

**HOWARDIAN HILLS
AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY
JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
5 APRIL 2012**

AONB ACTION PROGRAMME 2011/12

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To receive details of progress made on implementing the AONB Management Plan during 2011/12. The Action Programme for 2012/13, incorporating business planning requirements, 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 2011/12 targets is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.
- 2.2 A detailed Red/Amber/Green system has been put in place to monitor progress against annual targets, and analysis shows that 75% of the specific targets were either fully or substantially achieved, with a further 20% 'started but less than 75% completed'. Progress was also achieved against a further 6 Objectives for which no specific Targets had been set, with 7 separate actions being completed.
- 2.3 Statistically this is a better performance than that of the previous year, although from a subjective viewpoint it doesn't feel as good because we didn't deliver as many countryside management projects as we had hoped. Targets where no action was completed were largely those that were overtaken by events, relied heavily on action from partner organisations or were/became lower relative priorities for the AONB Unit.
- 2.4 Targets that we had hoped to achieve progress on included entering details of hedges planted, etc onto a GIS database; revising the Local Landscape Priorities in the AONB Management Plan to include the Historic Landscape Characterisation information; producing basic design guidance for new farm buildings/infrastructure; developing and publishing some off-road cycling route leaflets; and developing a mechanism to assess the condition of non-statutory Local Priority Sites. The lack of progress on these was principally due to Liz Bassindale's Maternity Leave, which meant that the AONB Manager had to leave some tasks that he had hoped to complete.

3.0 SUSTAINABILITY

- 3.1 Achievements this year included:
- Delivery of the Sustainable Development Fund, allocating £10,000 to projects.
 - Preparing a leaflet on environmentally sustainable gardening, to go on the AONB website and for distribution at future events.
 - 2 Good Life events held, at Slingsby and Husthwaite, with a further 2 in planning.

4.0 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

4.1 Achievements this year included:

- Inputting the 2010/11 information into the Biodiversity Action Recording System.
- 7 SINCS and 8 Special Interest Road Verges re-surveyed.
- Carrying out 11 workdays with volunteers on 7 SINCS/SSSIs.
- Implementing 2 schemes to plant 30 new hedgerow or in-field trees and 2 copses (100 trees & shrubs), as a continuation of the initiative started two years ago.
- Managing 8 grassland sites (all SINCS bar one).
- Hedge at Broughton Lane SINC, and overhanging trees at Amotherby Lane SINC, cut back to promote grassland for knapweed broomrape.
- Managing 44 Special Interest Road Verges.
- Clearing significant areas of rhododendron at Park Wood Fishponds SINC, as well as continuing to clear Western hemlock regeneration on Grimston Moor SINC.
- Controlling Himalayan balsam along approx. 5.8km of Wath Beck.
- Participating in a new partnership focussed on the River Rye, to develop a project to tackle Himalayan balsam on a catchment scale.
- Preparing 1 Farm Environment Plan, although the application subsequently didn't proceed.
- Supporting 5 village/school wildlife enhancement projects, at Hovingham, Ampleforth (2), Welburn and Swinton.

5.0 HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT

5.1 Achievements this year included:

- Continuing our input to the CAN DO Lime & Ice Project's Yearsley Moor Archaeology Project, with 5-10 volunteers exploring the history of the area.
- Giving advice and developing proposals to improve the management of 5 Scheduled Monuments.
- Supporting excavation of 2 features in Gilling Castle Park, as part of the Yearsley Moor Archaeology Project.
- Completing work on 10 Local Priority Sites or other historic features. The most significant of these were restoration works on two sets of gate pillars, at Welburn and Whitwell, which are part of the historic approach to Castle Howard (see below).
- Ryedale DC LEADER Small-Scale Enhancements Scheme money used to repair Listed stone gateposts at Welburn and Whitwell, and village name signs/traditional direction signs in 2 AONB villages.

6.0 LOCAL COMMUNITIES

6.1 Achievements this year included:

- Continuing our involvement with the LEADER Local Action Group and CAN DO Partnership.
- Community projects funded in 4 villages, with 2 Village Hall renovation projects also supported.
- Held 2 Good Life events, in Slingsby and Husthwaite.
- Supported the Ryedale Rural Awards competition and prize-giving event.
- 6 Traditional village name signs restored in Nunnington and Amotherby, by joint funding with Ryedale LEADER Small Scale Enhancements Scheme.

7.0 AGRICULTURE

7.1 Achievements this year included:

- Providing HLS/ELS advice to 2 farmers and land managers; preparing 1 Farm Environment Plan for HLS.
- Completing 11 landscape enhancement schemes, involving 2,462m of hedge planting/gapping-up, 195m of field wall restoration, 30 new hedgerow or in-field trees and 2 copses (100 trees & shrubs).
- Submitting responses to planning consultations for 14 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 1 landowner or manager.
- Propagating another batch of black poplar cuttings.
- Attended NAAONB training seminar, on technical aspects of continuous cover forestry management.
- Scrutinising 6 Forestry Commission English Woodland Grant Scheme consultations.

9.0 DEVELOPMENT

9.1 Achievements this year included:

- Scrutinising 70 development control consultations – full details of Development statistics for the AONB in 2011 are given in a separate Report on this agenda.
- Overhead electricity wires being undergrounded in Crayke.
- Inputting to the development of the Ryedale Local Development Framework.
- Providing advice on 5 renewable energy schemes, and scrutinising 6 planning consultations.
- Lobbying Yorkshire Housing Association, via Ryedale DC, over the sale of two affordable homes at Nunnington.

10.0 ROADS, TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

10.1 Achievements this year included:

- Scrutinising 13 development control consultations.
- Obtaining access to the NYCC traffic monitoring statistics website, and better liaison with Local Transport Plan implementation (including the preparation of the NYCC Construction Manual).
- Restoring 5 traditional direction signs in the Newburgh/Oulston/Yearsley area, and replacing 1 arm on a sign at Hovingham.
- 6 Traditional village name signs restored in Nunnington and Amotherby, by joint funding with Ryedale LEADER Small Scale Enhancements Scheme.

11.0 RECREATION, ACCESS AND TOURISM

11.1 Achievements this year included:

- Scrutinising 5 development control consultations.
- Developing links with Welcome to Yorkshire, and discussing ideas around the Rural Economy Growth Review.
- Continuing a Condition Survey of the Public Rights of Way network, using volunteers to carry out the survey work. 6 parishes surveyed.
- 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.
- Inputting to the Independent Review Panel on Forestry, via the NAAONB response and attending a Panel Sub-Group visit at Castle Howard.
- Litter picking at 'hot-spots' throughout the AONB.

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 2010/11.
- Maintaining the AONB website – full statistics on Visits not available for 2011/12. Obtained media coverage via 29 press mentions worth £43,000.
- Hosting a film crew from the BBC Escape to the Country programme. 6 features/ interviews re-broadcast on Radio York, and Countryfile item re-broadcast on BBC1 at Christmas.
- Attending the Ryedale Show.
- Holding 5 guided walks and giving 1 evening talk.
- Holding 4 Junior Ranger Club sessions throughout the year, with 59 children attending.
- Delivering Year 1 of the LEADER and Heritage Lottery Fund-supported Rural:Urban Schools Twinning Project, completing 16 Year 1 visits and 3 Year 2 visits.
- Achieving volunteer assistance for 20 tasks or projects, worth at least 340 days or £23,000.

13.0 IMPLEMENTATION

13.1 Achievements this year included:

- The Sustainable Development Fund had a budget of £20,000. It was again delivered in partnership with the North York Moors National Park Authority.
- Utilising the Defra Single Pot funding arrangements to ensure maximum leverage of funds into the AONB.
- The CAN DO Partnership's Lime and Ice Project continued with the Yearsley Moor archaeology project.
- The partnership with the National Park Authority and Forestry Commission to employ a Native Woodland Development Officer continued.
- Steering substantial projects to restore Listed gate pillars, traditional direction signs and village name signs to the Ryedale LEADER Small Scale Enhancements Scheme.
- Participating in new partnerships focussed on the River Rye (Himalayan balsam control; reducing channel sedimentation); the CAN DO area (Alcathoe bat); and the north eastern segment of the AONB (B-Lines project).

- Attended 2 NAAONB funding seminars, to learn about potential new sources of funding that we may consider accessing in the future to support project work in the AONB.
- Completing the signing of a new Memorandum of Agreement between Defra and the three constituent Local Authorities of the AONB partnership.
- Liz Bassindale went on Maternity Leave in October 2011, with Francesca Pert appointed as Maternity Cover and commencing in November 2011.

14.0 AONB MANAGEMENT PLAN

14.1 Achievements this year included:

- Further developing a list of potential sites for use in fixed-point photography monitoring.

15.0 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR AONBs

15.1 Achievements this year included:

- Attending the national AONB Conference, 1 Northern AONBs meeting and 3 seminars.
- Adopting the NAAONB Branding for the Annual Report and stationery (letterhead, business cards and Compliments slips).
- Representing the NAAONB at the Game Fair and 1 meeting, as well as attending the NAAONB AGM, the Northern AONBs Chairmens' meeting and a national Lead Officers' meeting.
- Paul Jackson, as a Director on the Board of the NAAONB, attended 3 Board meetings. Retired from the Board, by rotation, in October 2011.

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 2011/12 be noted.

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2011/12

The crosses indicate any specific periods during which the activity is likely to be undertaken.
Targets that have an 'on-going' nature have no time period allocated.

OBJECTIVE	SPECIFIC TARGET 11/12	APRIL - JUNE	JULY - SEPT	OCT - DEC	JAN - MAR	ACHIEVEMENTS 11/12		
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.	~ Calculate the carbon balance of rural land use in the AONB, using figures from the CALM assessments. ~ Continue to enter JAC-funded activity onto GIS map layers. ~ Continue to gather information on the resilience of AONB woodland habitats.		XXXXX	XXXXX		~ Not progressed. Transfer to 2012/13. ~ No further progress. Paper files being rationalised as a separate exercise. ~ No further work considered necessary, after event attended in 2010/11.		
			XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX			
				XXXXX	XXXXX			~ Not achieved. Table felt to be applicable only to large projects. ~ Sustainable Gardening leaflet being prepared, in time for Good Life events in April '12. ~ Good Life events held at Slingsby & Hushwaite. ~ Waste Partnership shared AONB stand at Ryedale Show. ~ Preparing Good Life events for Amotherby, Gilling, due April & May '12. ~ Achieved.
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.	~ Pilot use of matrix table to assess projects and consultation responses. ~ Maintain and update the AONB website page as necessary. ~ Include an article on waste recycling in AONB News 2011. ~ Continue to operate the SDF as a separate funding pot, to support innovative and best practice projects.		XXXXX	XXXXX				
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<p>Knowledge of wildlife resources and possible climate change impacts</p> <p>NE1.1 Rolling programme of SINC monitoring.</p> <p>NE1.2 Detailed surveys of specific habitats or species.</p> <p>NE1.3 Assist farmers, land managers and communities with monitoring wildlife.</p> <p>NE1.4 Research climate change resilience of key AONB habitats.</p> <p>NE1.5 Digitise Phase 1 maps of the AONB.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Assist with NYCC monitoring survey, as necessary. ~ Include Foss Spring Mire in 2011 SINC survey. ~ Feed actions achieved in the AONB in 2010/11 into BARS. ~ Research the resilience of AONB fen and grassland habitats. - 	XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ 8 Special Interest Road Verges surveyed. ~ 7 SINC's surveyed. ~ Site has been surveyed. Co-ordinates sent to NEYEDC. Wiganthorpe, Howthorpe SINC's surveyed by volunteer surveyor. ~ Completed. ~ Not progressed. ~ Additional work done to 'tint' Arable and Improved Grassland, so maps give a better representation of the wider landscape.
<p>Key nature conservation sites</p> <p>NE2.1 Maintain and update a register of key sites.</p> <p>NE2.2 Protect best sites through designation.</p> <p>NE2.3 Resist development proposals that may affect key sites.</p> <p>NE2.4 Ensure farmers and landowners are aware of the existence of sites.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Continue work with NYMNP and RDC on Heritage Trees. ~ Carry out survey of Newburgh Park. ~ Assess Foss Spring Mire for SINC status. ~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. - 	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Not progressed. ~ Survey of Newburgh Priory park being pursued. Transfer to 2012/13. ~ No progress. ~ Advice given on proposed high ropes course, Park Wood Fishponds SINC.
<p>Local participation in nature conservation sites</p> <p>NE3.1 Local involvement with monitoring and management of wildlife.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Carry out management works with volunteers on 3 SINC's. ~ Work with 2 PCCs on churchyard management. 	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Work carried out at Grimston Moor SINC x 2, Jeffrey Bog SSSI, Hollin Hill Bogs SINC (NE), Dalby Bush Fen SSSI, Park Wood Fishponds SINC x 4, Boggs Plantation SINC, Amotherby Lane SINC. ~ Work grant aided at Amotherby, Huttons Ambo churches.

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<p>Implementation of Local BAP targets for woodland habitats</p> <p>NE4.1 Management of Local Priority Sites.</p> <p>NE4.2 Extension and buffering of Local Priority Sites.</p> <p>NE4.3 Restoration of Plantations on Ancient Woodland Sites.</p> <p>NE4.4 Creation of new native woodland/wood pasture/species-rich hedges/individual trees.</p> <p>NE4.5 Creation of wet woodland and marshy grassland.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Continue rhododendron control works in Park Wood Fishponds, Piper Hill and Moorside Plantation SINC. ~ Encourage via EWGS/ESS consultations and advice of Native Woodland Development Officer. ~ Encourage via EWGS consultations and advice of Native Woodland Development Officer. ~ Assess whether further removal of Western hemlock is necessary adjacent to Park Wood SINC, Gilling. ~ Make concerted effort to encourage creation of a new area of wood pasture at Brandsby, to link to veteran tree. ~ Plant 25 new individual in-field and hedgerow trees. ~ Encourage via EWGS/ESS consultations and advice of Native Woodland Development Officer. 	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ 4 volunteer task-days completed in Park Wood Fishponds SINC; Boggs Plantation SINC. ~ FEP prepared for land adjacent to Dalby Bush Fen SSSI (application didn't proceed). ~ 1.7ha restored in Brandrith Wood SINC (broadleaves - 55% native). ~ 1 task-day held, to continue removal of hemlock. ~ Not progressed, due to owner's current major wind turbine project. ~ 30 individual trees and 2 copses (100 trees & shrubs) planted, at Wiganthorpe, Stonegrave. ~ Advice also provided to scheme at Crambe. ~ No relevant schemes.
<p>Implementation of Local BAP targets for grassland habitats</p> <p>NE5.1 Management of Local Priority Sites.</p> <p>NE5.2 Extension and buffering of Local Priority Sites.</p> <p>NE5.3 Special Interest Road Verges.</p> <p>NE5.4 Restoration of grassland and lowland heath.</p> <p>NE5.5 Creation of new grassland habitats.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Continue to facilitate conservation management of grassland SINC's and other sites, by grazing or other means. ~ Encourage via ESS consultations and advice to farmers & land managers. ~ Carry out management works on 40 SIRVs. ~ Control Western hemlock and rhododendron on Grimston Moor SINC. ~ Discuss Grimston Moor replanting proposals with FC, to achieve lower stocking density/heathland restoration. ~ Encourage via ESS consultations and advice to farmers & land managers. 	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ 8 sites grazed, at Coulton (3), Cawton (2), Terrington (2), Bulmer. ~ Appleton-le-Street Churchyard SINC managed. ~ No relevant schemes. ~ 44 SIRVs cut, Mar '12. ~ Broughton Lane hedge cut back to promote grassland re-growth. ~ 2 volunteer task-days completed. ~ Partially achieved. Replanted as per Forest Design Plan, with wider rides and more open ground. ~ No relevant schemes.

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<p>Implementation of Local BAP targets for wetland habitats</p> <p>NE6.1 Management of Local Priority Sites.</p> <p>NE6.2 Extension and buffering of Local Priority Sites.</p> <p>NE6.3 Restoration of sites that have declined in interest.</p> <p>NE6.4 Creation of new habitat.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Manage birch at Terrington Carr SINC. ~ Explore willow control options at Adjacent to Sandlands Meadow SINC. ~ Encourage via ESS consultations and advice to farmers & land managers. - ~ Encourage via ESS consultations and advice to farmers & land managers. ~ Continue input to initiative on breeding waders in Coxwold/Newburgh area, as necessary. 	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Unsure if any work completed during summer '11. Work due summer '12. ~ Deferred until HLS agreement due for renewal. ~ Low input grassland option included in HLS application for field adjacent to Dalby Bush Fen SSSI (application didn't proceed). ~ Scrub clearance continuing at Dalby Bush Fen SSSI. ~ No relevant schemes. ~ Contracted to prepare FEP for 1 farm in 2012. ~ Grant provided to create new wildlife pond at Gilling.
<p>Implementation of Local BAP targets for important species</p> <p>NE7.1 Management of key sites for specific species.</p> <p>NE7.2 Restoration or creation of sites.</p> <p>NE7.3 Local Target Areas and coordinated management measures.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Manage grassland for knapweed broomrape at Atmotherby Lane SINC. ~ Plant plug plants of greater knapweed to bolster population of host plant. ~ Plant 10 black poplar cuttings in the Stonegrave area. ~ Encourage via ESS consultations and advice to farmers & land managers. ~ Continue input to initiative on breeding waders in Coxwold/Newburgh area, as necessary. ~ Continue to support the Campaign for the Farmed Environment, encouraging use of options to benefit farmland bird species. 	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Site cut, autumn '11. ~ Scrub cut back to allow more light in, Feb '12. ~ 30 plants planted-out, Mar '12. ~ 40-50 cuttings taken by Castle Howard Nursery for propagation, Mar '12. ~ 6 trees planted at Stonegrave. ~ No relevant schemes. ~ Contracted to prepare FEP for 1 farm in 2012. ~ Events advertised on website; info on events provided to targeted farmers.
<p>Invasive non-native species</p> <p>NE8.1 Monitor location and abundance.</p> <p>NE8.2 Targeted management efforts.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Monitor condition of Wath Beck corridor, following '08, '09 & '10 work to control Himalayan balsam. ~ Monitor condition of Piper Hill Plantation SINC, following '09 & '10 work to control rhododendron. ~ Re-cut the length of Wath Beck corridor that was cut in '09 & '10 (Himalayan balsam). ~ Experiment with using glyphosate to control Himalayan balsam. ~ Continue rhododendron control in prioritised locations. 	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Density has reduced, as follow-up work reduced in cost again. ~ Volunteers surveyed uncut tributaries of Wath Beck basin, July '11. ~ Little regrowth observed. ~ Achieved, Jul '11. 5.8km stretch cut. ~ Test patch completed on River Rye SINC, May '11. ~ Large scale project being prepared for River Rye catchment. ~ 4 volunteer task-days completed in Park Wood Fishponds SINC.

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<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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Provide advice to farmers & land managers, as necessary. ~ Complete 2 FEPs for land in the AONB. ~ Continue to work with the Campaign for the Farmed Environment, to encourage participation. 	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Advice provided on parkland restoration at Wiganthorpe Park. ~ FEP completed for farm at Dalby, but application didn't proceed. Only 1 scheme given go-ahead by NE. ~ Contracted to prepare FEPs for 2 farms in 2012 ~ HLS/ELS advice provided to farmer at Hovingham. Relevant information/events posted to website.
<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>	-					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ SDF funding for wildflower planting at Ampleforth School; bee hives and wildflower planting at Hovingham; pond refurbishment at Welburn School; bee-friendly planting in Swinton. ~ Advice given on management of Ampleforth Millennium Green (LEADER funding accessed).
<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 Resist development proposals.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Assist with NEYGT and NYGP survey programmes, as necessary. ~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. 					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ NEYGT draft Geodiversity Action Plan reviewed. ~ Meeting held with NEYGT to discuss geodiversity leaflet for the AONB. ~ No relevant applications.
<p>Assistance to farmers and land managers</p> <p>NE12.1 Assist with applications to grant schemes.</p> <p>NE12.2 Flexible package of assistance.</p> <p>NE12.3 Demonstrate 'best practice'.</p> <p>NE12.4 Skills training initiatives.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ See NE9 and FW2. ~ See appropriate Objectives above. ~ Support 1 FWAG training course. 		XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Orchard management course at Hushwaite, Nov '11.

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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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Input to final Report. ~ Revise the relevant sections in the Management Plan. ~ See HE3.2. - ~ See HE3.2. ~ Pass information on 2009/10 & 2010/11 projects to HER Officer. - 	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Final report reviewed, Apr '11. ~ Not progressed. Transfer to 2012/13. ~ Oswaldkirk Conservation Area reviewed. ~ Not progressed. Transfer to 2012/13. ~ Contact at Oswaldkirk passed to Lime & Ice Project.
Statutory protection HE2.1 Input to Heritage Protection Review.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ As necessary, dependent upon legislative timetable. 					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Legislative framework not progressed by Government.
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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Carry out management works with volunteers on 2 sites. ~ Continue input to Yearsley Moor Archaeology Project. ~ Participate in other Lime and Ice initiatives being delivered in the AONB. 	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Excavation work on 2 features in Gilling Park, by YMAP volunteers. ~ Project proceeding, with AONB input as necessary. Discussion of potential interpretation ideas proceeding; excavation works done on 2 sites. ~ Events put on AONB website.

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<p>Preserve AONB's historic heritage HE4.1 Historic landscape conservation and management advice.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Provide advice to farmers & land managers, as necessary. ~ See NE9 above. 	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Advice provided at Wiganthorpe Park by NWDO and NYCC. ~ Comments submitted on 1 relevant planning application.
HE4.2 Encourage entry into agri-environment schemes.	~ Address management issues on 5 SMs at High or Medium Risk.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	~ Site assessment of 4 SMs at Four Acre Wood, Yearsley. Future management plans agreed.
HE4.3 Heritage Partnership Agreements.	~ Install kerbing to protect long barrow, Grimstone. ~ Encourage more sympathetic management of Round Barrow cemetery (SMs) on Fryton Moor.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	~ Project partially scoped; transfer to 2012/13. ~ Information passed to EH, for liaison with landowner.
HE4.4 Conservation/management plans for Historic Parks and Gardens.	~ Identify possible projects arising from the Gilling Castle study.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	~ Possible geophysical survey of two temple sites; conservation of park pale (site visit held); excavation of terrace and building carried out.
HE4.5 Flexible package of assistance.	~ Utilise RDC LEADER scheme for works in AONB villages. ~ Carry out management or repair works on 8 Local Priority Sites or historic features.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	~ Village name signs restored at Nunnington, Amotherby. Interpretation material installed at Barton-le-Street church. ~ Work completed on Local Priority Sites at Dalby, Wiganthorpe (x 2 sites), Gilling, Hildenley. Work on other sites/features at Stonegrave, Whitwell, Hildenley.
HE4.6 Demonstrate 'best practice'.	~ Use AONB resources in partnership with NYCC/RDC LEADER to carry out works on 1 Listed Building at Risk.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	~ LEADER grant used for repairs to Exclamation Gate, Welburn. ~ Stumps removed/treated around Pond Farm, Crambe.
HE4.7 Skills training initiatives.	~ Publicise National Heritage Training Group courses on AONB website.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	~ As and when received. ~ FWAG orchard management course supported, Nov '11.

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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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ As necessary ~ Continue to attend Development Officers' meetings. - - ~ Liaise with RAY & other organisations. ~ Deliver Rural Arts Project at Crayke. ~ Liaise with RAY & other organisations. ~ Promote LEADER/AONB funding for village enhancement works. ~ Contribute to any advice events held in AONB villages. ~ Continue to invite Parish Councils to the AONB Partnership Group meeting. 	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Attended all meetings, every 6-8 weeks. ~ Projects funded at Hovingham, Scackleton, Ampleforth, Swinton; Village Hall projects at Barton-le-Willows, Barton-le-Street; Ryedale Rural Awards; preparation of forthcoming Good Life events. ~ Completed. ~ Good Life events in Slingsby, April '11; Hushwaite, Jul '11. ~ Sharing stands at Ryedale Show; Hovingham market, Aug '11; ~ Used RVA for Village Hall funding advice – Barton-le-Street; Barton-le-Willows. ~ Events held in Amotherby x 2. ~ Achieved, March '12.
<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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ As necessary, via NAAONB. In particular, monitor developments in new CAP proposals. ~ Ensure that the AONB is included as a Target Area within relevant strategies/Schemes. ~ As opportunities arise. See also NE9 above. ~ Publicise Farm Crisis Network in AONB News 2011. 					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Monitoring NAAONB responses to consultations, with input to Natural Environment White Paper, CAP Review responses. ~ EA target area for Invasive Non-Native Species control (River Derwent); River Rye project being developed; NIA bid failed, due to overlap. ~ Article included.

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<p>Conservation advice and assistance</p> <p>AG2.1 Provide specialist advice within the AONB.</p> <p>AG2.2 Flexible package of assistance for small-scale conservation projects.</p> <p>AG2.3 Demonstrate 'best practice'.</p> <p>AG2.4 Skills training initiatives.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Provide advice to farmers & land managers, as necessary. ~ Assist 8 landscape conservation projects with AONB funding. ~ Start 1 major stone wall restoration project. ~ Support 1 skills-related training course in the AONB. 	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Advice provided to farmers at Yearsley, Coulton x 2, Ampleforth, Dalby. ~ Schemes completed at Cawton, Coulton, Fryton, Wass, Firby, Crambe, Grimstone. 2,462m of new hedge/gaps replanted. 8m of stone wall rebuilt. 30 individual trees and 2 copses (100 trees & shrubs) planted – see NE4.4 above. ~ Major project completed at Scackleton (187m); major project started at Brandsby. ~ FWAG orchard management course supported, Nov '11.
<p>Sustainable alternative farm enterprises</p> <p>AG3.1 Positive approach to planning control.</p> <p>AG3.2 Participation in regional climate change mitigation schemes.</p> <p>AG3.3 Local climate change adaptation schemes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. ~ Encourage, as opportunities arise. ~ Promote the FC Floodplain Woodland Creation grant package in AONB News 2011. 		XXXXX	XXXXX		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ No objection to 1 project in planning consultation responses. ~ Emerging initiatives being monitored. ~ Article included.
<p>New farm buildings and infrastructure</p> <p>AG4.1 High standards of design, siting and landscaping measures.</p> <p>AG4.2 Produce basic design guidance.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. ~ Produce guidance and circulate to District Councils. 	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ 14 cases. Comments submitted on 6 proposals; Objections or Serious Reservations with 3 proposals. 5 schemes Approved; 7 schemes Approved with suggested amendments; 2 Decisions pending. ~ Not progressed. Transfer to 2012/13.
<p>Woodland management proposals</p> <p>FW1.1 Consultation procedure between JAC and Forestry Commission.</p> <p>FW1.2 Encourage 'continuous cover' schemes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Maintain, and respond to JAC consultations as necessary. ~ As appropriate, via JAC consultations. 					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ 6 consultations on specific woodland management/planting schemes received. ~ No relevant schemes. ~ Attended NAAONB training seminar, which covered technical aspects of continuous cover forestry.

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<p>Multi-objective approach to woodland management</p> <p>FW2.1 Management in accordance with the UK Forestry Standard.</p> <p>FW2.2 Use of the English Woodland Grant Scheme and Environmental Stewardship Scheme.</p> <p>FW2.3 Encouragement to achieve UKWAS certification.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ On-going. ~ As opportunities arise. - 					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ No relevant schemes. ~ No relevant schemes.
<p>Local provenance trees and shrubs</p> <p>FW3.1 Susceptibility of native trees and shrub species to climate change.</p> <p>FW3.2 Planting stock of appropriate provenance.</p> <p>FW3.3 Incorporation of natural regeneration.</p> <p>FW3.4 Work with local forest nurseries.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Continue to gather information on the resilience of AONB woodland habitats. (SF1.3) ~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. ~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. ~ Propagate a further batch of black poplar cuttings at Castle Howard Tree Nursery. 		XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ See SF1.3 above. ~ Comments submitted on 1 relevant scheme. ~ Local provenance oak and black poplar used for in-field and boundary tree planting schemes (see NE4.4). ~ No relevant schemes. ~ 40-50 cuttings taken by Castle Howard Nursery for propagation, Mar '12.
<p>Alternative markets for timber products</p> <p>FW4.1 Encourage small-scale woodfuel heating systems and develop a woodfuel market.</p> <p>FW4.2 Use of timber in local industries.</p> <p>FW4.3 Demonstrate on-site processing equipment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. ~ Promote FC incentives/advisory service for appropriate work in under-managed woods in AONB News 2011. - - 		XXXXX	XXXXX		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Sycamore included in 1 relevant replanting scheme, specifically for woodfuel. ~ Article included.
<p>New woodland</p> <p>FW5.1 Use forestry grant procedures to advise on siting and design.</p> <p>FW5.2 Promote the availability of advice and grant aid schemes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. ~ As opportunities arise, using Native Woodland Development Officer as appropriate. ~ Promote the FC Floodplain Woodland Creation grant package in AONB News 2011. 		XXXXX	XXXXX		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ No relevant schemes. ~ Supported Native Woodland Development Officer post and utilised for woodland advice. ~ Farmer at Wiganthorpe advised on HLS. ~ Publicised and attended farmers' grants event in Helmsley, Feb '12. ~ Article included.

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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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Regional funds promoted, where applicable. ~ Work carried out at Grimston Moor SINC (x 2), Park Wood Fishponds SINC (x 4). ~ Enrichment planting in copses carried out at Oulston and Wiganthorpe. ~ Achieved. High input to in-field/boundary tree planting projects.
<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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - - - 					
<p>New development</p> <p>D1.1 Appropriate policies in all relevant Plans and Strategies.</p> <p>D1.2 Consultation arrangements.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Input to development of the Ryedale LDF Core Strategy, as necessary. ~ Maintain, and respond to JAC consultations as necessary. 	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Comments submitted on Local Plan Strategy, Mar '12. ~ Input to NAAONB response on Draft NPPF. ~ 70 consultations received from NYCC, RDC, HDC or external agencies/contractors.
<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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Input to development of the Ryedale LDF Core Strategy, as necessary. - Publicise National Heritage Training Group courses on AONB website. - - 	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Local Plan Strategy scrutinised, Mar '12 - no comments necessary on this issue. ~ As and when received.

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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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ~ 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Attended meetings in Sept '11 & Mar '12. ~ Scheme progressing at Crayke. ~ Discussions continuing over scheme at Dalby. ~ Strong preference for Refusal for 3 replacement poles at Nunnington. ~ Comments submitted on 1 relevant application. ~ Completed, ending Dec '11. ~ 2 incidents near Yearsley reported to Hambleton DC, Feb '12.
<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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ 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. 					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ No relevant applications. ~ Development at Grimston Grange not started. ~ No relevant development proposals. ~ Stone supplier identified at Cawton, and reclamation of stone from derelict walls at Brandsby scoped.
<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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Provide advice to applicants and agents on suitability of proposals. ~ Input to development of the Ryedale LDF Core Strategy, as necessary. ~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. ~ Include case study of wind turbine at Lodge Field Farm, Gilling in AONB News 2011 (dependent upon outcome of planning application). 	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Advice provided to farmers/residents at Terrington, Ampleforth, Oswaldkirk, Stitttenham, Grimston. ~ Table of Permitted Development rights put on website. ~ Local Plan Strategy scrutinised, Mar '12 - comments submitted to safeguard AONB. ~ No objections to 6 relevant applications. ~ Decided not to include article, in case local opinion was not in favour once turbine was constructed.
<p>Business and diversification opportunities</p> <p>D6.1 Signposting to Business Link.</p> <p>D6.2 Encourage local businesses via the CAN DO Partnership.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ As appropriate. - 					
<p>Re-use of redundant farm buildings</p> <p>D7.1 Support appropriate proposals to re-use farm buildings.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. 					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ No objections to 3 relevant applications.

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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.			XXXXX		~ No objection to 1 relevant application. ~ Information awaited.
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.	– – ~ Include an item on the Community Right to Build in AONB News 2011.		XXXXX	XXXXX		~ Yorkshire Housing Association lobbied, via RDC, on sale of 2 properties at Nunnington. ~ Article included, on Rural Housing Enablers.
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. – – –					~ Planning application for development at Showfield Lane approved by RDC, Mar '12. No proposals for link road.
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 carried out in 4 AONB villages. ~ Speed checks carried out in 2 AONB villages. –	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	~ 0 temporary checks carried out; 1 permanent check (B1257, Broughton Road, Malton). ~ Information awaited.
Sustainable modes of transport RT3.1 Identify transport service, infrastructure and accessibility improvements. RT3.2 Implementation of identified measures via SCTSs. RT3.3 Promote the availability of alternative transport services. RT3.4 Workplace Travel Plans. RT3.5 Development of next Local Transport Plan.	~ Continue input to development of SCTSs for Malton and Easingwold, as necessary. ~ Monitor progress of local initiative to improve path from Broughton to Malton. ~ Publicise RYECAT services in AONB News 2011. ~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. –		XXXXX	XXXXX		~ No action needed. ~ Monitored – no apparent progress. ~ Article included. ~ No relevant applications.

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<p>Maintain character of rural road network</p> <p>RT4.1 Liaison arrangements between the JAC and highway authority.</p> <p>RT4.2 Design guidance for road signage, etc in the AONB.</p> <p>RT4.3 Identify and reduce road sign 'clutter'.</p> <p>RT4.4 Inventory of historic 'roadside furniture'.</p> <p>RT4.5 Maintenance and restoration of historic 'roadside furniture'.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Maintain, and respond to JAC consultations as necessary. ~ Contribute to continuing development of NYCC Construction Manual. ~ Rationalise signs where possible, as part of traditional direction sign restoration programme. ~ Explore options for recording features, for input into National Street Gazetteer. ~ Restore 5 traditional direction signs. ~ Restore 1 milepost. ~ Restore 5 village name signs. 	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ 13 consultations received (included in total shown in D1.2 above). ~ NYMNP involved in process, and invitation extended to NY AONBs again. ~ 2 cycleway signs removed from traditional direction signs, as part of restorations. ~ All assets, including historic signs, have been photographed and recorded by NYCC on the NSG. ~ 5 signs restored, at Husthwaite, Newburgh, Oulston, Yearsley (2). ~ Broken arm restored on sign at Hovingham. ~ All mileposts in excellent condition, after work by RDC and Milepost Society. ~ 6 original signs restored at Nunnington, Amotherby by RDC LEADER project.
<p>A64 Trunk Road</p> <p>RT5.1 Monitor future proposals and provide comments.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ On-going, with involvement as and when necessary. 					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Comments submitted on pedestrian crossing improvements at Whitwell.
<p>Sustainable recreation activities</p> <p>RA1.1 Monitor sustainability of recreational activities in the AONB.</p> <p>RA1.2 Use planning policies to encourage appropriate recreational developments.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. 					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ 5 cases. Comments submitted on 1 proposal; Objections or Serious Reservations with 3 proposals. 3 schemes Approved; 1 scheme Refused; 1 Decision pending.

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<p>Promote AONB in a sustainable way</p> <p>RA2.1 Gather information on visitor numbers, activity, etc.</p> <p>RA2.2 Work with Area Tourism Partnership to provide information for visitors.</p> <p>RA2.3 Work with local Tourism Associations.</p>	<p>~ Repeat basic monitoring of car park usage during summer.</p> <p>~ Establish contacts and methods of distribution, etc.</p> <p>-</p>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<p>~ Completed, Aug '11.</p> <p>~ See RA2.3 below.</p>
<p>RA2.4 Initiatives to enable Under-Represented Groups to enjoy the AONB.</p> <p>RA2.5 Initiatives to promote health benefits of outdoor recreation in the AONB.</p>	<p>~ Deliver schools twinning project, with schools in York and Hull.</p> <p>~ Develop further links with local health providers/organisations.</p>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<p>~ Meeting with Welcome to Yorkshire and Castle Howard, Jul '11.</p> <p>~ Sustrans cycling leaflet (3 routes) funded by SDF.</p> <p>~ Meeting with RDC & Castle Howard arranged, Mar '12. Postponed to 2012/13.</p> <p>~ See AP2.3 below.</p> <p>~ Not progressed.</p>
<p>Recreational management measures</p> <p>RA3.1 Small-scale recreation management works.</p>	<p>~ Install additional/replacement litter bins at Kirkham.</p>	XXXXX	XXXXX			<p>~ No further requirement from Parish Councils.</p>
<p>Management of the PROW network</p> <p>RA4.1 Maintenance of path furniture.</p>	<p>~ Continue with minor improvement works as they are identified.</p> <p>~ Ensure that any new/diverted paths are completed to the same standard as rest of network.</p> <p>~ Continue Condition Survey of the AONB, utilising AONB volunteers.</p>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<p>~ On-going.</p>
<p>RA4.2 Regularly monitor path condition.</p> <p>RA4.3 Rectify identified problems, including seasonal overgrowth and ploughing/cropping.</p>	<p>~ Bring issues to the attention of the NYCC Countryside Ranger, as necessary.</p> <p>~ Monitor the NYCC seasonal cutting programme and liaise with NYCC Countryside Ranger as necessary.</p>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<p>~ Welburn, Crambe, Huttons Ambo, Henderskelfe, Bulmer surveyed; Stittenham in progress. Data inputted to CAMS.</p> <p>~ Issues passed on, when received by AONB Unit.</p> <p>~ No known issues in 2011 programme.</p>
<p>RA4.4 Prioritised programme for cutting seasonal undergrowth.</p> <p>RA4.5 Community involvement in path monitoring and maintenance.</p>	<p>~ Use AONB/NYCC volunteers to tackle identified maintenance issues.</p> <p>~ Train 4 more volunteers in path Condition surveying.</p>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<p>~ Team of up to 4 NYCC volunteers work in AONB each week.</p> <p>~ Not achieved. May only be 2 in 2012, due to capacity issues with data entry.</p>

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<p>Definitive Map RA5.1 Definitive Map review for the Ryedale District. RA5.2 Identify existing route and status anomalies and lobby for action.</p>	<p>- ~ Continue to pursue upgrade of footpath to bridleway at Ampleforth. ~ Commence work on bridleway route anomaly at Slingsby, as part of a wider package of rationalisations on the Castle Howard Estate.</p>					<p>~ Discussions continuing between NYCC and landowner. ~ NYCC discussing one Agreement to deal with 10/15 route anomalies on the whole Estate. ~ Offered grant assistance with fencing at Easthorpe, to facilitate progress of whole package.</p>
<p>Improvements to PRoW network RA6.1 Encourage creation of new access routes/areas. RA6.2 Support appropriate Public Rights of Way route alterations.</p>	<p>~ As opportunities arise. ~ Continue to pursue upgrade of footpath between Gilling and Ampleforth Station to bridleway status. ~ Progress route re-alignments/creations /extinguishments at Howsham, Ampleforth, Slingsby & Hovingham.</p>					<p>~ See RA5.2 above. ~ Information awaited; see also RA5.2 re. Slingsby.</p>
<p>Path usage issues RA7.1 Encourage path improvements via management measures. RA7.2 Monitor use of footpaths by horse riders, cyclists, etc. RA7.3 Make advisory signage available for control of dogs, shutting gates, etc.</p>	<p>~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. - ~ As requested.</p>					<p>~ No relevant applications.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>- ~ Input as appropriate to any FC consultation on future management of the public forest estate. ~ As necessary.</p>					<p>~ Input via NAAONB consultation response. ~ Attended Panel sub-group visit to Castle Howard, Dec '11.</p>

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<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 RA9.3.</p> <p>~ Develop circular off-road cycle route from Hovingham, in partnership with NYCC.</p> <p>-</p> <p>~ Publish and distribute/upload Hovingham Ridges Ride cycle route leaflet.</p> <p>~ Publish and distribute/upload 2 further cycle route leaflets.</p> <p>~ Distribute Terrington Local Information & Walks leaflets.</p> <p>~ Install laminated copy of Nunnington leaflet map at Caulkleys Bank.</p>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<p>~ No further progress. Transfer to 2012/13.</p> <p>~ See RA9.1 above.</p> <p>~ Sustrans cycling leaflet (3 routes) funded by SDF.</p> <p>~ Supplies printed and distributed to village shop.</p> <p>~ Agreement secured from NYCC Countryside Ranger, to mount board on bridleway fingerpost.</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>~ Routes within the AONB remain unaltered after the latest review.</p>
<p>Informal car parking facilities</p> <p>RA11.1 Carry out appropriate management works.</p> <p>RA11.2 Continue discussions to improve parking facilities at Kirkham Priory.</p> <p>RA11.3 Investigate the use of village car park and toilet facilities by recreational visitors.</p>	<p>~ Continue grass cutting regime at Badger Bank.</p> <p>~ Continue programme of litter clearance at car parks throughout the AONB.</p> <p>~ Encourage management of parking area at Bell Bottom Wood, Coneysthorpe, to maximise space available.</p> <p>~ (Completed)</p> <p>~ As opportunities arise.</p>	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX		<p>~ Achieved.</p> <p>~ Completed, ending Dec '11.</p> <p>~ Usage of car parks monitored Aug '11 (see RA2.1).</p> <p>~ Agreed by Estate but not implemented. Assistance offered, if required.</p>
<p>Water recreation on the Derwent</p> <p>RA12.1 Use planning and other policy controls to discourage recreational use.</p> <p>RA12.2 Countryside management measures to resolve local recreational issues.</p>	<p>~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p> <p>~ As necessary.</p>					<p>~ No relevant applications.</p>

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<p>Forum to discuss recreation, access and tourism issues</p> <p>RA13.1 Hold meetings of the Forum as necessary.</p> <p>RA13.2 Pass information on issues to North Yorkshire Local Access Forum.</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p>					
<p>Awareness and understanding of AONB designation, importance and role of JAC</p> <p>AP1.1 Maintain the existing AONB 'gateway signs' and seek to install signs on the A64.</p> <p>AP1.2 Publish and distribute information about the AONB.</p> <p>AP1.3 Provide information via the Annual Report, Newsletter and website.</p> <p>AP1.4 Maintain a high public profile in the local media and at shows.</p>	<p>~ Ensure 'gateway sign' sites are adequately maintained.</p> <p>~ Investigate installing 'gateway signs' on the A64.</p> <p>~ Ensure that TICs and local accommodation providers, shops, etc have adequate supplies of relevant AONB leaflets.</p> <p>~ Publish 2010/11 Annual Report.</p> <p>~ Publish AONB News 2011.</p> <p>~ Ensure that AONB website is running properly and is updated each month.</p> <p>~ Obtain at least 20 media mentions.</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>~ Achieved.</p> <p>~ Not progressed. Transfer to 2012/13.</p> <p>~ Achieved.</p> <p>~ Published and distributed, Sept '11.</p> <p>~ Published and distributed, Oct '11.</p> <p>~ Achieved. New stats analysis system being used. 500 visits during Mar '12. Full-year data not available.</p> <p>~ 29 press mentions (NEDL, undergrounding, Good Life event, JRC, Lime & Ice projects, Ryedale Rural Awards, Draft NPPF, Annual Report, SDF projects); Equivalent to £42,998 of advertising space.</p> <p>~ Escape to the Country filming, Oct '11; broadcast, Jan '12.</p> <p>~ Repeats of 2010 Radio York interviews: Hovingham, Stonegrave, Cawton, Nunnington, Castle Howard; Nov '11.</p> <p>~ BBC Countryfile programme repeated, Christmas '11.</p> <p>~ Achieved; RAY and NY Waste Partnership sharing stand.</p> <p>~ Also attended Terrington Feast, Hovingham Market, Ryedale Rural Awards.</p> <p>~ Achieved. Good Life event, Slingsby; Good Life event, Husthwaite; Terrington Feast; Ryedale Rural Awards ceremony; Village Halls events - Hovingham, Amotherby.</p> <p>~ No longer relevant. Planning to have natural sculptural seats.</p> <p>~ Branchwood for 6 seats obtained from Castle Howard Estate. Numbers planned subsequently increased to 25.</p> <p>~ Article about planned work circulated to NYCC Volunteers, Mar '12.</p>
<p>AP1.5 Celebrate the 25th anniversary of the AONB designation (Oct 2012).</p> <p>AP1.6 Carry out a follow-up Visitors and Users survey.</p>	<p>~ Attend Ryedale Show.</p> <p>~ Use AONB display at 3 venues/events.</p> <p>~ Continue to scope the options for an environmental sculpture.</p> <p>~ Investigate provision of log seats.</p> <p>~ Establish methodology and recruit volunteers, for survey in Summer 2012.</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	

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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>~ See RA9.3.</p> <p>~ Hold at least 3 guided walks or talks.</p> <p>~ Hold 2 Junior Ranger Club full-day sessions.</p> <p>~ Deliver the schools twinning project with schools in York and Hull.</p> <p>-</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>~ Achieved. Malton & Norton Gardening Club talk (30), Stonegrave (6), Caulkleys Bank (16), Ampleforth (12), Hovingham Storytelling (70), Castle Howard bat-walk (19).</p> <p>~ Exceeded. Easter '11; June '11; October '11 Christmas '11. (59 children).</p> <p>~ 16 x Year 1 visits completed; teachers and volunteers workshops/training days held; 16 Year 2 visits planned; 3 x Year 2 visits completed.</p> <p>~ Caulkleys Bank project progressed but not completed.</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>~ 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>~ Assisting at Junior Ranger Club (Easter '11, June '11, Oct '11, Dec '11); Ryedale Show; Terrington Feast; boardwalk at Jeffrey Bog SSSI; rhododendron clearance at Park Wood Fishponds SINC x 4; Western hemlock clearance at Grimston Moor SINC x 2; rhododendron clearance at Bogs Plantation SINC; Amotherby Lane SINC; PROW maintenance with NYCC Ranger; PROW Condition surveying; Rural: Urban Schools Twinning project; Himalayan balsam surveying; Lime & Ice Yearsley Moor project. 20 projects or tasks, worth at least 340 days (£23,000 at SDF volunteering rates).</p> <p>~ Not progressed.</p>

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<p>Funding and partnership mechanisms</p> <p>IM1.1 Seek funding to implement Management Plan Objectives.</p> <p>IM1.2 Annual meetings of AONB Partnership Group.</p> <p>IM1.3 Partnership arrangements with the North York Moors National Park Authority.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Lobby as necessary, via the NAAONB, to ensure that AONBs are adequately funded by Defra. ~ Ensure full utilisation of Defra 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. ~ Access additional resources from County & District Councils, FC, EA, CAN DO, LEADER, etc for specific identified projects. ~ Investigate the potential for accessing SITA Trust funding for rhododendron control/ woodland restoration in the FC Gilling woodlands. ~ Hold a meeting in April 2012. ~ Continue to use the National Park to provide specialist advice to help deliver the AONB SDF programme. ~ Continue partnership arrangement to employ Native Woodland Development Officer to cover National Park & AONB. ~ Continue to participate in the CAN DO partnership. 	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Supported continuing development of liaison with Defra, via NAAONB. ~ Achieved. ~ On-going. ~ On-going. Main fund allocated now. ~ Significant number of schemes in the AONB supported by RDC LEADER Small-scale Enhancements Scheme. ~ Worked in partnerships developing new projects that access funding: Revitalising the River Rye x 2 (Defra/EA Water Framework Directive); Alcatraz bat (Natural England WFD); B-Lines (SITA). ~ Attended 2 x NAAONB seminars looking at alternative sources of funding for projects in AONBs. ~ Investigated by FC, but decided to proceed with incremental work as good progress being made. ~ Achieved. ~ Achieved. ~ Achieved. ~ All meetings attended.
<p>Business development of AONB Partnership</p> <p>IM2.1 Monitor business development needs and identify improvements.</p> <p>IM2.2 Incorporate improvements into annual Action Programme and Budget approval processes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Complete the signing of a new Agreement between Defra and the 3 constituent Local Authorities. ~ Prepare annual Business Plan / Action Programme for JAC, March 2012. 	<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Completed, Jan '12. ~ Achieved, for JAC 5th April '12.

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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 2012.</p> <p>~ Continue to enter grant-aided schemes onto GIS map layers.</p> <p>~ Continue to use NE Partnership Indicators to measure performance of JAC and AONB Partnership.</p> <p>~ Continue to send out questionnaires to grant recipients.</p>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	<p>~ Achieved, for JAC 5th April '12.</p> <p>~ No further progress. Paper files being rationalised as a separate exercise.</p> <p>~ NE Partnership Indicators reported to JAC, Oct '11.</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>~ Use assessment mechanism to 'score' condition of sites.</p> <p>~ Establish baseline photos for chosen locations.</p> <p>~ Complete the table of data, for all Indicators.</p> <p>~ As necessary.</p>	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	<p>~ Not progressed. Transfer to 2012/13.</p> <p>~ Not achieved – see above.</p> <p>~ Minimal further progress; scoping set still being compiled.</p> <p>~ Not progressed. Transfer to 2012/13.</p>
<p>National Association for AONBs</p> <p>Maintain input into NAAONB Board and Association activities.</p> <p>Keep up-to-date with knowledge and skills in relation to AONB management.</p>	<p>~ Attend NAAONB Board meetings.</p> <p>~ Write 2 articles for 'Outstanding' magazine.</p> <p>~ Adopt AONB Family branding identity, as appropriate.</p> <p>~ Continue to participate in NAAONB initiatives.</p> <p>~ Attend training seminars, Northern Group meetings, Conferences, etc as appropriate.</p>	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	<p>~ 3 Board meetings attended.</p> <p>~ 1 article submitted for Autumn '10 but no edition published (Outstanding now discontinued).</p> <p>~ Branding adopted for Annual Report, headed paper, Compliments slips and business cards.</p> <p>~ Manned stand at Game Fair, attended GWCT meeting; NAAONB AGM; Northern Chairmens' meeting; National Lead Officers' meeting.</p> <p>~ Attended National Conference (Cornwall); Nov '11 Northern Group meeting (North Pennines AONB); Funding Sources workshops x 2; Woodland Management seminar.</p>

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