

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

AONB BUSINESS PLAN AND ACTION PROGRAMME 2013/14

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To agree details of proposed activity to implement the AONB Management Plan during 2013/14.

2.0 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 The AONB Management Plan contains a detailed Action Programme that lists each Objective and Action and identifies a suggested lead agency and partner organisations for implementation.
- 2.2 In addition to setting targets for 2013/14 this report also details some of the mechanisms for achieving the proposed targets, as well as indications of some of the individual projects that may be implemented.
- 2.3 Appendix 1 contains the Action Programme and Targets for 2013/14, together with an indicative timetabling of tasks.

3.0 SUSTAINABILITY

- 3.1 Principal activities for the year include:
- Continuing to run a Sustainable Development Fund, with an anticipated budget of £22,200. Five projects have already been allocated a total of £16,400.
 - Continuing the digitisation of practical conservation work completed/funded by the JAC.

4.0 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

- 4.1 The proposed budget for landscape and biodiversity works is £16,500, although there would also be additional funds available from Reserves if necessary. Potential projects to be funded include:
- Continuing restoration of roadside dry-stone walls in the Brandsby/Grimstone area.
 - In-field tree planting at Sproxton, Coulton and Newburgh.
 - Continued control of rhododendron in Park Wood Fishponds SINC.
- 4.2 Other activities for the year include:
- Continuing our programmes of Exmoor pony grazing, SINC management and road verge management.
 - Continuing our programme of planting individual hedgerow and in-field trees.
 - Carrying out targeted control of Himalayan balsam, Western hemlock and rhododendron on various SINC and other sites.
 - Continuing to develop a Revitalising the River Rye project, in partnership with a number of other organisations, to bring in substantial funding to tackle Himalayan balsam in the River Rye catchment.
 - Completing Farm Environment Plans for farmers/land managers if requested, assisting with ELS/HLS advice and raising awareness of the Campaign for the Farmed Environment.

5.0 HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT

5.1 The proposed budget for works to conserve and enhance historic environment features is currently £15,000, although there would also be additional funds available from Reserves if necessary. Potential projects to be funded include:

- Restoring traditional direction signs in the Ryedale area of the AONB.
- Installing kerbing to protect the Scheduled long barrow near Grimston.
- Renovation works to a Listed field barn at Newburgh.
- Assessing options for capping the last section of the Wiganthorpe Park wall at Scackleton.

5.2 Other activities for the year include:

- Continuing the CAN DO Lime & Ice Yearsley Moor community archaeology project, into its final year and the installation of interpretation material.
- Revising the Landscape Priorities for each Landscape Character Zone of the AONB, as part of the review of the AONB Management Plan.
- Promoting Ryedale and Hambleton SSES LEADER funding for small-scale enhancement schemes in villages.
- Using volunteers to re-cut and gravel the City of Troy Maze.
- Exploring options for using the Yearsley Moor volunteers for Scheduled Monument survey and management work.

6.0 LOCAL COMMUNITIES

6.1 The proposed budget for small-scale works in local villages is £900.

6.2 Other activities for the year include:

- Continued involvement in the North York Moors, Coast and Hills LEADER Programme, including participating in development of a new Local Development Strategy as necessary in order to access further funds after January 2015.
- Continued liaison with the principal organisations involved in community work in the AONB, via the regular Community Development Officers' meetings.

7.0 AGRICULTURE

7.1 The proposed combined budget for both landscape and biodiversity works is £16,500, although there would also be additional funds available from Reserves if necessary. See paragraph 4.1 above.

7.2 Other activities for the year include:

- Monitoring the development of the CAP reforms, to assess their potential impact on the AONB and its farmers. Inputting to NAAONB consultations on the reform proposals, as necessary.
- Circulating the New Agricultural Buildings & Infrastructure Design Guidance to farmers, agents and construction companies.
- Completing Farm Environment Plans for farmers/land managers if requested, assisting with ELS/HLS advice and raising awareness of the Campaign for the Farmed Environment.
- Responding to consultations and requests for advice, as appropriate.

8.0 FORESTRY AND WOODLAND

8.1 Principal activities for the year include:

- Continuing with management work to control invasive species in targeted locations, principally Himalayan balsam, Western hemlock and rhododendron.
- Monitoring the incidence of Ash Dieback Disease.

- Continuing to provide advice and, where appropriate, financial assistance to woodland managers via the Native Woodland Development Officer.
- Responding to consultations and requests for advice, as appropriate.

9.0 DEVELOPMENT

9.1 Principal activities for the year include:

- Monitoring and inputting as necessary to national policy consultations received by the NAAONB.
- Responding to consultations received from the Local Planning Authorities on development proposals. The amount of work arising from planning consultations is impossible to predict, as our input is entirely reactive, but this is an important area of work and is a high priority. 2012/13 saw a significant increase in the number of applications needing scrutiny by the AONB Manager.
- Inputting to the continuing development of the Ryedale Local Plan, as applicable.
- Continuing liaison with CE Electric on overhead electricity cable undergrounding, particularly in Bulmer as the next scheme for implementation. Also pushing for the start of design work in another AONB village.
- Continuing to control litter and report fly-tipping.

10.0 ROADS, TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

10.1 Principal activities for the year include:

- Responding to consultations received from the Highway Authority on works within the carriageway that might have biodiversity, historic environment or landscape implications.
- The repair and restoration of at least 5 traditional direction signs.

11.0 RECREATION, ACCESS AND TOURISM

11.1 The proposed budget for recreation and access works is £1,200.

11.2 Principal activities for the year include:

- Continuing input into the LEADER 'Moors and More' local distinctiveness project and the development of the Green Traveller Guide to the Howardian Hills AONB.
- Further developing circular routes for off-road cyclists, particularly in partnership with the Castle Howard Estate.
- Continuing to control litter at 'hot-spots'.

12.0 AWARENESS AND PROMOTION

12.1 The proposed budget for awareness and promotion work (excluding the Rural:Urban Schools Twinning project) is £9,200.

12.2 Principal activities for the year include:

- Ensuring that the gateway signs are maintained and that outlets have ample supplies of our leaflets.
- Publishing our 2012/13 Annual Report and AONB News 2013.
- Maintaining our website, getting press coverage and attending Ryedale Show.
- Starting preparation of a leaflet on the geodiversity interest of the AONB.
- Holding 3 Junior Ranger Club days, taking the project around the AONB where possible.
- Assisting the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust in delivering a successful third year of the 4-year Rural:Urban schools twinning project.
- Installing the remaining log seats to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the designation of the AONB.
- As described in the sections above, using volunteers to help deliver AONB Management Plan Objectives wherever possible and appropriate.

13.0 IMPLEMENTATION

13.1 Principal initiatives this year include:

- Continuing the Native Woodland Development Officer partnership with the North York Moors National Park, with a contribution of £2,500.
- Continuing to support the Yearsley Moor Archaeology Project in its final part-year.
- Participating in the North York Moors, Coast and Hills LEADER partnership.
- Directing projects to the Ryedale and Hambleton LEADER Small Scale Enhancements Schemes, where appropriate.
- Investigating the potential for accessing EH funding for work on Monuments at Risk.
- Continuing to develop the Revitalising the River Rye project, supporting appropriate applications for funding.
- Continuing input into the LEADER 'Moors and More' local distinctiveness project and the development of the Green Traveller Guide to the Howardian Hills AONB.
- Monitoring, and assisting as appropriate, with new community Rural Broadband initiatives.
- Utilising reserves appropriately, to supplement the annual projects budget and to maintain/enhance the AONB Officer staff resource.

14.0 MONITORING

14.1 Principal activities for the year include:

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

15.0 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR AONBs

15.1 Principal activities for the year include:

- Continuing to participate in the Future Landscapes Collaboration project.
- Attending seminars, Northern Group meetings, etc.

16.0 AONB MANAGEMENT PLAN

16.1 Principal activities for the year include:

- Holding 8 Topic Groups to discuss the individual chapters.
- Revising the Plan text and consulting back with the Topic Groups and AONB Partnership.
- Carrying out wider stakeholder and public consultation.
- Revising the draft Plan in line with feedback.
- Producing the final revised version for adoption by the constituent local authorities.

17.0 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

- a) The Targets for 2013/14, as contained in the Action Programme, be approved.
- b) The continuation of the contribution to the Native Woodland Development Officer post be noted.

HOWARDIAN HILLS AONB ACTION PROGRAMME**2013/14**

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

OBJECTIVE	SPECIFIC TARGET 13/14	APRIL - JUNE	JULY - SEPT	OCT - DEC	JAN - MAR	ACHIEVEMENTS 13/14
AONB's contribution to climate change adaptation/mitigation, and impacts of climate change						
SF1.1 Carbon balance of land use activity in the AONB.	-					
SF1.2 Map of green infrastructure.	~ Continue to enter JAC-funded activity onto GIS map layers.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
SF1.3 Gather information on the impacts of climate change on the AONB's Special Qualities.	-					
Promote sustainability, and support projects						
SF2.1 Ecosystem approach to guide consultation responses and assess projects.	-					
SF2.2 Publicise tips on sustainable living.	~ Maintain and update the AONB website page as necessary.					
SF2.3 Demonstrate examples of good sustainability.						
SF2.4 Support projects using Sustainable Development Fund (SDF).	~ Continue to operate the SDF as a separate funding pot, to support innovative and best practice projects.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
SF2.5 Environmental policy for the JAC's own activities.	-					

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Knowledge of wildlife resources and possible climate change impacts NE1.1 Rolling programme of SINC monitoring. NE1.2 Detailed surveys of specific habitats or species. NE1.3 Assist farmers, land managers and communities with monitoring wildlife. NE1.4 Research climate change resilience of key AONB habitats. NE1.5 Digitise Phase 1 maps of the AONB.	~ Assist with NYCC monitoring survey, as necessary. ~ Seek updated information as necessary, as part of Management Plan review process. ~ Feed actions achieved in the AONB in 2012/13 into BARS. – –	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX		
Key nature conservation sites NE2.1 Maintain and update a register of key sites. NE2.2 Protect best sites through designation. NE2.3 Resist development proposals that may affect key sites. NE2.4 Ensure farmers and landowners are aware of the existence of sites.	~ Support survey of Newburgh Park. – ~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. –	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
Local participation in nature conservation sites NE3.1 Local involvement with monitoring and management of wildlife.	~ Carry out management works with volunteers on 3 SINCS.		XXXXX		XXXXX	

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Implementation of Local BAP targets for woodland habitats NE4.1 Management of Local Priority Sites. NE4.2 Extension and buffering of Local Priority Sites. NE4.3 Restoration of Plantations on Ancient Woodland Sites. NE4.4 Creation of new native woodland/wood pasture/species-rich hedges/individual trees. NE4.5 Creation of wet woodland and marshy grassland.	~ Continue rhododendron/Western hemlock control works in Park Wood Fishponds SINC. ~ Encourage via EWGS/ESS consultations and advice of Native Woodland Development Officer. ~ Encourage via EWGS consultations and advice of Native Woodland Development Officer. ~ Plant 25 new individual in-field and hedgerow trees. ~ Encourage via EWGS/ESS consultations and advice of Native Woodland Development Officer.			XXXXX	XXXXX	
Implementation of Local BAP targets for grassland habitats NE5.1 Management of Local Priority Sites. NE5.2 Extension and buffering of Local Priority Sites. NE5.3 Special Interest Road Verges. NE5.4 Restoration of grassland and lowland heath. NE5.5 Creation of new grassland habitats.	~ Continue to facilitate conservation management of grassland SINCs and other sites, by grazing or other means. ~ Encourage via ESS consultations and advice to farmers & land managers. ~ Carry out management works on 45 SIRVs. ~ Control Western hemlock on Grimston Moor SINC. ~ Encourage via ESS consultations and advice to farmers & land managers.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	
Implementation of Local BAP targets for wetland habitats NE6.1 Management of Local Priority Sites. NE6.2 Extension and buffering of Local Priority Sites. NE6.3 Restoration of sites that have declined in interest. NE6.4 Creation of new habitat.	– ~ Encourage via ESS consultations and advice to farmers & land managers. – ~ Encourage via ESS consultations and advice to farmers & land managers.					

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<p>Implementation of Local BAP targets for important species</p> <p>NE7.1 Management of key sites for specific species.</p> <p>NE7.2 Restoration or creation of sites.</p> <p>NE7.3 Local Target Areas and co-ordinated management measures.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Manage grassland for knapweed broomrape at Amotherby Lane SINC. ~ Send location points of knapweed broomrape colonies to N & E Yorkshire Ecological Datacentre. ~ Carry out formative pruning of black poplar at Stonegrave, to develop a tree form and also cuttings material. ~ Encourage via ESS consultations and advice to farmers & land managers. ~ Continue to support the Campaign for the Farmed Environment, encouraging use of options to benefit farmland bird species. 	XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
<p>Invasive non-native species</p> <p>NE8.1 Monitor location and abundance.</p> <p>NE8.2 Targeted management efforts.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Survey Wath Beck main channel, to monitor efficiency of 4 years' work to control Himalayan balsam. ~ Participate in the Revitalising the River Rye project, to survey and control Himalayan balsam in whole catchment (see IM1.1). ~ Monitor condition of Park Wood Fishponds SINC, following work to control rhododendron. ~ Re-cut the length of Wath Beck corridor that has been cut since 2009 (Himalayan balsam). ~ Participate in the Revitalising the River Rye project, to survey and control Himalayan balsam in whole Rye catchment (see IM1.1). ~ See FW6.4 for actions to control rhododendron and Western hemlock. 	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX		

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<p>More sympathetic management of farmland</p> <p>NE9.1 Target sites for entry into the Higher Level Stewardship Scheme.</p> <p>NE9.2 Encourage participation in the Entry Level Stewardship Scheme.</p>	<p>~ Provide advice to farmers & land managers, as appropriate.</p> <p>~ Complete FEPs for land in the AONB (subject to landowner requests).</p> <p>~ Continue to work with the Campaign for the Farmed Environment, to encourage participation.</p>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
<p>Implementation of Local BAP targets for wildlife within villages</p> <p>NE10.1 Raise awareness and assist communities with creating and managing areas for wildlife.</p>	-					
<p>Important geodiversity sites</p> <p>NE11.1 Develop a network of RIGS.</p> <p>NE11.2 Manage sites identified as RIGS.</p> <p>NE11.3 Resist development proposals.</p>	<p>~ Discuss a potential survey programme with NEYGT.</p> <p>-</p> <p>~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p>		XXXXX	XXXXX		
<p>Assistance to farmers and land managers</p> <p>NE12.1 Assist with applications to grant schemes.</p> <p>NE12.2 Flexible package of assistance.</p> <p>NE12.3 Demonstrate 'best practice'.</p> <p>NE12.4 Skills training initiatives.</p>	<p>~ See NE9 and FW2.</p> <p>~ See appropriate Objectives above.</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>					
<p>Knowledge of the cultural heritage of AONB</p> <p>HE1.1 Historic Landscape Characterisation survey.</p> <p>HE1.2 Revise the Local Landscape Priorities, after HLC survey.</p> <p>HE1.3 Research projects.</p> <p>HE1.4 Regular surveys of built heritage.</p> <p>HE1.5 Recording local history and traditions and passing information to the HER.</p> <p>HE1.6 Annual forum to discuss research and priorities.</p>	<p>-</p> <p>~ Revise the relevant sections in the AONB Management Plan.</p> <p>~ See HE3.2.</p> <p>~ Seek updated information as necessary, as part of Management Plan review process.</p> <p>~ See HE3.2.</p> <p>~ Pass information on 2012/13 projects to HER Officer.</p> <p>-</p>	XXXXX	XXXXX			
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<p>Statutory protection</p> <p>HE2.1 Input to Heritage Protection Review.</p>	<p>~ Monitor legislative developments and respond as necessary.</p>					

Local participation in cultural heritage sites						
HE3.1	Local involvement in monitoring and management of cultural heritage features.	~ Explore/develop options to utilise YMAP volunteers for survey of Scheduled Monuments at Risk.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
		~ Carry out management works with volunteers on 2 sites.	XXXXX		XXXXX	XXXXX
HE3.2	CAN DO 'Lime and Ice' Project.	~ Continue input to Yearsley Moor Archaeology Project.	XXXXX			
		~ Participate in other Lime and Ice initiatives being delivered in the AONB.	XXXXX			
Preserve AONB's historic heritage						
HE4.1	Historic landscape conservation and management advice.	~ Provide advice to farmers & land managers, as appropriate.				
HE4.2	Encourage entry into agri-environment schemes.	~ See NE9 above.				
HE4.3	Heritage Partnership Agreements.	~ Address management issues on 5 SMs at High or Medium Risk.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX
		~ Install kerbing to protect long barrow at Grimstone (subject to funding).	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX
HE4.4	Conservation/management plans for Historic Parks and Gardens.	~ Participate in preparation of Newburgh Priory Estate Plan, as required.				
HE4.5	Flexible package of assistance.	~ Utilise RDC and HDC LEADER schemes for works in AONB villages.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
		~ Carry out management or repair works on 5 Local Priority Sites or historic features.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX
		~ Use AONB resources in partnership with NYCC/RDC LEADER to carry out works on 1 Listed Building at Risk.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX
		~ Commence conservation works on the Gate Lodges at Howsham Hall.			XXXXX	XXXXX
		~ Carry out management works to conserve former deer park pale at Gilling Castle.				
HE4.6	Demonstrate 'best practice'.	-				
HE4.7	Skills training initiatives.	-				

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<p>Assist local communities with projects</p> <p>LC1.1 Lobby Government on rural issues.</p> <p>LC1.2 Pass information from community/consultation events to the relevant organisation/ agency.</p> <p>LC1.3 Innovative service delivery mechanisms.</p> <p>LC1.4 Encourage Parish Plans.</p> <p>LC1.5 Implementation of identified projects.</p> <p>LC1.6 Link communities to advice on funding.</p> <p>LC1.7 AONB Village Forum.</p>	<p>~ Respond as necessary, via input to NAAONB consultations.</p> <p>~ Continue to attend Development Officers' meetings.</p> <p>–</p> <p>~ Support implementation of proposed RAY project.</p> <p>~ Liaise with RAY & other organisations.</p> <p>~ Restore 4 village name signs.</p> <p>~ Liaise with RAY & other organisations.</p> <p>~ Promote LEADER/AONB funding for village enhancement works.</p> <p>~ Contribute to any advice events held in AONB villages.</p> <p>~ Continue to invite Parish Councils to the AONB Partnership Group meeting.</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	
<p>Government support mechanisms for sustainable farm and rural business development</p> <p>AG1.1 Lobby on the development of rural support mechanisms and agri-environment schemes.</p> <p>AG1.2 Funding for the Howardian Hills AONB.</p> <p>AG1.3 Promote rural support mechanisms to farmers and landowners.</p>	<p>~ Respond as necessary, via NAAONB consultations. In particular, monitor developments in new CAP proposals.</p> <p>~ Ensure that the AONB is included as a Target Area within relevant strategies/Schemes.</p> <p>~ As opportunities arise. See also NE9 above.</p>					
<p>Conservation advice and assistance</p> <p>AG2.1 Provide specialist advice within the AONB.</p> <p>AG2.2 Flexible package of assistance for small-scale conservation projects.</p> <p>AG2.3 Demonstrate 'best practice'.</p> <p>AG2.4 Skills training initiatives.</p>	<p>~ Provide advice to farmers & land managers, as appropriate.</p> <p>~ Assist 5 landscape conservation projects with AONB funding.</p> <p>~ Develop 1 new major stone wall restoration project.</p> <p>–</p> <p>~ Participate in any events arising from the Revitalising the River Rye project.</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	

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Sustainable alternative farm enterprises AG3.1 Positive approach to planning control. AG3.2 Participation in regional climate change mitigation schemes. AG3.3 Local climate change adaptation schemes.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. ~ Encourage, as opportunities arise. -					
New farm buildings and infrastructure AG4.1 High standards of design, siting and landscaping measures. AG4.2 Produce basic design guidance.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. ~ Finalise guidance and circulate to District Councils, farmers, landowners, agents and companies.	XXXXX				
Woodland management proposals FW1.1 Consultation procedure between JAC and Forestry Commission. FW1.2 Encourage 'continuous cover' schemes.	~ Maintain, and respond to JAC consultations as necessary. ~ As appropriate, via JAC consultations.					
Multi-objective approach to woodland management FW2.1 Management in accordance with the UK Forestry Standard. FW2.2 Use of the English Woodland Grant Scheme and Environmental Stewardship Scheme. FW2.3 Encouragement to achieve UKWAS certification.	~ On-going. ~ As opportunities arise. -					
Local provenance trees and shrubs FW3.1 Susceptibility of native trees and shrub species to climate change. FW3.2 Planting stock of appropriate provenance. FW3.3 Incorporation of natural regeneration. FW3.4 Work with local forest nurseries.	~ Monitor ash dieback disease situation and take appropriate action as necessary. ~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. ~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. ~ Propagate a further batch of black poplar cuttings at Castle Howard Tree Nursery.				XXXXX	

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Alternative markets for timber products FW4.1 Encourage small-scale woodfuel heating systems and develop a woodfuel market. FW4.2 Use of timber in local industries. FW4.3 Demonstrate on-site processing equipment.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. – –					
New woodland FW5.1 Use forestry grant procedures to advise on siting and design. FW5.2 Promote the availability of advice and grant aid schemes.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. ~ As opportunities arise, using Native Woodland Development Officer as appropriate.					
Grant incentives to achieve Management Plan Objectives FW6.1 Grant incentives for annual PAWS restoration tasks. FW6.2 Grant incentives for specific priority work, in line with the Regional Forestry Strategy. FW6.3 'Scoring system' for new woodland. FW6.4 Flexible package of assistance for small-scale conservation projects. FW6.5 Continue Native Woodland Development Project.	– ~ Monitor the prioritisation of regional funding, to maximise opportunities for AONB land managers. – ~ Carry out management work to control Western hemlock and rhododendron on FC land. ~ Continue financial support for Project, ensuring satisfactory input to AONB initiatives.	XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	
Demonstrate best practice/ skilled workforce FW7.1 Local demonstration sites/events. FW7.2 List of local contractors. FW7.3 Promote woodland training courses and apprenticeships.	– – –					

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<p>New development</p> <p>D1.1 Appropriate policies in all relevant Plans and Strategies.</p> <p>D1.2 Consultation arrangements.</p>	<p>~ Monitor all new Policies and Strategies, submitting comments individually or via the NAAONB as appropriate, to ensure that the national significance of the AONB is safeguarded.</p> <p>~ Maintain, and respond to JAC consultations as necessary.</p>					
<p>Design of new development/ management of existing buildings</p> <p>D2.1 Rural Design standards.</p> <p>D2.2 Village Design Statements.</p> <p>D2.3 Guidance on sustainable building restoration techniques.</p> <p>D2.4 Conservation Area appraisals.</p> <p>D2.5 Assist with works identified in Conservation Area appraisals.</p>	<p>–</p> <p>–</p> <p>–</p> <p>–</p> <p>–</p>					
<p>Mitigation of intrusive features</p> <p>D3.1 Local enhancement works to mitigate intrusive features.</p> <p>D3.2 Undergrounding of electricity cables.</p> <p>D3.3 Undergrounding telephone cables.</p> <p>D3.4 Resist increases in light or noise pollution.</p> <p>D3.5 Litter and fly-tipping.</p>	<p>–</p> <p>~ Continue to attend Liaison Group meetings.</p> <p>~ Encourage implementation of at least 1 scheme in the AONB - Bulmer.</p> <p>~ Continue to liaise with BT Openreach over burying cables, both at Dalby and for new electricity cable undergrounding schemes - Bulmer.</p> <p>~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p> <p>~ Continue litter clearance at car parks throughout the AONB.</p> <p>~ Report fly-tipping incidents to the District Councils, as necessary.</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	
<p>Small-scale quarrying for local uses</p> <p>D4.1 Support appropriate planning applications.</p> <p>D4.2 Supplies of suitable stone for drystone wall restoration.</p>	<p>~ As appropriate, via JAC consultations.</p> <p>~ Monitor development proposals and approach owners where appropriate in order to obtain suitable stone.</p>					

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Renewable energy installations D5.1 Advice and guidance on appropriate technology and installations. D5.2 Support appropriate proposals. D5.3 Promote benefits of appropriate renewable energy and demonstrate examples of 'best practice'.	~ Provide advice to applicants and agents on suitability of proposals. ~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. -					
Business and diversification opportunities D6.1 Signposting to Business Link. D6.2 Encourage local businesses via the CAN DO Partnership.	~ As appropriate. ~ Continue input to the Green Traveller website and LEADER Local Distinctiveness project (see RA2.2).					
Re-use of redundant farm buildings D7.1 Support appropriate proposals to re-use farm buildings.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.					
Modern communications technology D8.1 Broadband and mobile phone installations. D8.2 Liaise with Local Authorities and network operators.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. ~ Obtain annual roll-out plans from District Councils.			XXXXX		
Local needs/affordable housing D9.1 Local Housing Needs Surveys. D9.2 Further develop and adopt measures. D9.3 Promote potential benefits of Local Needs housing.	- - -					
Solutions to traffic routing problems RT1.1 Full-movement interchange at the A64/B1257 junction. RT1.2 Weight restriction on the Castle Howard Avenue. RT1.3 Investigate freight traffic issues in the AONB. RT1.4 Freight Quality Partnerships, to address any issues identified.	~ Monitor associated development proposals and input as necessary. - - -					
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Traffic and driver behaviour issues							
RT2.1	Gather information on traffic speeds.	~ Obtain data on traffic speed monitoring carried out in AONB villages.				XXXXX	
RT2.2	Regular programme of speed-checks in problem locations.	~ Obtain data on police traffic speed checks carried out in AONB villages.				XXXXX	
RT2.3	Local events to examine and address issues.	-					
Sustainable modes of transport							
RT3.1	Identify transport service, infrastructure and accessibility improvements.	-					
RT3.2	Implementation of identified measures via SCTSs.	~ Monitor implementation of SCTSs for Malton and Easingwold and input as necessary.					
RT3.3	Promote the availability of alternative transport services.	-					
RT3.4	Workplace Travel Plans.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.					
RT3.5	Development of next Local Transport Plan.	-					
Maintain character of rural road network							
RT4.1	Liaison arrangements between the JAC and highway authority.	~ Maintain, and respond to JAC consultations as necessary.					
RT4.2	Design guidance for road signage, etc in the AONB.	-					
RT4.3	Identify and reduce road sign 'clutter'.	~ Rationalise signs where possible as part of traditional direction sign restoration programme.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
RT4.4	Inventory of historic 'roadside furniture'.	~ Check that features have been recorded in National Street Gazetteer.		XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
RT4.5	Maintenance and restoration of historic 'roadside furniture'.	~ Restore 5 traditional direction signs.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
A64 Trunk Road							
RT5.1	Monitor future proposals and provide comments.	~ On-going, with involvement as and when necessary.					
Sustainable recreation activities							
RA1.1	Monitor sustainability of recreational activities in the AONB.	~ Seek updated information as necessary, as part of Management Plan review process.	XXXXX	XXXXX			
RA1.2	Use planning policies to encourage appropriate recreational developments.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.					

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<p>Promote AONB in a sustainable way</p> <p>RA2.1 Gather information on visitor numbers, activity, etc.</p> <p>RA2.2 Work with Area Tourism Partnership to provide information for visitors.</p> <p>RA2.3 Work with local Tourism Associations.</p> <p>RA2.4 Initiatives to enable Under-Represented Groups to enjoy the AONB.</p> <p>RA2.5 Initiatives to promote health benefits of outdoor recreation in the AONB.</p>	<p>~ Repeat basic monitoring of car park usage during summer.</p> <p>~ Seek updated information as necessary, as part of Management Plan review process.</p> <p>~ Continue input to the Green Traveller website and LEADER Local Distinctiveness project.</p> <p>~ See RA2.2 above.</p> <p>~ Deliver the schools twinning project between schools in the AONB and York/Hull (see AP2.3).</p> <p>–</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	
<p>Recreational management measures</p> <p>RA3.1 Small-scale recreation management works.</p>	<p>–</p>					
<p>Management of the PRoW network</p> <p>RA4.1 Maintenance of path furniture.</p> <p>RA4.2 Regularly monitor path condition.</p> <p>RA4.3 Rectify identified problems, including seasonal overgrowth and ploughing/cropping.</p> <p>RA4.4 Prioritised programme for cutting seasonal undergrowth.</p> <p>RA4.5 Community involvement in path monitoring and maintenance.</p>	<p>~ Continue with minor improvement works as they are identified.</p> <p>~ Ensure that any new/diverted paths are completed to the same standard as rest of network.</p> <p>–</p> <p>~ Bring issues to the attention of the NYCC Area Ranger, as necessary.</p> <p>~ Monitor the NYCC seasonal cutting programme and liaise with NYCC Area Ranger as necessary.</p> <p>~ Use AONB/NYCC volunteers to tackle identified maintenance issues.</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	

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Definitive Map RA5.1 Definitive Map review for the Ryedale District. RA5.2 Identify existing route and status anomalies and lobby for action.	– ~ Complete work on bridleway route issues at Slingsby, as part of a wider package of rationalisations on the Castle Howard Estate.					
Improvements to ProW network RA6.1 Encourage creation of new access routes/areas. RA6.2 Support appropriate Public Rights of Way route alterations.	~ As opportunities arise. ~ Progress route re-alignments/creations /extinguishments at Howsham, Ampleforth, Slingsby & Hovingham.					
Path usage issues RA7.1 Encourage path improvements via management measures. RA7.2 Monitor use of footpaths by horse riders, cyclists, etc. RA7.3 Make advisory signage available for control of dogs, shutting gates, etc.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. – ~ As requested.					
Open Access in FC woodland RA8.1 Low-key works on freehold Forestry Commission land. RA8.2 Dedication of leasehold Forestry Commission land. RA8.3 Assist in negotiations on leasehold sites as appropriate.	– ~ Monitor any FC consultation on future management of the public forest estate, and input as appropriate. ~ As necessary.					
Guided routes RA9.1 Identify appropriate routes. RA9.2 Identify linkages via road verges and encourage appropriate cutting regimes. RA9.3 Publish and distribute guide leaflets.	~ Progress development of a 15ml circular off-road cycle route around the eastern part of the AONB. – ~ Publish and distribute/upload 1 further short cycle route leaflet.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	

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Bus routes and other transport services RA10.1 Enhancements to public/community transport and Moorsbus networks. RA10.2 Explore options for park-and-ride at larger tourist attractions.	– –					
Informal car parking facilities RA11.1 Carry out appropriate management works. RA11.2 Continue discussions to improve parking facilities at Kirkham Priory. RA11.3 Investigate the use of village car park and toilet facilities by recreational visitors.	~ Continue grass cutting regime at Badger Bank. ~ Continue programme of litter clearance at car parks throughout the AONB (see D3.5). ~ Encourage management of parking area at Bell Bottom Wood, Coneysthorpe, to maximise space available. ~ Ensure refurbished Kirkham Priory car park is appropriately maintained. – (Completed) –	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX		
Water recreation on the Derwent RA12.1 Use planning and other policy controls to discourage recreational use. RA12.2 Countryside management measures to resolve local recreational issues.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. ~ As necessary.					
Forum to discuss recreation, access and tourism issues RA13.1 Hold meetings of the Forum as necessary. RA13.2 Pass information on issues to North Yorkshire Local Access Forum.	~ Use Management Plan Topic Group meetings to get feedback on current issues. –					

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<p>Awareness and understanding of AONB designation, importance and role of JAC</p> <p>AP1.1 Maintain the existing AONB 'gateway signs' and seek to install signs on the A64.</p> <p>AP1.2 Publish and distribute information about the AONB.</p> <p>AP1.3 Provide information via the Annual Report, Newsletter and website.</p> <p>AP1.4 Maintain a high public profile in the local media and at shows.</p> <p>AP1.5 Celebrate the 25th anniversary of the AONB designation (Oct. 2012).</p> <p>AP1.6 Carry out a follow-up Visitors and Users survey.</p>	<p>~ Ensure 'gateway sign' sites are adequately maintained.</p> <p>~ Investigate installing 'gateway signs' on the A64.</p> <p>~ Ensure that TICs and local accommodation providers, shops, etc have adequate supplies of relevant AONB leaflets.</p> <p>~ Start preparation of a Geodiversity leaflet for the AONB.</p> <p>~ Publish 2012/13 Annual Report.</p> <p>~ Publish AONB News 2013.</p> <p>~ Ensure that AONB website is running properly and is updated each month.</p> <p>~ Monitor extent and value of media mentions.</p> <p>~ Attend Ryedale Show.</p> <p>~ Use AONB display at 3 venues/events.</p> <p>~ Identify suitable sites, obtain permissions and install remaining log seats.</p> <p>–</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	
<p>Awareness of Special Qualities of AONB</p> <p>AP2.1 Information leaflets for individual AONB villages.</p> <p>AP2.2 Annual programme of guided walks and talks.</p> <p>AP2.3 Programme of activities with local schools and communities.</p> <p>AP2.4 Install information boards at suitable sites.</p>	<p>~ See RA9.3.</p> <p>–</p> <p>~ Hold at least 3 Junior Ranger Club full-day sessions.</p> <p>~ Deliver the schools twinning project between schools in the AONB and York/Hull.</p> <p>–</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	
<p>Volunteering</p> <p>AP3.1 Involve volunteers to assist with delivery of tasks and activities.</p>	<p>~ Complete at least 1 project per calendar quarter using volunteers.</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	

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<p>Funding and partnership mechanisms</p> <p>IM1.1 Seek funding to implement Management Plan Objectives.</p> <p>IM1.2 Annual meetings of AONB Partnership Group.</p> <p>IM1.3 Partnership arrangements with the North York Moors National Park Authority.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Lobby as necessary, via the NAAONB, to ensure that AONBs are adequately funded by Defra. ~ Ensure full utilisation of Defra grant allocation. ~ Assist with implementation of final year of CAN DO HLF Lime and Ice Project. ~ Participate in the delivery of the North York Moors, Coast and Hills LEADER initiative, encouraging support for projects within the AONB. ~ Access additional resources from County & District Councils, FC, EA, EH, Ryedale & Hambleton LEADER SSES, etc for specific identified projects. ~ Investigate the potential for accessing EH funding for Monuments at Risk. ~ Continue to develop a major habitat enhancement project for the CAN DO area – Revitalising the River Rye project. ~ Assist as necessary with Buglife's SITA-funded B-Lines project. ~ Continue input to the Green Traveller website and LEADER Local Distinctiveness project. ~ Monitor, and assist as appropriate, with new community Rural Broadband initiatives. ~ Utilise Reserves appropriately, to supplement annual projects budget and to maintain AONB Officer staff resource. ~ Hold a meeting in April 2014. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Continue to deliver the AONB SDF programme in partnership with the North York Moors National Park. ~ Continue partnership arrangement to employ Native Woodland Development Officer to cover National Park & AONB. ~ Continue to participate in the CAN DO Partnership. 	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p></p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p></p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p>	

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Business development of AONB Partnership IM2.1 Monitor business development needs and identify improvements. IM2.2 Incorporate improvements into annual Action Programme and Budget approval processes.	~ Utilise Reserves appropriately, to supplement annual projects budget and to maintain AONB Officer staff resource. ~ Prepare annual Business Plan / Action Programme for JAC, March 2014.				XXXXX	
Monitor performance of AONB Partnership and AONB Unit MN1.1 Report annual progress on achievement of Management Plan Objectives. MN1.2 Monitor Partnership performance using Natural England Indicators. MN1.3 Measure customer satisfaction with AONB Unit via regular questionnaires.	~ Annual Action Programme update to JAC, March 2014. ~ Continue to enter grant-aided schemes onto GIS map layers (see SF1.2). ~ Continue to use NE Partnership Indicators to measure performance of JAC and AONB Partnership. ~ Continue to send out questionnaires to grant recipients.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	
Monitor Condition of AONB MN2.1 Develop a mechanism to assess the Condition of non-Statutory Local Priority Sites. MN2.2 Consider developing a 'fixed point photography' monitoring system. MN2.3 Establish baseline data for AONB Condition Indicators. MN2.4 Information on Condition Indicators on a 5-yearly cycle. MN2.5 Provide information to assist the Countryside Quality Counts programme and monitor the results.	~ Discuss possible assessment mechanisms with NYCC and English Heritage. ~ Use assessment mechanism to 'score' condition of sites. ~ Establish baseline photos for chosen set of locations. ~ Complete the table of data, for all Indicators. ~ Incorporate into revision of Management Plan. ~ As necessary.	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX			

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<p>National Association for AONBs Maintain input into NAAONB Board and Association activities.</p> <p>Keep up-to-date with knowledge and skills in relation to AONB management.</p>	<p>~ Continue to participate in NAAONB initiatives.</p> <p>~ Attend training seminars, Northern Group meetings, Conferences, etc as appropriate.</p>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
<p>AONB Management Plan Review AONB Management Plan.</p>	<p>~ Seek updated information as necessary, to inform Management Plan review process.</p> <p>~ Hold Topic Groups for individual subjects.</p> <p>~ Revise Plan text and consult back with Topic Groups and AONB Partnership.</p> <p>~ Hold formal consultation on draft revised Management Plan.</p> <p>~ Catalogue responses and amend draft Plan as appropriate.</p> <p>~ Prepare final text of Plan and submit to Local Authorities for adoption.</p> <p>~ Send final Plan to Defra.</p>	XXXXX	XXXXX			
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