

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

AONB BUSINESS PLAN AND ACTION PROGRAMME 2010/11

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To agree details of proposed activity to implement the AONB Management Plan during 2010/11.

2.0 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 The AONB Management Plan contains a detailed Action Programme that lists each Objective and Action and identifies a suggested lead agency and partner organisations for implementation.
- 2.2 In addition to setting targets for 2010/11 this report also details some of the mechanisms for achieving the proposed targets, as well as indications of some of the individual projects that may be implemented.
- 2.3 Appendix 1 contains the Action Programme and Targets for 2010/11, together with an indicative timetabling of tasks.

3.0 SUSTAINABILITY

- 3.1 Principal activities for the year include:
- Developing the matrix table of ecosystem services then piloting its use in evaluating projects.
 - Continuing to run a Sustainable Development Fund, with an anticipated budget of £50,000.
 - Continuing the digitisation of practical conservation work completed/funded by the JAC. This will be very important for the project below.
 - Joining a Regional Habitat Network Mapping project being organised and principally funded by the Forestry Commission.
 - Attempting to calculate the carbon balance of land use in the AONB, using data from the FWAG CALM assessments.
 - Developing an environmental policy for the JAC's activities.

4.0 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

- 4.1 The proposed budget for landscape and biodiversity works is £23,949, although there is also a share of a c.£17,000 underspend available from 2009/10. Potential projects to be funded include:
- Hedge planting near Wass.
 - Hedge restoration at Bonnygate, Brandsby.

- 4.2 Other activities for the year include:
- Continuing our programmes of Exmoor pony grazing, SINC management and road verge management.
 - Carrying out targeted control of Himalayan balsam, Western hemlock and rhododendron on various SINC and other sites.
 - Continuing our programme of planting individual hedgerow and in-field trees, with completion of schemes postponed from 2009/10 plus others developed in 2010/11.
 - Continuing to develop a wide-area initiative for breeding waders in the Newburgh/Coxwold area.
 - Completing 5 Farm Environment Plans for farmers/land managers, assisting with ELS/HLS advice and raising awareness of the Campaign for the Farmed Environment.

5.0 HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT

- 5.1 The proposed budget for works to conserve and enhance historic environment features is currently £11,000, although there is also a share of a c.£17,000 underspend available from 2009/10. Potential projects to be funded include:
- Continuing works on the Park wall at Scackleton – grant committed.
 - Repairs to the Listed lime kiln at Cawton – grant committed.
 - Conservation work to the Lodges and Gates at Howsham Hall – grant committed.
 - Starting conservation works on the 3-pot lime kiln at Gilling.
- 5.2 Other activities for the year include:
- Continuing the CAN DO Lime & Ice Yearsley Moor community archaeology project.
 - Preparing a Conservation Management Plan for the Gilling Castle Registered Park & Garden.
 - Revising the Landscape Priorities for each Landscape Character Zone of the AONB, following the release of the Historic Landscape Characterisation data.
 - Promoting LEADER funding for small-scale enhancement schemes in villages.

6.0 LOCAL COMMUNITIES

- 6.1 The proposed budget for works with local communities is approximately £1,000. No potential projects have been identified as yet.
- 6.2 Other activities for the year include:
- The second full year of the SDF-funded Community Planning, Engagement and Development project, run by Rural Action Yorkshire.
 - Continued involvement in the North York Moors, Coast and Hills LEADER Programme.

7.0 AGRICULTURE

- 7.1 The proposed combined budget for both landscape and biodiversity works is £23,949. See paragraph 4.1 above.

- 7.2 Other activities for the year include:
- Preparing basic design guidance for new farm buildings.
 - Completing 5 Farm Environment Plans for farmers/land managers, assisting with ELS/HLS advice and raising awareness of the Campaign for the Farmed Environment.
 - Responding to consultations and requests for advice, as appropriate.

8.0 FORESTRY AND WOODLAND

- 8.1 Principal activities for the year include:
- Gathering information on the resilience of the AONB's woodland habitats to climate change.
 - Promoting the Forestry Commission's new Floodplain Woodlands and Under-managed Woodlands grant incentives, when they are launched.
 - Responding to consultations and requests for advice, as appropriate.
 - Joining a Regional Habitat Network Mapping project being organised and principally funded by the Forestry Commission.

9.0 DEVELOPMENT

- 9.1 Principal activities for the year include:
- Responding to consultations received from the Local Planning Authorities on development proposals. The amount of work arising from planning consultations is impossible to predict, as our input is entirely reactive.
 - Inputting to the preparation of the Ryedale LDF Core Strategy, as appropriate.
 - Continuing liaison with CE Electric on overhead electricity cable undergrounding.
 - Contacting BT Openreach, to encourage them to put telephone cables underground at Dalby.
 - Continuing to control litter and report fly-tipping.

10.0 ROADS, TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

- 10.1 Principal activities for the year include:
- Responding to consultations received from the Highway Authority on works within the carriageway that might have biodiversity, historic environment or landscape implications.
 - Continued attendance at the NYMNP/HHAONB/NYCC Liaison meetings.
 - Continued input into the preparation of the NYCC Service Centre Transportation Strategies and Construction Manual.
 - The repair and restoration of at least 15 traditional direction signs.

11.0 RECREATION, ACCESS AND TOURISM

- 11.1 The proposed budget for recreation and access works is £1,000, although there is also a £5,000 underspend available from 2009/10.
- 11.2 Principal activities for the year include:
- Developing our links with local doctors' surgeries, as part of the Walking for Health initiative.

- Improving the management of seasonal upgrowth on field-edge paths, by grant-aiding the purchase of machinery by NYCC.
- Training and utilising volunteers wherever possible for surveying and management works on Rights of Way.
- Continuing to progress with the upgrading of the Public Footpath between Gilling and Ampleforth Station to bridleway status.
- Continuing to control litter at ‘hot-spots’.
- Further developing possible circular routes for cyclists (off-road and touring).
- Carrying out works in partnership with Westow PC and English Heritage to improve car parking arrangements at Kirkham Priory.

12.0 AWARENESS AND PROMOTION

12.1 The proposed budget for awareness and promotion work is £12,150.

12.2 Principal activities for the year include:

- Carrying out a repeat of the Visitors & Users survey.
- Ensuring that the gateway signs are maintained and that outlets have ample supplies of our leaflets.
- Publishing our 2009/10 Annual Report and AONB News 2010.
- Maintaining our website, getting press coverage and attending Ryedale Show.
- Producing and distributing Local Information and Walks leaflets for Nunnington and Terrington.
- Holding at least 3 guided walks or events and 2 Junior Ranger Club days.
- Obtaining funding for and launching a new 4-year schools twinning project.
- Developing an idea for an environmental sculpture-based celebration to mark the 25th Anniversary of the AONB designation in 2012.
- As described in the sections above, using volunteers to help wherever possible and appropriate. Also developing an idea for a graduate placement programme in partnership with Nidderdale AONB.

13.0 IMPLEMENTATION

13.1 Principal initiatives this year include:

- Continuing the Native Woodland Development Officer partnership with the North York Moors National Park and Forestry Commission, with a contribution of £2,500.
- Continuing involvement with the CAN DO Partnership’s Lime and Ice Project, with a wide variety of community-based activity and interpretation. Continuing to support the Yearsley Moor Archaeology Project.
- Participating in the LEADER partnership, as described in paragraph 6.2 above.
- Obtaining LEADER and Heritage Lottery Fund grants for the AONB/York/Hull schools twinning project.
- Accessing resources from LEADER and the CAN DO Partnership for specific projects.
- Completing the signing of a new Agreement between Natural England and the 3 Local Authorities.
- Confirmation of funding from the 3 Local Authorities has been received, with a small increase for inflation in one case, whilst the indications are that Natural England’s contribution will be close to 100% of the 2009/10 figure.

14.0 MONITORING

14.1 Principal activities for the year include:

- Developing an assessment mechanism of non-statutory Local Priority Sites.
- Gathering baseline data on the AONB Condition Indicators.
- Continuing to develop a ‘fixed-point photography’ monitoring project, using volunteers if possible.

15.0 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR AONBs

15.1 Principal activities for the year include:

- Paul Jackson attending NAAONB Board meetings and assisting with the development of the NAAONB with the new CEO.
- Contributing articles for the Outstanding magazine.
- Celebrating the International Year of Biodiversity.
- Embracing the AONB Branding initiative where possible.
- Attending Conference, seminars, Northern Group meetings, etc.

16.0 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

- a) The Targets for 2010/11, as contained in the Action Programme, be approved.
- b) The continuation of the administrative arrangements with the North York Moors National Park Authority for the Sustainable Development Fund scheme be noted.
- c) The continuation of the contribution to the Native Woodland Development Officer post be noted.

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

OBJECTIVE	SPECIFIC TARGET 10/11	APRIL - JUNE	JULY - SEPT	OCT - DEC	JAN - MAR	ACHIEVEMENTS 10/11
AONB's contribution to climate change adaptation/mitigation, and impacts of climate change						
SF1.1 Carbon balance of land use activity in the AONB.	~ Calculate the carbon balance of rural land use in the AONB, using figures from the CALM assessments.		XXXXX	XXXXX		
SF1.2 Map of green infrastructure.	~ Continue to enter grant-aided schemes onto GIS map layers, as resources allow.		XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
	~ Participate in FC Regional Habitat Network Study, providing additional funding for focus on CAN DO area if appropriate.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
SF1.3 Gather information on the impacts of climate change on the AONB's Special Qualities.	~ Contact the FC, to obtain information on the resilience of AONB woodland habitats.	XXXXX		XXXXX		
Promote sustainability, and support projects						
SF2.1 Ecosystem approach to guide consultation responses and assess projects.	~ Complete matrix table and then pilot its use to assess projects and consultation responses.		XXXXX	XXXXX		
	~ Decide how to use the matrix table to record the AONB's contribution to ecosystem services provision.		XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
SF2.2 Publicise tips on sustainable living.	~ Maintain and update the AONB website page as necessary.		XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
SF2.3 Demonstrate examples of good sustainability.	~ Highlight 1 case study in AONB News 2010.		XXXXX	XXXXX		
SF2.4 Support projects using Sustainable Development Fund (SDF).	~ Continue to operate the SDF as a separate funding pot, to support innovative and best practice projects.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
SF2.5 Environmental policy for the JAC's own activities.	~ Formulate and adopt policy.			XXXXX	XXXXX	

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Knowledge of wildlife resources and possible climate change impacts NE1.1 Rolling programme of SINC monitoring. NE1.2 Detailed surveys of specific habitats or species. NE1.3 Assist farmers, land managers and communities with monitoring wildlife. NE1.4 Research climate change resilience of key AONB habitats. NE1.5 Digitise Phase 1 maps of the AONB.	~ Assist with NYCC monitoring survey, as necessary. - ~ Feed actions achieved in the AONB in 2009/10 into BARS. ~ Research the resilience of AONB fen and grassland habitats. ~ Complete, via CAN DO Partnership.	XXXXX	XXXXX			
Key nature conservation sites NE2.1 Maintain and update a register of key sites. NE2.2 Protect best sites through designation. NE2.3 Resist development proposals that may affect key sites. NE2.4 Ensure farmers and landowners are aware of the existence of sites.	~ Continue with work with NYMNP and RDC on Heritage Trees. - ~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. -			XXXXX	XXXXX	
Local participation in nature conservation sites NE3.1 Local involvement with monitoring and management of wildlife.	~ Carry out management works with volunteers on 3 SINCS. ~ Work with 1 PCC on churchyard management.		XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	

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<p>Implementation of Local BAP targets for woodland habitats</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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Continue Himalayan balsam control works in Barker & Mugdale Woods SINC. ~ Continue rhododendron control works in Park Wood, Piper Hill and Moorside Plantation SINC. ~ Encourage via EWGS/ESS consultations and advice of Native Woodland Development Officer. ~ Encourage via EWGS consultations and advice of Native Woodland Development Officer. ~ Continue control of Western hemlock adjacent to Park Wood SINC, Gilling. ~ Continue to encourage creation of a new area of wood pasture at Brandsby, to link to veteran tree. ~ Plant 25 new individual in-field and hedgerow trees. ~ See also SF1.2 above. ~ Encourage via EWGS consultations and advice of Native Woodland Development Officer. ~ See also SF1.2 above. 		XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
<p>Implementation of Local BAP targets for grassland habitats</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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Continue to facilitate conservation grazing of SINC and other sites. ~ Encourage via ESS consultations and advice to farmers. ~ Carry out management works on 40 SIRVs. ~ Control western hemlock and rhododendron on Grimston Moor SINC. ~ Encourage via ESS consultations and advice to farmers. ~ See also SF1.2 above. 	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	

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Implementation of Local BAP targets for wetland habitats NE6.1 Management of Local Priority Sites. NE6.2 Extension and buffering of Local Priority Sites. NE6.3 Restoration of sites that have declined in interest. NE6.4 Creation of new habitat.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Manage birch at Terrington Carr SINC. ~ Assess need for willow control work at Adjacent to Sandlands Meadow SINC. ~ Encourage via ESS consultations and advice to farmers. ~ ~ Encourage via ESS consultations and advice to farmers. ~ Continue to develop initiative for breeding waders in Coxwold/Newburgh area. ~ See also SF1.2 above. 	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
Implementation of Local BAP targets for important species NE7.1 Management of key sites for specific species. NE7.2 Restoration or creation of sites. NE7.3 Local Target Areas and co-ordinated management measures.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Manage grassland for knapweed broomrape at Amotherby Lane SINC. ~ Plant 10 black poplar cuttings in the Stonegrave area. ~ Encourage via ESS consultations and advice to farmers. ~ Continue to develop initiative for breeding waders in Coxwold/Newburgh area. ~ Investigate potential for a joint Ryedale & Hambleton LBAP initiative on Farmland Birds. 	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	
Invasive non-native species NE8.1 Monitor location and abundance. NE8.2 Targeted management efforts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Monitor condition of Wath Beck corridor, following 2008 & 2009 work to control Himalayan balsam. ~ Monitor condition of Piper Hill Plantation SINC, following 2009 work to control rhododendron. ~ Re-cut the length of Wath Beck corridor that was cut in 2009. ~ Continue Himalayan balsam control works in Barker & Mugdale Woods SINC. ~ Continue rhododendron control in prioritised locations. 	XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	

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More sympathetic management of farmland NE9.1 Target sites for entry into the Higher Level Stewardship Scheme. NE9.2 Encourage participation in the Entry Level Stewardship Scheme.	~ Provide advice to farmers and landowners, as necessary. ~ Complete 5 FEPs for land in the AONB. ~ Work with the Campaign for the Farmed Environment, to encourage participation.	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	
Implementation of Local BAP targets for wildlife within villages NE10.1 Raise awareness and assist communities with creating and managing areas for wildlife.	~ Promote the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity in AONB News 2010.		XXXXX	XXXXX		
Important geodiversity sites NE11.1 Develop a network of RIGS. NE11.2 Manage sites identified as RIGS. NE11.3 Resist development proposals.	~ Assist with NEYGT and NYGP survey programmes, as necessary. ~ Clear vegetation from 2 quarry faces at Hildenley. ~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.	XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
Assistance to farmers and land managers NE12.1 Assist with applications to grant schemes. NE12.2 Flexible package of assistance. NE12.3 Demonstrate 'best practice'. NE12.4 Skills training initiatives.	~ See NE9 and FW2. ~ See appropriate Objectives above. - -					
Knowledge of the cultural heritage of AONB 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.	~ Assist with compilation of final report, as necessary. ~ Revise the relevant sections in the Management Plan. ~ See HE3.2. - ~ See HE3.2. ~ Discuss options with NYCC.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
Statutory protection HE2.1 Input to Heritage Protection Review.	~ As necessary, dependent upon legislative timetable.					
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Local participation in cultural heritage sites						
HE3.1	Local involvement in monitoring and management of cultural heritage features.	~ Carry out management works with volunteers on 2 sites.	XXXXX		XXXXX	XXXXX
HE3.2	CAN DO 'Lime and Ice' Project.	~ Continue input to Yearsley Moor Archaeology Project. ~ Participate in other Lime and Ice initiatives being delivered in the AONB.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX
			XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX
Preserve AONB's historic heritage						
HE4.1	Historic landscape conservation and management advice.	~ Provide advice to farmers and landowners, etc as necessary.				
HE4.2	Encourage entry into agri-environment schemes.	~ See NE9 above.				
HE4.3	Heritage Partnership Agreements.	~ Address management issues on 5 SMs at High or Medium Risk.		XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX
HE4.4	Conservation/management plans for Historic Parks and Gardens.	~ Assist with preparation of a Conservation Management Plan for Gilling Castle.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
HE4.5	Flexible package of assistance.	~ Explore potential HDC funding for small-scale works, then promote LEADER/HDC/AONB funds for works in all AONB villages.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
		~ Carry out management or repair works on 8 Local Priority Sites or historic features.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX
		~ Start conservation works on lime kilns in Scar Wood, Gilling	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
		~ Use AONB resources in partnership with NYCC/RDC to carry out works on 1 Listed Building at Risk.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX
HE4.6	Demonstrate 'best practice'.	-				
HE4.7	Skills training initiatives.	-				

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<p>Assist local communities with projects</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</p> <p>~ Pass on information as necessary, as part of RAY Community Engagement Project.</p> <p>~ Continue to attend Development Officers meetings.</p> <p>–</p> <p>~ SDF support for RAY Community Engagement Project.</p> <p>~ As part of RAY Community Engagement Project.</p> <p>~ Deliver Rural Arts Project at Slingsby and village enhancement works at Huttons Ambo.</p> <p>~ As part of RAY Community Engagement Project.</p> <p>~ Promote LEADER/HDC/AONB funding for village enhancement works.</p> <p>~ Hold 4 advice events in AONB villages.</p> <p>~ As part of RAY Community Engagement Project.</p> <p>~ Continue to invite Parish Councils to the AONB Partnership Group meeting.</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	
<p>Government support mechanisms for sustainable farm and rural business development</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>~ Publicise Farm Crisis Network in AONB News 2010.</p>					

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Conservation advice and assistance 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.	~ Provide advice to farmers and landowners, etc as necessary. ~ Assist 8 landscape conservation projects with AONB funding. – ~ Promote the Landskills programme in AONB News 2010. ~ Support 1 skills-related training course in the AONB.	XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX	
Sustainable alternative farm enterprises 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 new FC Floodplain Woodland Creation grant package in AONB News 2010.		XXXXX	XXXXX		
New farm buildings and infrastructure AG4.1 High standards of design, siting and landscaping measures. AG4.2 Produce basic design guidance.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. ~ Produce guidance and circulate to District Councils.		XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
Woodland management proposals 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.					
Multi-objective approach to woodland management 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. –					

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Local provenance trees and shrubs 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. ~ Consider propagating a further batch of black poplar cuttings.			XXXXX	XXXXX	
Alternative markets for timber products 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. ~ Promote new FC incentives for appropriate work in under-managed woods in AONB News 2010. ~ Promote the Greenbeams website in AONB News 2010. -		XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
New woodland 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 2010.		XXXXX	XXXXX		

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Grant incentives to achieve Management Plan Objectives FW6.1 Grant incentives for annual PAWS restoration tasks. FW6.2 Grant incentives for specific priority work, in line with the Regional Forestry Strategy. FW6.3 'Scoring system' for new woodland. FW6.4 Flexible package of assistance for small-scale conservation projects. FW6.5 Continue Native Woodland Development Project.	– ~ Monitor the prioritisation of regional funding, to maximise opportunities for AONB land managers. – ~ Carry out management work to control Western hemlock and rhododendron on FC land. ~ Continue financial support for Project, ensuring satisfactory input to AONB initiatives.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
Demonstrate best practice/ skilled workforce FW7.1 Local demonstration sites/events. FW7.2 List of local contractors. FW7.3 Promote woodland training courses and apprenticeships.	– ~ Compile a list, using the Native Woodland Development Project database. ~ Promote the Landskills programme in AONB News 2010.		XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
New development D1.1 Appropriate policies in all relevant Plans and Strategies. D1.2 Consultation arrangements.	~ Input to development of the Ryedale LDF Core Strategy, as necessary. ~ Maintain, and respond to JAC consultations as necessary.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
Design of new development/ management of existing buildings D2.1 Rural Design standards. D2.2 Village Design Statements. D2.3 Guidance on sustainable building restoration techniques. D2.4 Conservation Area appraisals. D2.5 Assist with works identified in Conservation Area appraisals.	~ Input to development of the Ryedale LDF Core Strategy, as necessary. ~ Promote as part of the RAY Community Engagement Project. ~ Investigate availability of LEADER funding for VDSS. – – –	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	

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Mitigation of intrusive features D3.1 Local enhancement works to mitigate intrusive features. D3.2 Undergrounding of electricity cables. D3.3 Undergrounding telephone cables. D3.4 Resist increases in light or noise pollution. D3.5 Litter and fly-tipping.	~ Continue evaluating landscape or biodiversity enhancement measures at sewage works, etc. ~ Continue to attend Liaison Group meetings. ~ Encourage implementation of at least 1 scheme in the AONB. ~ Continue to liaise with BT Openreach over burying cables, both at Dalby and for new electricity cable undergrounding schemes. ~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. ~ Continue litter clearance at car parks throughout the AONB. ~ Report fly-tipping incidents to the Local Authorities, as necessary.	 	 XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	 XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	 XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	
Small-scale quarrying for local uses D4.1 Support appropriate planning applications. D4.2 Supplies of suitable stone for drystone wall restoration.	~ As appropriate, via JAC consultations. ~ Contact owners of Grimston Grange, if proposed development works commence. ~ Monitor development proposals and approach owners where appropriate in order to obtain suitable stone.					
Renewable energy installations D5.1 Advice and guidance on appropriate technology and installations. D5.2 Support appropriate proposals. D5.3 Promote benefits of appropriate renewable energy and demonstrate examples of 'best practice'.	~ Input to development of the Ryedale LDF Core Strategy, as necessary. ~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. ~ Include information on Gilling village hall ground source heat system in AONB News 2010. ~ Produce a leaflet on household renewable energy technologies and place on AONB website.	 XXXXX XXXXX	 XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	 XXXXX XXXXX	 XXXXX 	
Business and diversification opportunities D6.1 Signposting to Business Link. D6.2 Encourage local businesses via the CAN DO Partnership.	~ As appropriate. -					
Re-use of redundant farm buildings D7.1 Support appropriate proposals to re-use farm buildings.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.					
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<p>Modern communications technology</p> <p>D8.1 Broadband and mobile phone installations.</p> <p>D8.2 Liaise with Local Authorities and network operators.</p>	<p>~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p> <p>~ Obtain annual roll-out plans from District Councils.</p>			XXXXX		
<p>Local needs/affordable housing</p> <p>D9.1 Local Housing Needs Surveys.</p> <p>D9.2 Further develop and adopt measures.</p> <p>D9.3 Promote potential benefits of Local Needs housing.</p>	<p>–</p> <p>–</p> <p>~ Include an item in AONB News 2010.</p>		XXXXX	XXXXX		
<p>Solutions to traffic routing problems</p> <p>RT1.1 Full-movement interchange at the A64/B1257 junction.</p> <p>RT1.2 Weight restriction on the Castle Howard Avenue.</p> <p>RT1.3 Investigate freight traffic issues in the AONB.</p> <p>RT1.4 Freight Quality Partnerships, to address any issues identified.</p>	<p>~ Monitor proposals and input as necessary.</p> <p>–</p> <p>–</p> <p>–</p>					
<p>Traffic and driver behaviour issues</p> <p>RT2.1 Gather information on traffic speeds.</p> <p>RT2.2 Regular programme of speed-checks in problem locations.</p> <p>RT2.3 Local events to examine and address issues.</p>	<p>~ Monitoring of traffic speeds carried out in 4 AONB villages.</p> <p>~ Speed checks carried out in 2 AONB villages.</p> <p>–</p>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
<p>Sustainable modes of transport</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>~ Continue input to development of SCTs' for Malton and Easingwold, as appropriate.</p> <p>~ Monitor progress of local initiative to improve path from Broughton to Malton.</p> <p>~ Publicise RYECAT services in AONB News 2010.</p> <p>~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p> <p>~ Input as necessary.</p>		XXXXX	XXXXX		
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<p>Maintain character of rural road network</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>~ Rationalise signs where possible as part of traditional direction sign restoration programme.</p> <p>–</p> <p>~ Restore 15 traditional direction signs.</p> <p>~ Restore 1 milepost.</p> <p>~ Restore 5 village name signs.</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	
<p>A64 Trunk Road</p> <p>RT5.1 Monitor future proposals and provide comments.</p>	<p>~ On-going, with involvement as and when necessary.</p> <p>~ Input to joint Corridor Study, as appropriate.</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>			
<p>Sustainable recreation activities</p> <p>RA1.1 Monitor sustainability of recreational activities in the AONB.</p> <p>RA1.2 Use planning policies to encourage appropriate recreational developments.</p>	<p>–</p> <p>~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p>					
<p>Promote AONB in a sustainable way</p> <p>RA2.1 Gather information on visitor numbers, activity, etc.</p> <p>RA2.2 Work with Area Tourism Partnership to provide information for visitors.</p> <p>RA2.3 Work with local Tourism Associations.</p> <p>RA2.4 Initiatives to enable Under-Represented Groups to enjoy the AONB.</p> <p>RA2.5 Initiatives to promote health benefits of outdoor recreation in the AONB.</p>	<p>~ Repeat basic monitoring of car park usage during summer.</p> <p>~ Establish contacts and methods of distribution, etc.</p> <p>–</p> <p>~ Secure grant funding and launch the schools twinning project with schools in York and Hull.</p> <p>~ Further develop links with local health providers/organisations.</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>		
<p>Recreational management measures</p> <p>RA3.1 Small-scale recreation management works.</p>	<p>~ Install additional/replacement litter bins at Kirkham.</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>			

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Management of the PRoW network RA4.1 Maintenance of path furniture. RA4.2 Regularly monitor path condition. RA4.3 Rectify identified problems, including seasonal overgrowth and ploughing/cropping. RA4.4 Prioritised programme for cutting seasonal undergrowth. RA4.5 Community involvement in path monitoring and maintenance.	~ Continue with minor improvement works as they are identified. ~ Ensure that any new/diverted paths are completed to the same standard as rest of network. ~ Begin a Condition Survey of the AONB, utilising AONB Volunteers. ~ Bring issues to the attention of the NYCC Area Ranger, as necessary. ~ Monitor the NYCC seasonal cutting programme and liaise with NYCC Area Ranger as necessary. ~ Use AONB/NYCC volunteers to tackle identified maintenance issues. ~ Train volunteers in path Condition surveying.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
Definitive Map RA5.1 Definitive Map review for the Ryedale District. RA5.2 Identify existing route and status anomalies and lobby for action.	- ~ Continue with process of achieving an upgrade of footpath to bridleway at Ampleforth. ~ Commence work on route anomaly at Slingsby.					
Improvements to PRoW network RA6.1 Encourage creation of new access routes/areas. RA6.2 Support appropriate Public Rights of Way route alterations.	~ As opportunities arise. ~ Encourage retention of Crayke circular permissive route and Huttons Ambo permissive area, via HLS applications. ~ Upgrade footpath between Gilling and Ampleforth Station to bridleway status. ~ Progress route re-alignments/creations /extinguishments at Howsham, Westow, Slingsby & Hovingham.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX		
Path usage issues RA7.1 Encourage path improvements via management measures. RA7.2 Monitor use of footpaths by horse riders, cyclists, etc. RA7.3 Make advisory signage available for control of dogs, shutting gates, etc.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. - ~ As requested.					
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Open Access in FC woodland						
RA8.1	Low-key works on freehold Forestry Commission land.	-				
RA8.2	Dedication of leasehold Forestry Commission land.	-				
RA8.3	Assist in negotiations on leasehold sites as appropriate.	~ As necessary.				
Guided routes						
RA9.1	Identify appropriate routes.	~ See AP2.1 ~ Re-appraise missing links hindering the establishment of a major route around the AONB. ~ Develop circular off-road cycle routes, once route surface issues have been addressed.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX
RA9.2	Identify linkages via road verges and encourage appropriate cutting regimes.	~ Assess possible linkages and any verge cutting necessary/appropriate		XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX
RA9.3	Publish and distribute guide leaflets.	~ Publish and distribute Nunnington Local Information & Walks leaflet. ~ Publish and distribute Terrington Local Information & Walks leaflet.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX
Bus routes and other transport services						
RA10.1	Enhancements to public/community transport and Moorsbus networks.	-				
RA10.2	Explore options for park-and-ride at larger tourist attractions.	~ Discuss with English Heritage for Kirkham Priory, in conjunction with RA11.2 below.	XXXXX	XXXXX		
Informal car parking facilities						
RA11.1	Carry out appropriate management works.	~ Continue grass cutting regime at Badger Bank. ~ Continue programme of litter clearance at car parks throughout the AONB.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
RA11.2	Continue discussions to improve parking facilities at Kirkham Priory.	~ Work with English Heritage, landowner, NYCC and PC to improve car park surface and management of litter.	XXXXX	XXXXX		
RA11.3	Investigate the use of village car park and toilet facilities by recreational visitors.	~ As opportunities arise.				

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Water recreation on the Derwent RA12.1 Use planning and other policy controls to discourage recreational use. RA12.2 Countryside management measures to resolve local recreational issues.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. ~ As necessary.					
Forum to discuss recreation, access and tourism issues RA13.1 Hold meetings of the Forum as necessary. RA13.2 Pass information on issues to North Yorkshire Local Access Forum.	- -					
Awareness and understanding of AONB designation, importance and role of JAC AP1.1 Maintain the existing AONB 'gateway signs' and seek to install signs on the A64. AP1.2 Publish and distribute information about the AONB. AP1.3 Provide information via the Annual Report, Newsletter and website. AP1.4 Maintain a high public profile in the local media and at shows. AP1.5 Celebrate the 25 th anniversary of the AONB designation (Oct 2012). AP1.6 Carry out a follow-up Visitors and Users survey.	~ Ensure 'gateway sign' sites are adequately maintained. ~ Investigate installing 'gateway signs' on the A64. ~ Ensure that TICs and local accommodation providers, shops, etc have adequate supplies of relevant AONB leaflets. ~ Publish 2009/10 Annual Report. ~ Publish AONB News 2010. ~ Ensure that AONB website is running properly and is updated each month. ~ Obtain at least 25 media mentions. ~ Attend Ryedale Show. ~ Use AONB display at 3 venues/events. ~ Contact Rural Arts North Yorkshire to discuss an environmental sculpture-based activity. ~ Agree methodology, engage contractors and volunteers and carry out survey.	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	

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<p>Awareness of Special Qualities of AONB</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 & Walks leaflet.</p> <p>~ Publish and distribute Terrington Local Information & Walks leaflet.</p> <p>~ Identify next village for Local Information & Walks leaflet.</p> <p>~ Hold at least 3 guided walks or talks.</p> <p>~ Hold 2 Junior Ranger Club sessions.</p> <p>~ Secure grant funding and launch the 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>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	
<p>Volunteering</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>~ Continue arrangements with graduate volunteer(s).</p> <p>~ Further develop, with Nidderdale AONB, a possible graduate placement programme.</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	

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<p>Funding and partnership mechanisms</p> <p>IM1.1 Seek funding to implement Management Plan Objectives.</p> <p>IM1.2 Annual meetings of AONB Partnership Group.</p> <p>IM1.3 Partnership arrangements with the North York Moors National Park Authority.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Lobby as necessary, via the NAAONB, to ensure that AONBs are adequately funded by Natural England. ~ Ensure full utilisation of Natural England grant allocation. ~ Assist with implementation of CAN DO HLF Lime and Ice Project. ~ Participate in the delivery of the North York Moors, Coast and Hills LEADER initiative, encouraging support for projects within the AONB. ~ Secure funding from LEADER and HLF for the next programme of work with AONB schools. ~ Access additional resources from County & District Councils, FC, EA, CAN DO, LEADER etc for specific identified projects. ~ Hold a meeting in April 2011. ~ Continue to use the National Park to provide specialist advice to help deliver the AONB SDF programme. ~ Continue partnership arrangement to employ Native Woodland Development Officer to cover National Park & AONB. ~ Continue to participate in the CAN DO partnership. 	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	
<p>Business development of AONB Partnership</p> <p>IM2.1 Monitor business development needs and identify improvements.</p> <p>IM2.2 Incorporate improvements into annual Action Programme and Budget approval processes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Complete the signing of the new Agreement between Natural England and the 3 constituent Local Authorities. ~ Prepare annual Business Plan / Action Programme for JAC, March 2011. 	<p>XXXXX</p>			<p>XXXXX</p>	

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<p>Monitor performance of AONB Partnership and AONB Unit</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 2011.</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>	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXXX	
<p>Monitor Condition of AONB</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>~ Compile a completed table of data for all Indicators.</p> <p>~ As necessary.</p>	XXXXXX XXXXXX	XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXXX	XXXXXX XXXXXX	XXXXXX	
<p>National Association for AONBs</p> <p>Maintain input into NAAONB Board and Association activities.</p> <p>Keep up-to-date with knowledge and skills in relation to AONB management.</p>	<p>~ Attend NAAONB Board meetings.</p> <p>~ Write 2 articles for 'Outstanding' magazine.</p> <p>~ Continue to participate in NAAONB initiatives.</p> <p>~ Attend training seminars, Northern Group meetings, Conferences, etc as appropriate.</p>	XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXXX	XXXXXX XXXXXX	XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXXX	XXXXXX XXXXXX	
<p>AONB Management Plan</p> <p>Review AONB Management Plan.</p>	-					