining the AONB website – statistics on number of visits last year unavailable at present, and obtaining media coverage via 28 press mentions.
- Attending the Ryedale Show and Helmsley Green Day.
- Holding 3 guided walks and giving 2 evening talks.
- Holding 16 Junior Ranger Club sessions throughout the year, with 351 children attending.
- Developing a twinning project between primary schools in the AONB, Hull and York.

- Achieving volunteer assistance for 22 tasks or projects, worth at least 265 days or £16,950.

### **13.0 IMPLEMENTATION**

#### 13.1 Achievements this year included:

- The Sustainable Development Fund had an initial budget of £45,000, which was subsequently increased by £3,600 to cope with demand. It was again delivered in partnership with the North York Moors National Park Authority, at a cost of £1,000 this year (many projects having been worked-up, and hence paid for, in 2008/09). Several large 'flagship' renewable energy projects were funded.
- Utilising the Natural England Single Pot funding arrangements for the first time – proving to be much more flexible than previous grant arrangements.
- The CAN DO Partnership's Lime and Ice Project completed its first full year, with the establishment of the Yearsley Moor archaeology project and completion of circular walks leaflets.
- The partnership with the National Park Authority and Forestry Commission to employ a Native Woodland Development Officer continued.
- Discussing funding opportunities for the schools twinning project with LEADER and the Heritage Lottery Fund.
- Obtaining substantial CAN DO funding for Himalayan balsam and rhododendron control.
- Agreeing resources with the two NYCC Area Offices, for the restoration of traditional direction signs.
- The staff of the AONB Unit remained unchanged during 2009/10.

### **14.0 AONB MANAGEMENT PLAN**

#### 14.1 Achievements this year included:

- Printing and launching the final Plan in October 2009, after a number of minor improvements.

### **15.0 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR AONBs**

#### 15.1 Achievements this year included:

- Contributing 2 articles for the Outstanding magazine.
- Contributing to the preparation of a Northern AONBs calendar.
- Attending the national AONB Conference and 2 Northern AONBs meetings.
- Paul Jackson, as Vice Chairman of the Board of the NAAONB, attended 4 Board meetings, 1 Chairman's Governance Review Group meeting and 1 meeting with the Natural England Chairman and Board Member.

### **16.0 RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that:

- a) The progress made to date with implementing the Management Plan be noted;
- b) the achievements against Targets for 2009/10 be noted.

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

<b>OBJECTIVE</b>	<b>SPECIFIC TARGET 09/10</b>	<b>APRIL - JUNE</b>	<b>JULY - SEPT</b>	<b>OCT - DEC</b>	<b>JAN - MAR</b>	<b>ACHIEVEMENTS 09/10</b>
<b>AONB's contribution to climate change adaptation/mitigation, and impacts of climate change</b> SF1.1 Carbon balance of land use activity in the AONB. SF1.2 Map of green infrastructure.  SF1.3 Gather information on the impacts of climate change on the AONB's Special Qualities.	–  ~ Continue to enter grant-aided schemes onto GIS map layers, as resources allow.  ~ Contact the FC, to obtain information on the resilience of AONB woodland habitats.	   XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	~ No substantive progress. Established a new computer workstation with MapInfo on. Discussions held with NYCC on whether they could assist, on contract. ~ Attended meeting on proposed Y&H Regional Habitat Network Study Mar '10. ~ No progress.
<b>Promote sustainability, and support projects</b> SF2.1 Ecosystem approach to guide consultation responses and assess projects. SF2.2 Publicise tips on sustainable living.  SF2.3 Demonstrate examples of good sustainability. SF2.4 Support projects using Sustainable Development Fund (SDF). SF2.5 Environmental policy for the JAC's own activities.	~ Set up a matrix table of ecosystem services, to enable assessment of projects. ~ Set up a page on the AONB website, with tips and links to other appropriate websites.  ~ Highlight 1 case study in the 2009 edition of AONB News. ~ Continue to operate the SDF as a separate funding pot, to support innovative and best practice projects. ~ Gather information from other AONBs, to begin formulation of a policy.	   XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX	~ Table compiled but requires a small amount of further work.  ~ Re-titled an existing page as Sustainable Living; acquired information from Arnside Silverdale AONB; uploaded a composting leaflet; drafted a renewable energy leaflet; started drafting a recycling leaflet. ~ Placed on the Sustainable Living page of the AONB website due to lack of space. ~ Achieved. Additional funds vired in to meet demand.  ~ Achieved Mar '10 – 3 documents received.

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<p><b>Knowledge of wildlife resources and possible climate change impacts</b></p> <p>NE1.1 Rolling programme of SINC monitoring.</p> <p>NE1.2 Detailed surveys of specific habitats or species.</p> <p>NE1.3 Assist farmers, land managers and communities with monitoring wildlife.</p> <p>NE1.4 Research climate change resilience of key AONB habitats.</p> <p>NE1.5 Digitise Phase 1 maps of the AONB.</p>	<p>~ Assist with NYCC monitoring survey, as necessary.</p> <p>~ Survey 6 potential SINC's that were missed in 2007 survey.</p> <p>~ Feed actions achieved in the AONB into BARS.</p> <p>~ Contact the FC, to obtain information on the resilience of AONB woodland habitats.</p> <p>~ Complete, via RDC and CAN DO.</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>~ No requests.</p> <p>~ Sites HAD been surveyed but info not passed to us. Included in Management Plan as Local Priority Sites where appropriate.</p> <p>~ Dale Wood SINC surveyed by volunteer Summer '09.</p> <p>~ 2007/08 &amp; 2008/09 info added Nov '09. 2009/10 to be added in Jun '10.</p> <p>~ See SF1.3.</p> <p>~ RDC have done some of the grassland data. CAN DO funding secured for full</p>
<p><b>Key nature conservation sites</b></p> <p>NE2.1 Maintain and update a register of key sites.</p> <p>NE2.2 Protect best sites through designation.</p> <p>NE2.3 Monitor and resist development proposals that may affect key sites.</p> <p>NE2.4 Ensure farmers and landowners are aware of the existence of sites.</p>	<p>~ Continue with work with NYMNP and RDC on Heritage Trees.</p> <p>~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p>			<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>~ Volunteers training day held by NYMNP in Mar '10.</p> <p>~ 1 consultation received, for Howsham weir on River Derwent SSSI.</p>
<p><b>Local participation in nature conservation sites</b></p> <p>NE3.1 Local involvement with monitoring and management of wildlife.</p>	<p>~ Carry out management works with volunteers on 2 SINC's.</p> <p>~ Work with 1 PCC on churchyard management.</p>		<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>~ Work carried out at Peel Wood &amp; Grassland SINC, Dalby Bush Fen SSSI x 2, Piper Hill Plantation SINC x 4, Moorside Plantation SINC, Terrington Carr SINC, Hollin Hill Bogs SINC.</p> <p>~ Work carried out at Amotherby and Huttons Ambo.</p>

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<p><b>Implementation of Local BAP targets for woodland habitats</b></p> <p>NE4.1 Management of Local Priority Sites.</p> <p>NE4.2 Extension and buffering of Local Priority Sites.</p> <p>NE4.3 Restoration of Plantations on Ancient Woodland Sites.</p> <p>NE4.4 Creation of new native woodland/wood pasture/species-rich hedges/individual trees.</p> <p>NE4.5 Creation of wet woodland and marshy grassland.</p> <p>NB4.4 Creation of wet woodland and marshy grassland along riparian corridors.</p>	<p>~ Control Himalayan balsam in Barker &amp; Mugdale Woods SINC.</p> <p>~ Encourage via EWGS/ESS consultations and advice of Native Woodland Development Officer.</p> <p>~ Encourage via EWGS consultations and advice of Native Woodland Development Officer.</p> <p>~ Continue to encourage creation of a new area of wood pasture at Brandsby, to link to veteran tree.</p> <p>~ Plant 20 new individual in-field and hedgerow trees.</p> <p>~ Encourage via EWGS consultations and advice of Native Woodland Development Officer.</p> <p>-</p>		XXXXXXXXXX	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>~ 3 days work carried out Jul '09.</p> <p>~ No relevant schemes.</p> <p>~ 6.6ha restored in Pretty Wood SINC and Kirkham Park SSSI.</p> <p>~ Western hemlock regeneration controlled on PAWS site adjacent to Park Wood SINC, Gilling Sept '09.</p> <p>~ No progress</p> <p>~ Letter sent to all landowners in AONB. 23 responses. Offer letters issued for 8 schemes, comprising 63 individual trees and 5 copses (415 trees &amp; shrubs), but all postponed to 2010/11 due to severe winter weather.</p> <p>~ No relevant schemes.</p> <p>~ No relevant schemes.</p>

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<p><b>Implementation of Local BAP targets for grassland habitats</b></p> <p>NE5.1 Management of Local Priority Sites.</p> <p>NE5.2 Extension and buffering of Local Priority Sites.</p> <p>NE5.3 Special Interest Road Verges.</p> <p>NE5.4 Restoration of grassland and lowland heath.</p> <p>NE5.5 Creation of new grassland habitats.</p>	<p>~ Continue grazing SINC's and other sites with Exmoor ponies.</p> <p>~ Encourage via ESS consultations and advice to farmers.</p> <p>~ Carry out management works on 35 SIRVs.</p> <p>~ Send prioritised list of SIRVs to Area Offices, for installation of grit bins.</p> <p>~ Continue restoration management works at Littledale SINC.</p> <p>~ Encourage via ESS consultations and advice to farmers.</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></p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p></p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p></p>	<p>~ 6 sites grazed, at Coulton (1), Cawton (2), Terrington (2) &amp; Bulmer.</p> <p>~ Holding area created at Terrington, which should also improve in diversity.</p> <p>~ Appleton Churchyard SINC managed.</p> <p>~ Gorse cleared at Peel Wood &amp; Grassland SINC.</p> <p>~ New fencing installed on part of Cawton Bank.</p> <p>~ No relevant schemes.</p> <p>~ 44 SIRVs cut Mar '10.</p> <p>~ Maps sent Sept '09.</p> <p>~ New bins installed at Brandsby, to protect veteran oak tree.</p> <p>~ Bramble cleared Apr '09; site grazed summer '09.</p> <p>~ 10.5ha of Western hemlock felled at Grimston Moor SINC; to be replaced with Scots pine.</p> <p>~ 10ha of rhododendron cleared at Piper Hill Plantation SINC.</p> <p>~ Advice provided to 1 scheme at Hovingham.</p>

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<p><b>Implementation of Local BAP targets for wetland habitats</b></p> <p>NE6.1 Management of Local Priority Sites.</p> <p>NE6.2 Extension and buffering of Local Priority Sites.</p> <p>NE6.3 Restoration of sites that have declined in interest.</p> <p>NE6.4 Creation of new habitat.</p>	<p>~ Support further coppicing of alders along River Rye SINC.</p> <p>~ Manage birch at Terrington Carr SINC.</p> <p>~ Continue willow control work at Adjacent to Sandlands Meadow SINC.</p> <p>~ Encourage via ESS consultations and advice to farmers.</p> <p>~</p> <p>~ Encourage via ESS consultations and advice to farmers.</p>			<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>~ Section at Harome identified and site visit held. Work scheduled for Summer '10.</p> <p>~ Area around scrapes managed by Castle Howard contractor and NYCC volunteers.</p> <p>~ No progress.</p> <p>~ No relevant schemes.</p> <p>~ Removal by volunteers of Western hemlock seedlings from mire on Yearsley Moor.</p> <p>~ Wide-area initiative being developed in liaison with Chris Tomson (RSPB), for 5 linked farms in Coxwold/Newburgh area.</p>
<p><b>Implementation of Local BAP targets for important species</b></p> <p>NE7.1 Management of key sites for specific species.</p> <p>NE7.2 Restoration or creation of sites.</p> <p>NE7.3 Local Target Areas and co-ordinated management measures.</p>	<p>~ Grassland management for knapweed broomrape at Amotherby Lane and Broughton Lane SINCS.</p> <p>~ Take cuttings to propagate black poplar.</p> <p>~ Plant 10 cuttings of propagated black poplar material.</p> <p>~ Encourage via ESS consultations and advice to farmers.</p> <p>~ Monitor use of the 15 barn owl boxes erected in '07/08.</p> <p>~ Investigate potential for a joint Ryedale &amp; Hambleton LBAP initiative on Farmland Birds.</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>~ Encroaching hedge scrub at Broughton Lane SINC due to be cut back Mar '10.</p> <p>~ Decided not to take any this year.</p> <p>~ Not achieved.</p> <p>~ Wide-area initiative being developed in liaison with Chris Tomson (RSPB), for 5 linked farms in Coxwold area, for breeding waders.</p> <p>~ Information requested from Wolds Barn Owl Group.</p> <p>~ Being discussed between NYCC &amp; RSPB, via NY Biodiversity Action Group.</p>

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<p><b>Invasive non-native species</b></p> <p>NE8.1 Monitor location and abundance.</p> <p>NE8.2 Targeted management efforts.</p>	<p>~ Monitor condition of Wath Beck corridor, following 2008 work to control Himalayan balsam.</p> <p>~ Monitor condition of Piper Hill Plantation SINC, following 2007 work to control rhododendron.</p> <p>~ Re-cut the length of Wath Beck corridor that was cut in 2008.</p> <p>~ Cut a further stretch of the Wath Beck corridor, working downstream.</p> <p>~ Control Himalayan balsam in Barker &amp; Mugdale Woods SINC.</p> <p>~ Consider carrying out further control of rhododendron areas in Piper Hill Plantation SINC.</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>~ Assume density has reduced, as follow-up work cost 50% of '08 work.</p> <p>~ On-going. FC have sprayed twice since cutting work was done.</p> <p>~ Achieved Jul '09. 3.5km stretch.</p> <p>~ Achieved Jul '09, to B1257. 2.3km stretch.</p> <p>~ 3 work days carried out Jul '09.</p> <p>~ 11 days work carried out by forestry mulching machine, 10ha cleared. Follow-up work by volunteers – 3 task days.</p>
<p><b>More sympathetic management of farmland</b></p> <p>NE9.1 Target sites for entry into the Higher Level Stewardship Scheme.</p> <p>NE9.2 Encourage participation in the Entry Level Stewardship Scheme.</p>	<p>~ Provide advice to farmers and landowners, as necessary.</p> <p>~ Complete 1 FEP for land in the AONB.</p> <p>~ Carry out targeted promotional initiative/event, in partnership with Natural England.</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>~ Advice provided to 1 farmer.</p> <p>~ FEP completed for farm at Scackleton; 75% completed for farm at Huttons Ambo.</p> <p>~ Situation monitored throughout the year. Coverage by Natural England events felt to be sufficient.</p> <p>~ ELS advice provided to 1 farmer.</p>
<p><b>Implementation of Local BAP targets for wildlife within villages</b></p> <p>NE10.1 Raise awareness and assist communities with creating and managing areas for wildlife.</p>	<p>-</p>					<p>~ Bird and bat boxes project at Hovingham supported by SDF funding.</p> <p>~ Husthwaite Orchards project supported by SDF funding.</p> <p>~ Advice provided to Swinton Recreation Area group.</p> <p>~ 274m of new hedge planted around new Hovingham play area.</p>
<p><b>Important geodiversity sites</b></p> <p>NE11.1 Develop a network of RIGS.</p> <p>NE11.2 Manage sites identified as RIGS.</p> <p>NE11.3 Monitor and resist development proposals.</p>	<p>~ Contact NEYGT and NYGP to obtain more details of survey programmes</p> <p>-</p> <p>~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p>		<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>~ NEYGT &amp; NYGP contacted – no progress with survey programmes.</p> <p>~ Discussions held about scrub clearance on 2 quarry faces at Hildenley.</p> <p>~ No relevant applications.</p>
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<p><b>Assistance to farmers and land managers</b>  NE12.1 Assist with applications to grant schemes.  NE12.2 Flexible package of assistance.  NE12.3 Demonstrate 'best practice'.  NE12.4 Skills training initiatives.</p>	<p>~ See NE9 and FW2.  ~ See appropriate Objectives above.  –  –</p>					<p>~ FWAG hedgelaying course supported Feb '10.</p>
<p><b>Knowledge of the cultural heritage of AONB</b>  HE1.1 Historic Landscape Characterisation survey.  HE1.2 Revise the Local Landscape Priorities, after HLC survey.  HE1.3 Research projects.  HE1.4 Regular surveys of built heritage.  HE1.5 Recording local history and traditions and passing information to the HER.   HE1.6 Annual forum to discuss research and priorities.</p>	<p>~ Assist with work relating to the AONB, as necessary.  –  ~ See HE3.2.  –  ~ See HE3.2.  ~ Record oral histories from Brandsby, as part of CAN DO project.   –</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX          XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX          XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX          XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX          XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>~ Work completed, report awaited. JAC presentation Nov '09.          ~ Not completed.  ~ 2007/08 &amp; 2008/09 info on AONB funded projects passed to NYCC HER. Backlog also mostly completed.</p>
<p><b>Statutory protection</b>  HE2.1 Input to Heritage Protection Review.</p>	<p>~ As necessary.</p>					
<p><b>Local participation in cultural heritage sites</b>  HE3.1 Local involvement in monitoring and management of cultural heritage features.  HE3.2 CAN DO 'Lime and Ice' Project.</p>	<p>~ Carry out management works with volunteers on 2 sites.   ~ Start project on Yearsley Moor.   ~ Participate in other Lime and Ice initiatives being delivered in the AONB.</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>~ No work completed – proposals developed for Summer '10.   ~ Initial meeting Aug '09, 27 volunteers. Site visit Nov '09 – 10 attendees. Meeting Jan '10 – 14 attendees.  ~ Local History recording mechanism established, with Herriot Museum. Events put on AONB website. Hidden Gems article in Dalesman magazine.</p>

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<p><b>Preserve AONB's historic heritage</b></p> <p>HE4.1 Historic landscape conservation and management advice.</p> <p>HE4.2 Encourage entry into agri-environment schemes.</p> <p>HE4.3 Heritage Partnership Agreements.</p> <p>HE4.4 Conservation/management plans for Historic Parks and Gardens.</p> <p>HE4.5 Flexible package of assistance.</p> <p>HE4.6 Demonstrate 'best practice'.</p> <p>HE4.7 Skills training initiatives.</p>	<p>~ On-going</p> <p>~ See NE9 above.</p> <p>~ Address management issues on 5 SMs at High or Medium Risk.</p> <p>~ Assist with preparation of a Conservation Management Plan for Gilling Castle.</p> <p>~ Carry out management or repair works on 8 Local Priority Sites or historic features.</p> <p>~ Use AONB resources in partnership with NYCC/RDC to carry out works on 1 Listed Building at Risk.</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p></p> <p></p>	<p></p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p></p>	<p></p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p></p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p></p>	<p></p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p></p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>~ Specific EH advice sought re hedge planting at Yearsley Long barrow.</p> <p>~ Comments submitted on 4 planning applications affecting sites of interest, to mitigate impacts on 3 sites.</p> <p>~ No progress. Proposals formulated for 2 SMs on Grimston Moor, to be implemented Summer '10.</p> <p>~ Re-scheduled for 2010/11.</p> <p>~ Work completed on Local Priority Sites at Dalby, Ampleforth, Welburn, Slingsby &amp; Wiganthorpe (5 phases on 1 site). Work on other sites/features at Slingsby &amp; Oswaldkirk.</p> <p>~ Milepost at Leysthorpe replaced with new casting.</p> <p>~ Grant offered for repairs to limekiln at Cawton but work postponed until 2010/11.</p> <p>~ Specification agreed for work to Howsham Hall Gates and Lodges, to be implemented 2010/11.</p>

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<p><b>Assist local communities with projects</b></p> <p>LC1.1 Lobby Government on rural issues.</p> <p>LC1.2 Pass information from community/consultation events to the relevant organisation/agency.</p> <p>LC1.3 Innovative service delivery mechanisms.</p> <p>LC1.4 Encourage Parish Plans.</p> <p>LC1.5 Implementation of identified projects.</p> <p>LC1.6 Link communities to advice on funding.</p> <p>LC1.7 AONB Village Forum.</p>	<p>~ As necessary, via NAAONB.</p> <p>~ Pass on information as necessary, as part of RAY Community Engagement Project.</p> <p>–</p> <p>~ SDF support for RAY Community Engagement Project.</p> <p>~ As part of RAY Community Engagement Project.</p> <p>~ As part of RAY Community Engagement Project.</p> <p>~ As part of RAY Community Engagement Project.</p> <p>~ Continue to invite Parish Councils to AONB Partnership Group.</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>~ On-going, as part of Parish Plans process.</p> <p>~ SDF grant provided. RAY assistance with Parish Plans at Swinton, Amotherby, Slingsby, Foston/Thornton-le-Clay, Welburn &amp; Hovingham. Initial meetings with Gilling, Terrington &amp; Nunnington.</p> <p>~ Projects completed in village halls at Hovingham (LEADER) and Amotherby (SDF).</p> <p>~ Funding advice event held Oct '09.</p> <p>~ Funding Officers organised 2 x introductory events for Parishes.</p> <p>~ Composting and Funding Drop-in workshops Autumn '09.</p> <p>~ Achieved Mar '10.</p>
<p><b>Government support mechanisms for sustainable farm and rural business development</b></p> <p>AG1.1 Lobby on the development of rural support mechanisms and agri-environment schemes.</p> <p>AG1.2 Funding for the Howardian Hills AONB.</p> <p>AG1.3 Promote rural support mechanisms to farmers and landowners.</p>	<p>~ As necessary, via NAAONB.</p> <p>–</p> <p>~ As opportunities arise. See also NE9 above.</p>					<p>~ Monitoring progress on CAP 2013 review.</p> <p>~ Farm Crisis Network contacts provided to 1 farmer.</p>

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<b>Conservation advice and assistance</b> AG2.1 Provide specialist advice within the AONB.  AG2.2 Flexible package of assistance for small-scale conservation projects.  AG2.3 Demonstrate 'best practice'. AG2.4 Skills training initiatives.	~ On-going.  ~ Assist 8 landscape conservation projects with AONB funding.  ~ Restore dewpond at Sproxtan.  – ~ Promote the Landskills programme in AONB News 2009.	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX   XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX   XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	~ Promoted availability of Countryside Stewardship capital payments to 1 farmer at Newburgh. ~ Schemes completed at Yearsley (2), Coulton, Crambe, Grimstone (3) & Husthwaite. 965m of new hedging; 350m of gaps; 150m laid. 15m of field wall overhauled; 145m Park wall restored, 330m cleared of scrub. ~ Site visited Sept '09. Options being assessed.  ~ No space – include in AONB News 2010. ~ FWAG hedgelaying course supported Feb '10.
<b>Sustainable alternative farm enterprises</b> AG3.1 Positive approach to planning control.  AG3.2 Participation in regional climate change mitigation schemes.  AG3.3 Local climate change adaptation schemes.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.  ~ Encourage, as opportunities arise.  ~ Promote the proposed new FC Floodplain Woodland Creation grant package in AONB News 2009.		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX		~ No objections to 2 projects in planning consultation responses, at Ampleforth & Grimston.  ~ Package not launched in time for inclusion in 2009; include in AONB News 2010.
<b>New farm buildings and infrastructure</b> AG4.1 High standards of design, siting and landscaping measures.  AG4.2 Produce basic design guidance.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.  ~ Gather information from other AONBs, to begin formulation of guidance.		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	~ Comments submitted on proposals subsequently: Approved at Coulton, Skewsby x 2, Gilling, Brandsby, Yearsley; Withdrawn at Brandsby; Decision pending at Thornton-on-the Hill, Crayke. ~ Achieved, Jan '10.
<b>Woodland management proposals</b> FW1.1 Consultation procedure between JAC and Forestry Commission. FW1.2 Encourage 'continuous cover' schemes.	~ Maintain, and respond to JAC consultations as necessary.  ~ As appropriate, via JAC consultations.					~ 6 consultations on specific woodland management/planting schemes received. ~ No relevant schemes.

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<b>Multi-objective approach to woodland management</b> FW2.1 Management in accordance with the UK Forestry Standard. FW2.2 Use of the English Woodland Grant Scheme and Environmental Stewardship Scheme. FW2.3 Encouragement to achieve UKWAS certification.	~ On-going.  ~ As opportunities arise.  -					~ Woodland enhancement options included in HLS agreement at Scackleton. ~ Advice provided for schemes at Wiganthorpe Park, Harome & Newburgh.
<b>Local provenance trees and shrubs</b> FW3.1 Susceptibility of native trees and shrub species to climate change. FW3.2 Planting stock of appropriate provenance. FW3.3 Incorporation of natural regeneration. FW3.4 Work with local forest nurseries.	~ Contact the FC, to obtain information on the resilience of AONB woodland habitats. (SF1.3) ~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. ~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. ~ Use Thirsk Community Woodland Group to take and propagate black poplar cuttings.			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	~ See SF1.3 above.  ~ No relevant schemes.  ~ Will be part of the 2 x PAWS restoration projects, at Welburn & Kirkham. ~ Low priority; deferred until 2010/11.
<b>Alternative markets for timber products</b> FW4.1 Encourage small-scale woodfuel heating systems and develop a woodfuel market. FW4.2 Use of timber in local industries. FW4.3 Demonstrate on-site processing equipment.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. ~ Work with FC Woodfuel Officer, to promote appropriate work in under-managed woods. ~ Promote the Greenbeams website in AONB News 2009. -		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	~ No relevant applications.  ~ FC holding a number of regional events; new FC grant package not formally approved yet. ~ No space. Info put on AONB website instead.
<b>New woodland</b> FW5.1 Use forestry grant procedures to advise on siting and design. FW5.2 Promote the availability of advice and grant aid schemes.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.  ~ As opportunities arise, using Native Woodland Development Officer as appropriate. ~ Promote the proposed new FC Floodplain Woodland Creation grant package in AONB News 2009.		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX		~ No relevant schemes.  ~ Supported Native Woodland Development Officer post and utilised for woodland advice. ~ See AG3.3 above.
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<p><b>Grant incentives to achieve Management Plan Objectives</b></p> <p>FW6.1 Grant incentives for annual PAWS restoration tasks.</p> <p>FW6.2 Grant incentives for specific priority work, in line with the Regional Forestry Strategy.</p> <p>FW6.3 'Scoring system' for new woodland.</p> <p>FW6.4 Flexible package of assistance for small-scale conservation projects.</p> <p>FW6.5 Continue Native Woodland Development Project.</p>	<p>–</p> <p>~ Monitor the prioritisation of regional funding, to maximise opportunities for AONB land managers.</p> <p>–</p> <p>~ Carry out management work to control western hemlock on PAWS sites on FC land.</p> <p>~ Continue financial support for Project, ensuring satisfactory input to AONB initiatives.</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>~ Biomass Capital grant scheme and floodplain woodland grant schemes not formally approved yet.</p> <p>~ Work carried out adjacent to Park Wood SINC, Gilling Sept '09.</p> <p>~ Achieved. High input to in-field/boundary tree planting projects.</p>
<p><b>Demonstrate best practice/ skilled workforce</b></p> <p>FW7.1 Local demonstration sites/events.</p> <p>FW7.2 List of local contractors.</p> <p>FW7.3 Promote woodland training courses and apprenticeships.</p>	<p>~ Encourage attendance at Woodland Trust event at Sproxton.</p> <p>–</p> <p>~ Promote the Landskills programme in AONB News 2009.</p>		<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>		<p>~ Target list of forestry managers prepared for invite letter from Native Woodland Development Officer.</p> <p>~ No space – include in AONB News 2010.</p>
<p><b>New development</b></p> <p>D1.1 Appropriate policies in all relevant Plans and Strategies.</p> <p>D1.2 Consultation arrangements.</p>	<p>~ Input to development of the Ryedale LDF Core Strategy, as necessary.</p> <p>~ Maintain, and respond to JAC consultations as necessary.</p>		<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>~ Event attended and comments submitted. Process being monitored.</p> <p>~ 64 consultations received from NYCC, RDC, HDC or external contractors.</p>
<p><b>Design of new development/ management of existing buildings</b></p> <p>D2.1 Rural Design standards.</p> <p>D2.2 Village Design Statements.</p> <p>D2.3 Guidance on sustainable building restoration techniques.</p> <p>D2.4 Conservation Area appraisals.</p> <p>D2.5 Assist with works identified in Conservation Area appraisals.</p>	<p>~ Input to development of the Ryedale LDF Core Strategy, as necessary.</p> <p>~ Promote as part of the RAY Community Engagement Project.</p> <p>–</p> <p>–</p> <p>–</p>		<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>~ See D1.1 above</p> <p>~ Ideas being developed at Hushwaite.</p>

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<p><b>Mitigation of intrusive features</b></p> <p>D3.1 Local enhancement works to mitigate intrusive features.</p> <p>D3.2 Undergrounding of electricity cables.</p> <p>D3.3 Undergrounding telephone cables.</p> <p>D3.4 Resist increases in light or noise pollution.</p> <p>D3.5 Litter and fly-tipping.</p>	<p>~ Continue evaluating landscape or biodiversity enhancement measures at sewage works, etc.</p> <p>~ Re-establish contacts with NEDL, in relation to undergrounding cables within the AONB.</p> <p>~ Encourage undergrounding of at least 1 scheme in the AONB.</p> <p>~ Contact BT Openreach to liaise over burying cables, as part of D3.2 above.</p> <p>~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p> <p>~ Continue litter clearance at car parks throughout the AONB.</p> <p>~ Report fly-tipping incidents to the Local Authorities, as necessary.</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></p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p></p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p>	<p>~ Low priority, no further progress.</p> <p>~ Liaison with NEDL about Dalby scheme; meeting held 'Nov '09 (progress with DPCR4 and planning for DPCR5); Mar '10 meeting on DPCR5.</p> <p>~ Schemes completed at Dalby &amp; Ampleforth. Initial meeting held with NEDL for proposed scheme at Welburn.</p> <p>~ Discussions held about undergrounding line at Dalby.</p> <p>~ Comments submitted on 2 relevant applications.</p> <p>~ Completed, ending Dec '09.</p> <p>~ No known reportable incidents this year.</p>
<p><b>Small-scale quarrying for local uses</b></p> <p>D4.1 Support appropriate planning applications.</p> <p>D4.2 Supplies of suitable stone for drystone wall restoration.</p>	<p>~ As appropriate, via JAC consultations.</p> <p>~ Contact owner of Grimston Grange, re stone excavated as part of development works.</p>	<p></p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p></p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p></p> <p></p>	<p></p> <p></p>	<p>~ No relevant applications.</p> <p>~ Development at Grimston Grange not started yet. Agent for development scheme at Intake Lodge (Yearsley) approached – stone assessed but not useable.</p>
<p><b>Renewable energy installations</b></p> <p>D5.1 Advice and guidance on appropriate technology and installations.</p> <p>D5.2 Support appropriate proposals.</p> <p>D5.3 Promote benefits of appropriate renewable energy and demonstrate examples of 'best practice'.</p>	<p>~ Input to development of the Ryedale LDF Core Strategy, as necessary.</p> <p>~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p> <p>–</p>	<p></p> <p></p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>~ See D1.1 above</p> <p>~ No objections to 6 relevant applications.</p> <p>~ Advice on wind turbines provided to 2 potential applicants.</p> <p>~ Ground source heat systems at Gilling and Castle Howard supported with SDF funding.</p> <p>~ Full-page feature included in AONB News Oct '09.</p>

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<b>Business and diversification opportunities</b> D6.1 Signposting to Business Link. D6.2 Encourage local businesses via the CAN DO Partnership.	~ As appropriate. ~ Support development of the Herriot Tourism website.	XXXXXXXXXX				~ Referred 1 entrepreneur. ~ Via CAN DO Partnership.
<b>Re-use of redundant farm buildings</b> D7.1 Support appropriate proposals to re-use farm buildings.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.					~ No objections to 4 relevant applications.
<b>Modern communications technology</b> D8.1 Broadband and mobile phone installations. D8.2 Liaise with Local Authorities and network operators.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. ~ Obtain annual roll-out plans from District Councils.	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX			~ No relevant applications ~ Obtained Oct '09.
<b>Local needs/affordable housing</b> D9.1 Local Housing Needs Surveys. D9.2 Further develop and adopt measures. D9.3 Promote potential benefits of Local Needs housing.	- - -					
<b>Solutions to traffic routing problems</b> RT1.1 Full-movement interchange at the A64/B1257 junction. RT1.2 Weight restriction on the Castle Howard Avenue. RT1.3 Investigate freight traffic issues in the AONB. RT1.4 Freight Quality Partnerships, to address any issues identified.	~ Monitor proposals and input as necessary. - - -					~ No input necessary this year.  ~ Anecdotal evidence shows that new surfacing on Sutton Bank has resulted in a fall in closure incidents. ~ Progress of Timber FQP monitored.
<b>Traffic and driver behaviour issues</b> RT2.1 Gather information on traffic speeds. RT2.2 Regular programme of speed-checks in problem locations. RT2.3 Local events to examine and address issues.	~ Monitoring of traffic speeds in 4 AONB villages. ~ Speed checks in 2 AONB villages. -	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	~ Monitoring carried out in Hovingham. ~ None that we are aware of.

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<p><b>Sustainable modes of transport</b></p> <p>RT3.1 Identify transport service, infrastructure and accessibility improvements.</p> <p>RT3.2 Implementation of identified measures via SCTs.</p> <p>RT3.3 Promote the availability of alternative transport services.</p> <p>RT3.4 Workplace Travel Plans.</p> <p>RT3.5 Development of next Local Transport Plan.</p>	<p>~ Input to development of SCTs for Malton, as appropriate.</p> <p>~ Monitor progress of local initiative to improve path from Broughton to Malton.</p> <p>~ Publicise RYECAT services in AONB News 2009.</p> <p>~ Ensure that the Malton-Hovingham bus corridor has well-maintained infrastructure and timetables.</p> <p>~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p> <p>~ Input as necessary.</p>		<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>~ Attended meeting Jul '09. Broughton cycleway discussed. Easingwold SCTs proposals scrutinised.</p> <p>~ Included in SCTs.</p> <p>~ No space – include in AONB News 2010.</p> <p>~ Surveys done for all routes in AONB by Jul '09. Info passed to NYCC Aug '09.</p> <p>~ No comments submitted on 1 relevant application.</p> <p>~ LTP3 questionnaire completed.</p>
<p><b>Maintain character of rural road network</b></p> <p>RT4.1 Liaison arrangements between the JAC and highway authority.</p> <p>RT4.2 Design guidance for road signage, etc in the AONB.</p> <p>RT4.3 Identify and reduce road sign 'clutter'.</p> <p>RT4.4 Inventory of historic 'roadside furniture'.</p> <p>RT4.5 Maintenance and restoration of historic 'roadside furniture'.</p>	<p>~ Maintain, and respond to JAC consultations as necessary.</p> <p>~ Contribute to development of NYCC Construction Manual.</p> <p>–</p> <p>~ Evaluate methods for recording of features by NYCC.</p> <p>~ Restore/repair 4 traditional direction signs.</p> <p>~ Repaint 2 mileposts.</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>~ 21 consultations received (included in total shown in D1.2 above).</p> <p>~ Attended 1 NYCC/NYMNP/HHAONB Liaison meeting.</p> <p>~ Detailed advice provided on piling scheme at Ampleforth.</p> <p>~ No further progress by NYCC.</p> <p>~ NYCC doesn't have an asset register of traditional direction signs – consider other options.</p> <p>~ 2 completed by NYCC at Swinton.</p> <p>~ Comprehensive programmes developed with both Ryedale and Hambleton Area Managers, for implementation 2010/11.</p> <p>~ Mileposts added to strimming regime.</p> <p>~ 3 mileposts re-cast.</p> <p>~ 4 new traditional-style village nameplates installed; restoration of original sign at Hovingham.</p>
<p><b>A64 Trunk Road</b></p> <p>RT5.1 Monitor future proposals and provide comments.</p>	<p>~ On-going, with involvement as and when necessary.</p>					<p>~ Comments submitted on bus shelter improvements at Crambeck.</p>

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<b>Sustainable recreation activities</b> RA1.1 Monitor sustainability of recreational activities in the AONB. RA1.2 Use planning policies to encourage appropriate recreational developments.	–  ~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.					~ No objections to 6 relevant applications.
<b>Promote AONB in a sustainable way</b> RA2.1 Gather information on visitor numbers, activity, etc. RA2.2 Work with Area Tourism Partnership to provide information for visitors. RA2.3 Work with local Tourism Associations. RA2.4 Initiatives to enable Under-Represented Groups to enjoy the AONB.  RA2.5 Initiatives to promote health benefits of outdoor recreation in the AONB.	~ Obtain final results of YTB visitors' survey. ~ Establish contacts and methods of distribution, etc.  ~ Support development of the Herriot Tourism website. ~ Further develop a schools twinning project with schools in York and Hull.  ~ Establish further links with local doctors' surgeries, to use Local Information & Walks leaflets.	XXXXXXXXXXX   XXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXXX	~ Obtained Oct '09.  ~ No progress.  ~ Via CAN DO Partnership.  ~ Project development and grant applications proceeding well – to be submitted Apr '10. ~ Walk with NYMNP Heritage Connections project and Chandni Ladies planned for Nov '09 - deferred. ~ Meeting held with NE staff Feb '10. Page on info on HHAONB added to Walking for Health website Mar '10.
<b>Recreational management measures</b> RA3.1 Small-scale recreation management works.	~ As necessary.					~ Discussions held with PC re car park management works and additional litter bin, Kirkham Priory Mar'10.

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<p><b>Management of the PRoW network</b></p> <p>RA4.1 Maintenance of path furniture.</p> <p>RA4.2 Regularly monitor path condition.</p> <p>RA4.3 Rectify identified problems, including seasonal overgrowth and ploughing/cropping.</p> <p>RA4.4 Prioritised programme for cutting seasonal undergrowth.</p> <p>RA4.5 Community involvement in path monitoring and maintenance.</p>	<p>~ Continue with minor improvement works as they are identified.</p> <p>~ Ensure that any new/diverted paths are completed to the same standard as rest of network.</p> <p>~ Begin a full Condition Survey of the AONB, utilising AONB Volunteers.</p> <p>~ Bring issues to the attention of the NYCC Ranger, as necessary.</p> <p>~ Develop a prioritised list of paths to be cut, utilising AONB machinery where necessary.</p> <p>~ Train volunteers in path Condition surveying.</p> <p>~ Use AONB/NYCC volunteers to tackle identified maintenance issues.</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>~ Slingsby/Fryton bridleway surveyed for drainage works.</p> <p>~ No progress. Issues with recording and analysing subsequent data.</p> <p>~ Regular reporting of issues, which are generally resolved in a timely manner.</p> <p>~ Map and list prepared with Area Ranger for '09 season.</p> <p>~ Purchase of machinery awaiting PRoW storage container at Wath.</p> <p>~ In abeyance – see RA4.2 above.</p> <p>~ Himalayan balsam cleared at Hollin Hill Jun '09.</p> <p>~ Team of up to 4 NYCC volunteers work in AONB every Thursday.</p>
<p><b>Definitive Map</b></p> <p>RA5.1 Definitive Map review for the Ryedale District.</p> <p>RA5.2 Identify existing route and status anomalies and lobby for action.</p>	<p>–</p> <p>~ Participate in possible joint initiative with NYCC and Nidderdale AONB, to increase staff resources to tackle issues.</p> <p>~ Continue with process of achieving an upgrade of footpath to bridleway at Ampleforth.</p>		<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>~ Additional resources now available in NYCC Definitive Map team.</p> <p>~ Both landowners contacted by NYCC. Route revisions agreed. Creation Agreement issued for 90% of route; Creation Order may be needed in 2010/11 for remainder.</p>
<p><b>Improvements to PRoW network</b></p> <p>RA6.1 Encourage creation of new access routes/areas.</p> <p>RA6.2 Support appropriate Public Rights of Way route alterations.</p>	<p>~ As opportunities arise.</p> <p>~ Participate in possible joint initiative with NYCC and Nidderdale AONB, to increase staff resources to tackle issues.</p> <p>~ Upgrade footpath between Gilling and Ampleforth Station to bridleway status.</p> <p>~ Complete route re-alignments/creations /extinguishments at Howsham, Slingsby, Westow, Hovingham &amp; Ampleforth (to Wass).</p>			<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>~ Hoping for retention of open access area at Huttons Ambo, as part of HLS application.</p> <p>~ See RA5.2 above.</p> <p>~ See RA5.2 above.</p> <p>~ Howsham and Westow in progress; Slingsby passed to NYCC for investigation; Ampleforth (to Wass) completed.</p>
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<p><b>Path usage issues</b></p> <p>RA7.1 Encourage path improvements via management measures.</p> <p>RA7.2 Monitor use of footpaths by horse riders, cyclists, etc.</p> <p>RA7.3 Make advisory signage available for control of dogs, shutting gates, etc.</p>	<p>~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p> <p>–</p> <p>~ As requested.</p>					<p>~ No relevant applications.</p> <p>~ Slingsby/Fryton bridleway surveyed for drainage works.</p> <p>~ Enquiry received from Hovingham Environment Group.</p>
<p><b>Open Access in FC woodland</b></p> <p>RA8.1 Low-key works on freehold Forestry Commission land.</p> <p>RA8.2 Dedication of leasehold Forestry Commission land.</p> <p>RA8.3 Assist in negotiations on leasehold sites as appropriate.</p>	<p>–</p> <p>–</p> <p>~ As necessary.</p>					
<p><b>Guided routes</b></p> <p>RA9.1 Identify appropriate routes.</p> <p>RA9.2 Identify linkages via road verges and encourage appropriate cutting regimes.</p> <p>RA9.3 Publish and distribute guide leaflets.</p>	<p>~ See AP2.1</p> <p>~ Re-appraise missing routes hindering the establishment of a major route around the AONB.</p> <p>~ Re-appraise the possibility of circular cycle routes, in light of the recent establishment of national networks in the area.</p> <p>~ Carry out a map-based appraisal of possible linkages.</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>~ No progress.</p> <p>~ Potential routes identified in Eastern part of AONB; presentation methods being evaluated. Route surface quality issues on some of principal routes.</p> <p>~ Maps sent out, all responses back in. Evaluation of results needed.</p>
<p><b>Bus routes and other transport services</b></p> <p>RA10.1 Enhancements to public/community transport and Moorsbus networks.</p> <p>RA10.2 Explore options for park-and-ride at larger tourist attractions.</p>	<p>–</p> <p>–</p>					<p>~ Bus service from Oulston to Easingwold was an idea raised in Easingwold SCTS.</p>

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<p><b>Informal car parking facilities</b></p> <p>RA11.1 Carry out appropriate management works.</p> <p>RA11.2 Continue discussions to improve parking facilities at Kirkham Priory.</p> <p>RA11.3 Investigate the use of village car park and toilet facilities by recreational visitors.</p>	<p>~ Continue grass cutting regime at Badger Bank.</p> <p>~ Litter clearance at car parks throughout the AONB.</p> <p>~ Re-establish contacts with English Heritage, landowner and PC.</p> <p>~ As opportunities arise.</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>~ Achieved.</p> <p>~ Completed, ending Dec '09.</p> <p>~ Usage of several car parks monitored Aug '09.</p> <p>~ Discussed with EH site staff May '09.</p> <p>~ Discussions held with PC re car park management works and additional litter bin Mar'10.</p>
<p><b>Water recreation on the Derwent</b></p> <p>RA12.1 Use planning and other policy controls to discourage recreational use.</p> <p>RA12.2 Countryside management measures to resolve local recreational issues.</p>	<p>~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p> <p>~ As necessary.</p>					<p>~ Supported NE decision on installation of slalom poles for canoe club training at Howsham weir.</p> <p>~ Contact established with canoe club that uses Howsham weir, re installation of slalom poles.</p>
<p><b>Forum to discuss recreation, access and tourism issues</b></p> <p>RA13.1 Hold meetings of the Forum as necessary.</p> <p>RA13.2 Pass information on issues to North Yorkshire Local Access Forum.</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p>					



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<p><b>Awareness of Special Qualities of AONB</b></p> <p>AP2.1 Information leaflets for individual AONB villages.</p> <p>AP2.2 Annual programme of guided walks and talks.</p> <p>AP2.3 Programme of activities with local schools and communities.</p> <p>AP2.4 Install information boards at suitable sites.</p>	<p>~ Publish and distribute Nunnington Local Information &amp; Walks leaflet.</p> <p>~ Identify next village for Local Information &amp; Walks leaflet.</p> <p>~ Hold at least 3 guided walks or talks.</p> <p>~ Hold Junior Ranger Club sessions in Easter and October.</p> <p>~ Further develop a schools twinning project with schools in York and Hull.</p> <p>~ Discuss installation of a board at Kirkham Priory, in conjunction with RT11.2 above.</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></p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>~ Design progressed well but not at final draft yet due to other priorities.</p> <p>~ Terrington.</p> <p>~ Achieved. Welburn Gardening Club (40), fungi(1), Lime &amp; Ice Hovingham (12), Lime &amp; Ice Yearsley (20), Kirkdale Gardening Club (?).</p> <p>~ Exceeded. 4 days Easter '09; 2 days Oct '09; 1 day Christmas '09; 1 day Feb '10.</p> <p>~ Project development and grant applications proceeding well – to be submitted Apr '10.</p> <p>~ Discussed Mar '10.</p> <p>~ Discussions held about a board in Hovingham village – now submitted for LEADER funding.</p>
<p><b>Volunteering</b></p> <p>AP3.1 Involve volunteers to assist with delivery of tasks and activities.</p>	<p>~ Complete at least 1 project per calendar quarter using volunteers.</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>~ Assisting at Junior Ranger Club (Easter '09, Oct '09, Dec '09, Feb '10); Ryedale Show (Jul '09); National Park Week (Jul '09); Western hemlock clearance at Foss Spring Mire (May '09); ecological surveying at Dale Wood SINC, Himalayan balsam clearance (Jul '09), Walk for Nepal (Jul '09), Helmsley Green Day (Aug '09), scrub clearance at Dalby Bush Fen SSSI (Nov '09 &amp; Feb '10); gorse clearance at Peel Wood &amp; Grassland SINC (Oct '09); rhododendron clearance at Piper Hill Plantation SINC (Jan '10 &amp; Mar '10 x 2); birch clearance at Terrington Carr SINC (Jan '10); road verge linkages between PRowS; PRow maintenance with NYCC Ranger; Naomi Cox (Dec '09 – Apr '10), Lime &amp; Ice Yearsley Moor project. 22 projects or tasks, worth at least 265 days (£16,950 at SDF volunteering rates).</p>



<p><b>Monitor performance of AONB Partnership and AONB Unit</b></p> <p>MN1.1 Report annual progress on achievement of Management Plan Objectives.</p> <p>MN1.2 Monitor Partnership performance using Natural England Indicators.</p> <p>MN1.3 Measure customer satisfaction with AONB Unit via regular questionnaires.</p>	<p>~ Annual Action Programme update to JAC, March 2010.</p> <p>~ Continue to enter grant-aided schemes onto GIS map layers, as resources allow.</p> <p>~ Use NE Partnership Indicators to measure performance of JAC and AONB Partnership.</p> <p>~ Continue to send out questionnaires to grant recipients.</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>~ Achieved, for JAC 1<sup>st</sup> April '10.</p> <p>~ No substantive progress. Established a new computer workstation with MapInfo on. Discussions held with NYCC on whether they could assist, on contract.</p> <p>~ NE Partnership Indicators reported to JAC Oct '09.</p> <p>~ 3 Best Practice examples submitted to NE Dec '09.</p> <p>~ Achieved.</p>
<p><b>Monitor Condition of AONB</b></p> <p>MN2.1 Develop a mechanism to assess the Condition of non-Statutory Local Priority Sites.</p> <p>MN2.2 Consider developing a 'fixed point photography' monitoring system.</p> <p>MN2.3 Establish baseline data for AONB Condition Indicators.</p> <p>MN2.4 Information on Condition Indicators on a 5-yearly cycle.</p> <p>MN2.5 Provide information to assist the Countryside Quality Counts programme and monitor the results.</p>	<p>~ Discuss possible assessment mechanisms with NYCC and English Heritage.</p> <p>~ Investigate the potential to use volunteers.</p> <p>~ Develop a list of locations for 'fixed point' monitoring.</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>~ As necessary.</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>~ No progress.</p> <p>~ NAAONB info request circulated; report written; options being assessed.</p> <p>~ Investigated purchase of GPS to assist with consistency of location.</p>

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<p><b>National Association for AONBs</b> Maintain input into NAAONB Board and Association activities.</p> <p>Keep up-to-date with knowledge and skills in relation to AONB management.</p>	<p>~ Attend NAAONB Board meetings.</p> <p>~ Complete NAAONB Governance Review and appoint new CEO.</p> <p>~ Continue to pursue the issue of 'roll-over' of funding with Natural England.</p> <p>~ Invite Helen Phillips (CEO, Natural England) to visit the Howardian Hills.</p> <p>~ Write 1 article for 'Outstanding' magazine.</p> <p>~ Celebrate 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of National Parks &amp; Access to the Countryside Act by incorporating logo into publicity material as appropriate.</p> <p>~ Continue to participate in NAAONB initiatives.</p> <p>~ Attend training seminars, Northern Group meetings, Conferences, etc as appropriate.</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>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>~ 4 Board meetings attended. 1 Chairman's Governance Review Group meeting. NE Chairs level meeting.</p> <p>~ Completed Jul '09. Induction carried out Jan '10.</p> <p>~ Superseded by Natural England's Single Pot guidance.</p> <p>~ Visited 31<sup>st</sup> March '09.</p> <p>~ Invited Andrew Wood (Executive Director) and Poul Christensen (Chairman) Mar '10.</p> <p>~ Articles submitted for Spring &amp; Autumn '09 editions.</p> <p>~ Included article in AONB News '2009; attended joint Beacon with NYMNP Dec '09; logo on emails Dec '09.</p> <p>~ Collaborated on Northern Group Calendar 2010.</p> <p>~ Attended April Northern Group meeting (Solway Coast AONB); Conference (Northern Ireland); Planning seminar; October Northern Group meeting (Nidderdale AONB).</p>
<p><b>AONB Management Plan</b> Review AONB Management Plan.</p>	<p>~ Printing, publication and launch of final Plan.</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>				<p>~ Printed and distributed Oct '09. Launched at JAC Oct '09. Press release Dec '09 - publicity Feb '10.</p>