

**HOWARDIAN HILLS  
AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY  
JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
7 NOVEMBER 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 JAC meeting in April 2013.

**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 April 2013 to October 2013.
- 2.2 The final budget outturn for 2012/13 is detailed in a separate report on the Agenda. The final contribution payment has been received from Defra.
- 2.3 Work on countryside management has been proceeding. Our regular annual habitat management work on specific SINC sites has been completed, together with a fifth year of Himalayan balsam control on Wath Beck. A major wall restoration project is due to start soon near Brandsby, with a second major grant also offered for work at Oulston. The AONB newsletter has recently resulted in a number of enquiries for grants towards new hedge planting, and we are continuing work on a number of projects to plant individual in-field and boundary trees. Full details of the grants offered and projects initiated are contained in Appendix 2.
- 2.4 The Sustainable Development Fund is now fully committed and further applications are being received. Several projects had to be postponed last financial year due to the poor weather conditions – these were rolled-forward into the new financial year and are now completed. If other high-quality project applications are received it's likely that they will be funded by moving money from other Project budget heads. Full details of the grants offered are contained in Appendix 2.
- 2.5 Although the number of planning applications scrutinised has been relatively average, the large majority of them have not needed significant input or comments. New farm buildings have been the most numerous category of development, whilst the most significant development was an application for a 15m high building to house a biomass boiler at Westlers in Amotherby. Appendix 3 gives details of the Consultations that the JAC has received this financial year.
- 2.6 The Rural:Urban schools project, twinning AONB schools with ones in York and Hull and funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and LEADER continues to be delivered. Nine Round 3 twinning visits have been completed; a teachers' workshop to review progress and make plans for Round 4 was held in September; Howsham Mill was developed as a venue for Round 4 activities

and the first two twinning visits of Round 4 have been held. Due to an unforeseen and unilateral decision by Defra to alter the final Claim Date for the LEADER element of the funding it is possible that not all the Round 4 visits will be completed. A further six visits have been arranged for before the end of November (the programme indicated 12 in the autumn term), and one pair of schools has now pulled out (for reasons beyond our control). We may consider putting some additional funding in so that the programme is completed fully for the remaining 8 pairs of schools.

- 2.7 Three Junior Ranger Club sessions have been held in conjunction with the Castle Howard Arboretum, in the April, June and November half-terms. Details of the attendance at the Junior Ranger Club events already held are contained in Appendix 4.
- 2.8 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.
- 2.9 A significant amount of time has been spent preparing the next revision of the AONB Management Plan – full details of the progress to date are given in a separate report on this Agenda.
- 2.10 The AONB and the work of the JAC has received publicity in a variety of publications. The AONB website continues to be refined and kept up-to-date.
- 2.11 Twenty two of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary log seats have been installed. This has entailed significant logistical organisation to co-ordinate access permissions over stubble fields, etc, but it has been aided by the dry weather. The seats were installed in a series of 1-day hits, with 4-5 seats being installed by the contractor each day.
- 2.12 The latest edition of the AONB Newsletter was prepared in September and distributed in the week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> October. The JAC's Annual Report was circulated in September to the wide range of organisations who work with the JAC to deliver our shared objectives.
- 2.13 The NAAONB Conference was held in Ipswich in July, hosted by the Norfolk Coast, Suffolk Coasts & Heaths and Dedham Vale AONBs and the Norfolk Broads National Park. The theme of the Conference was Water and some useful ideas were picked up which will be applied to initiatives that we are working on.
- 2.14 The analysis of the grant recipients questionnaire returns for the year 2012/13 is included as Appendix 5. This shows that our service is still considered to be good by grant recipients and that they find the service useful.

### **3.0 RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the report be noted.

## AONB MANAGER'S REPORT

27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2013 – 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2013

Work during this period has principally consisted of:

- Year-end financial close-down.
- Using up carry-forward Annual Leave.
- Holding the 8 Management Plan Topic Group meetings.
- Planning application assessments.
- Assessing the suggested locations for log seats and refining them down to 25.
- Starting preparation of the new version of the Management Plan
- Submission of 2012/13 final grant claim to Defra.
- Attending NAAONB Future Landscapes Collaboration Programme workshop.
- Preparing the draft chapters for the new Management Plan and sending them out for informal pre-consultation.
- Revising the Management Plan chapters in light of comments received and submitting the full draft Plan to the designers.
- Log seats: Contacting owners and tenants, visiting sites and engaging a new contractor.
- Preparation of the 2012/13 Annual Report.
- Sending the draft Management Plan out for formal consultation.
- Arranging the installation of 22 log seats.
- Annual Leave.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 28<sup>th</sup> March – LNP Board meeting, Northallerton.</li> <li>• 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Planning application advice, Hovingham.</li> <li>• 4<sup>th</sup> April – JAC meeting, Barton-le-Street.</li> <li>• 8<sup>th</sup> April – Ryedale District Council re Ampleforth Station Road planning application, Malton.</li> <li>• 16<sup>th</sup> April – NET meeting, County Hall.</li> <li>• 18<sup>th</sup> April – KIT meeting with Ian Fielding.</li> <li>• 22<sup>nd</sup> April – AONB Partnership Group, Appleton-le-Street.</li> <li>• 25<sup>th</sup> April – Forestry &amp; Woodland Topic Group.</li> <li>• 30<sup>th</sup> April – Development &amp; Rural Economy Topic Group.</li> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> May – Natural Environment Topic Group.</li> <li>• 7<sup>th</sup> May – Roads, Transport &amp; Traffic Management Topic Group.</li> <li>• 8<sup>th</sup> May – Historic Environment Topic Group.</li> <li>• 9<sup>th</sup> May – Communities Topic Group.</li> <li>• 9<sup>th</sup> May – David Renwick (NYMNP), re joint working.</li> <li>• 15<sup>th</sup> May – Discussing result of 360 degree appraisal with Maggie and Liz.</li> <li>• 17<sup>th</sup> May – Agriculture Topic Group.</li> <li>• 21<sup>st</sup> May – Quarterly Action Programme delivery meeting.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 21<sup>st</sup> May – Coaching/discussion session with Liz and Rebecca on the next stage of the fixed point photography monitoring project.</li> <li>• 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Liz, to refine the suggested log seat locations down to 25.</li> <li>• 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Recreation, Access &amp; Tourism Topic Group, Terrington.</li> <li>• 4<sup>th</sup> June – Yearsley Moor project and volunteers group next steps, Helmsley.</li> <li>• 20<sup>th</sup> June – Core Partners Group.</li> <li>• 21<sup>st</sup> June – LEADER Executive and Support Group meeting, Helmsley.</li> <li>• 24<sup>th</sup> June – Colin Holm, re SEA for new Management Plan.</li> <li>• 26<sup>th</sup> June – LNP Board, Northallerton.</li> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Derry Patmore, re repairs to next sections of wall at Oulston.</li> <li>• 11<sup>th</sup> July – KIT meeting with Ian Fielding, teleconference.</li> <li>• 26<sup>th</sup> July – JAC site tour.</li> <li>• 5<sup>th</sup> August – Fire Service Fire Safety Audit visit.</li> <li>• 27<sup>th</sup> August – Quarterly Action Programme delivery meeting.</li> <li>• 5<sup>th</sup> September – NET meeting.</li> <li>• 5<sup>th</sup> September – Core Partners Group.</li> <li>• 10<sup>th</sup> September – VisitEngland campaign meeting, Malton.</li> <li>• 17<sup>th</sup> September – Local Distinctiveness Project meeting, Helmsley.</li> <li>• 18<sup>th</sup> September – Northern Powergrid Undergrounding Steering Group, Northallerton.</li> </ul> |
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- 7<sup>th</sup> October – Protected Areas delivery of economic development forum, Helmsley.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> October – LEADER Executive + Steering Group meeting, Helmsley.

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

Monthly AONB Team meetings.

#### NAAONB

- 17<sup>th</sup> April – Future Landscapes Programme workshop, Birmingham.
- 24<sup>th</sup> April – Northern AONBs Group meeting, Howardian Hills.
- 7<sup>th</sup> June – Future Landscapes Action Learning Set teleconference.
- 13<sup>th</sup> June – Biodiversity 2020 delivery workshop, London.
- 25<sup>th</sup> June – Future Landscapes Programme Action Learning Set teleconference.
- 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> July – NAAONB Conference, Ipswich.
- 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> July – NAAONB stand at CLA Game Fair, Staffordshire.
- 13<sup>th</sup> September – Future Landscapes Programme Action Learning Set teleconference.
- 1<sup>st</sup> October – Future Landscapes Programme workshop, Birmingham.
- 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> October – Northern Group meeting, Arnside & Silverdale AONB.

#### FUTURE MEETINGS

- 5<sup>th</sup> November – River Rye Project meeting.
- 5<sup>th</sup> November – Volunteer surveyor, re surveying the AONB.
- 6<sup>th</sup> November – Discussion on collaborative working with National Park, Helmsley.
- 7<sup>th</sup> November – JAC meeting, Amotherby.
- 10<sup>th</sup> November – Meeting with applicant re Countrysports Yorkshire SDF application.
- 10<sup>th</sup> November – KIT meeting with Ian Fielding.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Quarterly Work Programme meeting.
- 11<sup>th</sup> December – LNP Board meeting, Northallerton.
- 17<sup>th</sup> December – NET meeting, County Hall.
- 19<sup>th</sup> December – Core Partners Group.

Monthly project update meetings with Liz and Mark Antcliff.

Monthly AONB Team meetings.

#### FUTURE NAAONB

- 14<sup>th</sup> November – NAAONB AGM, London.

#### SITE VISITS

- 8<sup>th</sup> April – Planning applications site visits; Gilling, Crayke x 2.
- 11<sup>th</sup> June – log seats scoping visits – Maidensworth, Crayke, Oulston x 2.
- 29<sup>th</sup> June – Planning application site visit, Ampleforth College.
- 30<sup>th</sup> June – Planning application site visit, Coulton.
- 26<sup>th</sup> July – Planning application site visit, Amotherby.
- 7<sup>th</sup> August – Log seats visits – Welburn x 2, Huttons Ambo.
- 7<sup>th</sup> August – Planning application site visit, Welburn.
- 16<sup>th</sup> August – Log seats visits – Coxwold, Husthwaite, Oulston.
- 10<sup>th</sup> September – Log seats site visits – Coxwold, Husthwaite, Oulston, Terrington x 2.
- 16<sup>th</sup> September – Log seat meeting, Sproxtun. Log seat site inspections – Coxwold, Husthwaite, Oulston.
- 17<sup>th</sup> September – Log seat site visit, Nunnington.
- 26<sup>th</sup> September – Log seat site meetings, Kirkham, Crambe. Log seat site visits – Welburn x 3, Low Hutton, Slingsby x 2, Terrington.
- 27<sup>th</sup> September – Log seat site inspection, Sproxtun.
- 6<sup>th</sup> October – Log seats site visits – Terrington x 2, Grimston.
- 11<sup>th</sup> October – Log seat site visit, Husthwaite.

#### FUTURE SITE VISITS

- Log seat site inspections – Hovingham x 2, Grimston, Terrington, Low Hutton, Kirkham, Crambe, Howsham.
- Planning application site visit, Yearsley.

#### PROJECTS

- Completion of 2012 State Aids returns to Defra.
- 2012/13 Year-end financial shut down.
- Starting re-write of AONB Management Plan.
- Management Plan revision.

- Analysis of the Historic Landscape Characterisation information and incorporation into the Management Plan Local Landscape Priorities sections where appropriate.
- 25<sup>th</sup> July – Volunteers task, re-gravelling City of Troy Maze.
- 27<sup>th</sup> September – Compiling documents and sending out Annual Report 2012/13 and draft Management Plan for consultation.
- SEE SEPARATE TABLE FOR LIST OF PROJECTS GRANT AIDED

#### FUTURE PROJECTS

- Install the remaining 3 log seats.
- Compile responses from draft AONB Management Plan consultation.
- Agree proposed changes to the Management Plan with the Core Partners Group, JAC and finally the JAC Chairman.
- Prepare a text-only version of the Management Plan, for adoption by the three Local Authorities.
- Complete the Equalities Impact Assessment of the new Management Plan.

#### CONSULTATIONS

- SEE SEPARATE TABLE FOR FULL DETAILS OF CONSULTATIONS RECEIVED.

#### COMMUNITIES

#### PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION

- Log seats installation – writing to owners and tenants; appointing contractor.
- 30<sup>th</sup> July – Ryedale Show.
- Preparation of the 2012/13 Annual Report.
- Log seats installation – liaising with owners and tenants; visiting sites; appointing new contractor.
- Distribution of the 2012/13 Annual Report.
- Distribution of 2013 AONB Newsletter.

#### FUTURE PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION

#### TRAINING

- 29<sup>th</sup> April – Customer Care e-learning.
- 12<sup>th</sup> August – E-learning courses – Data Protection; Information Security.
- 27<sup>th</sup> August – E-learning courses – Freedom of Information; Attendance Management.

#### FUTURE TRAINING

#### MISCELLANEOUS

- 11<sup>th</sup> April – Maggie Cochrane Appraisal.
- 19<sup>th</sup> April – Appraisal.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Liz Bassindale Appraisal.
- 15<sup>th</sup> May – Introducing NYCC Area Ranger Andrew Hall to AONB office set-up, as he will be hot-desking there more often.
- Annual Leave – 30<sup>th</sup> Sept – 4<sup>th</sup> Oct.
- 9<sup>th</sup> October – Maggie Cochrane Appraisal.
- 11<sup>th</sup> October – Liz Bassindale Appraisal.
- 18<sup>th</sup> October – Appraisal.

#### FUTURE MISCELLANEOUS

- Christmas close-down, 25<sup>th</sup> December – 2<sup>nd</sup> January.

## AONB OFFICER'S REPORT

27<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2013 –6<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2013

Work during this period has principally consisted of:

- Completion of Projects at Snargate Farm, Greets Farm and Rose Cottage Farm
- Progressing of Projects at Brandsby and Oswaldkirk
- Completion of scoping visits for Fixed Point Photography project
- Assessing options for protecting Long Barrow at Grimstone
- Initial drafting of 2012/13 Annual Report
- Interpreting and presenting statistics for inclusion in Evidence Base of Management Plan
- Site visits to Littledale and Cawton Fen SINCS to assess effect of pony grazing
- Continued rationalisation of project files
- Continued digitisation of past projects

## MEETINGS

- 2<sup>nd</sup> April – internal meeting to discuss Log Seat Project
- 21<sup>st</sup> May – Project up-date meeting, Quarterly Work Programme meeting and internal meeting to discuss Fixed Point Photography project
- 9<sup>th</sup> July – River Rye Project Meeting
- 27<sup>th</sup> August – Quarterly Work Programme meeting
- 24<sup>th</sup> September – meeting with representatives of Oswaldkirk Parish Meeting to discuss potential application to Ryedale Small Scale Enhancements Scheme for works at Chestnut Bank
- 27<sup>th</sup> October - Quarterly Work Programme meeting

## NAAONB

## FUTURE MEETINGS

- 5<sup>th</sup> November – River Rye meeting
- 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Quarterly Work Programme meeting
- 24<sup>th</sup> February – Quarterly Work Programme meeting

## FUTURE NAAONB

## SITE VISITS

- 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Snargate Farm & Greets Farm to inspect completed works and visit to log seat at Castle Howard to attach 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary plaque
- 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> May – take scoping photos for Fixed Point Photography project
- 11<sup>th</sup> June – proposed wall restoration at Brandsby with prospective contractor
- 9<sup>th</sup> July – Chestnut Bank, Oswaldkirk to look at proposed restoration of path.
- 20<sup>th</sup> August – long barrow, Grimstone to discuss proposals with NYCC Highways
- 10<sup>th</sup> September – Chestnut Bank to meet representatives of Parish Meeting to discuss proposed works and visit to Littledale SINC to assess impact of pony grazing
- 17<sup>th</sup> September – inspect SDF funded works at Huttons Ambo, Kirkham Priory carpark, proposed tree planting site at Firby, walling works at Rose Cottage Farm and potential site for log seat at Coulton
- 8<sup>th</sup> October – Cawton Bank and Cawton Fen to assess effect of pony grazing

## FUTURE SITE VISITS

## PROJECTS

- Submitting details of historic projects completed in 2012/13 to NYCC for inclusion on Historic Environment Record.
- Continued rationalisation of project files
- Digitisation of past projects
- Completion of projects at Snargate Farm, Greets Farm & Rose Cottage Farm
- Initial drafting of 2012/13 Annual Report
- Commissioning contractor for walling work at High Farm, Brandsby

- Assessing options for protection of long barrow at Grimstone
- Finalising & distributing Gilling Castle RPG Study
- Interpreting and presenting agricultural statistics and data provided by 'Framework for Monitoring Environmental Outcomes in Protected Landscapes' Project for inclusion in Evidence Base of new Management Plan

#### FUTURE PROJECTS

- Continued rationalisation of project files
- Continued digitisation of past projects
- Restoration of traditional direction signs
- Restoration of 'City of Troy' interpretation panel
- Assessment of threats to Scheduled Ancient Monuments within AONB and prioritisation of works to be undertaken by volunteers

#### CONSULTATIONS

#### COMMUNITIES

- Securing future maintenance of car park at Kirkham Priory by Parish Council
- Working with Oswaldkirk Parish Meeting to secure improvements to improve amenity space at Chestnut Bank

#### PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION

#### FUTURE PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION

#### TRAINING

#### FUTURE TRAINING

#### MISCELLANEOUS

#### FUTURE MISCELLANEOUS

**AONB OFFICER'S REPORT**  
**21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH – 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER**

This report summarises the work completed over this 7 month period:

- **Projects Fund 2012/13/14:** Completed projects include hedge planting at Stearsby and Oswaldkirk, wellhead repairs in Crayke, community noticeboard in Oswaldkirk and cutting of Special Interest Verges. Conservation cuts of Amotherby and Appleton le Street Churchyards have taken place. The search for topstones for Wiganthorpe Park Wall continues. The second stage of the hedge restoration at Stearsby has been discussed with the landowner.
- **SDF 2013/14:** The work of the Rural Action Yorkshire Community Development Officer is progressing well; Terrington have committed to completing a Parish Plan and Oswaldkirk are reviewing theirs. Building work at Husthwaite Village Hall is underway. The offer letter to Gilling East Church for noticeboards and porch repairs has been revised. Offer letters have been issued to North East Yorkshire Geology Trust to launch Geonauts at Ampleforth St Benedict's School and to Terrington Village Hall for a walkers/cyclists toilet. Composting toilets at Howsham Mill, the outdoor classroom at Crayke School, bus shelters at Huttons Ambo and explorer backpacks at the Arboretum have been completed. A Project Ideas Form has been received from Sight Support Ryedale – they are working up the full Application Form, probably for submission to the 2014/15 SDF.
- **Rural:Urban Schools Twinning Project:** The first two months of this period were focused on developing the activities to be delivered in Hull in June and York in July and negotiating a new school to become involved after the withdrawal of one Hull school (due to factors beyond our control). Seven visits to Hull, one to York and one to the AONB took place during a busy three month period. In Hull the children worked on a 140 square foot mural which covers the front of three former fruit warehouses on Humber Street and which interprets marine life off the Humberside coastline. The mural was seen by 24,000 people who attended the Humber Street music festival on 3<sup>rd</sup> August. Look North and BBC Radio Humberside interviewed children from Husthwaite and Cavendish Schools and the School Twinning Project Officer. In York we visited St Nicholas Fields and learnt about its transition from waste disposal site to urban nature reserve – hunting for minibeasts and playing environmental games as we learnt.
- **Volunteers:** Volunteers have helped to deliver Junior Ranger Club and School Twinning sessions. They have also undertaken Himalayan balsam clearance at Jeffry Bog SINC and followed this up with strimming along the PROW. AONB volunteers worked alongside YWT volunteers leading some School Twinning activities. Volunteer tasks clearing rhododendron are scheduled for November and December at Yearsley Moor.
- **Junior Ranger Club:** In May half term the children enjoyed making shoe box ponds, pond dipping and butterfly activities at The Yorkshire Arboretum. The next session will be in Autumn half term in Ampleforth.
- **Promotional activity:** The Great Outdoors Guide for the North York Moors, Coast and Howardian Hills was well received at Ryedale Show and Hovingham Market. Copies are available from local outlets and accommodation providers. Two routes in the AONB feature in the guide, which also has some background information about the area. The Annual AONB newsletter, incorporating articles by both the AONB Team and partner organizations, has been produced and distributed.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• April 4<sup>th</sup> – Barton le Street – JAC</li><li>• April 11<sup>th</sup> – York – NYBAG</li><li>• April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Appleton le Street – Partnership Group</li><li>• April 25<sup>th</sup> – Hovingham – Management Plan review topic group – Forestry and Woodland</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• April 30<sup>th</sup> – Hovingham – Management Plan review topic group – Development and Rural Economy</li><li>• May 1<sup>st</sup> – Hovingham – Management Plan review topic group – Natural Environment</li><li>• May 7<sup>th</sup> – Hovingham – Management Plan review topic group – Roads and Transport</li><li>• May 8<sup>th</sup> – Hovingham – Management Plan review topic group – Historic Environment</li></ul> |
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- May 7<sup>th</sup> – Hovingham – Management Plan review topic group – Communities
- May 7<sup>th</sup> – Hovingham – David Renwick (NYMNP)
- May 15<sup>th</sup> – Malton – Ryedale LBAP
- May 16<sup>th</sup> – Hovingham - 360° appraisal review with PJ
- May 17<sup>th</sup> – Hovingham – Management Plan review topic group – Agriculture
- May 21<sup>st</sup> – Hovingham – Projects update with PJ and RT
- May 21<sup>st</sup> – Hovingham – Work Programme – PJ, MC and RT
- May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Terrington – Management Plan review topic group – Recreation and Access
- May 24<sup>th</sup> – Northallerton – Hambleton LBAP
- May 30<sup>th</sup> – Northallerton – Natural Environment Team and Ecology Team meetings
- June 20<sup>th</sup> – Hovingham – Core Partners
- July 9<sup>th</sup> – Hovingham – River Rye group
- July 31<sup>st</sup> – Phone interview – LEADER feedback opportunity
- Sept 5<sup>th</sup> – Hovingham – NET
- Sept 5<sup>th</sup> – Hovingham – Core Partners
- Sept 24<sup>th</sup> – Northallerton – SIV group
- Oct 8<sup>th</sup> – Hovingham – Projects update
- Oct 9<sup>th</sup> – York – NYBAG
- Oct 10<sup>th</sup> – Flamingo Land – Ryedale (and Scarborough?) LBAP
- Oct 11<sup>th</sup> – Hovingham – Appraisal
- Oct 11<sup>th</sup> – Hovingham – NE Yorkshire Geology Trust
- Oct 15<sup>th</sup> – Northallerton - NET
- Oct 16<sup>th</sup> – Fountains Abbey – LEADER LAG
- Monthly - Howardian Hills AONB Unit meeting

#### FUTURE MEETINGS

- Nov 5<sup>th</sup> – Hovingham – River Rye group
- Nov 6<sup>th</sup> – Helmsley – David Renwick re future joint working with NYMNP
- Nov 7<sup>th</sup> – Amotherby Village Hall – JAC
- Nov 12<sup>th</sup> – Malton – Ryedale/Scarborough LBAP sub-meeting
- Dec 5<sup>th</sup> – Helmsley – Development Officers Network
- Dec 19<sup>th</sup> – Hovingham – Core Partners
- Monthly - Howardian Hills AONB Unit meeting
- Approx every 4-6 weeks - Project updates with Paul and Rebecca
- Approx every 4-6 weeks – Natural Environment Team Meetings

- Quarterly – work programme meeting with Paul and Maggie

#### SITE VISITS

- April 25<sup>th</sup> – Hovingham – Village wall repairs site meeting
- July 25<sup>th</sup> – Jeffry Bog – site visit before volunteer task
- July 26<sup>th</sup> – AONB – JAC projects tour
- August 7<sup>th</sup> – Ampleforth to Wass – Himalayan balsam check on Special Interest Verges
- August 13<sup>th</sup> – Gilling East – church porch
- August 16<sup>th</sup> – Stearsby – hedge planting
- Sept 4<sup>th</sup> – Terrington – wall repairs

#### FUTURE SITE VISITS

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#### PROJECTS

- April 12<sup>th</sup> – Yearsley – Grassland restoration project grant meeting
- May 8<sup>th</sup> – Thirsk – Exmoor Pony grazing planning meeting
- May 21<sup>st</sup> – Hovingham - Fixed Point Photography planning session with PJ and RT
- May 28<sup>th</sup> – Hovingham – SDF – Park House Farm
- May 28<sup>th</sup> – Hovingham – Briefing RT on running the Himalayan balsam cutting programme this year
- June 21<sup>st</sup> – Hovingham – Discussion with local botanist about writing a flora of the Howardian Hills
- August 6<sup>th</sup> – Jeffry Bog – Himalayan balsam pulling with volunteers
- August 16<sup>th</sup> – Dalby Maze – clean information board
- 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

- Nov 6<sup>th</sup> – Yearsley Moor – Volunteers clearing rhododendron

- Dec 4<sup>th</sup> – Yearsley Moor – Volunteers clearing rhododendron

Projects include:

- Completion of 2013 Exmoor Pony Grazing

#### RECREATION/ACCESS

- April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Hovingham – Planning 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary log seat project
- May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Hovingham – 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary log seats site selection
- Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> – Castle Howard – Off-road cycling and walking promotion meeting
- Offer made to contribute towards a re-print of the road cycling leaflet in conjunction with Sustrans, Welcome to Yorkshire, Ryedale DC

#### FUTURE RECREATION/ACCESS

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

#### COMMUNITIES

- April 9<sup>th</sup> – Hovingham – Meeting with Community Development Officer
- April 10<sup>th</sup> – The Yorkshire Arboretum – Junior Ranger Club
- 29<sup>th</sup> May – The Yorkshire Arboretum – Junior Ranger Club
- July 2<sup>nd</sup> – Helmsley Walled Garden – Ryedale Voluntary and Community Sector Forum
- August 7<sup>th</sup> – Arboretum – planning Junior Rangers
- August 7<sup>th</sup> – Ampleforth – initial visit to determine whether Ampleforth is a suitable venue for Junior Rangers.
- August 22<sup>nd</sup> – Malton – Ryedale Rural Awards judging
- August 27<sup>th</sup> – Arboretum – Planning Autumn JRC session
- August 27<sup>th</sup> – Ampleforth – plan treasure hunt/local area quiz for the Junior Rangers
- Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ampleforth – JRC walk through with Arboretum Education Officer in Ampleforth
- Oct 24<sup>th</sup> – Barton le Street – Parish network forum
- Oct 30<sup>th</sup> – Ampleforth – Junior Rangers

#### FUTURE COMMUNITY WORK

- Feb 19<sup>th</sup> – Yorkshire Arboretum – Junior Rangers
- April 16<sup>th</sup> – Yorkshire Arboretum – Junior Rangers
- Build on links with schools, parishes and community groups.

#### PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/INTERPRETATION

- March 27<sup>th</sup> – Display put up at Ampleforth Abbey about the School Twinning Project; display remains in place now
- April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Kirkbymoorside – slides to CD for Great Outdoors Guide
- April 26<sup>th</sup> – Outdoor Guide update meeting
- May 14<sup>th</sup> – Helmsley – Outdoor Guide proofs check
- May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Delivery taken of the Great Outdoors Guide.
- May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Terrington – meeting with Castle Howard and Sustrans re. leaflet printing and producing additional walking/cycling information
- May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Slingsby and Hovingham – Promoting/distributing new Outdoors Guide
- June 25<sup>th</sup> – Malton – Meeting to discuss Outdoor Guide distribution and future projects
- July 6<sup>th</sup> – Hovingham – Stall at market with Maggie Farey (RAY)
- July 25<sup>th</sup> – Pickering – Tour de France Roadshow
- July 30<sup>th</sup> – Ryedale Show – promotional stand
- August 16<sup>th</sup> – Terrington and Arboretum – leaflet delivery and discussion about what leaflets we offer
- Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> – Malton – Access/tourism/ promotion group meeting
- Dec 10<sup>th</sup> – Castle Howard – promotional market stall (tbc)
- July – Discussions with Green Traveller about a theme for Howardian Hills on their website
- Production of content for AONB Newsletter and gathering articles from external contributors. Text and images supplied to designers. Newsletter printed and distributed.

## FUTURE PUBLICITY/INTERPRETATION

- Displays in community spaces about the Schools Twinning Project

## EDUCATIONAL/RAISING AWARENESS

- March 28<sup>th</sup> – Hull – School Twinning planning and update meeting
- April 5<sup>th</sup> – Howsham Mill – Planning School Twinning sessions for Autumn 2013
- May 1<sup>st</sup> – Foston on the Wolds – School Twinning planning and update meeting
- June 4<sup>th</sup> – School twinning – Cottingham Croxby to Welburn
  
- Humber Street, Hull – School Twinning visits:
  - June 14<sup>th</sup> – Terrington, Foston & Gillshill
  - June 17<sup>th</sup> – Hovingham, St Hilda's and Neasden
  - June 18<sup>th</sup> - Amotherby & Hall Road
  - June 19<sup>th</sup> – St Benedict's and Wansbeck (attended)
  - June 24<sup>th</sup> – Welburn and Cottingham Croxby
  - June 26<sup>th</sup> – Husthwaite and Cavendish (attended)
  - July 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sheriff Hutton and Ings (attended)
  
- July 5<sup>th</sup> – St Nicholas Fields – Tang Hall and Crayke
- June 28<sup>th</sup> – Howsham Mill – twinning days planning meeting
- July 31<sup>st</sup> – Howsham Mill – twinning days planning meeting
- August 8<sup>th</sup> – Near Wetwang – feedback/planning meeting with Twinning Project Officer
- August 20<sup>th</sup> – Howsham Mill – meeting with Trustees to discuss twinning project
- August 30<sup>th</sup> – Hull – Visit mural in place with volunteers then discuss teachers workshop
- Sept 10<sup>th</sup> – Skidby Mill – Teachers workshop
- Oct 1<sup>st</sup> – Hovingham – LEADER monitoring visit
- Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> – Howsham Mill – planning, walk-through and prep
- Oct 5<sup>th</sup> – Helmsley – Drill corks for school twinning models
- Oct 17<sup>th</sup> – Crayke – Display for school parents evening
- Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> – Sheriff Hutton – Display for Harvest Festival
- Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> – Howsham – site visit with teacher
- October 24<sup>th</sup> – Howsham Mill – Hovingham, Neasden and St Hilda's visit
- October 25<sup>th</sup> – Howsham Mill – Terrington, Foston and Gillshill visit

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

## FUTURE EDUCATION/AWARENESS

- Nov 5<sup>th</sup> – Howsham Mill – Amotherby and Hall Road visit
- Nov 12<sup>th</sup> – Howsham Mill – Tang Hall and Crayke visit
- Nov 15<sup>th</sup> – Howsham Mill – St Benedict's and Wansbeck visit
- Nov 20<sup>th</sup> – Husthwaite – Cavendish and Husthwaite visit
- Nov 26<sup>th</sup> – Cottingham – Welburn and Cottingham visit
  
- Oct and Dec - Interim and Final LEADER claims
- HLF interim claim
  
- Developing the skills of the Volunteers on a variety of tasks including Educational Activities, Community Events and Habitat Management.

## TRAINING

- May 14<sup>th</sup> – Helmsley – Moors and More marketing session

## FUTURE TRAINING

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## MISCELLANEOUS

- March 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> – Annual leave
- April 24<sup>th</sup> – Northern AONBs Group
- June 4<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> – Annual leave
- July 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> – Ipswich and Norfolk Broads – NAAONB Conference
- Sept 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> – On leave

## FUTURE MISCELLANEOUS

# AONB ASSISTANT'S REPORT

## 22 MARCH – 25 OCTOBER 2013

My main duties over the period have been:

- Preparation for and assisting with delivery of Junior Rangers' sessions on 10 April and 29 May, and planning, promotion and preparation for upcoming session on 30 October.
- Assisting with planning and delivery of two Schools Twinning days at Hull and St Nicholas' Fields, York and preparation for sessions at Howsham Mill.
- Organising the update and reprint of the HHAONB general leaflet, incorporating the Landscapes for Life logo.
- Assisting with delivery of the annual Partnership Group meeting and Northern Group Staff meeting.
- Assisting with planning, preparation and delivery of the HHAONB stand at Ryedale Show.
- General admin tasks for the unit eg taking minutes, dealing with orders, invoices, post, file management.
- Updating the AONB website, with news and information.
- Handling telephone and email enquiries to the Unit.
- Dealing with IT issues.

### MEETINGS

- 4 April – JAC meeting, Barton-le-Street VH
- 10 April – JRC planning meeting with Yorkshire Arboretum Education Officer
- 22 April – AONB Partnership Group meeting, Appleton-le-Street
- 24 April – Northern Group Staff meeting, Nunnington and Gilling East
- 21 May – Quarterly Work Programme meeting
- 16 July – NET meeting, County Hall
- 7 August – JRC planning meeting with Yorkshire Arboretum Education Officer
- 27 August – Quarterly Work Programme meeting
- 5 Sept – Core Partners' Group meeting
- 19 Sept – Development Officers' meeting, Malton
- 24 October – Northern Group Staff meeting at Arnside and Silverdale AONB
- Monthly AONB Unit meetings

### FUTURE MEETINGS

- 7 November - JAC meeting, Amotherby VH
- 14 November – NET meeting, Wath Court
- 3 December – Quarterly Work Programme meeting
- 19 December – Core Partners' Group meeting
- Monthly - HHAONB Unit meetings

### SITE VISITS

- 7 August - scoping visit to Ampleforth church and millennium green for Junior Rangers
- 2 October – site visit to Ampleforth to finalise plans for Junior Rangers session

- 15 October – Site visit to Appleton-le-Street Churchyard to check task for volunteers

### FUTURE SITE VISITS

### RECREATION/ACCESS

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

### FUTURE RECREATION/ACCESS

- Assisting with production of new walks and cycling leaflets for Castle Howard area

### COMMUNITY WORK

- Assisting with planning, preparation and delivery of JRC sessions on 10 April and 29 May
- 22 April – Attending Partnership Group Meeting at Cresswell Arms, Appleton-le-Street
- 20 September – Representing HHAONB at the Ryedale Rural Awards evening
- 17 October – Liaison with volunteers for small task at Appleton-le-Street Churchyard
- Planning, promotion and preparation for JRC session on 30 October

### FUTURE COMMUNITY WORK

- Preparation and assisting with delivery of JRC session
- Develop opportunities for promotion of JRC

### PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION

- Further development of Howardian Hills AONB website and links with relevant organisations
- Assisting with publicity and promotion for the Schools Twinning Project
- Update and reprint of HHAONB general leaflet
- Continued distribution of HHAONB leaflet to tourism outlets etc
- Assisting with planning, preparation and delivery of Ryedale Show stand
- 20 September - Ryedale Rural Awards Evening

### FUTURE PROMOTION/PUBLICITY

- Develop opportunities for promotion of JRC

### EDUCATION/RAISING AWARENESS

- 24 April - Assisting with delivery of Northern AONBs Staff Group meeting, Nunnington, Gilling and Yearsley
- 3 July - Assisting with delivery of Schools Twinning visit to Humber Street, Hull
- 5 July – Assisting with delivery of Schools Twinning visit to St Nicholas' Field, York
- 23 October – Attending Sheriff Hutton Community event with Schools Twinning display

### FUTURE EDUCATION/RAISING AWARENESS

- 5 November - Assisting with delivery of Schools Twinning visit at Howsham Mill
- 26 November – Assisting with delivery of Schools Twinning visit at Cottingham School, Hull
- Continued liaison with YWT and volunteers to deliver Schools Twinning Project

### TRAINING

- Mandatory E-learning courses on Customer Care and Information Security
- Mandatory E-learning updates on Data Protection and Freedom of Information
- 24 October – Northern Group Staff training day at Arnside and Silverdale AONB

### FUTURE TRAINING

### MISCELLANEOUS

- 11 April - Appraisal
- 6-10 May – Annual Leave
- 12 – 27 June – Annual Leave
- 8 – 15 September – Annual Leave
- 9 October – Half-yearly Appraisal

### FUTURE MISCELLANEOUS

## **Report to Howardian Hills AONB Committee 1 April 2013 to 30 September 2013**

### **Parish Plans**

**Terrington Parish Plan** is progressing well; held a series of meetings with the Steering Group and a consultation exercise with the Junior Children at Terrington School. The children were also asked to design the logo for the Plan and a book token was awarded to the pupil who produced the winning design.

A short 'Like it/ Don't like it' 22 questionnaire was delivered to all households in the Parish in July/ August and over 50% were returned. The information received from this is forming the basis of the main questionnaire which is currently in draft form.

**Oswaldkirk Parish Plan** is making progress; attended a meeting with Steering Group on 27 March and attended the Parish Council Annual Meeting on 8 May. The steering group have produced a 1<sup>st</sup> draft of the main questionnaire.

**Huttons Ambo** - invited to attend a Parish Council meeting 4 September to do a presentation on Parish Plans and their benefits. I have since received an e-mail from the Clerk to say they are interested in pursuing this and will be in touch again soon.

### **Other activity / contacts with HHAONB**

- Attended Howardian Hills Partnership Meeting (22 April)
- Supported NYMNPA Small Grants and Environmental Grants – attended meeting 25 April with other Development Officers.
- Attended HHAONB Communities Topic Group meeting for Management Plan
- Hired Community Stall at Hovingham Market with Liz, to promote work of HHAONB and RAY.
- Stand at Ryedale Show; general information, a number of interesting conversations with residents from HHAONB. Carried out short survey on Rural Services and facilities in Ryedale.
- Ryedale Village Hall Networking group meeting held at Hovingham Village Hall on 10 September; presentation and training given by Village Halls Advisor Peter Bryant. In attendance were representatives from Barton Le Street, Ampleforth, Amotherby, Coneysthorpe, Terrington, Hovingham and Coxwold Village Halls.
- Ryedale Rural Awards 2013; Awards Evening held at Appleton Le Street Village Hall on 20 September.  
HHAONB area winners were:  
Village Hall of the Year Award - Barton Le Street  
Volunteer of the Year winner - Marion Hardy of Barton le Street Village Hall  
Green Award - the Renewable Heritage Trust (Howsham Mill).  
They each received a cheque for £250 sponsored by Rural Action Yorkshire, Gazette & Herald and Ryedale District Council.

Other HHAONB finalists included, Gilling East Living Churchyard Project (Green Award), Terrington Village Hall (Village Hall of the Year) and Ryedale Carers Support for the 'Songs & Scones' project that meets monthly in Appleton Le Street Village Hall.

- Hovingham Ward Parishes meetings – these are a legacy of the Community Investment Fund and meetings are currently held twice a year with representatives from the Parish Councils, Hovingham, Terrington, Slingsby & Barton Le Street (Parish Meeting), the RDC Ward Cllr Robert Wainwright and NYCC Cllr Clare Wood. The next meeting is on 24 October at Barton Le Street with a presentation from Liz Bassindale HHAONB

Over the last six months some general enquiries have been received from HHAONB residents and groups and these have been addressed or signposted to the relevant officer or organisation.

Regular contact is maintained with the HHAONB Team either through face to face meetings, telephone or e-mail.

Information and relevant data is being collected to produce an up to date record of services, facilities and organisations operating within the Howardian Hills AONB. This will be completed by March 2014.

**Maggie Farey**

Rural Development Officer  
Rural Action Yorkshire

October 2013

## AONB PROJECTS 2013/2014

1<sup>st</sup> April 2013 – 29<sup>th</sup> October 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 (topstones)	Zone 1 Landscape	AG2.2	c.£1,000	c.£650
K Snowball	High Farm, Brandsby	Repairing gaps in 250m of roadside wall	Zone 1 Landscape	AG2.2	c.£5,000	c.£4,200
<b>Oulston Parish Meeting</b>	<b>Oulston</b>	<b>Wall restoration (33m)</b>	-	<b>HE4.5</b>	<b>£8,469</b>	<b>£1,800</b>



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 7 SINC's or other important sites	Sites 1.59, 1.60, 1.41, 1.47, 1.66, 1.20, 1.21	NE5.1, NE6.1	c.£835	c.£518
<b>(AONB Unit – Curlew Conservation Contractors)</b>	<b>Wath Beck; Terrington - Howthorpe</b>	<b>Cutting/pulling Himalayan balsam (3.5km)</b>	<b>Inc. Site 1.65</b>	<b>NE8.2</b>	<b>£994</b>	<b>£994</b>
(AONB Unit – Countryside Services)	Wath Beck; Howthorpe - Wath	Cutting/pulling Himalayan balsam (2.3km)	Inc. Site 1.33	NE8.2	c.£1,000	c.£1,000
<b>Amotherby Churchyard Conservation Group</b>	<b>Amotherby Churchyard</b>	<b>Habitat management</b>	-	<b>NE3.1, NE5.4, NE10.1</b>	<b>£220</b>	<b>£110 (50%)</b>
<b>(AONB Unit – Basics Plus)</b>	<b>Appleton-le-Street Churchyard SINC</b>	<b>Grassland management</b>	-	<b>NE5.1</b>	<b>£330</b>	<b>£220</b>
(AONB Unit – Basics Plus)	Amotherby Lane SINC	Grassland/scrub management	Site 1.38	NE5.1, NE7.1	£110	£110
<b>(AONB Unit – Volunteers)</b>	<b>Jeffry Bog SINC</b>	<b>Pulling Himalayan balsam</b>	<b>Site 1.74</b>	<b>NE6.3, NE8.2</b>	<b>£300</b>	-
(AONB Volunteers)	Park Wood Fishponds/The Wilderness SINC	Rhododendron control	Site 1.6	NE4.1, NE8.2, AP3.1	c.£400	-
(AONB Volunteers)	Park Wood Fishponds/The Wilderness SINC	Rhododendron control	Site 1.6	NE4.1, NE8.2, AP3.1	c.£400	-

## AONB Enhancement - Historic Environment

APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
(AONB Unit – P Gospel)	City of Troy Maze, Dalby	Regular maintenance	Site 2.25	HE4.5	c.£182	c.£182
(AONB Unit – P Gospel)	Mileposts	Regular maintenance	Site 2.63	HE4.5, RT4.5	c.£70	c.£70
(AONB Unit – Volunteers)	City of Troy Maze, Dalby	Re-cutting and re-gravelling	Site 2.25	HE4.5	£233	£33
Mrs L Howard	Rose Cottage Farm, Terrington	Rebuilding 7m of Wiganthorpe Park wall	Site 2.92	HE4.5	£350	£175 (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	c.£550	c.£550
(AONB Unit – P Gospel)	Gateway signs	Strimming	-	AP1.1	c.£630	c.£630
<b>(AONB Unit – Volunteers)</b>	<b>Jeffry Bog SINC</b>	<b>Strimming along boardwalk</b>	-	<b>RA4.5, AP3.1</b>	<b>£100</b>	-
CAN DO Lime & Ice Project	Project area	2013/14 contribution	-		£30,360	£875
(AONB Volunteers)	Various	Volunteer effort on PRow in the AONB (2 people/week, every other week)	-	RA4.5, AP3.1	£1,600	-
<b>Hovingham Playground Committee</b>	<b>Hovingham</b>	<b>Picnic bench - 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</b>	-	<b>AP1.5</b>	<b>£340</b>	<b>£170</b>
Ampleforth PC	Ampleforth	Bench - 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	-	AP1.5	£234	£120
(AONB Unit)	Various	Installing 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary log benches	-	AP1.5	c.£3,100	c.£3,100
(AONB Unit)	Wider North York Moors	VisitEngland campaign	-	AP2	£15,000	£1,000

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	£520	£20
(AONB Unit)	Arboretum	Junior Ranger Club	-	RA2.4	£618	£168
(AONB Volunteers)	Various	Volunteer effort - Schools Twinning Project	-	RA2.4, AP2.3, AP3.1	£2,700	-

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FUND GRANTS 2013/2014

1<sup>st</sup> April 2013 – 29<sup>th</sup> October 2013

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

APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	SDF ASSISTANCE
<b>Crayke Primary School</b>	<b>Crayke</b>	<b>Construction of an outdoor classroom, for school and community use</b>	-	<b>LC1.5</b>	<b>£15,000</b>	<b>£2,000</b>
<b>Huttons Ambo PC</b>	<b>Huttons Ambo</b>	<b>Installation of 2 timber bus shelters</b>	-	<b>LC1.5</b>	<b>£2,914</b>	<b>£1,300</b>
<b>Renewable Heritage Trust</b>	<b>Howsham Mill</b>	<b>Installation of 2 composting toilets</b>	-	<b>LC1.5</b>	<b>£2,621</b>	<b>£1,966</b>
Hustwaite Village Hall Committee	Hustwaite Village Hall	Hustwaite Village Hall energy efficiency features	-	LC1.5	£31,698	£7,500 (24%)
Rural Action Yorkshire	AONB	Sustainable Rural Communities project, working with communities on community planning	-	LC1.5	£4,814	£3,610
<b>Terrington VH Committee</b>	<b>Terrington Village Hall</b>	<b>Provision of accessible public toilet, to replace one lost during Hall extension works</b>	-	<b>RA11.3</b>	<b>£3,900</b>	<b>£1,950</b>
Gilling East PCC	Gilling Church	Repairs to porch walls & door and installation of noticeboards	-	AP2	£6,327	£1,850
<b>Yorkshire Arboretum</b>	<b>Arboretum</b>	<b>Creation of 12 children's explorer backpacks</b>	-	<b>AP2</b>	<b>£449</b>	<b>£342</b>
North East Yorkshire Geology Trust	Ampleforth	Geonauts Club	-	AP2	£4,000	£2,000 (50%)

## AONB CONSULTATIONS (SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS) 2013/2014

1<sup>st</sup> April 2013 – 29<sup>th</sup> October 2013

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	-	-	-
Ryedale District Council	Hovingham	Planning application (Erection of timber boundary fence after demolition of wall)	Yes (in passing)	Object	Refused
Ryedale District Council	Hovingham	Planning application (Creation of new vehicular access and driveway)	Yes	Concerns – contours to be smoothed; Conservation Kerb to be used	Permitted
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning application (Erection of agricultural livestock building)	Yes	Object – siting, colour of walls, landscaping	Permitted – plans transposed by HDC; materials & landscaping Conditions attached
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning application (Erection of agricultural storage building)	Yes	Object – siting, colour of walls, landscaping	See above
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Planning application (Erection of 2 silos - retrospective)	Yes	Object – not constructed as per plan; need to be painted	Plans corrected; Condition added re painted finish

<b>CONSULTING ORGANISATION</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>SITE VISIT</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
Ryedale District Council	Sproxton	Planning application (Erection of 3 antennae on mobile phone mast, following removal of 3 existing antennae)	No	Minor – equipment cabinets to be dark coloured	Permitted – grey cabinets
Ryedale District Council	Huttons Ambo	Planning application (Extension of time limit to erect advertising sign for Malton events)	No	Minor – extend by further 10 days to cover May Bank Holiday weekend	Permitted
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning application (Erection of glass repair workshop and studio)	No	Minor – exterior walls to be stained a dark colour	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Ampleforth	NRSA consultation (Drainage works)	No	Species-rich hedge not to be damaged	?
Ryedale District Council	Crambe	Planning application (Erection of agricultural building)	No	Timber boarding to be stained a dark colour	?
Ryedale District Council	Hovingham	Planning application (Erection of agricultural building)	(In passing)	Roof colour to be Anthracite Grey	Permitted – Condition attached
North Yorkshire County Council	Hovingham	Approval of details relating to quarry restoration, landscaping and aftercare	No	Minor	?
North Yorkshire County Council	Hovingham	Temporary exploration boreholes, associated plant, equipment and drilling rig (max height 50m)		Prefer location to the south of plantation, to screen from Caulkleys Bank	Withdrawn
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Planning application (Erection of shooting lodge - retrospective)	Yes	Significant concerns – colour of walls and window frames; landscaping needed	Permitted – Conditions attached
Ryedale District Council	Welburn	Planning application (Construction of menage)	No	Object to floodlighting	Permitted, after floodlighting element withdrawn

<b>CONSULTING ORGANISATION</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>SITE VISIT</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
North Yorkshire County Council	Cawton	NRSA consultation (LV underground works)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Brandsby	Planning application (Construction of a wildlife pond)	No	None	-
PSSL Ltd	Ganthorpe	Planning consultation (Petroleum test drilling rig)	No	Significant concerns	Withdrawn?
Ryedale District Council	Amotherby	Planning application (Erection of biomass boiler building)	Yes	Concerns re height – set into ground; landscaping; colour of materials	Permitted
Ryedale District Council	Coulton	Planning application (Erection of replacement dwelling)	Yes	Minor – no removal of mature trees	Permitted
North Yorkshire County Council	Gilling	NRSA consultation (Replacing broken gulley)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Oswaldkirk	Planning application (Erection of new garage)	No	(None)	-
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Planning application (Erection of extensions)	No	-	Withdrawn
Ryedale District Council	Scackleton	Planning application (Formation of area of hardstanding)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth Abbey	Planning application (Formation of vehicular access)	Yes	Object – landscape impact of access road – no construction details given	Withdrawn
Ryedale District Council	Malton	Planning application (Erection of factory unit, Reserved Matters)	No	Minor – roof colour to be dark grey	Permitted, with appropriate Conditions
Ryedale District Council	Oswaldkirk	Planning application (Erection of replacement garage/carport/office)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Swinton	Planning application (Erection of grounds maintenance shed)	No	Colour of roof sheets to be dark	Permitted

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Ryedale District Council	Cawton	Planning application (Demolition of disused barns and creation of garden)	No	None	-
Forestry Commission	Brandsby	Woodland management proposals (Felling & re-stocking; 4.1ha from conifers to 65% native broadleaves)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Ampleforth	NRSWA consultation (Installation of kerbing)	No	Harvest Buff conservation kerbing to be used	?
Ryedale District Council	Oswaldkirk	Planning application (Erection extensions, double garage & new access)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Welburn	Planning application (Change of use of agricultural building; erection of extensions and sheepshed)	No	Not a stainless steel flue; sheep shed roof to be a dark colour	Permitted, with Conditions
Ryedale District Council	Welburn	Planning application (Erection of 3 dwellings and detached garage)	Yes	Minor	See below
Hambleton District Council	Stearsby	Planning application (Formation of a fenced menage)	No	Minor	Permitted
Natural England	Terrington	HLS application	No	SINC management; individual trees	Buffer strip around SINC; no trees
Natural England	Hovingham	HLS application	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Oswaldkirk	NRSWA consultation (Installation of new sign post)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning application (Erection of replacement farm building)	No	Roof sheets to be Anthracite Grey	Plans amended
North Yorkshire County Council	Swinton	NRSWA consultation (Installation of kerbing)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Gilling	NRSWA consultation (Drain investigation)	No	Lime trees covered by TPOs	-



<b>CONSULTING ORGANISATION</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>SITE VISIT</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
Ryedale District Council	Bulmer	Planning application (Formation of new driveway and parking/turning areas)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Scackleton	Planning application (Erection of farm workers dwelling)	Yes (previously)	None (re-iterate non-compliance with Landscaping Condition)	Withdrawn
Ryedale District Council	Swinton	Planning application (Conversion of farm buildings to annex and 2 holiday cottages)	No	Minor – protection of trees, no drive lighting, kerb material	?
Ryedale District Council	Swinton	Planning application (Conversion of farm buildings to 2 dwellings with workspace)	No	Minor – protection of trees, no drive lighting, kerb material	?
Natural England	Fryton	Energy Crops Scheme application (Miscanthus planting, 12ha)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	East Newton	Planning application (Formation of slurry lagoon)	No	Security fence mesh to be dark green	?
North Yorkshire County Council	Coulton	NRSWA consultation (LV underground works)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Scackleton	NRSWA consultation (HV overhead works)	No	Will contact Northern Powergrid directly re undergrounding	?
Natural England	Coulton	HLS application	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Welburn	Planning application (Erection of 3 dwellings and detached garage) (Revised plans)	No (previously)	Object – ancillary buildings at front of curtilage	?
Ryedale District Council	Sproxton	Planning application (Erection of extension)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning application (Erection of infill farm building)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Whenby	Planning application (Demolition of existing farm buildings and erection of replacement farm building)	No	Concrete wall panels to be dark grey	?

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Ryedale District Council	Easthorpe	Planning application (Erection of 15m high telecommunications mast)	No	Mast and fencing to be dark colours	?
Ryedale District Council	Nunnington	Planning application (Installation of biomass boiler system)	No	Flue to be a dark colour	?
Ryedale District Council	Coulton	Planning application (Erection of potato store)	Yes	?	?

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

1<sup>st</sup> April 2013 – 29<sup>th</sup> October 2013

<b>ORGANISATION</b>	<b>AREA</b>	<b>DOCUMENT</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
Law Commission, via NAAONB	England & Wales	Consultation on creation of Conservation Covenants	None	
North Yorkshire County Council	North Yorkshire, York & North York Moors National Park	Minerals & Waste Joint Plan	None - at initial consultation stage and adequate comments submitted previously	
North Yorkshire County Council	North Yorkshire, York & North York Moors National Park	Sites Identification and Assessment methodology for Minerals & Waste Joint Plan	Minor – include reference to Local Nature Partnership	
NAAONB – Accord with BT on broadband roll-out	England			
(NAAONB)	England	Consultation on response to Greater Flexibilities for Change of Use proposals	Support NAAONB position on exemption for Article 1(5) land	

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

1<sup>st</sup> April 2013 – 29<sup>th</sup> October 2013

<b>ORGANISATION</b>	<b>DOCUMENT</b>
AONB Units	Annual Reports, Newsletters, etc
Rural Economy & land Use Programme (RELU), Newcastle University	Policy & Practice Note: Rural areas as engines of economic growth

**2013/14 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.

**April 2013 :**

<b>Ranger Day</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>No of children attending</b>
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April Springtime Fun	<p>A bit of a chilly day but the children made the most of the outdoor environment. They found out about composting with the help of the Yorkshire Rotters, the session culminated in making wormeries.</p> <p>They also played the Decomposing Detectives game – running about warmed them up as they learnt about different composting creatures.</p> <p>In the afternoon we went on a bird watching walk with the children using the Arboretum's supply of small binoculars.</p> <p>Indoor craft activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wooden egg painting</li> <li>• Listening ears</li> <li>• Spring pictures</li> <li>• Hat decorating</li> <li>• Finger puppets</li> </ul>	18

**May 2013 :**

<b>Ranger Day</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>No of children attending</b>
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> May See in the Summer in the Howardian Hills	<p>Outdoor activities included pond dipping and a pond creature relay game.</p> <p>Indoor craft activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stained glass butterflies</li> <li>• Shoebox ponds</li> <li>• Puzzle sheets</li> <li>• Concertina caterpillars</li> <li>• Acetate and pipe cleaner dragonflies</li> </ul>	22

**October 2013 :**

<b>Ranger Day</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>No of children attending</b>
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	<p>Activities planned for October 2013 include: Treasure Hunt around Ampleforth to discover facts about the village.</p>	

Amazing Autumn in the Howardian Hills	Tree quiz – outdoors fact finding activity. Leaf collages, clay pots with Autumn imprints, card lanterns, getting to know orienteering, hedgehogs and a seasonal door hanger.	
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## Grant recipients questionnaire results 2012/13

### 9 RESPONSES RETURNED (percentages are approximate)

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

*Please circle a number*

Excellent		Satisfactory		Poor
1	2	3	4	5
<b>8 (89%)</b>	<b>1 (11%)</b>			

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

Yes       No      **N/A**

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

Excellent		Satisfactory		Poor
1	2	3	4	5
<b>6 (67%)</b>	<b>2 (22%)</b>			

\*One response left blank

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

Excellent		Satisfactory		Poor
1	2	3	4	5
<b>7 (78%)</b>	<b>2 (22%)</b>			

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

Simple				Difficult
1	2	3	4	5
<b>7 (78%)</b>	<b>1 (11%)</b>	<b>1 (11%)</b>		

(Continued overleaf)

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

- Previous contact **5 (55%)**
- Leaflet
- Local paper/publicity
- Telephoned or wrote to Council
- Friend or other personal contact **2 (22%)**
- Other (*please specify*) **2 (11%)**
  - 1 – Website**
  - 1 – Meet the Funders Event**

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

- More than you expected **2 (22%)**
- About what you expected **7 (78%)**
- Less than you expected

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

- All of it **2 (22%)**    Some of it **5 (55%)**    None of it **4 (44%)**

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

1. Rebecca was brilliant, extremely helpful, efficient and prompt, and really good to deal with (Joanna Royle, Snargate Farm)
2. Maintain and if possible increase excellent flexible approach. (Mike Windle, NEYGT)
3. The service was excellent; the staff were professional and friendly. (Peter Egan, St Martin's School, Ampleforth)
4. Very helpful service provided by the team, thank you. (Mrs Gail Brown, Headteacher, Crayke CE Primary School)
5. As far as my involvement is concerned, the service I received was excellent. AONB is an essential service to assist and advise in the future of our beautiful countryside. (B Gilbert, Stearsby Lodge)
6. Service, advice and feedback and professionalism was excellent. Staff were approachable, fair and interested. (Michael Fram, Oswaldkirk)
7. Satisfied with service. (Anonymous)
8. A more secure post box at the office as my initial application acceptance could not be left safely as the office was shut. (David Badham, Oswaldkirk Parish Meeting)

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

Only 1 questionnaire returned anonymously.