

HOWARDIAN HILLS AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY

JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meeting held at Hovingham Village Hall on 5 November 2009.

PRESENT:-

Ryedale District Council: District Councillor Robert Wainwright.
Hambleton District Council: District Councillor Christine Cookman.
North Yorkshire County Council: County Councillor Caroline Patmore
Parish Councils: Ian Reid (Ryedale) and Tony Cowan (Hambleton).
Country Land and Business Association: Jane Harrison.
National Farmers Union: Ken Harrison.
Forestry Commission: Vince Carter.
Natural England: Justine Clark, Brian Davies and Clare Storey.
Ramblers Association: Geoff Eastwood.

Officers:

Paul Jackson, Liz Bassindale and Maggie Cochrane – Howardian Hills AONB.
Jane Wilkinson (Secretary) – North Yorkshire County Council.
Ann Cooper – Hambleton District Council.

Present by Invitation:

Steve Toase Historic Landscape Characterisation Project Officer NYCC.

COPIES OF ALL DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED ARE IN THE MINUTE BOOK

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED –

That District Councillor Robert Wainwright is elected to serve as Chairman of the Joint Advisory Committee for the next 12 months.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR ROBERT WAINWRIGHT IN THE CHAIR

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Were submitted on behalf of County Councillor Clare Wood (North Yorkshire County Council), Graham Megson (North Yorkshire County Council), Paula Craddock (Ryedale District Council) District Councillor Percy Featherstone (Hambleton District Council) and Dorothy Fairburn (Country Land and Business Association).

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 April 2009, having been previously circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED –

That County Councillor Clare Wood is elected as Vice-Chairman of the Joint Advisory Committee for the next 12 months.

5. ELECTION OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FUND PANEL REPRESENTATIVES

RESOLVED –

- (i) That Ryedale District Councillor Robert Wainwright and Dr Tony Cowan (Parish Councils Hambleton) are nominated to represent Howardian Hills AONB on the Sustainable Development Fund Panel for the next 12 months.

6. AONB UNIT ACTIVITY

CONSIDERED –

The joint report of AONB Officers detailing their activities and progress achieved by the AONB Unit since the previous meeting.

The Committee received a power-point presentation of photographs of completed and on-going projects referred to in the report, together with on-going countryside management works, community projects, volunteer activity and Junior Ranger Club days.

A copy of the new Howardian Hills Management Plan 2009-2014 together with a copy of the Autumn/Winter 2009 "Outstanding" magazine were circulated for information at the meeting.

Members requested that further information on the Castle Howard Ground Source Heat Pump Project, especially details of the payback period, be supplied to inform similar projects in the local area.

Members suggested that a media campaign timed to coincide with the work by the volunteers to stop the spread of Himalayan Balsam would be an effective means of enlisting additional support from local people. It was further proposed that the suggested media campaign could include Ragwort, Rhododendrons and Japanese Knotweed as well as Himalayan Balsam. The AONB Manager stressed that in order to successfully eradicate Himalayan Balsam it was essential that follow up work was carried out at the affected sites on an annual basis over a period of three or four years.

RESOLVED –

That the report be noted.

7. HISTORIC LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISATION PROJECT – NORTH YORKSHIRE

The Committee received a presentation from Steve Toase, (Historic Landscape Characterisation Project Officer NYCC). He described the aims of the project, to study and map the historic development of the modern day landscape of North Yorkshire. The five year project formed part of a nationwide programme which commenced in 1994. The majority of the work in North Yorkshire was now complete and the final report would be available at the end of March 2010.

He described the methodology used to study the whole landscape and stressed that the project was concerned with the locally distinctive and commonplace as well as the special and unique. Examples of maps depicting cultural and historic evolution within the AONB were shown as part of the presentation. Practical examples of how the project could help with the reinstatement of boundaries, research, and applications for High Level Stewardship Agreements were cited. It was hoped that in time all the information collated for the Project would be available on the internet.

The AONB Manager said that the Project would enable future Howardian Hills Management Plans to contain suggestions for conserving the historic context of the area.

The Chairman thanked Steve Toase for his attendance and interesting presentation and for the painstaking work done to date.

RESOLVED –

That the content of the presentation be noted.

8. LEADER PROGRAMME

CONSIDERED –

The report of the AONB Manager on progress achieved to date by the LEADER Local Action Group.

Members noted that the schedule of supported projects included Hovingham Village Hall and Community Project and commented favourably on the improvements made to the kitchen facilities at the Village Hall (the venue of the meeting that day). It was reported that at the meeting of Hovingham Parish Council held the previous day it had been resolved not to proceed with the Parish/Community Caretakers Scheme as it was feared that the community spirit already generated by the Project would be lost if the work was to be handed over to a third party. Sustainability was also identified as a further concern.

The AONB Manager commented that for the reasons outlined at the meeting it was more likely that only larger communities would take advantage of the Parish/Community Caretakers Scheme.

RESOLVED –

That the information contained in the report and provided at the meeting be noted.

9. CAN DO LIME AND ICE PROJECT

CONSIDERED –

The report of the AONB Manager on progress made to date by the CAN DO Lime and Ice Project.

The AONB Manager summarised each of the projects outlined in Appendix 1 of the report.

RESOLVED –

That the content of the report and progress made to date be noted.

10. AONB INDICATORS

CONSIDERED –

The report of the AONB Manager detailing the Indicators used to measure AONB Partnership performance and AONB Condition.

The AONB Manager stated that this would be a standing item on future agenda. Members were advised that no information on Condition Indicators was yet available as the Management Plan was brand new. The AONB Manager anticipated being able to report information on Condition Indicators to the April 2010 meeting of the Committee, failing which it would definitely be available for the October/November 2010 meeting.

RESOLVED –

That the Performance Indicator results contained in Appendix 1 be noted.

11. AONB BUDGET

CONSIDERED –

The report of the AONB Manager detailing expenditure during 2008/09 and highlighting anticipated budgetary needs for 2010/11.

The AONB Manager drew Members attention to paragraph 3.12 of the report and sought approval of the proposed mechanism for viring money between budget heads.

Brian Davies commented that given the current economic climate, cuts in future funding from Natural England were to be expected. The current funding package was guaranteed for three years but upon its expiry there was every likelihood that future funding would not be at the same level. He anticipated that at the next round of funding only those AONB's able to attract funding from other sources would be successful. It was reported that, nationally, many AONB's had drawn monies from the SDF Fund and that this was now seen as a means of front line service delivery.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the details of JAC expenditure during 2008/09 be noted.
- (b) That the mechanism for authorising virements between budget heads, as outlined in paragraph 3.12 of the report, be approved.
- (c) That Partner authorities be asked to consider making financial contributions towards the work of the JAC in 2010/11, in line with Appendix 5 and paragraph 4 of the report.

12. JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE PLANNING CONSULTATIONS

CONSIDERED –

The responses submitted by the AONB Manager to Hambleton and Ryedale District Councils in respect of planning applications received within the area of the AONB since the previous meeting. Members attention was drawn to the application for wind turbines - the first of their kind within the area of the AONB.

Members endorsed the responses made by the AONB Manager in respect of the 13 applications appended to the agenda.

The AONB Manager advised that results of applications already determined were available upon request.

RESOLVED –

That the responses attached to the agenda be noted.

13. ORAL REPORTS FROM PARTNER ORGANISATIONS

Hambleton District Council

Following the retirement of Glen Robinson Members welcomed Ann Cooper to her first meeting. Members agreed to send a letter of appreciation to Glen Robinson thanking him for all his hard work whilst a Member of the JAC and wishing him a long and happy retirement.

Local Development Framework – it was reported that the core strategy was now approved. In respect of the Allocations the second consultation stage was due to end on 13 November 2009. Submission of the plan to Government was anticipated at the end of the year with hearing sessions being held in April and final adoption by the Council now due to take place in late 2010.

Natural England

A guidance document on on-shore wind farms was now available on line and contained the criteria that Natural England would apply to all applications of this type.

A new Higher Level Environmental Stewardship agreement was about to go live in the AONB, which brought the total of such agreements to four. During 2010 seven Countryside Stewardship Scheme agreements would expire and it was anticipated that of these approximately half would go on to transfer into Higher Level Stewardship agreements.

It was reported that a permissive footpath in the Crayke area had now expired and it was hoped it would be renewed as part of a Higher Level Stewardship agreement.

Countryside Stewardship – Funds from Natural England and English Heritage had been secured to restore the Stray walls at Castle Howard. Further funding had also been obtained to develop a management plan for The Avenue.

Forestry Commission

Vince Carter reported that there had been two national public consultations during 2009. Record numbers of responses had been received and the results were now with the Minister. The final policies were expected to be announced before the May 2010 general election.

Ramblers Association

Geoff Eastwood reported that the Association published an annual programme of 400 walks many of which were within the area of the AONB. He agreed to provide details of the walks in the AONB to the AONB Manager so that they could be publicised on the AONB website.

Ryedale District Council

Local Development Framework -_The final document was due to be approved at full Council on 15 December 2009.

14. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

RESOLVED –

- (i) That the date of the next meeting of the Committee is Thursday, 1 April 2010 at 10.00 am at a venue to be confirmed.
- (ii) That the date of the annual site visit is 23 July 2010.

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1 APRIL 2010**

AONB UNIT ACTIVITY

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

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

2.0 SUMMARY OF PROGRESS ACHIEVED

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

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

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received for information.

AONB MANAGER'S REPORT

24th OCTOBER 2009 – 23rd MARCH 2010

Work during this period has principally consisted of:

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

MEETINGS

- 27th October – CAN DO meeting, Helmsley.
 - 5th November – JAC meeting.
 - 12th November – CE Electric; DPCR5 planning meeting, Northallerton.
 - 25th November – AONB Team Annual Action Programme meeting.
 - 27th November – Natural England Landscape Conference, York.
 - 1st December – LEADER Support Group, Helmsley.
 - 2nd December – NYCC Change & Improvement workshop, Selby.
 - 11th December – Ranger Team 3 Liaison meeting, Helmsley.
 - 15th December – Core Funders Group.
 - 23rd December – NYCC Landlord Services annual meeting.
 - 19th January – NYCC Highways (Ryedale), re restoration of traditional direction signs.
 - 21st January – Cleveland Corrosion Control, re restoration of traditional direction signs.
 - 22nd January – NYCC Highways (Hambleton), re restoration of traditional direction signs, Thirsk.
 - 28th January – Ryedale Vernacular Building Materials Research Group, re geodiversity & historic landscape conservation works at Hildenley.
 - 9th February – AONB Team Annual Action Programme meeting.
 - 12th February – NE Walking for Health staff, re future possibilities for joint working.
 - 17th February – Regional Landscape Characterisation workshop, York.
 - 22nd February – LEADER update.
 - 23rd February – Native Woodland Development Officer Steering Group, Helmsley.
 - 4th March – NEDL DPCR5 briefing, Northallerton.
 - 9th March – LEADER Support Group, Helmsley.
 - 12th March – FC Regional Habitat Network Study meeting, York.
 - 16th March – Rick Walker (NYCC) visit to AONB offices.
 - 17th March – Core Funders Group meeting.
 - 23rd March – NYMNP/HHAONB/NYCC Highways Liaison meeting, Helmsley.
- Monthly project update meetings with Liz and Mark Antcliff.
 Monthly AONB Team meetings.
 6-weekly NYCC NET meetings.
 Quarterly – work programme meeting with team.

NAAONB

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

FUTURE MEETINGS

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

Monthly project update meetings with Liz and Mark Antcliff.

Monthly AONB Team meetings.

6-weekly NYCC NET meetings.

FUTURE NAAONB

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

SITE VISITS

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

signs, Hambleton part of AONB.

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

FUTURE SITE VISITS

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

PROJECTS

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

FUTURE PROJECTS

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

grant funding offered by Natural England.

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

CONSULTATIONS

- SEE SEPARATE TABLE FOR FULL DETAILS OF CONSULTATIONS RECEIVED.

PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/
INTERPRETATION

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

FUTURE PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/
INTERPRETATION

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

TRAINING

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

FUTURE TRAINING

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

MISCELLANEOUS

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

FUTURE MISCELLANEOUS

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

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

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

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

MEETINGS

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

funding for twinning project

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

FUTURE MEETINGS

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

SITE VISITS

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

Senior Ranger.

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

FUTURE SITE VISITS

- Bonnygate Lane Hedge planting project

PROJECTS

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

Crayke CSS and ELS agreements as preparation for FEPs

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

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

FUTURE PROJECTS

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

RECREATION/ACCESS

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

FUTURE RECREATION/ACCESS

- March – ongoing communication with designer for Nunnington walk leaflet

COMMUNITY WORK

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

Projects Officer

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

FUTURE COMMUNITY WORK

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

PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION

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

FUTURE PUBLICITY/INTERPRETATION

- Articles for Volunteer and Countryside Service Newsletters.

EDUCATIONAL/RAISING AWARENESS

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

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

FUTURE EDUCATION/AWARENESS

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

TRAINING

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

FUTURE TRAINING

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

MISCELLANEOUS

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

FUTURE MISCELLANEOUS

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

AONB ASSISTANT'S REPORT

24 OCTOBER 2009 – 19 MARCH 2010

My main duties over the period have been:

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

MEETINGS

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

FUTURE MEETINGS

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

SITE VISITS

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

FUTURE SITE VISITS

RECREATION/ACCESS

- Research for horse-riding page on website

FUTURE RECREATION/ACCESS

- Continue supply of walks leaflets to local shops/outlets

COMMUNITY WORK

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

FUTURE COMMUNITY WORK

- 25 March – Volunteer Task at Piper Hill

PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION

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

FUTURE PROMOTION/
PUBLICITY/INTERPRETATION

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

PROJECTS

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

TRAINING

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

FUTURE TRAINING

- First Aid
- Assertiveness Training
- Customer Care course

MISCELLANEOUS

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

FUTURE MISCELLANEOUS

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

AONB PROJECTS 2009/2010

1st April 2009 – 23rd March 2010

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

AONB Enhancement – Natural Environment

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

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

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

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

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

AONB Enhancement - Historic Environment

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

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

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

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

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

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FUND GRANTS 2009/2010

1st April 2009 – 23rd March 2010

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

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

AONB CONSULTATIONS (SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS) 2009/2010

1st April 2009 – 23rd March 2010

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1st April 2009 – 23rd March 2010

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

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

TECHNICAL DOCUMENTS RECEIVED 2009/2010

1st April 2009 – 23rd March 2010

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

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

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

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

October 2009 : Amazing Autumn in the Howardian Hills

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

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

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

December 2009 : Festive Fun in the Howardian Hills

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

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

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

February 2010 : Winter wonderland in the Howardian Hills

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

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

**HOWARDIAN HILLS
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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's.
 - 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.

HOWARDIAN HILLS AONB ACTION PROGRAMME**2009/10**

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

OBJECTIVE	SPECIFIC TARGET 09/10	APRIL - JUNE	JULY - SEPT	OCT - DEC	JAN - MAR	ACHIEVEMENTS 09/10
AONB's contribution to climate change adaptation/mitigation, and impacts of climate change 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.
Promote sustainability, and support projects 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.

OBJECTIVE	SPECIFIC TARGET 09/10	APRIL - JUNE	JULY - SEPT	OCT - DEC	JAN - MAR	ACHIEVEMENTS 09/10
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. ~ Survey 6 potential SINC's that were missed in 2007 survey. ~ Feed actions achieved in the AONB into BARS. ~ Contact the FC, to obtain information on the resilience of AONB woodland habitats. ~ Complete, via RDC and CAN DO.	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	~ No requests. ~ Sites HAD been surveyed but info not passed to us. Included in Management Plan as Local Priority Sites where appropriate. ~ Dale Wood SINC surveyed by volunteer Summer '09. ~ 2007/08 & 2008/09 info added Nov '09. 2009/10 to be added in Jun '10. ~ See SF1.3. ~ RDC have done some of the grassland data. CAN DO funding secured for full
Key nature conservation sites NE2.1 Maintain and update a register of key sites. NE2.2 Protect best sites through designation. NE2.3 Monitor and 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. -			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	~ Volunteers training day held by NYMNP in Mar '10. ~ 1 consultation received, for Howsham weir on River Derwent SSSI.
Local participation in nature conservation sites NE3.1 Local involvement with monitoring and management of wildlife.	~ Carry out management works with volunteers on 2 SINC's. ~ Work with 1 PCC on churchyard management.		XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	~ Work carried out at Peel Wood & Grassland SINC, Dalby Bush Fen SSSI x 2, Piper Hill Plantation SINC x 4, Moorside Plantation SINC, Terrington Carr SINC, Hollin Hill Bogs SINC. ~ Work carried out at Amotherby and Huttons Ambo.

OBJECTIVE	SPECIFIC TARGET 09/10	APRIL - JUNE	JULY - SEPT	OCT - DEC	JAN - MAR	ACHIEVEMENTS 09/10
Implementation of Local BAP targets for woodland habitats						
NE4.1 Management of Local Priority Sites.	~ Control Himalayan balsam in Barker & Mugdale Woods SINC.		XXXXXXXXXX			~ 3 days work carried out Jul '09.
NE4.2 Extension and buffering of Local Priority Sites.	~ Encourage via EWGS/ESS consultations and advice of Native Woodland Development Officer.					~ No relevant schemes.
NE4.3 Restoration of Plantations on Ancient Woodland Sites.	~ Encourage via EWGS consultations and advice of Native Woodland Development Officer.					~ 6.6ha restored in Pretty Wood SINC and Kirkham Park SSSI. ~ Western hemlock regeneration controlled on PAWS site adjacent to Park Wood SINC, Gilling Sept '09.
NE4.4 Creation of new native woodland/wood pasture/species-rich hedges/individual trees.	~ Continue to encourage creation of a new area of wood pasture at Brandsby, to link to veteran tree. ~ Plant 20 new individual in-field and hedgerow trees.			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	~ No progress
NE4.5 Creation of wet woodland and marshy grassland.	~ Encourage via EWGS consultations and advice of Native Woodland Development Officer.			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	~ Letter sent to all landowners in AONB. 23 responses. Offer letters issued for 8 schemes, comprising 63 individual trees and 5 copses (415 trees & shrubs), but all postponed to 2010/11 due to severe winter weather. ~ No relevant schemes.
NB4.4 Creation of wet woodland and marshy grassland along riparian corridors.	-					~ No relevant schemes.

OBJECTIVE	SPECIFIC TARGET 09/10	APRIL - JUNE	JULY - SEPT	OCT - DEC	JAN - MAR	ACHIEVEMENTS 09/10
<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>	<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></p> <p></p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p></p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>~ 6 sites grazed, at Coulton (1), Cawton (2), Terrington (2) & 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 & 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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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.	~ Support further coppicing of alders along River Rye SINC. ~ Manage birch at Terrington Carr SINC. ~ Continue 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.			XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	~ Section at Harome identified and site visit held. Work scheduled for Summer '10. ~ Area around scrapes managed by Castle Howard contractor and NYCC volunteers. ~ No progress. ~ No relevant schemes. ~ Removal by volunteers of Western hemlock seedlings from mire on Yearsley Moor. ~ Wide-area initiative being developed in liaison with Chris Tomson (RSPB), for 5 linked farms in Coxwold/Newburgh area.
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.	~ Grassland management for knapweed broomrape at Amotherby Lane and Broughton Lane SINCS. ~ Take cuttings to propagate black poplar. ~ Plant 10 cuttings of propagated black poplar material. ~ Encourage via ESS consultations and advice to farmers. ~ Monitor use of the 15 barn owl boxes erected in '07/08. ~ Investigate potential for a joint Ryedale & Hambleton LBAP initiative on Farmland Birds.	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	~ Encroaching hedge scrub at Broughton Lane SINC due to be cut back Mar '10. ~ Decided not to take any this year. ~ Not achieved. ~ Wide-area initiative being developed in liaison with Chris Tomson (RSPB), for 5 linked farms in Coxwold area, for breeding waders. ~ Information requested from Wolds Barn Owl Group. ~ Being discussed between NYCC & RSPB, via NY Biodiversity Action Group.	

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<p>Invasive non-native species</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 & 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>More sympathetic management of farmland</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>Implementation of Local BAP targets for wildlife within villages</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>Important geodiversity sites</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 & 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>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.</p>	<p>~ See NE9 and FW2. ~ See appropriate Objectives above. – –</p>					<p>~ FWAG hedgelaying course supported Feb '10.</p>
<p>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.</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 & 2008/09 info on AONB funded projects passed to NYCC HER. Backlog also mostly completed.</p>
<p>Statutory protection HE2.1 Input to Heritage Protection Review.</p>	<p>~ As necessary.</p>					
<p>Local participation in cultural heritage sites 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</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>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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Preserve AONB's historic heritage						
HE4.1 Historic landscape conservation and management advice.	~ On-going					~ Specific EH advice sought re hedge planting at Yearsley Long barrow. ~ Comments submitted on 4 planning applications affecting sites of interest, to mitigate impacts on 3 sites.
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.		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	~ No progress. Proposals formulated for 2 SMs on Grimston Moor, to be implemented Summer '10. ~ Re-scheduled for 2010/11.
HE4.4 Conservation/management plans for Historic Parks and Gardens.	~ Assist with preparation of a Conservation Management Plan for Gilling Castle.	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX			
HE4.5 Flexible package of assistance.	~ Carry out management or repair works on 8 Local Priority Sites or historic features. ~ Use AONB resources in partnership with NYCC/RDC to carry out works on 1 Listed Building at Risk.	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	~ Work completed on Local Priority Sites at Dalby, Ampleforth, Welburn, Slingsby & Wiganthorpe (5 phases on 1 site). Work on other sites/features at Slingsby & Oswaldkirk. ~ Milepost at Leysthorpe replaced with new casting. ~ Grant offered for repairs to limekiln at Cawton but work postponed until 2010/11. ~ Specification agreed for work to Howsham Hall Gates and Lodges, to be implemented 2010/11.
HE4.6 Demonstrate 'best practice'.	-					
HE4.7 Skills training initiatives.	-					

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

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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.	~ On-going. ~ Assist 8 landscape conservation projects with AONB funding. ~ Restore dewpond at Sproxtton. – ~ 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.
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 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.
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. ~ 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.
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.					~ 6 consultations on specific woodland management/planting schemes received. ~ No relevant schemes.

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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. -					~ Woodland enhancement options included in HLS agreement at Scackleton. ~ Advice provided for schemes at Wiganthorpe Park, Harome & Newburgh.
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. ~ 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.
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. ~ 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.
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 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>Grant incentives to achieve Management Plan Objectives</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>Demonstrate best practice/ skilled workforce</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>New development</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>Design of new development/ management of existing buildings</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>Mitigation of intrusive features</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>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>~ 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 & 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>Small-scale quarrying for local uses</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>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</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>Renewable energy installations</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>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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Business and diversification opportunities 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.
Re-use of redundant farm buildings D7.1 Support appropriate proposals to re-use farm buildings.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.					~ No objections to 4 relevant applications.
Modern communications technology 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.
Local needs/affordable housing D9.1 Local Housing Needs Surveys. D9.2 Further develop and adopt measures. D9.3 Promote potential benefits of Local Needs housing.	-					
Solutions to traffic routing problems 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.
Traffic and driver behaviour issues 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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Sustainable modes of transport RT3.1 Identify transport service, infrastructure and accessibility improvements. RT3.2 Implementation of identified measures via SCTs. RT3.3 Promote the availability of alternative transport services. RT3.4 Workplace Travel Plans. RT3.5 Development of next Local Transport Plan.	~ Input to development of SCTs for Malton, as appropriate. ~ Monitor progress of local initiative to improve path from Broughton to Malton. ~ Publicise RYECAT services in AONB News 2009. ~ Ensure that the Malton-Hovingham bus corridor has well-maintained infrastructure and timetables. ~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. ~ Input as necessary.		XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	~ Attended meeting Jul '09. Broughton cycleway discussed. Easingwold SCTs proposals scrutinised. ~ Included in SCTs. ~ No space – include in AONB News 2010. ~ Surveys done for all routes in AONB by Jul '09. Info passed to NYCC Aug '09. ~ No comments submitted on 1 relevant application. ~ LTP3 questionnaire completed.
Maintain character of rural road network RT4.1 Liaison arrangements between the JAC and highway authority. RT4.2 Design guidance for road signage, etc in the AONB. RT4.3 Identify and reduce road sign 'clutter'. RT4.4 Inventory of historic 'roadside furniture'. RT4.5 Maintenance and restoration of historic 'roadside furniture'.	~ Maintain, and respond to JAC consultations as necessary. ~ Contribute to development of NYCC Construction Manual. ~ Evaluate methods for recording of features by NYCC. ~ Restore/repair 4 traditional direction signs. ~ Repaint 2 mileposts.	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	~ 21 consultations received (included in total shown in D1.2 above). ~ Attended 1 NYCC/NYMNP/HHAONB Liaison meeting. ~ Detailed advice provided on piling scheme at Ampleforth. ~ No further progress by NYCC. ~ NYCC doesn't have an asset register of traditional direction signs – consider other options. ~ 2 completed by NYCC at Swinton. ~ Comprehensive programmes developed with both Ryedale and Hambleton Area Managers, for implementation 2010/11. ~ Mileposts added to strimming regime. ~ 3 mileposts re-cast. ~ 4 new traditional-style village nameplates installed; restoration of original sign at Hovingham.
A64 Trunk Road RT5.1 Monitor future proposals and provide comments.	~ On-going, with involvement as and when necessary.					~ Comments submitted on bus shelter improvements at Crambeck.

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Sustainable recreation activities 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.
Promote AONB in a sustainable way 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.
Recreational management measures 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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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 full Condition Survey of the AONB, utilising AONB Volunteers. ~ Bring issues to the attention of the NYCC Ranger, as necessary. ~ Develop a prioritised list of paths to be cut, utilising AONB machinery where necessary. ~ Train volunteers in path Condition surveying. ~ Use AONB/NYCC volunteers to tackle identified maintenance issues.	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	~ Slingsby/Fryton bridleway surveyed for drainage works. ~ No progress. Issues with recording and analysing subsequent data. ~ Regular reporting of issues, which are generally resolved in a timely manner. ~ Map and list prepared with Area Ranger for '09 season. ~ Purchase of machinery awaiting PRoW storage container at Wath. ~ In abeyance – see RA4.2 above. ~ Himalayan balsam cleared at Hollin Hill Jun '09. ~ Team of up to 4 NYCC volunteers work in AONB every Thursday.
Definitive Map RA5.1 Definitive Map review for the Ryedale District. RA5.2 Identify existing route and status anomalies and lobby for action.	– ~ Participate in possible joint initiative with NYCC and Nidderdale AONB, to increase staff resources to tackle issues. ~ Continue with process of achieving an upgrade of footpath to bridleway at Ampleforth.		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	~ Additional resources now available in NYCC Definitive Map team. ~ 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.
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. ~ Participate in possible joint initiative with NYCC and Nidderdale AONB, to increase staff resources to tackle issues. ~ Upgrade footpath between Gilling and Ampleforth Station to bridleway status. ~ Complete route re-alignments/creations /extinguishments at Howsham, Slingsby, Westow, Hovingham & Ampleforth (to Wass).				XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	~ Hoping for retention of open access area at Huttons Ambo, as part of HLS application. ~ See RA5.2 above. ~ See RA5.2 above. ~ Howsham and Westow in progress; Slingsby passed to NYCC for investigation; Ampleforth (to Wass) completed.
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<p>Path usage issues</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>Open Access in FC woodland</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>Guided routes</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>Bus routes and other transport services</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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Informal car parking facilities RA11.1 Carry out appropriate management works. RA11.2 Continue discussions to improve parking facilities at Kirkham Priory. RA11.3 Investigate the use of village car park and toilet facilities by recreational visitors.	~ Continue grass cutting regime at Badger Bank. ~ Litter clearance at car parks throughout the AONB. ~ Re-establish contacts with English Heritage, landowner and PC. ~ As opportunities arise.	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	~ Achieved. ~ Completed, ending Dec '09. ~ Usage of several car parks monitored Aug '09. ~ Discussed with EH site staff May '09. ~ Discussions held with PC re car park management works and additional litter bin Mar'10.
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.					~ Supported NE decision on installation of slalom poles for canoe club training at Howsham weir. ~ Contact established with canoe club that uses Howsham weir, re installation of slalom poles.
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.	- -					

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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.	~ Ensure 'gateway sign' sites are adequately maintained. ~ Investigate installing 'gateway signs' on the A64.	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX		~ Achieved.
AP1.2 Publish and distribute information about the AONB.	~ Ensure that TICs and local accommodation providers, shops, etc have adequate supplies of relevant AONB leaflets.	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	~ No progress.
AP1.3 Provide information via the Annual Report, Newsletter and website.	~ Publish 2008/09 Annual Report. ~ Publish AONB News 2009. ~ Ensure that AONB website is running properly and is updated each month.	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	~ Published and distributed Sept '09. ~ Distributed Oct '09. ~ Being achieved.
AP1.4 Maintain a high public profile in the local media and at shows.	~ Obtain at least 30 media mentions.	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	~ 28 press mentions (Geographical magazine article, Lime & Ice projects, Terrington Lavender Farm, 60 th Anniversary beacon, launch of new Management Plan, mobility scooter for Arboretum); Equivalent to £18,000 of advertising space.
	~ Attend Ryedale Show. ~ Use AONB display at 3 venues/events.	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	~ Achieved. ~ Achieved - National Parks Week, Walk for Nepal, Helmsley Green Day, RAY Funding drop-in event.
AP1.5 Celebrate the 25 th anniversary of the AONB designation.	-					~ Developing thoughts for an environmental sculpture-based activity.
AP1.6 Carry out a follow-up Visitors and Users survey.	-					

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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>~ Identify next village for Local Information & 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></p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p></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 & Ice Hovingham (12), Lime & 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>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>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 & Feb '10); gorse clearance at Peel Wood & Grassland SINC (Oct '09); rhododendron clearance at Piper Hill Plantation SINC (Jan '10 & 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 & Ice Yearsley Moor project. 22 projects or tasks, worth at least 265 days (£16,950 at SDF volunteering rates).</p>

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Funding and partnership mechanisms IM1.1 Seek funding to implement Management Plan Objectives.	~ 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. ~ Continue to explore funding options for the next programme of work with AONB schools. ~ Obtain additional resources from County & District Councils, FC, EA, CAN DO, etc for specific identified projects. ~ Participate in possible joint initiative with NYCC and Nidderdale AONB, to increase staff resources to tackle PRoW routing issues.	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	~ Revised funding allocation option for 2010/11 given to NE at Chairs level meeting Mar '10. ~ Achieved.
IM1.2 Annual meetings of AONB Partnership Group.	~ Hold a meeting in March/April 2010.				XXXXXXXXXX	~ 26 th April '10.
IM1.3 Partnership arrangements with the North York Moors National Park Authority.	~ 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.	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	~ Achieved. ~ Achieved. ~ All meetings attended.
Business development of AONB Partnership IM2.1 Monitor business development needs and identify improvements.	~ Complete the signing of a new Memorandum of Understanding between Natural England and the 3 constituent Local Authorities.	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX			~ Progress delayed due to unforeseen amendments by NE. Agreement of all three LAs secured Mar '10.
IM2.2 Incorporate improvements into annual Action Programme and Budget approval processes.	~ Prepare annual Business Plan / Action Programme for JAC, March 2010.				XXXXXXXXXX	~ Achieved, for JAC 1 st April '10.
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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 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 1st 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>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>–</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>National Association for AONBs 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 60th anniversary of National Parks & 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 31st March '09.</p> <p>~ Invited Andrew Wood (Executive Director) and Poul Christensen (Chairman) Mar '10.</p> <p>~ Articles submitted for Spring & 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>AONB Management Plan 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>

**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.

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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>	<p>~ Continue Himalayan balsam control works in Barker & Mugdale Woods SINC.</p> <p>~ Continue rhododendron control works in Park Wood, Piper Hill and Moorside Plantation 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 control of Western hemlock adjacent to Park Wood SINC, Gilling.</p> <p>~ Continue to encourage creation of a new area of wood pasture at Brandsby, to link to veteran tree.</p> <p>~ Plant 25 new individual in-field and hedgerow trees.</p> <p>~ See also SF1.2 above.</p> <p>~ Encourage via EWGS consultations and advice of Native Woodland Development Officer.</p> <p>~ See also SF1.2 above.</p>		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>	<p>~ Continue to facilitate conservation grazing of SINC and other sites.</p> <p>~ Encourage via ESS consultations and advice to farmers.</p> <p>~ Carry out management works on 40 SIRVs.</p> <p>~ Control western hemlock and rhododendron on Grimston Moor SINC.</p> <p>~ Encourage via ESS consultations and advice to farmers.</p> <p>~ See also SF1.2 above.</p>	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	
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	

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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	
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>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	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	
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	
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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Maintain character of rural road network						
RT4.1	Liaison arrangements between the JAC and highway authority.	~ Maintain, and respond to JAC consultations as necessary.				
RT4.2	Design guidance for road signage, etc in the AONB.	~ Contribute to development of NYCC Construction Manual.				
RT4.3	Identify and reduce road sign 'clutter'.	~ Rationalise signs where possible as part of traditional direction sign restoration programme.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX
RT4.4	Inventory of historic 'roadside furniture'.	-				
RT4.5	Maintenance and restoration of historic 'roadside furniture'.	~ Restore 15 traditional direction signs. ~ Restore 1 milepost. ~ Restore 5 village name signs.	XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX
A64 Trunk Road						
RT5.1	Monitor future proposals and provide comments.	~ On-going, with involvement as and when necessary. ~ Input to joint Corridor Study, as appropriate.	XXXXX	XXXXX		
Sustainable recreation activities						
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.				
Promote AONB in a sustainable way						
RA2.1	Gather information on visitor numbers, activity, etc.	~ Repeat basic monitoring of car park usage during summer.		XXXXX		
RA2.2	Work with Area Tourism Partnership to provide information for visitors.	~ Establish contacts and methods of distribution, etc.		XXXXX		
RA2.3	Work with local Tourism Associations.	-				
RA2.4	Initiatives to enable Under-Represented Groups to enjoy the AONB.	~ Secure grant funding and launch the schools twinning project with schools in York and Hull.	XXXXX	XXXXX		
RA2.5	Initiatives to promote health benefits of outdoor recreation in the AONB.	~ Further develop links with local health providers/organisations.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
Recreational management measures						
RA3.1	Small-scale recreation management works.	~ Install additional/replacement litter bins at Kirkham.	XXXXX	XXXXX		

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Management of the PRoW network RA4.1 Maintenance of path furniture.	~ 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.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
RA4.2 Regularly monitor path condition.	~ Begin a Condition Survey of the AONB, utilising AONB Volunteers.		XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
RA4.3 Rectify identified problems, including seasonal overgrowth and ploughing/cropping.	~ Bring issues to the attention of the NYCC Area Ranger, as necessary.					
RA4.4 Prioritised programme for cutting seasonal undergrowth.	~ Monitor the NYCC seasonal cutting programme and liaise with NYCC Area Ranger as necessary.	XXXXX	XXXXX			
RA4.5 Community involvement in path monitoring and maintenance.	~ 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.	~ As opportunities arise. ~ Encourage retention of Crayke circular permissive route and Huttons Ambo permissive area, via HLS applications.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX		
RA6.2 Support appropriate Public Rights of Way route alterations.	~ Upgrade footpath between Gilling and Ampleforth Station to bridleway status. ~ Progress route re-alignments/creations /extinguishments at Howsham, Westow, Slingsby & Hovingham.					
Path usage issues RA7.1 Encourage path improvements via management measures.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.					
RA7.2 Monitor use of footpaths by horse riders, cyclists, etc.	–					
RA7.3 Make advisory signage available for control of dogs, shutting gates, etc.	~ 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	

OBJECTIVE	SPECIFIC TARGET 10/11	APRIL - JUNE	JULY - SEPT	OCT - DEC	JAN - MAR	ACHIEVEMENTS 10/11
<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>	

OBJECTIVE	SPECIFIC TARGET 10/11	APRIL - JUNE	JULY - SEPT	OCT - DEC	JAN - MAR	ACHIEVEMENTS 10/11
Funding and partnership mechanisms						
IM1.1 Seek funding to implement Management Plan Objectives.	~ 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.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
IM1.2 Annual meetings of AONB Partnership Group.	~ Hold a meeting in April 2011.					
IM1.3 Partnership arrangements with the North York Moors National Park Authority.	~ 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.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
Business development of AONB Partnership						
IM2.1 Monitor business development needs and identify improvements.	~ Complete the signing of the new Agreement between Natural England and the 3 constituent Local Authorities.	XXXXX				
IM2.2 Incorporate improvements into annual Action Programme and Budget approval processes.	~ Prepare annual Business Plan / Action Programme for JAC, March 2011.				XXXXX	

OBJECTIVE	SPECIFIC TARGET 10/11	APRIL - JUNE	JULY - SEPT	OCT - DEC	JAN - MAR	ACHIEVEMENTS 10/11
Monitor performance of AONB Partnership and AONB Unit MN1.1 Report annual progress on achievement of Management Plan Objectives. MN1.2 Monitor Partnership performance using Natural England Indicators. MN1.3 Measure customer satisfaction with AONB Unit via regular questionnaires.	~ Annual Action Programme update to JAC, March 2011. ~ Continue to enter grant-aided schemes onto GIS map layers, as resources allow. ~ Use NE Partnership Indicators to measure performance of JAC and AONB Partnership. ~ Continue to send out questionnaires to grant recipients.	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXXX	
Monitor Condition of AONB MN2.1 Develop a mechanism to assess the Condition of non-Statutory Local Priority Sites. MN2.2 Consider developing a 'fixed point photography' monitoring system. MN2.3 Establish baseline data for AONB Condition Indicators. MN2.4 Information on Condition Indicators on a 5-yearly cycle. MN2.5 Provide information to assist the Countryside Quality Counts programme and monitor the results.	~ Discuss possible assessment mechanisms with NYCC and English Heritage. ~ Investigate the potential to use volunteers. ~ Develop a list of locations for 'fixed point' monitoring. ~ Compile a completed table of data for all Indicators. - ~ As necessary.	XXXXXX XXXXXX	XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXXX	XXXXXX XXXXXX	XXXXXX	
National Association for AONBs Maintain input into NAAONB Board and Association activities. Keep up-to-date with knowledge and skills in relation to AONB management.	~ Attend NAAONB Board meetings. ~ Write 2 articles for 'Outstanding' magazine. ~ Continue to participate in NAAONB initiatives. ~ Attend training seminars, Northern Group meetings, Conferences, etc as appropriate.	XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXXX	XXXXXX XXXXXX	XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXXX	XXXXXX XXXXXX	
AONB Management Plan Review AONB Management Plan.	-					

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STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT MONITORING STATISTICS

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To receive details of the information gathered as part of the monitoring process for the Strategic Environmental Assessment carried out on the AONB Management Plan.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The European Directive 2001/42/EC¹ “on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment” (the SEA Directive) requires member states to ensure that Strategic Environmental Assessments are carried out for plans and programmes. The SEA Directive has been implemented in England through the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004. The SEA process was applied to the Howardian Hills AONB Management Plan 2009-2014 aiming to protect the environment and promote sustainability.
- 2.2 The SEA process has several stages:
- Stage A – Setting the context
 - Stage B – Develop alternatives
 - Stage C – Environmental Report
 - Stage D – Consultation
 - Stage E – Monitoring and implementing the plan
- 2.3 The SEA requires that monitoring of the AONB Management Plan 2009 – 2014 is undertaken. Objectives and indicators were established and were outlined in the SEA Environmental Report reflecting the key environmental issues identified during the development of the management plan. The indicators (Table 1) will be used to monitor the Management Plan and in turn will help to inform future plans and programmes within the Howardian Hills AONB.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received for information.

¹ <http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/draftpracticalguide>

Table 1

Issues Identified by the AONB	Impacts on the following SEA Objectives* (<i>*Detailed in the Environmental Report</i>)	Indicators	Measurement 2009/10	Source
Landscape Management	Landscape, land cover, biodiversity	Number is SINC's ² under management within the AONB	33	NYCC
Woodland Management	Landscape, land cover, biodiversity, heritage, recreation/access, tourism, climate and communities	Area of the AONB ³ classed as woodland	3108 ha	NYCC/Forestry Commission/Woodland Trust
Agricultural Change	Landscape, land cover, biodiversity, heritage, recreation/access, tourism, climate and communities	Number of recorded agri-environment schemes	123	Defra Environment Agency
Energy Production and Use	Landscape, biodiversity, land use, climate and quality of life	Area of AONB with biomass crops	Willow = 7.53 ha Miscanthus = 27.36 ha Total = 34.89 ha	MAGIC/Natural England/NYCC
Development (Primarily housing and agricultural buildings)	Landscape, biodiversity, heritage, recreation/access, tourism, communities, climate and quality of life	Number of new houses and number of dwellings per area inside AONB and outside (by District)		AONB Ryedale DC Hambleton DC
		Number of new agricultural buildings		

² Number of SINC's within the Howardian Hills AONB = 73

³ Area of Howardian Hills AONB 20,350 ha

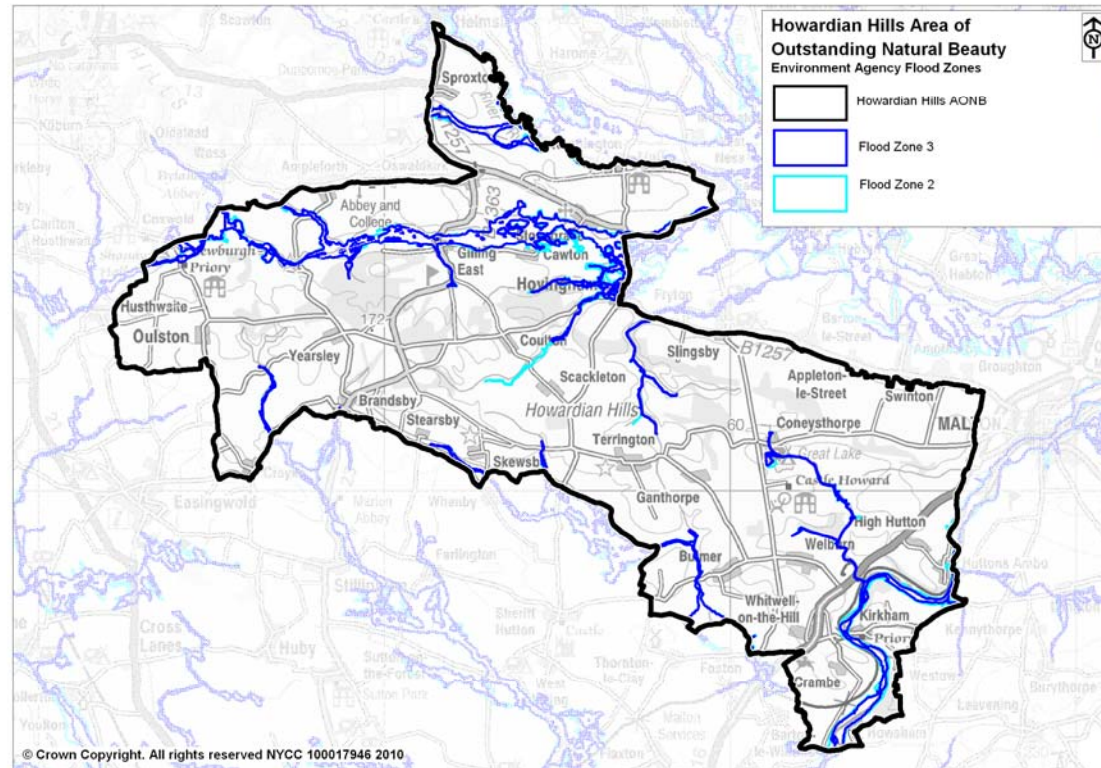
Issues Identified by the AONB	Impacts on the following SEA Objectives* (<i>*Detailed in the Environmental Report</i>)	Indicators	Measurement 2009/10	Source
Climate Change	Landscape, biodiversity, land use, water resources, communities and quality of life	Flood Zones Mapping within the AONB	Appendix 1	Environment Agency/AONB
		Number of localised flooding events		
		Number of localised drought events		
		Loss of key species from the AONB	To begin assessment Summer 2010	
Water Resources	Landscape, biodiversity, (heritage) land use, communities and quality of life	Water quality of rivers ⁴	(Results from 2008) River Derwent: 9 locations of measurement = Chemistry A, Biology A, Nitrates 3, Phosphates 1 1 location of measurement = Chemistry B, Biology A, Nitrates 4, Phosphates 2 River Rye: 9 locations of measurement = Chemistry A, Biology A, Nitrates 3, Phosphates 2 2 locations of measurement = Chemistry B, Biology B, Nitrates 1, Phosphates 2	Environment Agency

⁴ Environment Agency take water samples at regular intervals along rivers and canals and analyse their chemistry, biology, nitrate and phosphate content. Chemistry and biology – A to F (very good to bad); Nitrates and phosphates – 1 to 6 (very low levels to very high levels); **Note:** High levels of nutrients may occur naturally and are not necessarily bad for the environment

Issues Identified by the AONB	Impacts on the following SEA Objectives* (*Detailed in the Environmental Report)	Indicators	Measurement 2009/10	Source
Transport and Access	Landscape, biodiversity, land use, recreation/access. Communities, climate and quality of life	Villages and towns with daily bus service ⁵	Appendix 2	NYCC/AONB
		% of PROW network considered in good condition.		
		% PROW network issues being resolved		
Recreation Pressures	Landscape, biodiversity, heritage, land use, communities and quality of life, users	Number of vehicles in key car parks at set times/days	To begin collection Summer 2010	AONB/NYCC
		Numbers of people passing - count point on key routes (disturbance data from local research)	To begin collection Summer 2010	

⁵ <http://www.northyorkstravel.info/>

Appendix 1: Howardian Hills AONB Environment Agency Flood Zones⁶



⁶ Flood Zones are the way in which Government Planning Policy Guidance 25 on Development and Flood Risk (PPG 25) states that planner should look at the relative risk of flooding in different areas. PPG 25 identifies three different risk zones. Zone 1 – lowest probability of flooding; Zone 2 – medium probability of flooding and; Zone 3 – highest probability of flooding. PPG 25 states that Flood Zones should show where flood waters would go **if there were no flood defences.**

Appendix 2: Towns and Villages with Daily Bus Services

Town/Village	Number of Bus Routes ⁷	Number of Routes that are Seasonal	Town/Village	Number of Bus Routes	Number of Routes that are Seasonal
Amotherby	3		Huttons Ambo	0	
Ampleforth	2	1	Kirkham	0	
Appleton Le Street	1		Malton	10	
Barton Le Street	1		Muscoates	0	
Barton Le Willows	1		Nunnington	2	
Brandsby	1		Oswaldkirk	2	
Broughton	6	1	Oulston	1	
Bulmer	2		Scackleton	1	
Coulton	0		Skewsby	0	
Coxwold	4	1	Slingsby	2	1
Crambe	0		Sproxton	2	
Crayke	2		Stearsby	0	
Easingwold	7		Stonegrave	2	
East Ness	0		Swinton	3	
Farlington	0		Terrington	2	1
Foston	1		Wass	2	
Fryton	1		Welburn	2	
Gilling East	0		Whenby	0	
Harome	1		West Ness	0	
Helmsley	9	4	Westow	1	
High Hutton	1		Yearsley	0	
Hovingham	7	1			
Howsham	1				
Hustwaite	4				

⁷ Note: One Bus Route may have several Bus Services

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DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE AONB

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To receive details of planning applications determined within the AONB during 2009.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 At the spring meeting, the JAC receives an annual report on the number and type of planning applications determined within the AONB during the previous year. This procedure was started for the first time in 1998 and gives an impression of the degree of development pressure within the AONB.

3.0 DEVELOPMENT DURING 2009

3.1 A summary of planning applications determined during 2009 appears in Appendix 1. Details have been included of all applications within the period which were approved or refused by the two principal local planning authorities – Hambleton and Ryedale District Councils. Details have not been included of applications which were withdrawn or where a decision was still pending at the end of the year.

3.2 It is clearly important not to read too much into this information. Nothing can be deduced about the scale of development or its visual impact. Nevertheless the following appear to be the most significant conclusions:

- The AONB is still under relatively little development pressure; even more so during 2009, with 50% fewer applications being determined compared to 2008. It is assumed that this has been due to the recession, as the biggest decreases have been in the Residential (both New Build and Conversions) and Householder categories.
- 95% of applications determined were approved, a figure that is significantly higher than the 5-year average of 90%. One possible interpretation is that the recession has eliminated the more speculative building developments seen during 2007 and 2008, when Approval rates dropped to the mid-80s%. This speculative/more ambitious development is the type that is probably more likely to be refused.
- Development continues to be spread across nearly all villages, but with higher numbers of applications understandably being seen in the larger villages (albeit with reduced numbers across the board). Gilling East appears to be the only parish where development has continued at a similar level to 2008, which is probably due to the development taking place on the Village Hall site.

- Most pressure was for small-scale householder applications e.g. residential extensions. The number of ‘commercial’ applications (in the Business & Commercial, Tourism & Recreation and Agriculture categories) seems to have bucked the trend of the recession and gone up by 100%. An increase from 2 to 4 is probably not statistically significant however!
- The AONB continues to be under relatively little tourist and recreational development pressure. Two applications were determined in this category this year.
- A number of significant applications and cases can be highlighted from the past year – applications for new agricultural buildings at Coulton, Gilling and Brandsby; and the erection of an 18m wind turbine at Yearsley (Refused) and 15m at Ampleforth (Approved). More applications for on-farm wind turbines in the 12-15m category are expected in the future.

3.3 In the financial year 2009/10, which obviously does not quite overlap with the calendar year 2009, 37 applications were scrutinised by the JAC, having either been referred in accordance with the agreed consultation procedure or called-up by the AONB Manager. The AONB Manager submitted comments on 21 of these consultations; objections/strong reservations were lodged in 1 of those responses; the District Council followed the JAC's recommendations of refusal, or the applicants re-submitted a more acceptable proposal, in 0 out of the cases where a decision was required (although the applicant did subsequently work closely with the AONB Manager to achieve an acceptable outcome). This has been a fairly quiet year for planning applications, although they do seem to come along in batches. A slightly smaller number of responses were made than in 2008/09, but there were fewer large or contentious proposals. In many cases the comments submitted were very minor in nature, although nonetheless important in order to get a ‘good result’ for the AONB landscape. Many of the comments made relate to the colour of materials and wall/roof finishes. Although a Condition is often placed on the development by the District Council, it is only once the development takes place that we can see whether our comments have been successful or not. Members should note that we have very little control over the workload generated by this area of our work, as it is dependent upon the number and type of applications submitted.

3.4 Copies of the 7 planning consultation responses made since the last meeting of the JAC are attached for information. The latest information on the outcome of these applications is contained in Appendix 3 of Item 3 on the Agenda.

4.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received for information.

Appendix 1

Howardian Hills AONB											
Applications Determined by											
Type of Development											
(Number of applications and % approved)											
Ryedale Parishes	2005		2006		2007		2008		2009		5yr Average 2005-2009
Residential - New Build	7		10		15		16		2		10
		86%		90%		60%		88%		50%	
Residential - Conversions	10		11		14		15		1		10
		90%		91%		86%		66%		100%	
Holiday - Conversions	2		2		1		1		0		1
		100%		50%		100%		100%		~	
Householder	63		59		68		67		49		61
		94%		95%		87%		87%		98%	
Retail	0		2		0		0		0		0
		~		100%		~		~		~	
Business and Commercial	2		1		1		1		2		1
		100%		100%		100%		100%		100%	
Minerals and Waste	0		0		0		0		0		0
		~		~		~		~		~	
Tourism and Recreation	2		3		2		0		2		2
		100%		100%		100%		~		50%	
Community Facilities	2		0		1		0		0		1
		100%		~		100%		~		~	
Agriculture	8		5		7		0		0		4
		88%		60%		71%		~		~	
Other	15		37		16		26		14		22
		100%		95%		100%		96%		100%	
Total Ryedale	111		130		125		126		70		112
		94%		92%		85%		87%		96%	
Hambleton Parishes	2005		2006		2007		2008		2009		5yr Average 2005-2009
Residential - New Build	0		1		1		2		1		1
		~		100%		0%		100%		100%	
Residential - Conversions	0		0		0		0		0		0
		~		~		~		~		~	
Holiday - Conversions	0		0		0		1		0		0
		~		~		~	100%		~		
Householder	23		15		19		16		6		16
		96%		93%		95%		94%		83%	
Retail	0		0		0		0		0		0
		~		~		~		~		~	
Business and Commercial	0		0		0		1		0		0
		~		~		~	100%		~		
Minerals and Waste	0		0		0		0		0		0
		~		~		~		~		~	
Tourism and Recreation	2		1		0		0		0		1
		100%		100%		~		~		~	
Community Facilities	0		0		0		0		0		0
		~		~		~		~		~	
Agriculture	1		3		3		2		1		2
		100%		67%		33%		50%		100%	
Other	3		4		0		6		1		3
		100%		100%		~		66%		100%	
Total Hambleton	29		24		23		28		9		23
		97%		92%		83%		86%		89%	
TOTAL HOWARDIAN HILLS AONB	140		154		148		154		79		135
		94%		92%		84%		86%		95%	90%

Howardian Hills AONB						
Applications Determined by Parish						
						5yr Average
<u>Ryedale Parishes</u>	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2005-2009
Ampleforth	14	12	7	16	7	11
Bulmer	5	6	7	3	1	4
Cawton	5	2	3	5	2	3
Coneysthorpe	?	0	0	0	0	0
Coulton	5	3	8	5	2	5
Crambe	2	0	4	6	0	2
Gilling East	9	10	9	12	12	10
Grimstone	1	0	1	12	3	3
Henderskelfe	0	2	2	2	1	1
Hovingham	4	19	6	8	4	8
Howsham	2	5	6	3	4	4
Huttons Ambo	10	6	8	5	5	7
Nunnington	5	2	6	7	4	5
Oswaldkirk	5	8	9	5	3	6
Scackleton	2	2	6	2	5	3
Sheriff Hutton (High Stittenham)	1	5	2	5	1	3
Sproxton	2	3	8	2	3	4
Stonegrave	5	5	6	6	0	4
Terrington	14	17	15	16	7	14
Welburn	16	22	5	6	6	11
Whitwell-on-the Hill	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total Ryedale	108	129	118	126	70	110
<u>Hambleton Parishes</u>						
Brandsby-cum-Stearsby	6	6	7	8	1	6
Coxwold	0	1	0	0	0	0
Crayke	7	12	7	6	3	7
Dalby-cum-Skewsby	3	1	2	0	3	2
Hustwaite	0	0	1	4	0	1
Newburgh	7	2	0	0	0	2
Oulston	3	0	4	4	1	2
Thornton-on-the-Hill	0	1	0	1	0	0
Whenby	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yearsley	3	1	2	5	1	2
Total Hambleton	29	24	23	28	9	23
TOTAL HOWARDIAN HILLS AONB	137	153	141	154	79	133

ITEM 10 (a)

From: Paul Jackson
To: dm@ryedale.gov.uk
Date: 11/12/2009 16:03
Subject: 09/01245/CPO, Ampleforth St Hilda's School

The only comment that I have to make in respect of this application concerns the colour of the roof of the proposed shelter.

The colour isn't specified on the application form, but the technical specification document gives the options as opal, bronze or clear.

Although I haven't visited the application site, in general I prefer darker colours for roofs in situations such as this and farm buildings, because they give less reflection and blend with the colours of other buildings better.

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From: Paul Jackson
To: Tony.harper@hambleton.gov.uk
Date: 17/12/2009 10:48
Subject: Landscaping proposals, 09/02347/FUL; Mill Farm, Brandsby

Tony

Sorry for the mix-up with this; we were looking under the Discharge of Conditions reference number rather than the original application number.

The proposed belt of landscaping fits what I was looking for.

I would however make the following comments about the species choice:

- ~ Whitebeam should not be included as it is not a native species in this area.
- ~ Whilst I don't have any objection to including a few fruit trees, this belt should principally consist of 'open countryside' trees and shrubs. I'd therefore suggest an upper limit of 10% fruit trees by number.
- ~ In addition to mountain ash (rowan), field maple, bird cherry, silver birch and the 10% fruit trees I'd also suggest the inclusion of hazel, hawthorn, guelder rose and crab apple.

Paul

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From: Paul Jackson
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Date: 18/12/2009 12:17
Subject: 09/01100/FUL; Alteration of barn to form workers accommodation, Welburn

I have checked back to the original application to construct the building in 2001, but I haven't visited the site since then to see what colour of materials were used on the walls and roof.

Bearing that in mind, my only comments relate to the colour of materials to be used on new roofs and side walls.

~ Close-boarded timber cladding as indicated is fine.

~ Roof and wall cladding should be a dark grey or dark green colour, with a matt finish so as to reduce reflection glare.

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Date: 19/01/2010 12:12
Subject: 09/04175/APN: High Farm, Brandsby

Tony

I've come to this one very late I'm afraid, via the Weekly Lists.

~ Roof and wall sheeting colour should be refined to dark green, as opposed to just "green".

~ Of more concern is that this construction will be right on top of a Public Footpath, which runs along the front of the existing building. As such the proposed development will therefore form a permanent obstruction - presumably the applicants won't wish people to be walking through the middle of the building in order to follow the Definitive legal line of the path...

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From: Paul Jackson
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Date: 28/01/2010 12:26
Subject: 10/00022/FUL; New clubhouse, Gilling East Golf Course

I have the following comments to make on this application:

- ~ The proposed building is located within the boundary of the Gilling Castle Registered Park and Garden, but this proposal is more in keeping with the historic landscape than the clubhouse for which approval has already been granted. In my view this will be a more appropriate building, and a more achievable and sustainable venture for the golf club.
- ~ The roof shingles are specified as being dark green in colour, but no colour is given for the stained timber walls. These should be finished in a dark colour, either green or brown.
- ~ The use of concrete piles to avoid damage to tree roots is good, and I don't have any objections to the proposed felling of 3 trees to create space for the new clubhouse.
- ~ Any concrete foundations associated with the old clubhouse should also be removed, to increase water percolation to the roots of the trees in the car park area.
- ~ Once the new clubhouse is constructed it would be good to see the removal of the rotting sections of building that are stored on the southern edge of the avenue/Castle drive. Although not a material consideration in the determination of this application, this 'building' would then be surplus to requirements and its removal would tidy the area up considerably.

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Subject: 10/00034/FUL: 12m wind turbine, Oswaldkirk

I visited the site on 5th March and have only one comment to make:

~ Colours - I would prefer the turbine to have a light grey (e.g. galvanised) mast and dark-coloured nacelle and blades, as I feel that this would be the best combination of colours to blend into the land and sky when seen from different viewpoints.

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I visited the site on 5th March and have the following comments to make:

- ~ The site is obscured by trees from most public viewpoints, even in winter, and the most visible aspect will be from the south.
- ~ The colour of the limewash on the walls of the proposed buildings should match as closely as possible that of the natural local stone, with the barn of Grimston Manor Farm providing a ready example of the colour to match to.
- ~ I appreciate that these are standard off-the-peg items, but stainless steel flues tend to be very conspicuous and I wonder if an alternative finish can be specified. I think they will appear rather incongruous in comparison to the limewashed walls and pantile roofs.
- ~ As with all new residential development in the open countryside linked to business premises, suitable Conditions relating to occupancy and future removal should be placed on the Manager's house. The viability of the proposed business will also be a factor in determining the application.

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