

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

AONB BUSINESS PLAN AND ACTION PROGRAMME 2012/13

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To agree details of proposed activity to implement the AONB Management Plan during 2012/13.

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 2012/13 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 2012/13, together with an indicative timetabling of tasks.

3.0 SUSTAINABILITY

- 3.1 Principal activities for the year include:
- Continuing to run a Sustainable Development Fund, with an anticipated budget of £20,000.
 - Continuing the digitisation of practical conservation work completed/funded by the JAC.
 - Attempting to calculate the carbon balance of land use in the AONB, using data from the FWAG CALM assessments.

4.0 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

- 4.1 The proposed budget for landscape and biodiversity works is £22,750, although there is also a share of a c.£40,000 reserve from 2011/12 available. Potential projects to be funded include:
- Drystone wall restoration near Brandsby x 2.
 - In-field tree planting at Sproxton, Coulton and Newburgh.
 - Continued control of rhododendron in Park Wood Fishponds SINC.
- 4.2 Other activities for the year include:
- Continuing our programmes of Exmoor pony grazing, SINC management and road verge management.
 - Continuing our programme of planting individual hedgerow and in-field trees.
 - GPS plotting of the principal knapweed broomrape colonies on the 3 sites where the plant is known to occur.
 - Carrying out targeted control of Himalayan balsam, Western hemlock and rhododendron on various SINC and other sites.

- Developing and implementing a Revitalising the River Rye project, in partnership with a number of other organisations, to bring in substantial funding to tackle Himalayan balsam in the River Rye catchment.
- Completing 2 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 £37,500, which includes £21,000 of the c.£40,000 reserve mentioned above. Potential projects to be funded include:

- Continuing works on the Park wall at Scackleton – sourcing and fitting capstones.
- Conservation work to the Gate Lodges at Howsham Hall. It is proposed to explore the possibility of using Ryedale SSES LEADER money to commission a report from a conservation architect, to give us an up-to-date assessment of the condition and priorities. Legislation is available to compel the owners to carry out repair works, but the survey information would be needed before this could even be contemplated.
- Restoring traditional direction signs in the Ryedale area of the AONB.
- Installing kerbing to protect the Scheduled long barrow near Grimston.
- Consolidation and re-building of a lime kiln at Hildenley.
- Unfortunately the repair project for the Castle Howard Mausoleum, as outlined at the last JAC meeting, is on hold until the updating of the Historic Estate Management Plan for the estate.

5.2 Other activities for the year include:

- Continuing the CAN DO Lime & Ice Yearsley Moor community archaeology project, into its final year and the installation of interpretation material.
- Working on projects arising from the Conservation Management Plan for the Gilling Castle Registered Park & Garden – principally the remnant park pale through Gilling/Yearsley woods.
- Revising the Landscape Priorities for each Landscape Character Zone of the AONB, as part of the review of the AONB Management Plan.
- Promoting Ryedale SSES LEADER funding for small-scale enhancement schemes in Ryedale villages.

6.0 LOCAL COMMUNITIES

6.1 The proposed budget for works with local communities is £500. Only village sign restoration (mainly via the Ryedale SSES LEADER project) has been identified as yet, but if a substantial scheme were to emerge then funding could be transferred from another budget head, or part of the reserve could be used.

6.2 Other activities for the year include:

- Continued involvement in the North York Moors, Coast and Hills LEADER Programme.
- Continued liaison with the principal organisations involved in community work in the AONB, via the regular Community Development Officers' meetings.

7.0 AGRICULTURE

7.1 The proposed combined budget for both landscape and biodiversity works is £22,750. See paragraph 4.1 above.

- 7.2 Other activities for the year include:
- Monitoring the development of the CAP reforms, to assess their potential impact on the AONB and its farmers. Inputting to NAAONB consultations on the reform proposals, as necessary.
 - Preparing basic design guidance for new farm buildings. The North York Moors National Park Authority is launching its draft guidance for consultation in the summer, and it would make logical sense to dovetail with this where possible.
 - Completing 2 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:
- Continuing with management work to control invasive species in targeted locations, principally Himalayan balsam, Western hemlock and rhododendron.
 - Continuing to provide advice and, where appropriate, financial assistance to woodland managers via the Native Woodland Development Officer.
 - Responding to consultations and requests for advice, as appropriate.

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. 2011/12 has seen a significant increase in the number of applications received by the Local Planning Authorities, with a consequent increase in the number of schemes needing scrutiny by the AONB Manager.
 - Inputting to the continuing development of the Ryedale LDP, as appropriate.
 - Continuing liaison with CE Electric on overhead electricity cable undergrounding, pushing for the design and subsequent start of work in another AONB village.
 - 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/implementation of the NYCC Service Centre Transportation Strategies and Construction Manual.
 - The repair and restoration of at least 5 traditional direction signs.
 - Investigating the recording of Special Interest Road Verges and traditional direction signs/mileposts in the National Street Gazetteer.

11.0 RECREATION, ACCESS AND TOURISM

- 11.1 The proposed budget for recreation and access works is £1,000, although there is also a share of the c.£40,000 reserve from 2011/12 available.

11.2 Principal activities for the year include:

- Exploring the scope for an appropriate rural tourism initiative, in partnership with other organisations, in response to Defra's Rural Economy Growth Review.
- Training and utilising volunteers wherever possible for management works on Rights of Way.
- Continuing with the Condition Survey of the Public Rights of Way network.
- Progressing an Agreement to rationalise a number of Public Rights of Way routing anomalies on the Castle Howard estate, which should make one particular bridleway route from Slingsby more attractive to users.
- Continuing to control litter at 'hot-spots'.
- Further developing possible circular routes for off-road cyclists.
- Monitoring the progress and conclusions of the Panel convened to advise on the future running of the public forest estate.
- Encouraging Appleton-le-Street Village Hall to expand their ideas for walker/cyclist accommodation, as part of refurbishment works.

12.0 AWARENESS AND PROMOTION

12.1 The proposed budget for awareness and promotion work is £5,350.

12.2 Principal activities for the year include:

- Ensuring that the gateway signs are maintained and that outlets have ample supplies of our leaflets.
- Publishing our 2011/12 Annual Report and AONB News 2012.
- Maintaining our website, getting press coverage and attending Ryedale Show.
- Preparing a leaflet on the geodiversity interest of the AONB.
- Issuing publicity and installing log seats, to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the designation of the AONB.
- Carrying out a repeat Visitors and Users Survey, to feed into the review of the AONB Management Plan.
- Holding at least 3 guided walks or events and 2 Junior Ranger Club days.
- Assisting the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust in delivering a successful second year of the 4-year Rural:Urban schools twinning project.
- As described in the sections above, using volunteers to help deliver AONB Management Plan Objectives wherever possible and appropriate.

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 North York Moors, Coast and Hills LEADER partnership.
- Accessing resources from the Ryedale LEADER Small Scale Enhancements Scheme.
- Investigate the potential for accessing EH funding for work on Monuments at Risk.
- Continuing to develop a habitat enhancement project for the CAN DO area, based on Alcatloe bat.
- Implementing Year 1 of the Revitalising the River Rye project, should Defra/EA WFD funding bids be successful.

- Participating in any new rural tourism initiative that may stem from the Rural Economy Growth Review.
- Investigating the potential for Community Foundations to support AONB projects.
- Monitoring, and assisting as appropriate, with new community Rural Broadband initiatives.
- Utilising reserves appropriately, to supplement the annual projects budget and to maintain/enhance the AONB Officer staff resource.

14.0 MONITORING

14.1 Principal activities for the year include:

- Developing an assessment mechanism of non-statutory Local Priority Sites.
- Gathering baseline data for the remaining four AONB Condition Indicators for which information is still missing.
- Continuing the digitisation of practical conservation work completed/funded by the JAC.
- Continuing to develop a fixed-point photography monitoring project, and compiling a set of baseline photos.

15.0 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR AONBs

15.1 Principal activities for the year include:

- Embracing the AONB Family branding initiative where possible.
- Co-hosting the Annual Conference (in York); attending seminars, Northern Group meetings, etc.

16.0 AONB MANAGEMENT PLAN

16.1 Principal activities for the year include:

- Agreeing the scope of the review.
- Holding Topic Groups to discuss the individual chapters.
- Revising the Plan text and consulting back with the Topic Groups and AONB Partnership.

17.0 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

- a) The Targets for 2012/13, as contained in the Action Programme, be approved.
- b) The continuation of the contribution to the Native Woodland Development Officer post be noted.

HOWARDIAN HILLS AONB ACTION PROGRAMME

2012/13

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 12/13	APRIL - JUNE	JULY - SEPT	OCT - DEC	JAN - MAR	ACHIEVEMENTS 12/13	
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. -			XXXXX	XXXXX		
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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.	- ~ Maintain and update the AONB website page as necessary. ~ Continue to operate the SDF as a separate funding pot, to support innovative and best practice projects. -				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 2012 SINC survey programme. ~ Feed actions achieved in the AONB in 2011/12 into BARS. - - 	XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX		
<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 with 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 XXXXX	
<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. 		XXXXX		XXXXX	

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Implementation of Local BAP targets for woodland habitats NE4.1 Management of Local Priority Sites. NE4.2 Extension and buffering of Local Priority Sites. NE4.3 Restoration of Plantations on Ancient Woodland Sites. NE4.4 Creation of new native woodland/wood pasture/species-rich hedges/individual trees. NE4.5 Creation of wet woodland and marshy grassland.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Continue rhododendron/Western hemlock control works in Park Wood Fishponds and Piper Hill 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. ~ Plant 25 new individual in-field and hedgerow trees. ~ Encourage via EWGS/ESS consultations and advice of Native Woodland Development Officer. 			XXXXX	XXXXX	
Implementation of Local BAP targets for grassland habitats NE5.1 Management of Local Priority Sites. NE5.2 Extension and buffering of Local Priority Sites. NE5.3 Special Interest Road Verges. NE5.4 Restoration of grassland and lowland heath. NE5.5 Creation of new grassland habitats.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Continue to facilitate conservation management of grassland SINC 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 and Piper Hill Plantation SINC. ~ Encourage via ESS consultations and advice to farmers & land managers. 	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	
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. ~ 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, with preparation of 1 FEP. 	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX		
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<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 co-ordinated management measures.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Manage grassland for knapweed broomrape at Amotherby Lane SINC. ~ Investigate old quarry adjacent to Swinton Lane population of knapweed broomrape. ~ Record locations of principal knapweed broomrape colonies using GPS. ~ Carry out formative pruning of black poplar at Stonegrave, to develop a tree form and also cuttings material. ~ Encourage via ESS consultations and advice to farmers & land managers. ~ Continue input to initiative on breeding waders in Coxwold/Newburgh area, with preparation of 1 FEP (see NE6.4). ~ Continue to support the Campaign for the Farmed Environment, encouraging use of options to benefit farmland bird species. 	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	
<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"> ~ Survey Wath Beck main channel, to monitor efficiency of 3 years' work to control Himalayan balsam. ~ Participate in the Revitalising the River Rye project, to survey and control Himalayan balsam in whole catchment (see IM1.1). ~ Monitor condition of Piper Hill Plantation and Park Wood Fishponds SINC's, following work to control rhododendron. ~ Re-cut the length of Wath Beck corridor that was cut in '09, '10 & '11 (Himalayan balsam). ~ Participate in the Revitalising the River Rye project, to survey and control Himalayan balsam in whole Rye catchment (see IM1.1). ~ See FW6.4 for actions to control rhododendron and Western hemlock. 	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>		

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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 appropriate. ~ 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	
<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"> ~ Work with Ampleforth Millennium Green group on potential project. 	XXXXX	XXXXX			
<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. 					
<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. ~ ~ 					
<p>Knowledge of the cultural heritage of AONB</p> <p>HE1.1 Historic Landscape Characterisation survey.</p> <p>HE1.2 Revise the Local Landscape Priorities, after HLC survey.</p> <p>HE1.3 Research projects.</p> <p>HE1.4 Regular surveys of built heritage.</p> <p>HE1.5 Recording local history and traditions and passing information to the HER.</p> <p>HE1.6 Annual forum to discuss research and priorities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Revise the relevant sections in the AONB Management Plan. ~ See HE3.2. ~ Participate in update of Castle Howard Historic Estate Management Plan, as appropriate (see HE4.4). ~ See HE3.2. ~ Pass information on 2009/10 - 2011/12 projects to HER Officer. ~ 		XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
<p>Statutory protection</p> <p>HE2.1 Input to Heritage Protection Review.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ As necessary, dependent upon any revival of legislative process. 					
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<p>Local participation in cultural heritage sites</p> <p>HE3.1 Local involvement in monitoring and management of cultural heritage features.</p> <p>HE3.2 CAN DO 'Lime and Ice' Project.</p>	<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. 	<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>Preserve AONB's historic heritage</p> <p>HE4.1 Historic landscape conservation and management advice.</p> <p>HE4.2 Encourage entry into agri-environment schemes.</p> <p>HE4.3 Heritage Partnership Agreements.</p> <p>HE4.4 Conservation/management plans for Historic Parks and Gardens.</p> <p>HE4.5 Flexible package of assistance.</p> <p>HE4.6 Demonstrate 'best practice'.</p> <p>HE4.7 Skills training initiatives.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Provide advice to farmers & land managers, as appropriate. ~ See NE9 above. ~ Address management issues on 5 SMs at High or Medium Risk. ~ Install kerbing to protect long barrow at Grimstone. ~ Participate in update of Castle Howard Historic Estate Management Plan, as appropriate. ~ Participate in preparation of Newburgh Priory Estate Plan, as appropriate. ~ Utilise RDC LEADER scheme for works in AONB villages. ~ Carry out management or repair works on 5 Local Priority Sites or historic features. ~ Use AONB resources in partnership with NYCC/RDC LEADER SSES to carry out works on 1 Listed Building at Risk. ~ Commence conservation works on the Gate Lodges at Howsham Hall. ~ Carry out management works to conserve former deer park pale at Gilling Castle. ~ Publicise National Heritage Training Group courses on AONB website. 	<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>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, via input to NAAONB consultations. ~ Continue to attend Development Officers' meetings. ~ Monitor proposals for further changes to the network of rural Post Office services. ~ Liaise with RAY & other organisations. ~ Restore 4 village name signs. ~ 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	
<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 consultations. 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. 					
<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 appropriate. ~ Assist 5 landscape conservation projects with AONB funding. ~ Start 1 new major stone wall restoration project. ~ Participate in any events arising from the Revitalising the River Rye project. 	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	

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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. -	XXXXX	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. -					
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.	~ 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	

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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. - -					
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.					
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.	- - -					

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<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"> ~ Monitor all new Policies and Strategies, submitting comments individually or via the NAAONB as appropriate, to ensure that the national significance of the AONB is safeguarded. ~ Input to development of the Ryedale LDP, as necessary. ~ Input to NAAONB responses on the National Planning Policy Framework, as necessary. ~ Maintain, and respond to JAC consultations as necessary. 	XXXXX	XXXXX			
<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 LDP, as necessary (see D1.1). ~ Publicise National Heritage Training Group courses on AONB website (see HE4.7). – – 	XXXXX	XXXXX			
<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 District Councils, as necessary. 	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX
<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. ~ Monitor development proposals and approach owners where appropriate in order to obtain suitable stone. 	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX		
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<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>~ Provide advice to applicants and agents on suitability of proposals.</p> <p>~ Input to development of the Ryedale LDP, as necessary (see D1.1).</p> <p>~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p> <p>~ Consider including case study of wind turbine at Lodge Field Farm, Gilling in AONB News 2012.</p>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
<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>	<p>~ As appropriate.</p> <p>~ Participate in any new rural tourism initiative that may stem from the Rural Economy Growth Review (see RA2.2).</p>					
<p>Re-use of redundant farm buildings</p> <p>D7.1 Support appropriate proposals to re-use farm buildings.</p>	<p>~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p>					
<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>~</p>					
<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 associated development proposals and input as necessary.</p> <p>~</p> <p>~</p> <p>~ Scrutinise the Timber FQP consultation, inputting if appropriate.</p>					
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<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>~ Obtain data on traffic speed monitoring carried out in AONB villages.</p> <p>~ Obtain data on police traffic speed checks carried out in AONB villages.</p> <p>~</p>			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 SCTSS.</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 implementation of SCTSS for Malton and Easingwold, as necessary.</p> <p>–</p> <p>–</p> <p>~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p> <p>–</p>				
<p>Maintain character of rural road network</p> <p>RT4.1 Liaison arrangements between the JAC and highway authority.</p> <p>RT4.2 Design guidance for road signage, etc in the AONB.</p> <p>RT4.3 Identify and reduce road sign 'clutter'.</p> <p>RT4.4 Inventory of historic 'roadside furniture'.</p> <p>RT4.5 Maintenance and restoration of historic 'roadside furniture'.</p>	<p>~ Maintain, and respond to JAC consultations as necessary.</p> <p>~ Contribute to on-going development of NYCC Construction Manual.</p> <p>~ Rationalise signs where possible as part of traditional direction sign restoration programme.</p> <p>~ Check that features have been recorded in National Street Gazetteer.</p> <p>~ Restore 5 traditional direction signs.</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	
<p>A64 Trunk Road</p> <p>RT5.1 Monitor future proposals and provide comments.</p>	<p>~ On-going, with involvement as and when necessary.</p>				
<p>Sustainable recreation activities</p> <p>RA1.1 Monitor sustainability of recreational activities in the AONB.</p> <p>RA1.2 Use planning policies to encourage appropriate recreational developments.</p>	<p>–</p> <p>~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p>				

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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>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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Repeat basic monitoring of car park usage during summer. ~ Conduct a follow-up Visitors and Users Survey (see AP1.6). ~ Participate in any new rural tourism initiative that may stem from the Rural Economy Growth Review. ~ See RA2.2 above. ~ Deliver the schools twinning project between schools in the AONB and York/Hull (see AP2.3). - 	<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>Recreational management measures</p> <p>RA3.1 Small-scale recreation management works.</p>	<p>-</p>					
<p>Management of the PROW network</p> <p>RA4.1 Maintenance of path furniture.</p> <p>RA4.2 Regularly monitor path condition.</p> <p>RA4.3 Rectify identified problems, including seasonal overgrowth and ploughing/cropping.</p> <p>RA4.4 Prioritised programme for cutting seasonal undergrowth.</p> <p>RA4.5 Community involvement in path monitoring and maintenance.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ 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. ~ Continue Condition Survey of the AONB, utilising AONB Volunteers. ~ Bring issues to the attention of the NYCC Countryside Ranger, as necessary. ~ Monitor the NYCC seasonal cutting programme and liaise with NYCC Countryside Ranger as necessary. ~ Use AONB/NYCC volunteers to tackle identified maintenance issues. ~ Train 2 more volunteers in path Condition surveying. 	<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>	

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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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ~ Continue to pursue upgrade of footpath to bridleway at Ampleforth. ~ Complete work on bridleway route issues at Slingsby, as part of a wider package of rationalisations on the Castle Howard Estate. 					
<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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ 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>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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. - ~ As requested. 					
<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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ~ Monitor, and input as appropriate, to any FC consultation on future management of the public forest estate. ~ As necessary. 					

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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 AP2.1</p> <p>~ Continue to 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>~ Install laminated copy of Nunnington leaflet map at Caulkleys Bank (see AP2.4).</p>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
<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>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>~ Ensure refurbished Kirkham Priory car park is appropriately maintained.</p> <p>~ (Completed)</p> <p>~ Encourage Appleton-le-Street Village Hall to develop their ideas for walker/cyclist accommodation, as part of refurbishment works.</p>	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	

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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.	~ Ensure 'gateway sign' sites are adequately maintained. ~ Investigate installing 'gateway signs' on the A64.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
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. ~ Start preparation of a Geodiversity leaflet for the AONB.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
AP1.3 Provide information via the Annual Report, Newsletter and website.	~ Publish 2011/12 Annual Report. ~ Publish AONB News 2012. ~ Ensure that AONB website is running properly and is updated each month.	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	
AP1.4 Maintain a high public profile in the local media and at shows.	~ Monitor extent and value of media mentions. ~ Attend Ryedale Show.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
AP1.5 Celebrate the 25 th anniversary of the AONB designation (Oct. 2012).	~ Use AONB display at 3 venues/events. ~ Issue appropriate publicity.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
AP1.6 Carry out a follow-up Visitors and Users survey.	~ Identify suitable sites, obtain permissions and install up to 25 log seats. ~ Develop methodology, identify survey sites, recruit volunteers and carry out Survey.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	

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<p>Awareness of Special Qualities of AONB</p> <p>AP2.1 Information leaflets for individual AONB villages.</p> <p>AP2.2 Annual programme of guided walks and talks.</p> <p>AP2.3 Programme of activities with local schools and communities.</p> <p>AP2.4 Install information boards at suitable sites.</p>	<p>~ See RA9.3.</p> <p>~ Hold at least 3 guided walks or talks.</p> <p>~ Hold at least 2 Junior Ranger Club full-day sessions.</p> <p>~ Deliver the schools twinning project between schools in the AONB and York/Hull.</p> <p>~ Install laminated copy of Nunnington leaflet map at Caulkleys Bank.</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>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	

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<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"> ~ Utilise Reserves appropriately, to supplement annual projects budget and to maintain/enhance AONB Officer staff resource. ~ Prepare annual Business Plan / Action Programme for JAC, March 2013. 				XXXXX	
<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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Annual Action Programme update to JAC, March 2013. ~ Continue to enter grant-aided schemes onto GIS map layers (see SF1.2). ~ Continue to use NE Partnership Indicators to measure performance of JAC and AONB Partnership. ~ Continue to send out questionnaires to grant recipients. 	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	
<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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Discuss possible assessment mechanisms with NYCC and English Heritage. ~ Use assessment mechanism to 'score' condition of sites. ~ Establish baseline photos for chosen set of locations. ~ Complete the table of data, for all Indicators. ~ As necessary. 	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	

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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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Continue to participate in NAAONB initiatives. ~ Co-host NAAONB Conference 2012, in York. ~ Attend training seminars, Northern Group meetings, Conferences, etc as appropriate. 	<p>XXXXX XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	
<p>AONB Management Plan Review AONB Management Plan.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Agree scope of review needed, with AONB Partnership. ~ Hold Topic Groups for individual subjects. ~ Revise Plan text and consult back with Topic Groups and AONB Partnership. 			<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX XXXXX</p>	