

**HOWARDIAN HILLS
AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY
JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
4 APRIL 2013**

AONB UNIT ACTIVITY

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

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

2.0 SUMMARY OF PROGRESS ACHIEVED

- 2.1 Appendix 1 gives separate details of the meetings and site visits that have been carried out by the AONB Manager, AONB Officers and AONB Assistant in the period 5th November 2012 to 27th March 2013. Appendix 2 gives full details of the wide range of projects that the AONB Project Fund has assisted during the year. Appendix 3 gives details of the Consultations that the JAC has received during the year.
- 2.2 Countryside management work has been continuing, through the AONB Project Fund. The main areas of work have been a number of significant hedge and wall restoration projects, and in-field and boundary tree planting schemes.
- 2.3 Volunteer activity on practical tasks has been lower during the last six months than in the past, due to a re-organisation of the NYCC Ranger Teams. The SINC management task of clearing rhododendron at Park Wood Fishponds SINC has continued to attract sustained high numbers of volunteers however, for the two days that were arranged. Volunteer help with the Rural:Urban Schools Twinning project has however been significant, with at least 2 volunteers present on each activity day and in some cases fully leading the activities.
- 2.4 A November Junior Ranger Club was delivered, with planning for the next one at Easter 2013 at an advanced stage. Full details of the activities and attendance for the 2012/13 activity sessions are shown in Appendix 4.
- 2.5 Work on the Rural:Urban Schools Twinning project has progressed very well. 8 Year 3 visits have having been completed, the remaining 12 Year 3 visits have been arranged, and thoughts have turned to the Year 4 visits.
- 2.6 The RAY Community Projects Officer has continued to work with a number of local communities to both prepare and implement Parish Plans. A full list of the work carried out by the RAY officer in the AONB is attached as part of Appendix 1.
- 2.7 The number of planning applications and need for responses/advice saw a spike in Quarter 3, with a high number of schemes coming forward that needed a response, but the number has been slightly lower in Quarter 4. Copies of the 8 planning consultation responses made since the last meeting of the JAC are attached for information as part of Appendix 3.
- 2.8 The first of the 25th Anniversary log benches was installed at Castle Howard in November, with an accompanying press release and photo. The timber for the remaining benches has been secured, Parish Councils have been asked for suggested locations and different methods of installation are being explored.
- 2.9 Rebecca Thompson started in late November on secondment from the North York Moors National Park until 31st March 2014, to make up the 1 day per week shortfall in the AONB Officer post after Liz Bassindale moved to 4 days per week. Rebecca is helping with a variety of projects, ranging from grant aided schemes to discrete pieces of work that we have not been able to devote resources to until now.

- 2.10 NAAONB work has principally involved participating in the new Future Landscapes Collaboration project, attending a regional Chairmen and Lead Officers meeting and attending a seminar on AONB Management Plan review.
- 2.11 The Joint Advisory Committee's annual budget is likely to be underspent this year by approximately £8,000, although £7,000 of that was money allocated from reserves brought forward from the previous year (making a £1,000 underspend on the year when considered in isolation). This is partly due to the gap between Liz Bassindale returning from Maternity Leave in September but Francesca Pert having left to take up a new job in August. This gap at the end of Maternity Cover contracts is not unusual and was in fact smaller than can often be the case. The principal reason for the underspend has been the postponement of a number of SDF projects to which we had either offered grant aid or which we had reasonably expected to be brought forward this financial year. Those schemes offered grant have been postponed due to a variety of factors, including the failure of applicants' other funding bids to be supported and the wet weather. As a result only 50% of the SDF budget was spent this year. In contrast however 65% of next year's budget is already allocated and we have enough projects at an advanced stage to more than account for the remainder. With the reserves brought forward from 2011/12, plus a further underspend this year of £1,000, the total predicted reserves for 2013/14 are approximately £50,000. £12,000 of reserve has already been allocated within the 2013/14 budget, and with the number of potential projects coming forward we hope to achieve full spend of this.
- 2.12 A grant allocation proposal for 2013/14 was submitted to Defra in January. This included the confirmed Defra contribution for 2013/14, which is in line with the progressive 5.4% year-on-year reduction notified to us in December 2010. The interim claim for payment of the 2012/13 grant was also submitted on schedule in January, and payment has been received.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received for information.

AONB MANAGER'S REPORT

29TH OCTOBER 2012 – 27TH MARCH 2013

Work during this period has principally consisted of:

- Completing preparation of the 11/12 Annual Review.
- Press release for the 25th Anniversary log seats, installing the first one and scoping an installation programme for the remainder.
- Interview, Secondment Agreement and Induction for Rebecca Thompson, seconded from NYMNPA for 7hrs per week until 31/3/14.
- Submission of 2012/13 interim grant claim to Defra.
- Submission of 2013/14 Grant Proposal to Defra.
- Planning application assessments, particularly housing development proposal at Ampleforth.
- AONB Project Fund work.
- Annual Leave.
- Organising dates for the 8 Management Plan Topic Group meetings.
- Attending NAAONB Future Landscapes Collaboration Programme workshops.

MEETINGS

- 5th November – JAC.
- 13th November – NET meeting, Wath Court.
- 16th November – FC Woodland Uplift Calculator workshop, York.
- 21st November – Shadow LNP Board, Northallerton.
- 28th November – NYMNP Conservation & Land Management Forum, Helmsley
- 4th December – Quarterly Annual Action Programme update meeting.
- 7th December – Revitalising the River Rye project meeting.
- 17th November – Campaign for the Farmed Environment Agents' briefing day, Sproxtun.
- 19th December – Core Partners Group meeting.
- 11th January – NE Liaison meeting, York.
- 15th January – NET meeting, County Hall.
- 16th January – KIT meeting with Ian Fielding, County Hall.
- 21st January – Discussion about continuing work for Lime & Ice volunteers, Northallerton.
- 13th February – Meeting with LNP consultants re CAN DO Partnership, Helmsley.
- 19th February – Quarterly Annual Action Programme progress meeting.
- 6th March – Revitalising the River Rye project meeting.
- 7th March – LEADER Support Group, Helmsley.
- 14th March – Core Partners Group.
- 20th March – LNP Stakeholders meeting, Whitby.

- 27th March – Ryedale DC, re Ampleforth housing planning application?

Project round-up meetings with Liz, Rebecca and Mark Antcliff.

Monthly AONB Team meetings.

NAAONB

- 14th November – Management Plan Review workshop, Birmingham.
- 20th December – Collaboration Programme Focus Group, York.
- 17th January - Collaboration Programme workshop, Birmingham.
- 6th February - Collaboration Programme workshop, Reading.
- 20th February – Chairmen & Lead Officers' Meeting, York.
- 12 & 13 March - Collaboration Programme workshop, Warrington.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- 28th March – LNP Board meeting, Northallerton.
- 4th April – JAC meeting, Barton-le-Street.
- 16th April – NET meeting, County Hall.
- 18th April – KIT meeting with Ian Fielding.
- 19th April – LEADER Support Group meeting, Helmsley.
- 22nd April – AONB Partnership Group, Appleton-le-Street.

- 25th April – Forestry & Woodland Topic Group.
- 30th April – Development & Rural Economy Topic Group.
- 1st May – Natural Environment Topic Group.
- 7th May – Roads, Transport & Traffic Management Topic Group.
- 8th May – Historic Environment Topic Group.
- 9th May – Communities Topic Group.
- 17th May – Agriculture Topic Group.
- 23rd May – Recreation, Access & Tourism Topic Group.
- 30th May – NET meeting.
- 20th June – Core Partners Group.
- 26th June – LNP Board, Northallerton.
- 9th July – River Rye Restoration Project meeting.
- 11th July – KIT meeting with Ian Fielding, County Hall.
- 5th September – NET meeting.
- 12th September – Core Partners Group.
- 25th September – LNP Board, Northallerton.
- 15th October – NET meeting, County Hall.
- 30th October – KIT meeting with Ian Fielding.
- 7th November – JAC meeting?

Monthly project update meetings with Liz and Mark Antcliff.

Monthly AONB Team meetings.

FUTURE NAAONB

- 17th April – Collaboration Programme workshop, Birmingham.
- 23/24th April – Northern AONBs Group meeting, Howardian Hills.
- 16th – 18th July – NAAONB Conference, Ipswich.
- 19th – 21st July – Game Fair, Staffordshire.
- 1st October – Collaboration Programme workshop, Birmingham.

SITE VISITS

- 13th November – Planning Application site visits x 2, Gilling.
- 26th November – Agree log seat location, Castle Howard.
- 12th December – Yearsley Moor Lime and Ice excavation – mill site and park pale.
- 4th January – Planning application site visit, Brandsby.
- 9th January – Arbortec – scrub removal options prior to wall restoration; Brandsby.
- 9th January – Planning application site visit, Crayke.

- 10th January – YMAP pottery finds drop-in session, Helmsley.
- 15th January – English Heritage, to discuss kerbing of long barrow, Grimstone.
- 4th February – Planning application site meeting, Gilling.
- 5th February – HLS Historic Action Plan scoping visit, Gilling Lakes.
- 13th February – Planning vols task, Park Wood Fishponds SINC.
- 18th February – Planning application site visit, Ampleforth.
- 11th March – Planning application site visits, Scackleton and Hovingham.

FUTURE SITE VISITS

- Planning applications site visit, Crayke.
- Planning application site visit, Gilling.

PROJECTS

- Preparation of October JAC papers.
- 6th November – Interview of potential secondee from North York Moors National Park.
- Rebecca Thompson Induction.
- Confirmation of Topic Group meeting dates to discuss review of AONB Management Plan chapters.
- Preparation of JAC papers.
- SEE SEPARATE TABLE FOR LIST OF PROJECTS GRANT AIDED

FUTURE PROJECTS

- Completion of 2012 State Aids returns to Defra.
- 2012/13 Year-end financial arrangements.
- Analysis of the Historic Landscape Characterisation information, and incorporation into the Management Plan Local Landscape Priorities sections where appropriate.
- Assessment of Condition of Non-Statutory sites.

CONSULTATIONS

- SEE SEPARATE TABLE FOR FULL DETAILS OF CONSULTATIONS RECEIVED.

COMMUNITIES

PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION

- 30th November – Log seat installation and press launch.
- Press release on 25th Anniversary of AONB designation, and installation of log seats
- December – Publication of 2011/12 Annual Report.
- 12th February – Walk/interview with Guardian Travel Writer, Hovingham/Cawton.
- 20th February – Evening talk, Easingwold Gardening Club.

FUTURE PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION

- Installation of 25th Anniversary log seats.

TRAINING

- 24th December – Recruitment & Selection.
- 24th December – Safer Recruitment.
- 1st February – MS Office 2010, Malton.

FUTURE TRAINING

- Information management.

MISCELLANEOUS

- 6th November – Team Appraisals.
- 19th December – Appraisal.
- 25th December – 1st January – Compulsory office shutdown.
- 25th February to 1st March – Annual Leave.

FUTURE MISCELLANEOUS

- 19th April – Appraisal.

Report to Howardian Hills AONB Committee October 2012 to March 2013

Continuing to support Thornton-le-Clay & Foston Village Design Statement in partnership with RDC Planning & Conversation Officers, attended meeting on 21 November 2012.

Ryedale Village Hall Networking Event held at Hovingham VH on 25 October 2012, attended by Hovingham, Coneysthorpe, Slingsby, Appleton-le-Street and Oswaldkirk Village Halls. Topics covered included environmentally friendly ways of heating community buildings.

A second event was held at Scagglethorpe on 6 March 2013 attended by Coneysthorpe, Barton-le-Street and Appleton-le-Street Village Halls. Topics included Insurance cover for Village Halls and community events.

Attended HHAONB SDF panel meeting on 24 January 2013.

Supporting Swinton Action Group and attended their AGM 29 January 2013.

Oswaldkirk are doing a 2nd Parish Plan; I met with Mark Clook (Parish Clerk) to plan the way forward. A Steering Group meeting has been arranged 27 March.

Terrington PC have decided to do a Parish Plan; I attended their PC meeting on 11 March 2013 and gave a presentation. 7 volunteers agreed to go to a Steering group; 1st meeting to be arranged soon.

RDC Community Investment Fund Pot 1 Ward level allocation. Held meeting with Amotherby Ward and Hovingham Ward, along with RDC Councillors, to discuss suitable projects to go forward for funding.

Following on from this both Hovingham and Amotherby Wards have decided to continue to meet at least twice a year to discuss cross-parish interests and concerns.

Meeting held at Terrington VH on 20 March with Cllr Robert Wainwright & Cllr Clare Wood and representatives from Terrington, Slingsby, South Holme & Fryton and Hovingham Parish Councils and Barton-le-Street Parish Meeting. Topics at Terrington meeting included updates from RDC & NYCC Councillors, Parish Plans, sharing information between the parishes, the use of community newsletters and websites and Police Ringmaster scheme. Another meeting is planned for October 2013 and one of topics could be HHAONB and to invite someone to give an update etc.

Amotherby Ward meeting held at Kirby Misperton Village Hall on 14 March 2013. Unfortunately the Ward Cllr was unable to attend; representatives from the ward parishes attended included Amotherby PC, Broughton PM. Topics discussed included road works along the B1257 and the fact the Amotherby PC and Broughton PM had received no information from NYCC regarding this and felt generally that updates from Council departments was poor. New Homes Bonus funding and availability for 2013/14 and Village Newsletters were also discussed. Another meeting is to be arranged for September 2013.

Maggie Farey 26 March 2013

AONB OFFICER'S REPORT – Liz Bassindale

5TH NOVEMBER 2012 – 21ST MARCH 2013

This report summarises the work completed over this 4½ month period:

- **Projects Fund 2012/13:** Grant offers have been made for hedge planting at Stearsby, Welburn and Oswaldkirk. The walling near Brandsby is progressing well. Repairs to the Ha-Ha at Gilling have been completed.
- **SDF 2012/13/14:** Grant offers have been issued towards an outdoor classroom at Crayke School, setting up a trial Geonauts scheme, bus shelters for Huttons Ambo, composting toilets for Howsham Mill, 'green technology' for Husthwaite Village Hall and a contribution to RAY for a Community Development Officer. Discussions have also taken place relating to a wildflower area at Welburn Primary School and information boards at Gilling Church.
- **Rural:Urban Schools Twinning Project:** Three twinning visits took place to Ampleforth Abbey in November 2012 – the children met a monk, visited the orchard and learnt about the fruit processing centre. AONB based activities have taken place this term in Ampleforth and Husthwaite – both days focused on owls, species diversification and bird habitats close to the school grounds. Development of the nine urban sessions and one AONB session to be delivered Spring/Summer 2013 is underway.
- **Volunteers:** Volunteers have offered their help for the next Junior Ranger Club and School Twinning sessions. Six volunteers helped with the Autumn twinning sessions and four with the March days.
- **Junior Ranger Club:** Activities have been planned for the Easter Holidays – the North Yorkshire Rotters will join us for part of the day to make wormeries with the children. Promotional material has been produced and is being sent to all of the local primary schools and schools in nearby market towns. We are conscious of the need to recruit the next group of Junior Rangers as some of the older children are towards the end of their time in the group.

MEETINGS

- Nov 5th – Hovingham – JAC
- Nov 6th – Hovingham - Appraisal
- Nov 8th – York – NYBAG
- Nov 13th – Northallerton – Natural Environment Team
- Nov 27th – Easington (East Cleveland) – LEADER LAG
- Dec 4th – Hovingham – Work programme review
- Dec 5th – Helmsley – SDF Steering Group
- Dec 7th – Hovingham – River Rye Group
- Dec 11th – Hovingham – Projects update
- Dec 12th – Scarborough – Development Officers
- Dec 13th – Hovingham – Howsham Mill Education and Events Officer – school twinning/other joint working
- Dec 19th – Hovingham – Core Partners
- Jan 24th – Hovingham – SDF Panel
- Feb 19th – Hovingham – AONB Work Programme meeting
- Feb 28th – Hovingham - Natural Environment Team
- Feb 28th – Northallerton – Road Verges meeting

- March 5th – Malton – Development Officers
- March 6th – Hovingham – River Rye project development group
- March 14th – Hovingham – Core Partners
- Monthly - Howardian Hills AONB Unit meeting

FUTURE MEETINGS

- April 4th – Barton le Street – JAC
- April 11th – York – NYBAG
- April 22nd – Appleton le Street – Partnership Group
- June 20th – Hovingham – Core Partners
- April/May – Hovingham – Management Plan Topic Groups
- 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, Rebecca and Maggie

SITE VISITS

- Nov 8th – Crayke School – SDF Project Ideas
- Nov 8th – Oulston – retaining wall project check
- Nov 28th – Hovingham – Bill Thompson – survey work update
- Nov 28th – Hovingham – SDF projects review with Paul
- Dec 4th – Welburn – tree and hedge planting with landowner and Rebecca (intro for her to our grant schemes)
- Jan 9th – Stearsby – Hedge planting advice/grant site meeting
- Jan 10th – Oswaldkirk – Hedge planting advice/grant site meeting
- Jan 30th – Hovingham – Stearsby hedge planting applicant meeting
- Feb 17th – Yearsley Moor – volunteer task clearing rhododendron
- March 13th – Burton House – landowner and Buglife Officer – grassland habitats restoration

FUTURE SITE VISITS

PROJECTS

- 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 at Grimston Moor
- Cutting and re-gravelling City of Troy Maze

RECREATION/ACCESS

- Offer made to contribute towards a re-print of the road cycling leaflet in conjunction with Sustrans, Welcome to Yorkshire, Ryedale DC

- Jan 25th – Hovingham – Outdoor booklet bike and walk routes – maps and info requirements with coordinator

FUTURE RECREATION/ACCESS

- Identify a method to complete the three off-road cycle leaflets (underway with Castle Howard and Rupert Douglas/Ryedale DC)

COMMUNITIES

- Nov 1st – Castle Howard Arboretum – Junior Ranger Club
- Jan 10th – Husthwaite Village Hall – SDF advice

FUTURE COMMUNITY WORK

- April 10th – The Yorkshire Arboretum – Junior Ranger Club
- 29th May – venue tbc – Junior Ranger Club
- Build on links with schools, parishes and community groups.

PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION

- Dec 21st – Scarborough – Great Outdoors 2013 booklet meeting
- Jan 10th – Helmsley – Lime and Ice drop in – finds from the Mill at Yearsley
- Jan 10th – Ampleforth – set up display in St Hilda's Church, Ampleforth, about the school twinning project
- Feb 6th – Ryedale House – Great Outdoors Booklet update and advertising
- Feb 15th – Castle Howard – bike and walking leaflets and promotion of wider Estate

FUTURE PUBLICITY/INTERPRETATION

- Nov 21st – Malton Rugby Club - Meet the Funder
- Displays in community spaces about the Schools Twinning Project

EDUCATIONAL/RAISING AWARENESS

- Nov 20th – Hull – Twinning update and planning
- 3 school twinning visits to Ampleforth Abbey – orchards and ‘A Monk’s Life’ theme
 - 7th Nov – Ampleforth St Hilda’s, Hovingham and Neasden
 - 12th Nov – Ings and Sheriff Hutton
 - 19th Nov – Slingsby and Park Grove
- Jan 8th – Hull – School twinning planning meeting
- Jan 22nd – Welburn - meeting with school – twinning and meadow grant
- Jan 24th – Ampleforth St Benedict’s School – school twinning planning with teacher
- Jan 30th – Howsham/Welburn – meeting with Howsham Mill Education and Events Officer and YWT – Autumn 2013 twinning sessions
- Feb 14th – Foston School – pics of school twinning display
- Feb 20th – St Nicholas Fields, York – scoping potential for twinning project
- March 5th – Ampleforth – School twinning day (not attending)
- March 6th – Husthwaite – School twinning day
- March 8th – York – Scoping possible city centre venues for school twinning

- School twinning display to Ampleforth Abbey

- Continue to develop projects with local schools through working with them both in their school grounds and on field-trips.

FUTURE EDUCATION/AWARENESS

- April – Twinning visits to Hull x7
- May/June – Twinning visits to York x 2 and AONB x 1

- Developing the skills of the Volunteers on a variety of tasks including Educational Activities, Community Events and Habitat Management.

TRAINING

- Jan 23rd – NYCC Customer Care online
- Jan 23rd – NYCC Introduction to Information Management online
- Jan 31st – Ryedale House - Microsoft migration

FUTURE TRAINING

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MISCELLANEOUS

- Nov 6th – Hovingham - Interview panel for one day per week AONB Officer post
- Nov 9th-16th (not 14th) – Annual leave
- Jan 15th – 18th – Annual leave

FUTURE MISCELLANEOUS

- March 19th – 22nd – Annual leave
- June 4th – 14th – Annual leave

AONB OFFICER'S REPORT – Rebecca Thompson

27th NOVEMBER 2012 – 26th MARCH 2013

Work during this period has principally consisted of:

- Induction to HHAONB
- Adding grid references to historic project information for inclusion on HER
- Mapping of Howardian Way onto GIS
- Gathering information & producing a fact sheet for Schools Twinning Project (Humber Dock & Fruit Market)
- Producing display material for School Twinning Project
- Proof reading Design Guidance for new Agricultural Buildings
- Finalisation of Registered Park & Garden Study for Gilling Castle

MEETINGS

- 4th December – Quarterly Annual Action Programme update meeting.
- 11th December – Project round-up meeting
- 19th February – Quarterly Annual Action Programme update meeting.

- Mapping route of ‘Howardian Way’ onto GIS layer
- Calculating carbon storage potential of HHAONB
- Rationalisation of project files
- Proof reading the Design Guidance for New Agricultural Buildings
- Finalisation of Registered Park & Garden Study for Gilling Castle

NAAONB

FUTURE PROJECTS

FUTURE MEETINGS

CONSULTATIONS

FUTURE NAAONB

- 24th April – Northern Group Meeting

COMMUNITIES

SITE VISITS

- 4th December – proposed hedge planting at Greets Farm, Welburn.
- 15th January – English Heritage, to discuss kerbing of long barrow, Grimstone
- 19th February – proposed wall restoration, Brandsby & proposed hedge, Brandsby

- Gathering information & producing fact sheet about Humber Dock and Hull Fruit Market for use by teachers in the Schools Twinning Project.
- Production of material for School Twinning Display

FUTURE SITE VISITS

PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION

PROJECTS

- Updating historic project records with grid references and submitting information to NYCC for inclusion on HER.

FUTURE PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION

TRAINING

- Induction to HHAONB

FUTURE TRAINING

MISCELLANEOUS

- Interpretation of AONB Manager's 360° Feedback Report

FUTURE MISCELLANEOUS

AONB ASSISTANT'S REPORT

27 OCTOBER 2012 – 21 MARCH 2013

My main duties over the period have been:

- Preparation for and assisting with delivery of Junior Rangers' session on 1 November and planning and promotion of Junior Rangers' session 10 April.
- Assisting with delivery of one of Schools Twinning days at Ampleforth Abbey, and assisting with planning for Schools Twinning days in York.
- Assisting with planning for annual Partnership meeting and Northern Group Staff meeting.
- General admin tasks for the unit eg taking minutes, dealing with orders, invoices, post, both incoming and out, file management.
- Updating the AONB website, with news and information, including launch of the 25th anniversary log seats campaign.
- Handling telephone and email enquiries to the Unit.
- Dealing with IT issues including issues arising from migration to Microsoft 2010.

MEETINGS

- 5 Nov – JAC meeting, Hovingham VH
- 13 Nov – NET meeting, Wath Court
- 4 Dec - AONB Action Programme meeting
- 19 Dec – CPG meeting, Wath Court
- 20 – Dec - NET meeting, County Hall
- 13 Feb – JRC planning meeting with Arboretum education officer, Castle Howard
- 28 Feb – NET meeting, Wath Court
- 14 March – CPG meeting, Wath Court
- Monthly AONB Unit meetings

FUTURE MEETINGS

- 4 April – JAC meeting, Barton-le-Street VH
- 16 April – NET meeting, County Hall
- 22 April – AONB Partnership meeting, Appleton-le-Street
- 24 April – Northern Group Staff meeting, Gilling
- Monthly - HHAONB Unit meetings

SITE VISITS

- 20 Feb – St Nicholas' Fields, York - scoping for schools twinning venue
- 7 March – Museum Gardens etc, York – scoping for schools twinning venue

FUTURE SITE VISITS

RECREATION/ACCESS

- Research into further outlets for leaflets

FUTURE RECREATION/ACCESS

- Continued supply of walks and new cycle routes leaflets to local shops/outlets (ongoing)

COMMUNITY WORK

- Assisting with delivery of JRC session on 1 November
- 5 March – Attending Volunteers Event at Cresswell Arms, Appleton-le-Street
- Planning and promotion for JRC session on 10 April

FUTURE COMMUNITY WORK

PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION

- Further development of Howardian Hills AONB website and links with relevant organisations
- Mailing of AONB Newsletter and letters to PCs re log seats
- Assisting with publicity for Schools Twinning Project
- Update and reprint of HHAONB general leaflet (to include LfL logo)
- Continued distribution of HHAONB leaflet to tourism outlets etc

FUTURE PROMOTION/PUBLICITY

- Develop opportunities for promotion of JRC

EDUCATION/RAISING AWARENESS

- 7 November - Assisting with delivery of Schools Twinning visit at Ampleforth Abbey

- 5 March – Photos of Schools Twinning visit at St Benedict’s School, Ampleforth

FUTURE EDUCATION/RAISING
AWARENESS

- Continued liaison with YWT and volunteers to deliver Schools Twinning Project
- Planning for Ryedale Show

TRAINING

- E-learning course on Access databases
- 14 Feb – Basic Financial Admin Training Day

FUTURE TRAINING

- Mandatory e-learning courses in Customer Care and Data Protection

MISCELLANEOUS

- 6 November - Appraisal
- 6 November – Interview panel for appointment of Rebecca Thompson
- 24 Dec – 4 Jan – Annual Leave

FUTURE MISCELLANEOUS

- 27 – 28 March – Annual Leave

AONB PROJECTS 2012/2013

1st April 2012 – 27th March 2013

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
A Mosey	Sundial Farm, Cawton	Wall restoration (2m)	-	AG2.2	£175	£130
Newburgh Priory Estate	Oulston	Wall restoration (38m)	-	HE4.5	£13,884	£6,942 (50%)
K Snowball	High Farm, Brandsby	Clearing scrub from 280m of roadside wall	Zone 1 Landscape	AG2.2	c.£1,200	c.£1,200
B Gilbert	Stearsby	Hedge planting/gapping (185m); 3 individual boundary trees	Zone 3A Landscape	AG2.2	£1,843	£921 (50%)
M Fram	Oswaldkirk	Hedge planting (150m); 1 individual boundary tree	-	AG2.2	£1,942	£750 (50%)
M Lyon	Greets Farm, Welburn	Hedge planting (215m); 2 individual boundary trees	Zone 5 Landscape	AG2.2	£1,122	£750
J Royle	Snargate, Brandsby	Hedge planting (150m); 4 individual boundary trees	Zone 3A Landscape	AG2.2	£1,702	£851 (50%)

APPLICANT/ (CONTRACTOR)	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
(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	£835	£718
(Arbortech)	Park Wood Fishponds/The Wilderness SINC	Rhododendron control (chipping piles of brash)	Site 1.6	NE4.1, NE8.2	£2,750	£2,750
(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
(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 45 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

APPLICANT/ (CONTRACTOR)	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
(AONB Unit – Forestry Commission)	Park Wood, Gilling	Brushcut Western hemlock regeneration	Adj Site 1.6	NE4.2	£200	£200
Mrs Cranfield	Burton House, Oulston	Planting 14 individual in-field trees	Zone 2C Landscape	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
(Arbortech)	Park Wood Fishponds/The Wilderness SINC	Rhododendron control (chipping piles of brash)	Site 1.6	NE4.1, NE8.2	£2,200	£2,200
(AONB Volunteers)	Park Wood Fishponds/The Wilderness SINC	Rhododendron control	Site 1.6	NE4.1, NE8.2, AP3.1	£450	-
Huttons Ambo Churchyard group	Huttons Ambo Churchyard	Habitat management	-	NE3.1, NE5.4, NE10.1	£60	£30
G Armstrong	Cliff Field House, Dalby	Planting 10 individual in-field and 11 boundary trees	Zone 3A Landscape	NE4.4	c.£610	c.£610
L Thompson	Pond Farm, Crambe	Planting 7 individual in-field and 5 boundary trees	-	NE4.4	c.£400	c.£400
(AONB Volunteers)	Park Wood Fishponds/The Wilderness SINC	Rhododendron control	Site 1.6	NE4.1, NE8.2, AP3.1	£400	-
(Arbortech)	Park Wood Fishponds/The Wilderness SINC	Rhododendron control (chipping piles of brash)	Site 1.6	NE4.1, NE8.2	£2,750	£2,750

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	£182	£182
(AONB Unit – P Gospel)	Mileposts	Regular maintenance	Site 2.63	HE4.5, RT4.5	£70	£70
(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	£31,520	£2,500
(AONB Unit – M Aconley)	Wiganthorpe Park, Scackleton	Repairing 2m hole in roadside wall	Site 2.92	HE4.5	£130	£130
Crayke PC	Village Green, Crayke	Repair well-head	-	HE4.5	£470	£352 (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 Gilling Castle park pale	Site 2.16	HE4.5	£200	£0
Ampleforth Abbey Trust	Gilling Castle	Rebuilding 35m 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%)

APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
(AONB Unit – Earth, Stone & Lime Company)	Pond Farm, Crambe (Listed Building at Risk)	Repairing crack in gable wall, re-pointing, stripping/re-roofing of lean-to, fixing of rainwater goods	Site 2.104	HE4.5	c.£12,750	£2,350

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	£630	£630
(Welcome to Yorkshire)	AONB & NYMNP	Great Outdoors booklet	-	RA9.3	£10,000	£1,000
(AONB Volunteers)	Various	Volunteer effort on PRow in the AONB (av. 4 people/week, every other week)	-	RA4.5, AP3.1	£3,000	-

APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
Rural Voice	Amotherby	Good Life event	-	SF2.2, LC1.5	c.£650	£72
Rural Voice	Gilling	Good Life event	-	SF2.2, LC1.5	c.£650	£76
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	£650	-
(AONB Unit)	Arboretum	Junior Ranger Club	-	RA2.4	£480	£30
(AONB Volunteers)	Various	Volunteer effort - Schools Twinning Project	-	RA2.4, AP2.3, AP3.1	£7,200	-
CAN DO Lime & Ice Project	Project area	2012/13 contribution			£170,060	£3,500

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FUND GRANTS 2012/2013

1st April 2012 – 27th March 2013

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	£6,840
Crayke School	Crayke	Creation of an outdoor classroom, for school and community use	-	LC1.5	£11,995	£2,000
North & East Yorkshire Geology Trust	Amotherby, Ampleforth, Nawton Primary Schools	Geonauts pilot sessions	-	AP2	£1,200	£600 (50%)

AONB CONSULTATIONS (SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS) 2012/2013

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CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Ryedale District Council	Various	Weekly lists of Planning Applications and Decisions	-	-	-
Hambleton District Council	Various	Weekly web lists of Planning Applications and Decisions	-	-	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Various	Weekly list of Planning Applications	-	-	-
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	Approved
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	-

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
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	-
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
Hambleton District Council	Brandsby	Planning application (Alterations & extensions to create house + equestrian B&B)	Yes	Support for business use; appropriate colour for woodwork	Condition attached
Forestry Commission	Huttons Ambo	Woodland management proposals	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Bulmer	NRSWA consultation (LV works)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Gilling	NRSWA consultation (Install kerbing)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Ampleforth	NRSWA consultation (LV works)	No	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?	No amendments

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
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
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	?

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
North Yorkshire County Council	Welburn	NRSWA consultation (Replacement of o/h LV line with u/g line)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth	Planning application (Erection of 30 dwellings)	Yes	Strong objection – premature to Local Plan Inquiry result.	Amended layout and designs
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	Withdrawn
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth	Planning application (Erection of detached office)	Yes	Object – landscape impact; incremental development	Design revised
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	-
Forestry Commission	Castle Howard	Woodland management proposals (selective fell, conifer to broadleaves)	Yes (in passing)	None	-

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
North Yorkshire County Council	Crambe	NRSWA consultation (Drainage works)	No	Species-rich hedges not to be damaged	?
North Yorkshire County Council	Huttons Ambo	NRSWA consultation (Excavations)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Coulton	Planning application (Raising roof height of dwelling, plus single storey extensions)	No	Minor, re proposed porch & dormer window	Dormer window not removed
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Planning application (Erection of agricultural building and formation of track)	Yes	Shrub planting, dark walls, stained timber	Landscaping Condition attached
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Planning application (Change of use of outbuildings to form 2 holiday cottages)	Yes	No objections, subject to revised parking area	Approved, with revised parking area
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth	Planning application (Erection of groundsmans' storage shed)	Yes	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Terrington	NRSWA consultation (Water mains renewal/renovation)	No	Species-rich hedges and verge not to be damaged	?
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning application (Erection of 3 detached garden rooms)	No	Minor, in relation to Crayke Conservation Area	Withdrawn
Hambleton District Council	Dalby	Planning application (Erection of agricultural storage building)	No	Minor – 'green' sheeting to be dark green not light green	Condition attached
Hambleton District Council	Yearsley (Windygates)	Planning application (Alterations and extensions to dwelling)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Wombleton	Planning application (Change of use of potato store to mix of wood fuel, caravan and potato storage)	No	Minor – traffic to be routed from the north only	?
North Yorkshire County Council	Ampleforth	NRSWA consultation (Drainage investigation)	No	Species-rich verge not to be damaged	?

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
North Yorkshire County Council	Gilling	NRSWA consultation (LV works)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Ampleforth	NRSWA consultation (LV works)	No	Species-rich hedge not to be damaged	?
North Yorkshire County Council	Gilling	NRSWA consultation (HV works)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Ampleforth	NRSWA consultation (LV works)	No	SINC not to be damaged	?
North Yorkshire County Council	Ampleforth	NRSWA consultation (LV works)	No	None	-
Forestry Commission	Easthorpe	Woodland management proposals (4.31ha conifer PAWS reversion to native broadleaves)	No	Support – Limit use of sycamore; unplanted margins along Public Bridleway	?
Forestry Commission	Crambeck	Woodland management proposals (1.0ha conifer PAWS reversion to native broadleaves)	No	Support – unplanted margins along Public Footpath	?
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning application (Alterations to domestic garage to form a holiday unit)	No	None	(Refused)
Ryedale District Council	Coulton	Planning application (Erection of dwelling)	No	Object – contrary to all local & national planning policy	Refused
North Yorkshire County Council	Ampleforth, Welburn	NRSWA consultation (Signing & lining)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Gilling	NRSWA consultation (HV works)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Terrington	Planning application (Erection of grain store)	Yes (in passing)	Support colour of materials. Landscaping needed to north	Condition attached

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Ryedale District Council	Malton	Planning application (Erection of warehouse building)	No	Colour of materials, landscaping	Dark roof coverings; landscape plan submitted
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth	Planning application (Erection of 30 dwellings)	No	Materials, more landscaping to east	?
Hambleton District Council	Stearsby	Planning application (Erection of extension)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Brandsby	Planning application (Erection of garage and formation of new access)	Yes	Conservation kerbing to be used, no lighting, minimal tree removal	Conditions attached
Ryedale District Council	Oswaldkirk	Planning application (Erection of extensions and double garage)	Yes (in passing)	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Ampleforth	NRSWA consultation (HV works)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Ampleforth	NRSWA consultation (HV works)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Ampleforth	NRSWA consultation (HV works)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth	Planning application (Erection of storage shed)	No	None	-
Natural England	Brandsby	Energy Crops Scheme consultation (23ha miscanthus planting)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning application (Alterations and extensions)	Yes	Object to 2 x prominent 2-storey windows	?
Ryedale District Council	Malton	Planning application (Extension to Travellers' site)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Sproxtun	Agricultural Prior Notification (Erection of an agricultural building)	Yes	Roof sheets to be dark grey	Await construction

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Ryedale District Council	Scackleton	Agricultural Prior Notification (Erection of an agricultural building)	Yes	Dark green roof to match existing; landscaping to be planted	Agreed with Agent
Forestry Commission	Ampleforth	Woodland management proposals (0.4ha new planting – native broadleaves)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Cawton	Planning application (Erection of extension to an agricultural building)	Yes	Roof sheets to be dark grey	Condition attached
North Yorkshire County Council	Scackleton	NRSWA consultation (Haunching works)	No	No damage to adjacent hedges	?
North Yorkshire County Council	Wath Quarry	Planning application (Delay review of Minerals Permission)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Coulton	Planning application (Erection of extensions and conversion of garage to annex)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Welburn	Planning application (Siting of timber camping pods)	No	Harvest Buff kerbing; enhance SSSI rock exposures?	?
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Agricultural Prior Notification (Erection of an agricultural building)	No	None (re-submission of previous scheme)	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Howthorpe	NRSWA consultation (LV works)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Planning application (Erection of extension and raising of roof height - revised)	Yes	None	-
Forestry Commission	Stittenham	Woodland management proposals (3.1ha new planting – mostly native broadleaves)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Scackleton	Planning application (Erection of agricultural workers dwelling)	Yes	Objection – not on approved Outline site, poor alignment with other buildings, size	?
Ryedale District Council	Crambe	Agricultural Prior Notification (Erection of an agricultural building)	Yes	-	Planning application required

AONB CONSULTATIONS & NOTIFICATIONS (STRATEGIES, ETC) 2012/2013

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ORGANISATION	AREA	DOCUMENT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
North Yorkshire CC	North Yorkshire	Timber Freight Quality Partnership consultation	Added better information about Exit Points and potential routes being used	
Ryedale DC	Ryedale	Consultation Draft Economic Action Plan	Support – experiences and likely future trends in the AONB	
(NAAONB)	EU-wide	Invasive Alien Species	None	
NAAONB	AONBs	Accord with Woodland Trust	Certain Actions need to be more generic – significant woodland creation not necessarily applicable in all AONBs	Amended
(NAAONB) - DCLG	England	Permitted Development Rights for the re-use of agricultural buildings	None	
NYCC	North Yorkshire	Highway trees – consultation protocol and removal guidance		
(NAAONB) - DfT	England	Review of rural road speed limits	None	
(NAAONB) - FC	England	Woodland Creation Opportunities	Methodology seems rather superficial. Little apparent recognition of landscape character and its importance	Comments also made at regional event
(NAAONB) - DCMS	England	Proposed changes to siting requirements for broadband cabinets and overhead lines to facilitate the deployment of superfast broadband networks	No guidance in document about poles, only about cabinets	

TECHNICAL DOCUMENTS RECEIVED 2012/2013

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ORGANISATION	DOCUMENT
AONB Units	Annual Reports, Newsletters, etc
Rural Economy & land Use Programme (RELU), Newcastle University	Policy & Practice Note: Could agri-environment schemes be improved and would training for farmers help to achieve such improvements?
Rural Economy & land Use Programme (RELU), Newcastle University	Policy & Practice Note: Investigating the relationship between farming practice and sustainability at landscape scales
Rural Economy & land Use Programme (RELU), Newcastle University	Policy & Practice Note: Does payment for ecosystem services offer a new opportunity for natural resource management and how can it work in practice?
Rural Economy & land Use Programme (RELU), Newcastle University	Policy & Practice Note: Making partnerships work across landscapes – the role of Nature Improvement Areas

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 :

Ranger Day	Activities	No of children attending
Wednesday 4 th 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"> • Egg box decorating • Easter cards 	13

June 2012:

Ranger Day	Activities	No of children attending
Friday 8 th 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

Ranger Day	Activities	No of children attending
Thursday 1 st November Amazing Autumn at the Arboretum	In the morning the children went on a hunt for seasonal leaves and cones, used some of the leaves to make leaf prints and rubbings and made Plaster of Paris casts of animal prints. In the afternoon they stuck their leaf prints and rubbings onto a giant autumnal tree, searched for mini-beasts and made natural art pictures under the larch trees.	13