

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

**AONB UNIT ACTIVITY**

**1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To receive details of the work areas and progress achieved by the AONB Unit since the JAC meeting in April 2012.

**2.0 SUMMARY OF PROGRESS ACHIEVED**

- 2.1 Appendix 1 gives separate details of the meetings and site visits that have been carried out by the AONB Manager, AONB Officer and AONB Assistant in the period April 2012 to October 2012.
- 2.2 The final budget outturn for 2011/12 is detailed in a separate report on the Agenda. The final contribution payment has been received from Defra.
- 2.3 Liz Bassindale came into the office for several Keeping in Touch days over the summer, before returning to work on August 13<sup>th</sup> after her Maternity Leave. With accrued Annual and Bank Holiday Leave her first day in the office was September 4<sup>th</sup>. Francesca Pert successfully applied for a job at the Environment Agency in York, leaving the AONB Unit on August 15<sup>th</sup>.
- 2.4 Liz's application to reduce her working hours to 4 days per week has been approved on a 6-month trial basis, with the assumption that it will become permanent after that. Options for filling the other 1 day per week were scoped, with the chosen option now being to second an appropriately experienced member of staff from the North York Moors National Park Authority. This will be for an initial period of approximately 18 months, until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014, to see us through grants delivery, Management Plan review and the Rural:Urban Schools Twinning project. Liz has agreed to work up to 4.5 days a week until this arrangement comes into force.
- 2.5 Work on countryside management has been proceeding well. Our regular annual habitat management work on specific sites has been completed, together with a fourth year of Himalayan balsam control on Wath Beck. A major wall restoration project is on-going near Brandsby, with a second major grant offered for work at Oulston. Full details of the grants offered and projects initiated are contained in Appendix 2.
- 2.6 The Sustainable Development Fund has only received one major application (which in fact was approved by the Panel last year for implementation this year). A number of other projects are however being developed, some for this financial year but most for 2013/14. Full details of the grants offered are contained in Appendix 2.
- 2.7 A higher-than-average number of planning applications have been scrutinised, ranging from major housing schemes to what initially appeared to be relatively

innocuous Householder applications. Numerous farm building applications have been scrutinised, with a revised location suggested for one of these and comments made on the colour of material finishes. The most significant development is an application to build 30 dwellings at Ampleforth. Appendix 3 gives details of the Consultations that the JAC has received to date.

- 2.8 The Rural:Urban schools project, twinning AONB schools with ones in York and Hull and funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and LEADER, has finished its second full year of activities. Sixteen Round 2 twinning visits have been completed; a teachers' workshop to review progress and make plans for Round 3 was held in July; and the first two twinning visits of Round 3 have been held.
- 2.9 Three Junior Ranger Club sessions have been held in conjunction with the Castle Howard Arboretum, in the April, June and November half-terms. Details of the attendance at the Junior Ranger Club events already held are shown in Appendix 4.
- 2.10 The RAY Community Projects Officer has continued to work with a number of local communities to both prepare and implement Parish Plans. Two 'Good Life' events, at Slingsby and Husthwaite, have proved to be particularly successful. A full list of the work carried out by the RAY officer in the AONB is attached as part of Appendix 1.
- 2.11 The CAN DO Partnership's Lime & Ice Project has continued with one of its key component initiatives – the community archaeological investigation work on Yearsley Moor. The tendering exercise for 5 seats designed to reflect key elements of the area's past has been completed, and further funding accessed for excavation works at two sites.
- 2.12 The AONB and the work of the JAC has received publicity in a variety of publications. The AONB website continues to be refined and kept up-to-date.
- 2.13 The latest edition of the AONB Newsletter was prepared in September and distributed in the week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> October. The JAC's Annual Report is nearly finished and will be circulated in November to the wide range of organisations who work with the JAC to deliver our shared objectives.
- 2.14 The NAAONB Conference was held in York in July, hosted by the Howardian Hills, Nidderdale, Lincolnshire Wolds and North Pennines AONB Partnerships. Two field trips went to each AONB on the middle day and the JAC Chairman attended the final day. Feedback from the delegates was very good.
- 2.15 The analysis of the grant recipients questionnaire returns for the year 2011/12 is included as Appendix 5. This shows that our service is still considered to be good, although the 'Quality of Advice' rating is significantly lower than normal. This reflects the fact that much of the advice would have been delivered by Francesca, who had less experience in the AONB Officer role than Liz. On a positive note however, our 'Speed of response and Availability' rating has improved back to its previous level.

### **3.0 RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the report be noted.

## AONB MANAGER'S REPORT

27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2012 – 26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2012

Work during this period has principally consisted of:

- Financial year-end and 2011/12 final Defra grant claim.
- Discussing grants procedures and Reserves Strategy with NYCC Financial Services.
- Planning application assessments.
- Commencing planning/implementation of 2012/13 projects.
- Preparation for and attending the NAAONB Conference in York.
- Planning application assessments.
- Future staffing options – reduction of AONB Officer to 4 days/week and then scoping options to fill remaining 1 day per week vacancy.
- Organising and running a Visitors & Users Survey.
- Preparing the AONB Newsletter and Annual Report.
- Annual Leave for approximately half of September

MEETINGS
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- 5<sup>th</sup> April – JAC.
- 12<sup>th</sup> April – Traditional Direction Signs, Thirsk; NYCC Construction Manual meeting, County Hall.
- 17<sup>th</sup> April – NYBAG, York
- 18<sup>th</sup> April – Hambleton BAP Steering Group, Northallerton.
- 18<sup>th</sup> April – Ryedale BAP Steering Group, Malton.
- 25<sup>th</sup> April – Rural Economy Growth Review potential initiatives, Malton.
- 27<sup>th</sup> April – Revitalising the River Rye project meeting.
- 30<sup>th</sup> April – AONB Partnership Group, Appleton-le-Street.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> May – NET meeting, County Hall.
- 10<sup>th</sup> May – Quarterly Annual Action Programme update meeting. (Liz KIT Day 4/10).
- 22<sup>nd</sup> May – LNP stakeholder meeting, York.
- 25<sup>th</sup> May – Lime and Ice exhibition launch, Sutton Bank Visitor Centre.
- 28<sup>th</sup> May – Grants procedure and Reserves update meeting, County Hall.
- 1<sup>st</sup> June – Visitors and Users survey planning. (Liz KIT Day 5/10).
- 7<sup>th</sup> June – William Worsley – Briefing on current JAC initiatives.
- 14<sup>th</sup> June – NET meeting.
- 15<sup>th</sup> June – Castle Howard – planning Conference Field Trip. (Liz KIT Day 6).
- 21<sup>st</sup> June – Core Partners Group.
- 26<sup>th</sup> June – LEADER Support Group, Helmsley.
- 24<sup>th</sup> July – NET meeting, County Hall.
- 27<sup>th</sup> July – JAC site visit.

- 1<sup>st</sup> August – Visitors & Users survey briefing meeting with Bowles Green (consultants).
- 14<sup>th</sup> August – Quarterly Annual Action Programme update meeting.
- 15<sup>th</sup> August – Revitalising the River Rye project meeting.
- 17<sup>th</sup> August – meeting with Green Traveller organisation, York.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> August – KiT meeting with Ian Fielding, County Hall.
- 29<sup>th</sup> August – Planning advice meeting, Castle Howard.
- 4<sup>th</sup> September – DPCR5 meeting, Northallerton.
- 7<sup>th</sup> September – Shadow Local nature Partnership Board meeting, County Hall.
- 26<sup>th</sup> September – KiT meeting.
- 27<sup>th</sup> September – LEADER Local Distinctiveness project meeting, Helmsley.
- 8<sup>th</sup> October – Core Partners Group meeting.

Project round-up meetings with Francesca.  
Monthly AONB Team meetings.

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- 28<sup>th</sup> March – Funding seminar, Birmingham.
- 16<sup>th</sup> May – Conference2012 Steering Group meeting, York.
- 16/17 May – Northern AONBs Group meeting, Solway Coast.
- Conference 2012 – planning and delivery.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Conference 2012 final site meeting, York.
- 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> July – NAAONB Conference, York.

- 11<sup>th</sup> October – NAAONB AGM, London.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> October – Northern AONBs Group meeting, Lincolnshire Wolds.

#### FUTURE MEETINGS

- 5<sup>th</sup> November – JAC.
- 8<sup>th</sup> November – Revitalising the River Rye project meeting, York.
- 8<sup>th</sup> November – NYBAG meeting, York.
- 21<sup>st</sup> November – Shadow LNP Board meeting, County Hall.
- 28<sup>th</sup> October – NYMNP Conservation & Land Management Forum, Helmsley.
- 18<sup>th</sup> December – LEADER Support Group, Helmsley.

Monthly project update meetings with Liz and Mark Antcliff.

Monthly AONB Team meetings.

#### FUTURE NAAONB

- 14<sup>th</sup> November – Management Plan Review Workshop, Birmingham.

#### SITE VISITS

- 12<sup>th</sup> April – Planning application site visits – Coxwold, Brandsby.
- 17<sup>th</sup> April – Planning application site visits – Brandsby, Oswaldkirk.
- 1<sup>st</sup> May – Planning application site visit – Ness.
- 9<sup>th</sup> May – Planning application site visits – Scackleton, Brandsby, Coulton; site visits at Scackleton, Grimstone, Oswaldkirk.
- 20<sup>th</sup> June – Planning application site meeting, Scackleton.
- 21<sup>st</sup> June – Conference Field Trip planning meeting, Castle Howard.
- 26<sup>th</sup> June – Gilling Castle Park pale, with Yearsley Moor volunteers.
- 26<sup>th</sup> June – Planning application site visit, Crayke.
- 5<sup>th</sup> July – taking photos for Conference presentations, Castle Howard.
- 9<sup>th</sup> July – Planning advice visit, Welburn School.
- 10<sup>th</sup> July – Conference Field Trip final site check, Helmsley Deer Park.
- 11<sup>th</sup> July – Planning application site visit, Oswaldkirk.
- 25<sup>th</sup> July – Planning application site visit – Brandsby.

- 25<sup>th</sup> July – Project site visits; Crayke, Oulston and Newburgh.
- 26<sup>th</sup> July – BT o/h pole route, Dalby.
- 13<sup>th</sup> August – Planning application site visit – Newburgh.
- 13<sup>th</sup> August – project site visits; Brandsby, Yearsley, Husthwaite, Cawton.
- 25<sup>th</sup> September – Planning application site visit, Gilling.
- 25<sup>th</sup> September – Planning advice visit, Sproxton.
- 26<sup>th</sup> September – development assessment site visit, A64, High Hutton.
- 27<sup>th</sup> September – Planning application site visits, Ampleforth x 2.
- 9<sup>th</sup> October – Castle Howard, to source timber for log seats.
- 17<sup>th</sup> October – Planning advice meeting, Scackleton.
- 18<sup>th</sup> October – Agreeing volunteer tasks in FC Gilling Woods.
- 25<sup>th</sup> October – Instructing volunteers task, City of Troy Maze, Dalby.

#### FUTURE SITE VISITS

- Planning application site visits – Gilling x 2, Ampleforth.

#### PROJECTS

- May – Preparation and submission of final grant claim & reports to Defra.
- HR issues around Liz Bassindale return to work/reduced hours.
- Recruitment process associated with the above, to back-fill the 1 day per week vacancy created.
- Preparing October JAC papers.
- Preparation of New Farm Buildings & Infrastructure Design Guide.
- SEE SEPARATE TABLE FOR LIST OF PROJECTS GRANT AIDED

#### FUTURE PROJECTS

- 6<sup>th</sup> November – Interview of potential secondee from North York Moors National Park.
- Recruitment/induction of staff resource to fill 1 day per week vacancy.
- Consultation on New Farm Buildings & Infrastructure Design Guide.

- Incorporation of Historic Landscape Characterisation information into the Management Plan Local Landscape Priorities sections.
- Assessment of Condition of Non-Statutory sites.
- Organising Topic Group meetings to discuss review of AONB Management Plan.

#### CONSULTATIONS

- SEE SEPARATE TABLE FOR FULL DETAILS OF CONSULTATIONS RECEIVED.

#### COMMUNITIES

#### PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION

- Design of new NAAONB-branded Howardian Hills stationery.
- 26<sup>th</sup> July – Ryedale Show.
- September – Preparation of 2011/12 Annual Report.
- September – Preparation of AONB News 2012.
- Sourcing timber for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary log seats.
- 19<sup>th</sup> October – 6 Tweets on 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of AONB designation.
- w/c 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Publication and distribution of AONB News 2012.

#### FUTURE PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION

- November – Publication of 2011/12 Annual Report.
- Press release on 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of AONB designation, and installation of log seats.
- Installation of log seats.

#### TRAINING

- Equalities & Diversity training.
- Designing Survey Monkey questionnaires; Bowles Green.

#### FUTURE TRAINING

- Customer Care.
- Recruitment & Selection.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

- 24<sup>th</sup> April – Maggie Cochrane Appraisal.
- 26<sup>th</sup> April – Francesca Pert Appraisal.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Appraisal.
- 4<sup>th</sup> September – Liz Bassindale return to work after Maternity Leave.
- 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> October – Annual Leave.

#### FUTURE MISCELLANEOUS

- Team Appraisals.
- 25<sup>th</sup> December – 1<sup>st</sup> January – Compulsory office shutdown.

**AONB OFFICER'S REPORT**  
**5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2012 – 26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2012**

This report summarises the work carried out by Francesca Pert from 5<sup>th</sup> April to 3<sup>rd</sup> August and by Liz Bassindale since 22<sup>nd</sup> August. Some of our main duties since the last meeting have been:

**Projects Fund 2012/13:** Arbortech Tree Specialists were contracted to chip a large amount of felled rhododendron around Park Wood Fish Ponds. Himalayan Balsam cutting and churchyard conservation cutting took place late-Summer 2012. A prominent stretch of roadside wall is being repaired near Brandsby. Other grant offers include contributions towards a village notice board (Oswaldkirk), Ha-ha repair (Gilling East) and stone walling (Terrington). Walling work at Cawton and Wiganthorpe has been completed and grants paid.

**SDF 2011 / 2012:** The only project not to claim all eligible funds was Hovingham Action Group's Bee Homes Project – this was due to illness. The project has now been completed, inspected and the grant paid.

**SDF 2012/13/14:** The final installment of the grant to Appleton le Street village hall committee towards sustainable village hall improvements has been paid. Welburn and Crayke Schools have both approached us with ideas for nature areas in the school grounds, NYCC and B-lines are progressing the Welburn project. Four enquiries about funding from the 2013/14 SDF have been received and one, from Rural Action Yorkshire, has been asked to complete an Application Form; the others are still to submit Project Ideas Forms.

**Rural: Urban Schools Twinning Project:** Seven rural Round 2 visits and nine urban Round 2 visits took place between April and July 2012. Many schools opted for The Arboretum at Castle Howard as their rural location, here they had a taste of rural sport (orienteeing) and they also took part in a team shelter building exercise. The urban activities were more varied, some schools followed up the sports theme with visits to Hull KC Stadium or Bootham Crescent (considering why urban centres can have this type of provision and enjoying a behind-the-scenes coaching experience) and the others went into the centre of Hull. The schools that went into Hull had a very full day with sessions at Holy Trinity Church, finding out about William Wilberforce and interviewing the market traders.

A teachers workshop to review Year 2 and plan ahead for Year 3 took place in July, those teachers who attended found it beneficial as it allowed planning time with their partner school and ideas sharing with the wider group.

An activity plan for Round 3 visits to Ampleforth Abbey has been agreed with The Abbey and YWT and the volunteers have had a site briefing. Ideas for sessions focusing on traditional crafts at The Arboretum have been developed and a large scale arts project is envisaged for the Hull visits in 2013. By the time of the JAC meeting some AONB visits will have been completed.

**Yorkshire Exmoor Pony Grazing 2012:** The grazing season for 2012 is now coming to an end. A site visit during grazing to Grange Bogs showed the grazing this year to appear beneficial. A handling pen has been constructed at Bull Ings to make managing the ponies there safer for the volunteers.

**RAY and Rural Voice in the AONB:** Two Good Life events have been held at Gilling and Amotherby village halls. Over 100 members of the public attended each event. Many local volunteers gave their time for the day to demonstrate traditional skills and promote sustainable living practices. The days were organised jointly by the AONB Team and RAY.

**Publicity:** The Gilling Good Life event received good coverage in the Gazette and Herald. A press release was put together by Ryedale DC to announce the release of Ryedale Bike Rides Leaflets.

**Volunteers:** Volunteers have helped clear rhododendron at Park Wood Fish Ponds, plant Greater Knapweed at Amotherby Lane SINC and run the Ryedale Show stand (their enthusiasm for working the badge machine is amazing!) Volunteers have given a lot of time to both Schools Twinning and Junior Ranger Club. A discussion with the new Area Ranger for the AONB has identified the opportunity to carry on with weekday and weekend conservation tasks in the area. We are hoping to clear more rhododendron and western hemlock in Yearsley Moor (subject to FC agreement) and to re-cut and gravel the City of Troy Maze at Dalby.

**Junior Ranger Club:** Well attended Spring / Easter and summer sessions have been run in conjunction with volunteers and Kathryn Hardaker and at the Arboretum Trust. Activities outlined on the accompanying appendix.

## MEETINGS

- April 5<sup>th</sup> – Joint Advisory Committee meeting
- April 17<sup>th</sup> – York - N Yorks Biodiversity Action Plan meeting.
- April 25<sup>th</sup> – Amotherby – Good Life event planning meeting
- April 30<sup>th</sup> – Appleton le Street – AONB Partnership Group Meeting
- May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Hovingham – Projects update meeting.
- May 10<sup>th</sup> – Hovingham - Work programme meeting
- May 11<sup>th</sup> – Hovingham – Projects update meeting
- May 14<sup>th</sup> - Hull – Schools Twinning Update Meeting.
- June 1<sup>st</sup> – Hovingham – Visitors and users survey meeting.
- June 26<sup>th</sup> – Malton – Ryedale Rural Development Officers.
- July 2<sup>nd</sup> – York – Schools Twinning Teachers Workshop
- July 24<sup>th</sup> – Northallerton – Natural Environment Team meeting
- Aug 14<sup>th</sup> – Hovingham – HHAONB Action Programme meeting (FP & LB)
- Sept 6<sup>th</sup> – Hovingham – update with PJ
- Sept 12<sup>th</sup> – Hull - YWT – School twinning update/planning
- Sept 13<sup>th</sup> – Hovingham – 2x Rangers and Area Countryside Officer – introductions and work planning
- Sept 18<sup>th</sup> – Hovingham – NYCC volunteer coordinator
- Sept 27<sup>th</sup> – Hovingham – Projects update meeting
- Oct 4<sup>th</sup> – Northallerton – NYCC Natural Environment Team meeting
- Oct 8<sup>th</sup> – Hovingham – Core Partners
- Oct 16<sup>th</sup> – Malton – Local Distinctiveness workshop
- Oct 24<sup>th</sup> – Ryedale House – Ryedale BAP
- Monthly - Howardian Hills AONB Unit meeting

## FUTURE MEETINGS

- Oct 30<sup>th</sup> – Northallerton - Hambleton BAP
- Nov 5<sup>th</sup> – Hovingham - JAC
- Nov 8<sup>th</sup> – York – River Rye group
- Nov 8<sup>th</sup> – York – NYBAG
- Dec 13<sup>th</sup> – Hovingham – Core Partners
- Monthly - Howardian Hills AONB Unit meeting
- Monthly - Project updates with Paul
- Approx every 4-6 weeks – Natural Environment

## Team Meetings

- Quarterly – work programme meeting with Paul and Maggie

## SITE VISITS

- March 6<sup>th</sup> - Pond Farm Crambe, discussing tree planting with Mark Antcliffe and landowner
- March 7<sup>th</sup> – Malton Street, Newburgh Priory, to discuss hedge planting and wall at Oulston
- May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Oswaldkirk – potential hedge planting scheme
- May 8<sup>th</sup> – Coulton – Site visit with YEPT to discuss catching pen at Bull Ings
- May 14<sup>th</sup> – Hull City Centre – Schools Twinning urban visit planning reconnaissance.
- May 15<sup>th</sup> – Castle Howard – distribution of Ryedale Bike Ride leaflets.
- June 6<sup>th</sup> – Hovingham – Site visit to see Hovingham Bee Homes Project Outcomes.
- June 12<sup>th</sup> – Coxwold – Farm Environment Plan meeting and site visit.
- June 14<sup>th</sup> – Gilling – Black Moor Wall project visit.
- June 15<sup>th</sup> – Castle Howard Estate – Preparing for National AONB conference field trip.
- June 26<sup>th</sup> – Hovingham – Training in Farm Environment Plan (FEP) surveying by LB.
- July 27<sup>th</sup> – AONB – Joint Advisory Committee site visit.
- Sept 5<sup>th</sup> – Ampleforth Abbey – meeting with Orchard Manager to scope twinning visits
- Sept 21<sup>st</sup> – Dalby Maze – with Ranger – planning re-cut and re-gravel.
- Oct 18<sup>th</sup> – Yearsley Moor – site visit with PJ and Forestry Commission – rhody and W hemlock control
- Summer - Completing FEP surveys at Brenk House Farm, Coxwold and Hovingham Estate – several days.

## FUTURE SITE VISITS

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## PROJECTS

- March 25<sup>th</sup> – Park Wood Fishponds SINC – rhododendron removal
- Sept 5<sup>th</sup> – Meeting with Husthwaite Village Hall committee members re. SDF Grant ideas
- Sept 6<sup>th</sup> – Coulton – Grange Bogs – assessing success of grazing/any additional work
- Sept 6<sup>th</sup> – Grimston Moor – western hemlock
- Removal of Himalayan Balsam along Wath Beck.

- Sept 28<sup>th</sup> – Hovingham – meeting with Appleton le Street VH committee member to discuss grant payment.
- Sept 28<sup>th</sup> – Amotherby – Village Hall grant payment site visit
- Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> – Gilling East – Ha-ha site visit with Maintenance Manager – stone wall repairs
- Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> – Terrington – Rose Cottage – Wiganthorpe Park Wall repairs
- Wall repairs at Black Moor Plantation (ongoing large scale wall restoration)
- YEPT pony grazing.
- SDF Projects – advice during delivery and checking completed projects. Direct involvement with the majority of those on separate table in the form of advice on delivery/minor changes to conditions.

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

**FUTURE PROJECTS**

Projects include:

- Rhododendron clearance and chipping at Yearsley Moor
- Western Hemlock clearance at Grimston Moor and Park Wood
- Cutting and re-gravelling City of Troy Maze

**RECREATION/ACCESS**

- Ryedale Bike rides leaflet printed and distributed in conjunction with Sustrans
- Ryedale Bike rides leaflet distributed at York Cycle Show and Scarborough Cycle Show as well as local events.

**FUTURE RECREATION/ACCESS**

- Assist NYCC with completion of Hovingham off-road cycle leaflet.
- Complete the three off-road cycle leaflets.

**COMMUNITY WORK**

- 28<sup>th</sup> April and 26<sup>th</sup> May - 'Good Life' events run at Appleton le Street Parish Hall and Gilling Village Hall.

**FUTURE COMMUNITY WORK**

- 21<sup>st</sup> Nov – Malton Rugby Club – Meet the Funder
- Work with Crayke School on creating a community garden space.
- Work with Welburn School to develop a Jubilee wildflower meadow.
- Work with FRUIT creative group in Hull to develop Schools Twinning Project sessions.
- Build on links with schools, parishes and community groups.
- Continue to build links with existing volunteer schemes in the locality and to develop joint tasks

**PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/INTERPRETATION**

- Content supplied for press release about Ryedale Bike Rides Leaflet.
- April 25<sup>th</sup> – Alne – evening talk to the Gardening Club
- July 31<sup>st</sup> - Ryedale Show.

**FUTURE PUBLICITY/INTERPRETATION**

- Supply content for NYCC Volunteer Newsletter.
- Press release about Schools Twinning project Round 3 visits
- Displays in community spaces about the Schools Twinning Project

**EDUCATIONAL/RAISING AWARENESS**

- April 4<sup>th</sup> – Arboretum – Spring Junior Ranger Club
- June 8<sup>th</sup> – Arboretum – Summer Junior Ranger Club
- 7 Schools Twinning visits to Castle Howard Arboretum delivered.
- 9 Schools Twinning Urban Visits to Hull and York delivered – last one on 5<sup>th</sup> July.
- July 2<sup>nd</sup> – York – Schools Twinning Project – Teachers and volunteers workshop – FP & LB
- Sept 19<sup>th</sup> – The Arboretum, Castle Howard – planning JRC with Education Officer
- Sept 26<sup>th</sup> – Ampleforth and Arboretum with YWT
- Oct 10<sup>th</sup> – Hull – YWT – School twinning update and planning
- Oct 11<sup>th</sup> – Ampleforth – briefing 3 volunteers before twinning sessions
- Oct 17<sup>th</sup> – Ampleforth – briefing the other 3 volunteers before twinning sessions



- Nov 1<sup>st</sup> – The Arboretum – Junior Ranger Club

## FUTURE EDUCATION/AWARENESS

- Nov 20<sup>th</sup> – Hull – Twinning update and planning and visit to FRUIT Space
- 2 school twinning visits to Castle Howard Arboretum – traditional crafts and autumn colour theme – Oct/Nov
- 4 school twinning visits to Ampleforth Abbey – orchards and ‘A Monk’s Life’ theme – Oct/Nov
- Continue to develop projects with local schools through working with them both in their school grounds and on field-trips.
- Developing the skills of the Volunteers on a variety of tasks including ongoing PRoW Condition Assessment Training, Community Events and Habitat Management.

## TRAINING

- 16th -17th May – Maryport, Solway Coast AONB – Northern Group AONB meeting and site visit.
- May 31st – Birmingham – National Association for AONBs Communication Officers workshop.
- June 26<sup>th</sup> – Hovingham – Training in Farm Environment Plan (FEP) surveying (with LB).
- Customer Care Training.
- July 16-19<sup>th</sup> – York – National AONB Conference.

## FUTURE TRAINING

## MISCELLANEOUS

- March 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> Annual leave (FP)
- June 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Leave / TOIL (FP)
- 1<sup>st</sup> August – FP last day in office (other than two hand over days)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sept – LB first full day back in office

## FUTURE MISCELLANEOUS

- Nov 6<sup>th</sup> – Hovingham - Interview for one day per week AONB Officer post

# AONB ASSISTANT'S REPORT

## 24 MARCH - 26 OCTOBER 2012

My main duties over the period have been:

- Promotion of Good Life events and Junior Ranger sessions.
- Planning and preparation for Junior Ranger Club sessions on 8 June and 1 November.
- Assisting in planning for Good Life events at Amotherby and Gilling East.
- Delivery of Good Life event at Gilling East, with Maggie Farey.
- Assisting with planning for some of Schools Twinning days and assisting with delivery of one of the days.
- Planning, preparation and assisting with delivery of Ryedale Show.
- Assisting with delivery of NAAONB Conference.
- Member of judging panel for Ryedale Rural Awards and attendance at Awards Evening.
- Assisting with LEADER claim for Schools Twinning project.
- Volunteer support and liaison with new Countryside Volunteers Co-ordinator.
- General admin tasks for the unit eg taking minutes, dealing with orders, invoices, post, both incoming and out, file management.
- Uploading and amending of text and information to website, including production of leaflet on gardening sustainably and revamp of SDF leaflet.
- Handling telephone and email enquiries to the Unit.
- Dealing with IT issues including file transfer to 'N' drive.

### MEETINGS

- 5 Apr – JAC Committee meeting
- 8 May – JRC planning meeting with FP and Education Officer from Arboretum
- 10 May – Annual Work Programme meeting
- 17 May – Northern Group Staff meeting, Solway Coast AONB
- 22 May – Good Life planning meeting at Gilling East VH
- 21 June – Core Partners' Group meeting
- 24 July - NET meeting and H&S update, County Hall
- 14 Aug – Annual Work Programme meeting
- 21 Aug – NET meeting, Wath Court
- 13 Sept – Liaison meeting with LB and Countryside Rangers, Wath Court
- 18 Sept – meeting with LB and Vols Co-ordinator, Wath Court
- 19 Sept – JRC planning meeting with LB and Arboretum Education Officer, Castle Howard Arboretum
- 24 Oct - Northern Group Staff meeting, Lincolnshire Wolds AONB
- Monthly AONB Unit meetings

### FUTURE MEETINGS

- 5 Nov – JAC meeting, Hovingham
- 13 Nov – NET meeting, Wath Court
- 13 Dec – CPG meeting, Wath Court
- 20 – Dec - NET meeting, County Hall
- Monthly - HHAONB Unit meetings

### SITE VISITS

- 5 April – Ampleforth Abbey with FP – scoping possible venue for Schools Twinning visits
- 26 Sept – Ampleforth Abbey and Castle Howard Arboretum with LB and YWT – finalise arrangements for school visits

### FUTURE SITE VISITS

### RECREATION/ACCESS

- Continued supply of walks and new cycle routes leaflets to local shops/outlets (ongoing)
- Research into further outlets for leaflets
- Technical support for volunteers undertaking footpath condition surveys ie mapping and data-inputting (ongoing)

### FUTURE RECREATION/ACCESS

### COMMUNITY WORK

- Assisting with delivery of JRC session on 4 April
- Planning and preparation for JRC sessions on 8 June and 1 November
- Preparation for Good Life events at Amotherby (28 April) and Gilling East (26 May)
- Delivery of Good Life event at Gilling East

- 15 Aug - Judging panel for Ryedale Rural Community Awards
- 14 Sept – Representing AONB at Ryedale Rural Community Awards evening, Cropton

FUTURE COMMUNITY WORK

- Assisting with delivery of JRC session on 1 November

PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/  
INTERPRETATION

- Further development of Howardian Hills AONB website and links with relevant organisations
- Production of promotion material for Good Life events and JRC sessions
- Production of a leaflet on sustainable gardening
- Planning, preparation and delivery of HHAONB stand at Ryedale Show

FUTURE PROMOTION/  
PUBLICITY/INTERPRETATION

- Continued distribution of HHAONB leaflet to tourism outlets etc

EDUCATION/RAISING AWARENESS

- Continued liaison with YWT and volunteers to deliver Schools Twinning Project
- 26 April – Assisting with delivery of Schools Twinning visit at Arboretum
- Assisting FP with LEADER claim for year 2 of Schools Twinning Project
- 19 July - Assisting with delivery of NAAONB Conference 2012 at University of York

FUTURE EDUCATION/RAISING  
AWARENESS

TRAINING

- 17 May - Northern Group presentations and site visit, Solway Coast AONB
- 24 Oct – Northern Group presentations and site visit, Lincolnshire Wolds AONB

FUTURE TRAINING

- Assertiveness Training
- Mandatory Customer Care course

MISCELLANEOUS

- 24 April – Appraisal
- 1 – 3 May – Annual leave
- 6 – 15 June – Annual leave
- 3 – 9 Oct – Annual leave

FUTURE MISCELLANEOUS

- 6 Nov - Interview for one day per week AONB Officer post

## AONB PROJECTS 2012/2013

1<sup>st</sup> April 2012 – 26<sup>th</sup> October 2012

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

### AONB Enhancement – Natural Environment

APPLICANT/ (CONTRACTOR)	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
~	AONB-wide	Native Woodland Development Officer post	-	FW6.5	£32,360	£2,500
M Marshall	Brandsby	Wall restoration (150m)	Zone 1 Landscape	AG2.2	c.£7,500	c.£6,500
<b>A Mosey</b>	<b>Sundial Farm, Cawton</b>	<b>Wall restoration (2m)</b>	-	<b>AG2.2</b>	<b>£175</b>	<b>£130</b>
Newburgh Priory Estate	Oulston	Wall restoration (38m)	-	HE4.5	£13,884	£6,942 (50%)
(AONB Unit – Yorkshire Exmoor Pony Trust)	Coulton (3), Cawton (2), Terrington (2), Bulmer	Conservation grazing of 8 SINC's or other important sites	Sites 1.59, 1.60, 1.41, 1.47, 1.66, 1.20, 1.21	NE5.1, NE6.1	c.£1,089	c.£818
<b>(Arbortech)</b>	<b>Park Wood Fishponds/The Wilderness SINC</b>	<b>Rhododendron control (chipping piles of brash)</b>	<b>Site 1.6</b>	<b>NE4.1, NE8.2</b>	<b>£2,750</b>	<b>£2,750</b>
(AONB Unit – Countryside Services)	Scar Wood, Gilling	Treat sycamore re-growth, beat-up planting areas, chemical weed control	Site 1.25	NE4.1	£900	£900

APPLICANT/ (CONTRACTOR)	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
(AONB Unit – Curlew Conservation Contractors)	Wath Beck; Terrington - Howthorpe	Cutting/pulling Himalayan balsam (3.5km)	Inc. Site 1.65	NE8.2	£797.50	£797.50
(AONB Unit – Countryside Services)	Wath Beck; Howthorpe - Wath	Cutting/pulling Himalayan balsam (2.3km)	Inc. Site 1.33	NE8.2	£564	£564
(AONB Unit – Basics Plus)	Appleton-le- Street Churchyard SINC	Grassland management	-	NE5.1	£220	£110 (50%)
(AONB Unit – Basics Plus)	Amotherby Lane SINC	Grassland/scrub management	Site 1.38	NE5.1, NE7.1	£110	£110
(AONB Unit – J R Clifford & Sons)	Various	Management of 44 Special Interest Road Verges	-	NE5.3	c.£1,350	c.£1,350
Amotherby Churchyard Conservation Group	Amotherby Churchyard	Habitat management	-	NE3.1, NE5.4, NE10.1	£210	£110 (50%)
(AONB Unit – P&A Gospel Landscapes)	Bull Ings SINC, Coulton	Install pony handling pen	Site 1.60	NE6.1	£535	£535
(AONB Unit – Forestry Commission)	Grimston Moor SINC	Brushcut Western Hemlock regeneration	Site 1.1	NE5.4	c.£250	c.£250
(AONB Unit – Forestry Commission)	Park Wood, Gilling	Brushcut Western Hemlock regeneration	Adj Site 1.6	NE4.2	c.£250	c.£250
Mrs Cranfield	Burton House, Oulston	Planting 14 individual in-field trees	-	NE4.4	c.£700	c.£700
(Leeds University)	AONB	Bat transects and refining habitat suitability model	All Nat Env Priority Sites	NE1.2, NE7.3	£3,300	£300

APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE

### AONB Enhancement - Historic Environment

APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
(AONB Unit – P Gospel)	City of Troy Maze, Dalby	Regular maintenance	Site 2.25	HE4.5	c.£200	c.£200
(AONB Unit – P Gospel)	Mileposts	Regular maintenance	Site 2.63	HE4.5, RT4.5	c.£45	c.£45
(AONB Unit – Cleveland Corrosion Control)	Husthwaite /Oulston /Yearsley	Restoration of 5 traditional direction signs	-	RT4.5	c.£1,179	c.£1,179
Ryedale DC	Ryedale	LEADER Small Scale Enhancements Scheme	-	LC1.5, RT4.5	£58,750	£2,500
<b>(AONB Unit – M Aconley)</b>	<b>Wiganthorpe Park, Scackleton</b>	<b>Repairing 2m hole in roadside wall</b>	<b>Site 2.92</b>	<b>HE4.5</b>	<b>£130</b>	<b>£130</b>
Crayke PC	Village Green, Crayke	Repair well-head	-	HE4.5	£520	£390 (75%)
Gigi Signorelli/ AONB Volunteers	Yearsley Moor	Lime & Ice research excavation of section of park pale and possible water mill	Site 2.16	HE1.5	£6,000	£2,280
(AONB Volunteers)	Yearsley Moor	Clearance of Western hemlock regeneration from park pale	Site 2.16	HE4.5	c.£400	£0
(AONB Volunteers)	City of Troy Maze, Dalby	Re-cut and gravel Maze	Site 2.25	HE4.5	c.£400	c.£100

APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
Ampleforth Abbey Trust	Gilling Castle	Rebuilding 43m of ha-ha wall	Site 2.16	HE4.5	£2,860	££1,950
Mrs L Howard	Rose Cottage Farm, Terrington	Rebuilding 7m of Wiganthorpe Park wall	Site 2.92	HE4.5	£300	£150 (50%)

### Enjoying the AONB

APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
(AONB Unit – Basics Plus)	Various	Litter picking (5 visits)	Sites 3.8, 3.14, 3.19	D3.5	£550	£550
(AONB Unit – P Gospel)	Gateway signs	Strimming	-	AP1.1	c.£630	c.£630
(AONB Volunteers)	Various	Volunteer effort on PRoW in the AONB (av. 4 people/week, every other week)	-	RA4.5, AP3.1	£3,000	-
<b>Rural Voice</b>	<b>Amotherby</b>	<b>Good Life event</b>	-	<b>SF2.2, LC1.5</b>	<b>c.£650</b>	<b>£72</b>
<b>Rural Voice</b>	<b>Gilling</b>	<b>Good Life event</b>	-	<b>SF2.2, LC1.5</b>	<b>c.£650</b>	<b>£76</b>
Oswaldkirk Parish Meeting	Oswaldkirk	Replacement village notice board	-	LC1.5	£1,250	£625 (50%)
Rural Action Yorkshire	Ryedale	Ryedale Rural Community Awards	-	LC1	c.£2,450	£100

APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
(AONB Volunteers)	Various	Volunteer effort – Junior Ranger Club, Ryedale Show, guided walks, PRoW Condition surveying, etc.	-	AP3.1	£500	-
(AONB Unit)	Arboretum	Junior Ranger Club	-	RA2.4	£309	£9
(AONB Volunteers)	Various	Volunteer effort - Schools Twinning Project	-	RA2.4, AP2.3, AP3.1	£2,700	-
CAN DO Lime & Ice Project	Project area	2012/13 contribution			£170,060	£3,500

## **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FUND GRANTS 2012/2013**

1<sup>st</sup> April 2012 – 26<sup>th</sup> October 2012

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

APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	SDF ASSISTANCE
Appleton-le-Street Parish Hall	Amotherby	Village hall refurbishment (phase 2)	-	LC1.5	£72,769	£7,500



## **AONB CONSULTATIONS (SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS) 2012/2013**

1<sup>st</sup> April 2012 – 26<sup>th</sup> October 2012

<b>CONSULTING ORGANISATION</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>SITE VISIT</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
Ryedale District Council	Various	Weekly lists of Planning Applications and Decisions	-	-	-
Hambleton District Council	Various	Weekly web lists of Planning Applications and Decisions	-	-	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Various	Weekly list of Planning Applications	-	-	-
Hambleton District Council	Brandsby	Agricultural Prior Notification (Erection of agricultural building)	Yes	Confirm roof sheets as dark green; minor landscaping	Dark green; no landscaping
Hambleton District Council	Newburgh	Agricultural Prior Notification (Erection of agricultural building)	Yes	Dark grey or dark red roof sheets to be used	Amended – dark grey sheets
Hambleton District Council	Brandsby	Planning application (Erection of extension and creation of new access)	Yes	Object to proposed new access	New access deleted from scheme
Ryedale District Council	Ness	Planning application (Erection of agricultural building)	Yes	Dark grey roof sheets preferred	Condition attached
Ryedale District Council	Broughton	Planning application (Erection of agricultural building)	(In passing)	Dark grey roof sheets to be used	Plans amended
Ryedale District Council	Oswaldkirk	Planning application (Erection of dwelling)	(In passing)	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Brandsby	Planning application (Erection of garages and stables)	Yes	Objection – over-development of site, beyond farm curtilage	Permitted
North Yorkshire County Council	Swinton x 2	NRSWA consultation (LV works)	No	None	-

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
North Yorkshire County Council	Amotherby	NRSWA consultation (LV works)	No	Avoid damage to traditional direction sign	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Kirkham	NRSWA consultation (LV works)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Appleton-le-Street	NRSWA consultation (LV works)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Amotherby	NRSWA consultation (LV works)	No	Avoid damage to milepost	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Swinton Grange	NRSWA consultation (LV works)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Terrington	NRSWA consultation (LV works)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Huttons Ambo x 3	NRSWA consultation (LV works)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Welburn	NRSWA consultation (LV works)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Musley Bank	NRSWA consultation (LV works)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Nunnington	NRSWA consultation (Install 2 road gullies)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Gilling	NRSWA consultation (Move road gully)	No	Species-rich hedge adjacent	-
Forestry Commission	Hovingham	Woodland management proposals (Felling & thinning; 3.88ha PAWS restoration)	No	Support PAWS restoration, broadleaved fringe on prominent edge	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Nunnington	NRSWA consultation (Replace existing drainage)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Ampleforth	NRSWA consultation (LV works)	No	None	-

<b>CONSULTING ORGANISATION</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>SITE VISIT</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
North Yorkshire County Council	Cawton	NRSA consultation (LV works)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Cawton	NRSA consultation (LV works)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Coulton	Planning application (Erection of stables and menage)	Yes	No lighting; fencing around ménage to be agricultural	Conditions attached
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Agricultural Prior Notification (Erection of agricultural building)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Stonegrave	Planning application (Erection of extension)	(In passing)	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Welburn	NRSA consultation (LV works)	No	None	None
Ryedale District Council	Scackleton	Planning application (Erection of agricultural workers dwelling)	Yes	Objection – location too prominent; alternative available	Location amended as suggested
Ryedale District Council	South Holme	Planning application (Erection of broiler units)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Coulton	Planning application (Erection of timber stables and field shelter - retrospective)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Appleton-le-Street	Planning application (Change of use of land and buildings to builders yard - retrospective)	(in passing)	Minor, re ornamental species used in landscaping	Condition attached
Hambleton District Council	Newburgh	Planning application (Siting of a marquee - retrospective)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning application (Change of use of agricultural land and erection of stables - retrospective)	Yes	Colour of materials; additional landscaping	Withdrawn
Hambleton District Council	Yearsley	Agricultural Prior Notification (Erection of agricultural building)	No	None – dark-coloured finishes noted	-

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Planning application (Surfacing with all-weather surface and erection of 2m fencing)	No	No lighting	Condition attached
Forestry Commission	Huttons Ambo	Woodland management proposals	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Bulmer	NRSWA consultation (LV works)	No	None	None
North Yorkshire County Council	Gilling	NRSWA consultation (Install kerbing)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Ampleforth	NRSWA consultation (LV works)	No	None	None
North Yorkshire County Council	Gilling	NRSWA consultation (Drain investigation)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Oswaldkirk	Planning application (Erection of agricultural building)	Yes	Reduce size, dark coloured concrete panels	No amendments
North Yorkshire County Council	Castle Howard Estate	Diversions (Extinguishments & Creations) at 9 locations	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Henderskelfe	Planning application (Siting of portable office building)	Yes (in passing)	Walls to be painted a dark colour	Condition attached
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning application (Construction of a slurry store)	No	Walls and cover to be dark colour	Details amended as suggested
North Yorkshire County Council	Welburn	NRSWA consultation (Erection of Horse signs)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Whitwell	NRSWA consultation (Signing works)	Yes?	Sign size/clutter?	?
Hambleton District Council	Newburgh	Planning application (Change of use of land to car park; widening of access)	Yes	Minor (under-planting, conservation kerbing, lighting)	Conditions attached re materials and lighting

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Ryedale District Council	Fryton	Planning application (Conversion of agricultural building to camping barn)	No	Colour of windows/doors & frames; landscaping, log burner flues	Conditions attached
Ryedale District Council	Nunnington	Agricultural Prior Notification (Construction of a farm access track)	Yes (in passing)	Support	Planning Application required
Hambleton District Council	Brandsby	Agricultural Prior Notification (Siting of 6 containers)	No	Dark grey or dark green roof and wall sheets to be used; not to be double storey	Green colours; single storey only
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth	Planning application (Erection of 30 dwellings)	Yes (previously)	Strong objection – premature to Local Plan, poor design/layout, no recognition of AONB status	New documents
Forestry Commission	Ampleforth	Woodland management proposals	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth	Planning application (Erection of dwelling)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Sproxton	Planning application (Erection of agricultural building 1 – amended details)	Yes	Dark coloured materials noted; landscaping suggested	Conditions attached
Ryedale District Council	Sproxton	Planning application (Erection of agricultural building 2)	Yes	Dark coloured materials noted	Conditions attached
Ryedale District Council	Terrington	Planning application (Erection of extension)	No	None	-
Tesla Exploration	Hovingham/ Stonegrave/ Nunnington	Seismic survey for potential gas reserves	No	Minor – shot points to avoid semi-natural habitats	?
North Yorkshire County Council	Welburn	NRSWA consultation (Replacement of o/h LV line with u/g line)	No	None	-

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth	Planning application (Erection of 30 dwellings)	Yes	Strong objection – premature to Local Plan Inquiry result.	?
Ryedale District Council	Hovingham	Agricultural Prior Notification (Extension to farm building)	Yes	Dark roof sheets to be used	Planning Application required
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Planning application (Erection of extension and raising of roof height)	Yes	Object – large area of windows; roof pitch	Refused
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth	Agricultural Prior Notification (Erection of agricultural building)	Yes	Object - prominent siting, materials colours, non-compliance with previous Conditions	?
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth	Planning application (Erection of detached office)	Yes	Object – landscape impact; incremental development	?
Halcrow	A64, High Hutton	Footway widening/extension; new signage	Yes	Direction signage to ‘Gaterley’ unnecessary	‘Gaterley’ signage deleted from scheme
Forestry Commission	Whitwell	Woodland management proposals (0.4ha conifer to native broadleaves)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Husthwaite	Planning application (Retention of log cabin dwelling at alpaca farm)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Wombleton	Planning application (Change of use of potato store to wood fuel store and potato/caravan store)	No	Minor – transport issues much less significant than previous proposal	-
Forestry Commission	Castle Howard	Woodland management proposals (selective fell, conifer to broadleaves)	Yes (in passing)	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Crambe	NRSWA consultation (Drainage works)	No	?	-

<b>CONSULTING ORGANISATION</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>SITE VISIT</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
North Yorkshire County Council	Huttons Ambo	NRSA consultation (Excavations)	No	?	-
Ryedale District Council	Coulton	Planning application (Raising roof height of dwelling, plus single storey extensions)	?	?	?
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Planning application (Erection of agricultural building and formation of track)	Yes	?	?
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Planning application (Change of use of outbuildings to form 2 holiday cottages)	Yes	?	?
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth	Planning application (Erection of groundsmans' storage shed)	Yes	?	?





## **TECHNICAL DOCUMENTS RECEIVED 2012/2013**

1<sup>st</sup> April 2012 – 26<sup>th</sup> October 2012

<b>ORGANISATION</b>	<b>DOCUMENT</b>
AONB Units	Annual Reports, Newsletters, etc

## Howardian Hills Report April to September 2012

- **Good Life Events**

28 April at Amotherby Village Hall (in partnership with Rural Voice project):

Stall-holders/demonstrations from Husthwaite Orchards; Malton Beekeepers; Sue Wright (Cloth Bags); Lynn Corkney (Spinning & Weaving); Nigella Ballard (Knitting); Chickens & Ducks (Brendan Kilmartin); Henry Leeson (Wood Carving); Slingsby Allotments (Brian Clark) Rural Arts North Yorkshire (Bird box making); Annabel Kennedy (Willow Weaving)

25 May at Gilling East Village Hall (in partnership with Rural Voice Project):

Stall-holders/demonstrations from Husthwaite Orchards; Sue Wright (Cloth Bags); Lynn Corkney & Dagmar Pickles (Spinning & Weaving); Rural Arts North Yorkshire (Bird box making); Annabel Kennedy (Willow Weaving); Sally Harrison (Home grown plants); Cornflower Project; Roger Burnett (Gardening Advice); Beacon Alpacas

- 30 April: Attend HHAONB Partnership Meeting
- Thornton Le Clay & Foston Village Design Statement – on-going support. 26 June: held Village Walk
- Coneysthorpe Village Hall – support from RAY and Rural Voice
- 21 June: VCS Forum at Hovingham Village Hall (Rural Voice) in partnership with RAY, covering Risk Management for Community groups and Village Halls mainly insurance cover etc
- Hovingham Market invited to give a presentation at a Sustainability Event at Hutton Le Hole Village Hall.
- **Ryedale Rural Awards** – in partnership with HHAONB & RVA – celebrating community groups and projects, encouraging entries from HHAONB. Hovingham Market were the winners of Rural Community Group for 2<sup>nd</sup> year running. Terrington VH also a finalist.
- Supporting parishes within HHAONB with RDC Community Budgeting process
- Attended Ryedale Show, promoting 'Perfect village' and giving help & advice to community groups
- 16 September: Attended Husthwaite Apple Fair and promoted work of HHAONB

**2011/12****15 RESPONSES RETURNED** (percentages are approximate)

1. **How satisfied were you overall with the grants/advice service provided by the AONB Team?**

*Please circle a number*

Excellent		Satisfactory		Poor
1	2	3	4	5
<b>12 (80%)</b>	<b>3 (20%)</b>			

2. **If you were 'Unsatisfied', was this because the AONB Team was unable to provide grant aid for your project?**

Yes       No      **N/A**

3. **If you received information and guidance from the AONB Team, was it?**

Excellent		Satisfactory		Poor
1	2	3	4	5
<b>10 (66%)</b>	<b>4 (28%)</b>	<b>1 (6%)</b>		

4. **Speed of response and availability of staff. Was this?**

Excellent		Satisfactory		Poor
1	2	3	4	5
<b>12 (80%)</b>	<b>3 (20%)</b>			

5. **If you received a grant, was the scheme easy to use?**

Simple				Difficult
1	2	3	4	5
<b>12 (80%)</b>	<b>3 (20%)</b>			

(Continued overleaf)

**6. How did you find out about our grants/advice scheme?**

- Previous contact **10 (66%)**
- Leaflet
- Local paper/publicity
- Telephoned or wrote to Council **1 (6%)**
- Friend or other personal contact **3 (20%)**
- Other (*please specify*) **1 (6%)**  
**1 – Website**

**7. Was the grant rate for your project:**

- More than you expected **1 (6%)**
- About what you expected **14 (94%)**
- Less than you expected

**8. Would the work have been carried out without a grant?**

- All of it **4 (28%)**    Some of it **4 (28%)**    None of it **7 (44%)**

**8. Could we make any improvements to the service, or do you have any other comments to make?**

1. Keep up the good work!!! The projects you have funded have made a remarkable impression on the AONB and are all very worthwhile!! (J. Pesterfield)
2. It all seemed to work very well. (Keith Manning, Scackleton Action Group)
3. Very flexible and professional. (Bulmer PCC)
4. The AONB staff gave me a lot of help at the outset and explained the work so far. This enabled the council to make a successful LEADER application and an application to the AONB (Mrs V Ellis, Clerk to Ampleforth Parish Council)
5. Thank you very much for your support of the outdoor education programme . The significant strides we have made in the last five years have been greatly aided by your advice and encouragement. (Dr Katherine Forsey, Arboretum Trust, Kew at Castle Howard)

**9. Name and address (OPTIONAL), but helpful if there are case-specific issues we could tackle)**

Only 2 questionnaires returned anonymously.

**2012/13 Junior Ranger Club**

All Junior Ranger Club sessions this year have been delivered with the Education Officer from The Arboretum Trust, Kew at Castle Howard, with all sessions taking place at the Arboretum.

**April 2012 :**

<b>Ranger Day</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>No of children attending</b>
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> April  Spring has Sprung in the Howardian Hills AONB	Outdoor activities – despite rather murky weather the children enjoyed a spring story trail walk through the rootery and an Easter egg hunt by the lake.  After lunch children gathered materials for a nest challenge then created a bird's nest in teams.  Indoor craft activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Egg box decorating</li> <li>• Easter cards</li> </ul>	13

**June 2012:**

<b>Ranger Day</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>No of children attending</b>
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> June  See in the Summer in the Howardian Hills 'Minibeasts and more'	In the morning the children went pond dipping and investigated the contents of the adaptation suitcase.  In the afternoon they went on a minibeast hunt, designed a superbug and worked together on a spring collage.	13

**November 2012**

<b>Ranger Day</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>No of children attending</b>
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> November  Amazing Autumn at the Arboretum	Weather permitting it is planned that:  In the morning the children will go on a hunt for seasonal leaves and cones, use some of the leaves to make leaf prints and rubbings and make plaster of Paris casts of animal prints.  In the afternoon they will stick their leaf prints and rubbings onto a giant autumnal tree, take part in a composting relay, make natural art pictures on white sheets under the larch trees and make clay tiles or pots with leaf imprints in them to take home.	