

**HOWARDIAN HILLS  
AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY  
JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
14 NOVEMBER 2014**

**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 2014.

**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 2014 to November 2014.
- 2.2 The final budget outturn for 2013/14 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 taken in two additional sites this year, whilst a sixth year of Himalayan balsam control has been completed on Wath Beck. A visually significant wall restoration project, continuing on from work carried out last year, has been completed near Brandsby and a number of projects to plant individual in-field and boundary trees are fully prepared and awaiting the winter planting season. Full details of the grants offered and projects initiated are contained in Appendix 2.
- 2.4 The Sustainable Development Fund has allocated £15,100 of its £17,500 budget. Full details of the grants offered are contained in Appendix 2.
- 2.5 The number of planning applications scrutinised has been c.70% higher than in the corresponding period in 2013/14. Whilst many of them have not needed significant input or comments, the simple number of them, and a few cases that have needed significant input, has made this a major area of work for the AONB Manager in the last 6 months. The types of development have been very varied, with the most significant cases being proposals for a replacement dwelling at Kirkham, a 2-storey glazed extension in Welburn, 500 houses on the western edge of Malton and a new farmstead outside Gilling. The 3D seismic survey and fears over 'fracking' have also generated significant numbers of enquiries from residents. Appendix 3 gives details of the Consultations that the JAC has received this financial year.
- 2.6 A number of new or updated schemes will come into force in 2015, most notably a new LEADER Programme and a replacement agri-environment scheme. Attendance at workshops and other events over the last six months has ensured that the best available opportunities for AONB communities and land managers are incorporated into the development of the new schemes. Work has also been undertaken progressing the Local Growth Plan developed by the four Protected Landscapes and submitted to the Local Enterprise Partnership to assist implementation of their Strategic Economic Plan.

- 2.7 The Rural:Urban schools project, twinning AONB schools with ones in York and Hull and funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund only for 2014, has completed its final year. Six Round 4 twinning visits have been completed to finish the programme, and the final Reports and grant claim have been submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund. These have been approved and payment is awaited.
- 2.8 Three Junior Ranger Club sessions have been held in conjunction with Howsham Mill and the Castle Howard Arboretum, in the April, May and October half-terms. Details of the attendance at the Junior Ranger Club events already held are contained in Appendix 4.
- 2.9 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.
- 2.10 The print and web versions of the new AONB Management Plan have been prepared. The web documents have been uploaded and copies of the print version will be given to JAC Members at the meeting.
- 2.11 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, and is also being appraised for a low-cost refresh to improve its appearance and minimise future maintenance requirements.
- 2.12 The last three 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary log seats have been installed, at Hovingham, Crayke and Oulston. These took slightly longer than expected, as it was necessary to wait until hay/silage had been cut before driving over the grass fields needed to gain access.
- 2.13 The latest edition of the AONB Newsletter was prepared in September and distributed in the week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> October. The JAC's Annual Report is substantially completed and is due to be produced and circulated in late November to the wide range of organisations who work with the JAC to deliver our shared objectives.
- 2.14 The NAAONB Conference was held in Penrith in July. With a changed format and more practical sessions being held, the event was attended for different parts by the JAC Chairman, AONB Manager and AONB Officer.
- 2.15 Work has also progressed on business planning for the future: exploring the issue of possible office re-location; improving the efficiency of the project funding mechanisms; and developing a project for work on Scheduled Monuments that will also include a payment towards officer costs.

### **3.0 RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the report be noted.

## AONB MANAGER'S REPORT 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2014 – 5<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2014

Work during this period has principally consisted of:

- Annual Close-down of accounts.
- Claim for Defra grant payment.
- Thoughts around potential NYCC budget cuts and consequent impact on AONB Unit/activities.
- Rural:Urban Schools Twinning budget issues.
- Project planning for 2014/15.
- Development meetings, webinars, workshops, etc for new schemes – NELMS, LEADER Local Development Strategy.
- Planning application consultation responses – 70% more consultations than in both Q1 and Q2 2013/14.
- Responding to major projects happening in the AONB – seismic survey, restoration of the Castle Howard Avenue, experimental lowering of the River Derwent, extensive hedgerow removal near Sproxton.
- Rural:Urban Schools Twinning – preparing evidence for the claim to Heritage Lottery Fund.
- Preparing the Management Plan for printing.
- Developing potential efficiency improvements in the delivery of the AONB grant schemes.
- Considering how a project to manage Scheduled Monuments in the AONB might attract funding from English Heritage.
- Annual Leave.

### MEETINGS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 26<sup>th</sup> March – NELMS/LNPs webinar.</li> <li>• 27<sup>th</sup> March – Ryedale/Scarborough/HHAONB BAP workshop, Pickering.</li> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> April – Pre-Application planning advice meeting.</li> <li>• 3<sup>rd</sup> April – JAC meeting.</li> <li>• 8<sup>th</sup> April – LEADER Steering Group, Helmsley.</li> <li>• 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Northern Powergrid RIIO-1 Undergrounding Steering Group, Northallerton.</li> <li>• 24<sup>th</sup> April – AONB Partnership Group meeting, Hovingham.</li> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> May – LEADER Group pre-meeting.</li> <li>• 8<sup>th</sup> May – Team brainstorm on work area priorities.</li> <li>• 14<sup>th</sup> May – Biodiversity &amp; Climate Change Vulnerability Model webinar.</li> <li>• 15<sup>th</sup> May – KIT meeting with Ian Fielding (phone).</li> <li>• 20<sup>th</sup> May – Quarterly Work Programme meeting.</li> <li>• 21<sup>st</sup> May – BARS2 webinar.</li> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> June – LEADER Steering Group, Helmsley.</li> <li>• 11<sup>th</sup> June – NYCC Chief Executive's briefing, County Hall.</li> <li>• 12<sup>th</sup> June – LNP Board meeting, County Hall.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 19<sup>th</sup> June – Core Partners Group - cancelled.</li> <li>• 26<sup>th</sup> June – RDC and NYCC – AONB responses to planning application consultations.</li> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> July – NELMS Update teleconference.</li> <li>• 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Minerals &amp; Waste Joint Plan meeting, Helmsley.</li> <li>• 3<sup>rd</sup> July – NYCC Ranger and Volunteer Task Leader – future work programme in AONB.</li> <li>• 7<sup>th</sup> July – Native Woodland Development/LEADER discussions, Helmsley.</li> <li>• 8<sup>th</sup> July – NET Team meeting.</li> <li>• 15<sup>th</sup> July – LNP NELMS Validation workshop, Helmsley.</li> <li>• 16<sup>th</sup> July – LEP/Tourism initiatives update, Helmsley.</li> <li>• 17<sup>th</sup> July – Promotion of Ryedale and HHAONB by Visit York, York.</li> <li>• 21<sup>st</sup> July – NELMS Validation workshop teleconference.</li> <li>• 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Discussing woodland management and planning applications, Ampleforth Abbey.</li> <li>• 25<sup>th</sup> July – JAC site visit.</li> <li>• 8<sup>th</sup> August – LEADER Steering Group, Helmsley.</li> <li>• 12<sup>th</sup> August - Planning application site visits – High Malton project, Low Hutton.</li> </ul> |
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- 2<sup>nd</sup> September – Quarterly Work Programme meeting.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> September – HLS project to restore Castle Howard Avenue, Castle Howard.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> September – River Derwent trial lowering drop-in exhibition, Malton.
- 9<sup>th</sup> September – YWT, re HLF grant claim.
- 11<sup>th</sup> September – LNP Board meeting, County Hall.
- 12<sup>th</sup> September – NYM area Roadmap meeting, York.
- 24<sup>th</sup> September – Core Partners Group.
- 7<sup>th</sup> October – NET meeting, County Hall.
- 9<sup>th</sup> October – LEADER Steering Group, Helmsley.
- 15<sup>th</sup> October – Ian Conlan, re Swinton area traffic survey linked to High Malton planning application.
- 16<sup>th</sup> October – Ryedale PROW Local Liaison Group, Helmsley.
- 16<sup>th</sup> October – Ian Crane lecture on Fracking.
- 17<sup>th</sup> September – LEP meeting re Protected Landscapes Local Growth Plan, Harrogate.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Northern Powergrid electricity undergrounding Steering group, Northallerton.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> October – National Grid Visual Impact Provision Project update, Northallerton.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> October – JAC Chairman – various matters.
- 4<sup>th</sup> November – NET meeting.

Project round-up meetings with Liz and Rebecca.  
Monthly AONB Team meetings.

#### NAAONB

- 30<sup>th</sup> April – Northern Group AONBs Lead Officers' meeting, Nidderdale AONB.
- 1<sup>st</sup> May – Northern Group AONBs meeting/field visit, Nidderdale AONB.
- 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> July – NAAONB Conference, Penrith.
- 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> July – NAAONB stand at CLA Game Fair.

#### FUTURE MEETINGS

- 14<sup>th</sup> November – JAC meeting.
- 26<sup>th</sup> November – Quarterly Work Programme meeting.

- 3<sup>rd</sup> December – LEP meeting re Protected Landscapes Local Growth Plan, Harrogate.
- 4<sup>th</sup> December – LNP Board, County Hall.
- 18<sup>th</sup> December – Core Partners Group.

Project update meetings with Liz and Rebecca.  
Monthly AONB Team meetings.

#### FUTURE NAAONB

- 20<sup>th</sup> November – NAAONB AGM & Chairmen's Conference, London.

#### SITE VISITS

- 27<sup>th</sup> March - Planning application site visit, Kirkham.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Planning application site visit, Newburgh.
- 7<sup>th</sup> May – Yearsley, Hovingham; bracken cutting task for volunteers.
- 28<sup>th</sup> May – Log seats locations; Crayke and Oulston.
- 28<sup>th</sup> May – Assessment of landscape impact of 400KV overhead lines, Crayke and Husthwaite.
- 28<sup>th</sup> May – Planning applications site visit, Cawton.
- 29<sup>th</sup> May – Bracken cutting, Hovingham.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Planning application site visit, Oswaldkirk.
- 24<sup>th</sup> June – Planning application site visits – Musley Bank, Whitwell.
- 1<sup>st</sup> July – Planning application site visit – High Malton project.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Planning application site visits – Oswaldkirk, Sproxton x 2.
- 11<sup>th</sup> July – bracken cutting, round barrow in Hovingham High Wood.
- 14<sup>th</sup> July - Planning application site visit – Scackleton.
- 31<sup>st</sup> July – taking photos for Management Plan publication – Hovingham, Terrington.
- 13<sup>th</sup> July – Seismic survey in operation, with Tesla Exploration Ltd Permit Officer.
- 14<sup>th</sup> August – Planning application site visits – Yearsley x 2, Grimston, Gilling (NYCC Highways), Dalby, Scackleton.
- 14<sup>th</sup> August – Bracken cutting, round barrows in Hovingham High & South Woods.
- 11<sup>th</sup> September – Planning application site visits – Yearsley, Sproxton.

- 16<sup>th</sup> September – River Derwent trial lowering, observations taken at Malton, Low Hutton, Jeffry Bog & Kirkham.
- 16<sup>th</sup> September – Planning application site visits – Welburn x 2.
- 17<sup>th</sup> September – Planning application site visit – Nunnington.
- 25<sup>th</sup> September – Planning application site visit, Musley Bank.
- 13<sup>th</sup> October – Planning application site visit, Easthorpe.

#### FUTURE SITE VISITS

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#### PROJECTS

- Preparing April JAC meeting papers.
- Upgrading of office internet connection.
- 2013/14 Financial Year close-down of Accounts.
- Submission of final 2013/14 Defra grant claim.
- Completed installation of the remaining 3 log seats – Crayke, Oulston, Scackleton.
- Preparing new AONB Management Plan for formal printing.
- Preparation of material for promotional campaign with Visit York.
- Completion and submission of HLF grant claim for Rural:Urban Schools Twinning Project.
- Printing and distribution of formal version of the new AONB Management Plan.
- Preparation of JAC papers.
- SEE SEPARATE TABLE FOR LIST OF PROJECTS GRANT AIDED

#### FUTURE PROJECTS

#### CONSULTATIONS

- SEE SEPARATE TABLE FOR FULL DETAILS OF CONSULTATIONS RECEIVED.

#### COMMUNITIES

- 7<sup>th</sup> May – Evening talk to Oldstead Parish Meeting.

#### PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION

- 29<sup>th</sup> July – Ryedale Show.
- Preparation of Annual Report 2013/14.
- Preparation of Newsletter 2014.

#### FUTURE PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION

- Production & distribution of Annual Report 2013/14.

#### TRAINING

#### FUTURE TRAINING

- 10<sup>th</sup> November – Legionella, Northallerton.
- 25<sup>th</sup> November – Emergency First Aid, Easingwold.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

- 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Liz Bassindale Appraisal.
- 24<sup>th</sup> April – Maggie Cochrane Appraisal.
- 25<sup>th</sup> April – 2014/15 Appraisal.
- 28<sup>th</sup> October – Rebecca Thompson's last day on secondment from NYMNPA.
- 26<sup>th</sup> September – 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Annual Leave.
- 21<sup>st</sup> October – 6 Month Appraisal Review meeting.
- 30<sup>th</sup> October – Liz Bassindale 6 Month Appraisal Review meeting.
- 30<sup>th</sup> October – Maggie Cochrane 6 Month Appraisal Review meeting.

#### FUTURE MISCELLANEOUS

- 29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> December – Office shutdown.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> February – Annual Leave.

# AONB OFFICER'S REPORT

## 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL – 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER

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

- **Projects Fund 2014/15:** Summer and early autumn projects that have been completed include churchyard conservation management, Exmoor Pony grazing of SINC sites and Himalayan balsam control. The October volunteer tasks to remove rhododendron from the Yearsley Moor Woodlands SINC have taken place and further tasks are lined up through November and December.
- **SDF 2014/15:** The Rural Action Yorkshire Community Development Officer is progressing well with her work in the AONB. As well as supporting Parish Plans she has also worked with us to launch a local photography competition (which will hopefully secure us some images that we can use in our publications). Maggie has also worked with the AONB Team and the LEP to run a small business drop-in advice café in Hovingham.  
Coneysthorpe Village Hall have received a grant for insulation, lowered ceilings and secondary glazing for their village hall.  
Terrington Village Hall and Playgroup have received a grant for interpretation and improvements in their outdoor space (Howardian Hills themed).
- **LEADER:** Assisted with development and running of topic group information gathering sessions and attended Steering Group meetings. Promoted membership of the Executive for the next scheme to potentially interested people.
- **Rural:Urban Schools Twinning Project:** The summer 2014 visits have been completed and the final grant claim submitted to HLF.
- **Volunteers:** Volunteers have helped to deliver the Junior Ranger and School Twinning sessions.  
They have also undertaken bracken clearance on a barrow near Hovingham and a bee orchid site in Yearsley Moor Woodlands SINC, Himalayan balsam clearance at Jeffry Bog and Fairy Dell SINC and rhododendron clearance at Yearsley Moor Woodlands SINC.  
The number of conservation volunteer tasks has increased thanks to NYCC taking on Volunteer Task Leaders. We are working towards a pattern of having a task every other Tuesday.  
A Duke of Edinburgh volunteer has started working with us; he is producing 'Day Out Guides' and also helped with Junior Rangers events and Ryedale Show.
- **Junior Rangers:** Sessions took place at The Yorkshire Arboretum in the Easter and October half term holidays. In May half term the Junior Rangers visited Howsham Mill for the first time. I have reviewed the activities that the group undertake and have brought the days back to the fundamentals under which they were established, ensuring that whilst fun they are also educational for the children (and parents) and that they convey a message about an important feature of the AONB.
- **Promotion, recreation and access:** Meetings have taken place with Castle Howard, Sustrans, Welcome to Yorkshire and Ryedale District Council to discuss promotion of the wider Castle Howard Estate for walking and cycling. It is likely that downloadable route-sheets will be produced and a summary map/leaflet of the recreational activities on offer in the area.
- **National AONB initiatives:** Continued development of the RGS walk route for the Howardian Hills. Attendance at Northern AONBs meeting in Nidderdale and NAAONB Conference in Penrith.

## MEETINGS

- March 27<sup>th</sup> – Pickering – Ryedale, Scarborough and Howardian Hills LBAP workshop
- April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Gilling East - JAC
- April 8<sup>th</sup> – Helmsley - LEADER Support Group
- April 9<sup>th</sup> – Ryedale House – LBAP Development Group
- April 9<sup>th</sup> – Foss House – NYBAG
- April 11<sup>th</sup> – Hovingham – Ecological surveyor
- April 11<sup>th</sup> – Northallerton – Verges meeting
- April 15<sup>th</sup> – Northallerton - NET
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Hovingham – Appraisal
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Ryedale House – LBAP Development Group
- April 24<sup>th</sup> – Hovingham - Partnership Group
- May 6<sup>th</sup> – Hovingham – Team brainstorm
- May 8<sup>th</sup> – Ayton – LEADER Support Group
- May 13<sup>th</sup> – Scarborough – LBAP Development Group
- May 20<sup>th</sup> – Hovingham – Work programme meeting
- June 24<sup>th</sup> – Helmsley – LEADER development following topic groups
- June 27<sup>th</sup> – Hovingham – Projects Meeting
- July 1<sup>st</sup> – Foss House – LBAP Development Group
- July 10<sup>th</sup> – Helmsley – LEADER Steering Group
- July 16<sup>th</sup> – Helmsley – LEP Tourism update with NYMNPA
- July 17<sup>th</sup> – Hovingham – River Rye Group
- July 24<sup>th</sup> – Helmsley - LEADER drop-in
- Aug 7<sup>th</sup> – Helmsley – LEADER Steering
- Aug 12<sup>th</sup> – Northallerton – Natural Environment Team
- Aug 19<sup>th</sup> – Hovingham – River Rye Group
- Aug 26<sup>th</sup> – Helmsley – River Rye/Derwent project development meeting
- Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> – Hovingham – Work programme
- Sept 9<sup>th</sup> – York –YWT School Twinning finance for grant claim
- Sept 11<sup>th</sup> – Helmsley – LEADER support group
- Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> – Helmsley – River Derwent – project brief development
- Sept 24<sup>th</sup> – Hovingham – Core Partners
- Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> - Helmsley – River Derwent
- Oct 8<sup>th</sup> – York – NYBAG
- Oct 9<sup>th</sup> – Helmsley – LEADER Steering Group
- Oct 14<sup>th</sup> – Kirkbymoorside – Local development officers update
- Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> – Scarborough – LBAP

## Development Group

- Oct 30<sup>th</sup> – Hovingham - Appraisal
- Monthly - Howardian Hills AONB Unit meeting

## FUTURE MEETINGS

- Nov 4<sup>th</sup> – Hovingham – NET
- Nov 14<sup>th</sup> – Hovingham – JAC
- Nov 26<sup>th</sup> – Hovingham – Work programme meeting
- Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> – Northallerton – NET
- Dec 4<sup>th</sup> – Helmsley – Development Officers
- Dec 18<sup>th</sup> – Hovingham – Core Partners

## SITE VISITS

- July 22<sup>nd</sup> – Jeffrey Bog SINC – brief volunteers at start of task
- July 25<sup>th</sup> – JAC site visit

## FUTURE SITE VISITS

- Nov 5<sup>th</sup> – Crambeck area – Himalayan balsam sites

## PROJECTS

- March – Littledale SINC – Moorswork clearing bramble and elder
- April – Pony grazing underway
- April 24<sup>th</sup> – Crambeck – Grant check
- May 27<sup>th</sup> – Landowners and contractors contacted about Himalayan balsam cutting
- May 29<sup>th</sup> – Hovingham – bracken cutting
- July 3<sup>rd</sup> – Hovingham – NYCC Ranger and Volunteer Task Leader – planning meeting
- July 16<sup>th</sup> – Fairy Dell – Balsam assessment
- July 22<sup>nd</sup> – Fixed point photography
- Aug 13<sup>th</sup> – Fixed point photography
- Aug 14<sup>th</sup> – Fixed point photography
- Sept 1<sup>st</sup> – Appleton le Street Churchyard – Moorswork cut (not attended)
- Follow-up bracken cutting
- Volunteer tasks organised but not attended in full:
  - July 22<sup>nd</sup> – Jeffrey Bog SINC – Balsam clearance
  - August 5<sup>th</sup> – Fairy Dell SINC – Balsam



- clearance
- Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> – Appleton le Street Churchyard SINC – volunteer task
- Oct 14<sup>th</sup> – Yearsley Moor Woodlands SINC rhododendron
- Oct 28<sup>th</sup> – Yearsley Moor rhododendron
- Nov 11<sup>th</sup> – Yearsley Moor rhododendron
- Nov 25<sup>th</sup> – Yearsley Moor rhododendron
- Dec 9<sup>th</sup> – Activity tbc
- 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**

- Producing a calendar of tasks for the fortnightly volunteer group
- Evaluate and plan Pony Grazing programme
- Special Interest Road Verge cutting

**RECREATION/ACCESS**

- April 29<sup>th</sup> – Castle Howard – access routes promotion meeting
- May 24<sup>th</sup> – Ryedale House – Outdoors group meeting
- Offer made to contribute towards Castle Howard Wider Estate routes information in conjunction with Sustrans, Welcome to Yorkshire, Ryedale DC and Castle Howard

**FUTURE RECREATION/ACCESS**

- Nov 4<sup>th</sup> – Malton – Raising cycling in Ryedale meeting
- Complete and publish Castle Howard routes
- Complete RGS route

**COMMUNITIES**

- April 16<sup>th</sup> – Yorkshire Arboretum – Junior Rangers
- April 17<sup>th</sup> – Pickering – RAY update and planning
- April 17<sup>th</sup> – Pickering – Talk to Sight

- Support Ryedale and follow-up meeting
- May 28<sup>th</sup> – Howsham Mill – Junior Rangers
- May 29<sup>th</sup> – Arboretum – Community Development Officer projects planning
- July 30<sup>th</sup> – Arboretum - Planning October Junior Rangers session
- Sept 25<sup>th</sup> – Slingsby – Hovingham Parishes meeting (evening)
- Oct 11<sup>th</sup> – Hovingham - Small business support event
- Oct 21<sup>st</sup> – Arboretum – Junior Rangers prep and fungi ID training
- Oct 29<sup>th</sup> – Yorkshire Arboretum – Junior Rangers

**FUTURE COMMUNITY WORK**

- Nov 27<sup>th</sup> – Dishforth – Stronger Communities
- Feb 18<sup>th</sup> – Yorkshire Arboretum – Junior Rangers
- Feb 24<sup>th</sup> – Hovingham – Work programme
- Build on links with schools, parishes and community groups.

**PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION**

- May & June – Schools twinning display at Howsham Mill
- June 24<sup>th</sup> – Malton – Outdoors Group – promotion and publicity
- July 4<sup>th</sup> – Howsham Mill – collecting twinning display and future ideas
- July 17<sup>th</sup> – Arboretum – Photo competition meeting
- Oct 7<sup>th</sup> – Arboretum – meet Gazette reporter for photo competition story
- Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> – Hovingham – Day out guides meeting with student volunteer
- AONB Photography Competition – being run in partnership with Rural Action Yorkshire – media promotion and promote to communities
- AONB Photography competition – info emailed to 14 camera clubs
- Work on the AONB website – events listings and news stories
- AONB Newsletter produced. Distributed October.



## FUTURE PUBLICITY/INTERPRETATION

- Nov 5<sup>th</sup> – Ampleforth – Evening talk
- March 18<sup>th</sup> – Photo competition exhibition launch

## EDUCATIONAL/RAISING AWARENESS

- April 17<sup>th</sup> – Pickering – Sight Support Ryedale talk
- April 23<sup>rd</sup> – Bainton – School twinning Project Officer meeting
- May 7<sup>th</sup> – Hovingham – School twinning volunteers training
- School twinning visits (I attended some of these):
  - May 20<sup>th</sup> – Cottingham to Welburn (AONB)
  - June 4<sup>th</sup> – Amotherby to Hall Road (Hull)
  - June 12<sup>th</sup> – Sheriff Hutton to Ings (Hull)
  - June 20<sup>th</sup> - St Benedict's to Wansbeck (Hull)
  - June 24<sup>th</sup> - Crayke to Tang Hall (York)
  - June 26<sup>th</sup> – Hovingham to Neasden (Hull)
  - July 15<sup>th</sup> – Foston and Terrington (AONB)
- HLF grant claim submitted September 2014
- July 29<sup>th</sup> – Welburn – Ryedale Show
- Oct 31<sup>st</sup> – Hovingham – A level student – working in conservation/voluntary opportunities
- Continue to develop projects with local schools through working with them both in their school grounds and on field-trips.

## FUTURE EDUCATION/AWARENESS

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

## TRAINING

- May 21<sup>st</sup> – Webinar – BARS2
- June 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> – York – First Aid
- Oct 1<sup>st</sup> – Helmsley – Ancient trees training

## FUTURE TRAINING

## MISCELLANEOUS

- May 1<sup>st</sup> – Nidderdale AONB – Northern Group
- May 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> – Carried forward annual leave
- June 3<sup>rd</sup> to June 17<sup>th</sup> – Annual leave
- July 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> – Newton Rigg - NAAONB Conference
- Sept 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> – Annual leave

## FUTURE MISCELLANEOUS

- Oct 19<sup>th</sup> – Appleton le Street – NYCC Volunteers Social

# AONB OFFICER'S REPORT

1<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2014 – 28<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2014

Work during this period has principally consisted of:

- Completion of two walling projects at High Farm, Brandsby, a hedge planting project at High Oak Farm, Oswaldkirk and a hedge planting project at Low Lions Lodge, Ampleforth.
- Developing a hedge planting project with Newburgh Priory Estate and a tree planting project at Throstle Nest Farm, Sproxton.
- Securing the planting of native black poplar at Thorn Tree Farm, Coulton, Throstle Nest Farm, Sproxton and Ampleforth Abbey & College.
- Commissioning a contract for the refurbishment of a further 4 signs.
- Reformatting 3 Terrington walk leaflets to be presented in an A4 down-loadable format.
- Assessing the threats to monuments listed on the Scheduled Monuments at Risk Register in order to determine priorities for future survey/remedial work.
- Continued development of a walk to be included in the RGS 'Discovering Britain' suite of walk routes.
- Seeking quotes from contractors for 'standard costs' for spraying bracken and woody regrowth.
- Compiling a list of grid references of traditional direction signs for inclusion on the National Street Gazetteer.
- Continued rationalisation of project files & digitisation of past projects.

## MEETINGS

- 6<sup>th</sup> May – Pre-Work Programme Meeting
- 20<sup>th</sup> May - Quarterly Work Programme meeting
- 1<sup>st</sup> July – Internal meeting to discuss work priorities for remainder of contract
- 15<sup>th</sup> July – Meeting with Rachel Underwood & Christopher Ridgeway to discuss RGS walk route
- 2<sup>nd</sup> September – Quarterly Work Programme meeting.
- 28<sup>th</sup> October – final hand-over meeting before end of contract

Farm and Wiganthorpe to see work in progress and Black Moor to see completed top-stones.

- 8<sup>th</sup> April – delivery of Black Poplars to Ampleforth Abbey & College.
- 10<sup>th</sup> June – visit for final inspection of first wall at High Farm, Brandsby.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> July – visit to Throstle Nest Farm, Sproxton to discuss tree planting.
- 20<sup>th</sup> August – visit to High Farm, Brandsby to look at second walling work with contractor.
- 26<sup>th</sup> August – walking of proposed 8 mile RGS walk route.

## NAAONB

- 1<sup>st</sup> May – Northern AONB's Meeting in Nidderdale

## FUTURE SITE VISITS

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## FUTURE NAAONB

## SITE VISITS

- 1<sup>st</sup> April – meeting with Estate Managers at Ampleforth College to discuss planting of Black Poplars. Site visits to Low Lions Lodge to inspect completed works, High

## PROJECTS

- Completion of Projects at High Farm, Brandsby, High Oak Farm, Oswaldkirk and Low Lions Lodge, Ampleforth.
- Completion of project to lay top-stones on walls at Black Moor and Wiganthorpe.
- Completion of the refurbishment of 5 traditional direction signs and commissioning a second contract for refurbishment of further 4 signs.
- Securing the planting of 25 black Black Poplars at various sites within the AONB.

- Compiling a list of grid references of all traditional direction signs within the HHAONB for inclusion on the National Street Gazetteer.
- Developing a tree planting project at Throstle Nest Farm, Sproxton.
- Developing a project to gap up a roadside hedge on the Newburgh Priory Estate.
- Quotes sought for a set of standard contractor costs for small-scale spraying of bracken and woody re-growth.
- Developing a project with Castle Howard Nursery to secure future of native Black Poplar in HHAONB.
- Assessment made of the threats to monuments listed on Scheduled Monuments at Risk register in order to prioritise future survey/work.
- Continued rationalisation of Project files and digitisation of past projects.

- Flexi leave taken on 22<sup>nd</sup> April
- TOIL accrued on 1<sup>st</sup> May taken on 13<sup>th</sup> May.
- Annual leave taken on 24<sup>th</sup> June and 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> August.

FUTURE MISCELLANEOUS

FUTURE PROJECTS

CONSULTATIONS

COMMUNITIES

PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/  
INTERPRETATION

- Continued development of a self-guided walk route to be included in the 'Discovering Britain' suite of walks, focussing on the Castle Howard Estate and its influence on the landscape.
- Re-formatting of 3 circular routes around Terrington, currently promoted as 'History and Habitat' routes, to be presented in an A4 down-loadable format.

FUTURE PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/  
INTERPRETATION

TRAINING

FUTURE TRAINING

MISCELLANEOUS

# AONB ASSISTANT'S REPORT

## 1 APRIL – 31 OCTOBER 2014

My main duties over the period have been:

- Lead role in planning, promotion and preparation for the Junior Rangers sessions on 16 April, 28 May and 29 October
- Assisting with delivery of Junior Rangers sessions at the Yorkshire Arboretum and Howsham Mill.
- Assisting with delivery of Schools Twinning sessions at Tang Hall School in York and Pearson Park, YWT's centre in Hull.
- Assisting with preparation of HLF claim for Schools Twinning project.
- Planning, preparation and assisting with delivery of HHAONB stand at Ryedale Show.
- Promotion of HHAONB photographic competition.
- Audit of the HHAONB website, with a view to rationalising and updating some of the content.
- General admin tasks for the unit eg taking minutes, dealing with orders, invoices, post, both incoming and out, file management.
- Handling telephone and email enquiries to the Unit and dealing with IT issues.

### MEETINGS

- 3 April – JAC meeting, Gilling VH
- 24 April – JRC planning meeting at Howsham Mill
- 1 May – Northern Group Staff meeting, Nidderdale AONB
- 20 May – Work Programme meeting
- 12 June – NET meeting, County Hall
- 8 July – NET meeting, Wath Court
- 17 July – meeting with LB and Maggie Farey re community initiatives
- 24 September – Core Partners Group meeting
- 9 October – JRC meeting at Yorkshire Arboretum
- Monthly AONB Unit meetings

### FUTURE MEETINGS

- 14 November – JAC meeting, Hovingham VH
- 26 November – Work Programme meeting
- Monthly - HHAONB Unit meetings

### SITE VISITS

- 25 July – JAC site visit, Yorkshire Arboretum and Castle Howard Avenue

### FUTURE SITE VISITS

### RECREATION/ACCESS

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

### FUTURE RECREATION/ACCESS

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

### COMMUNITY WORK

- Planning, promotion and preparation for JRC sessions on 16 April, 28 May and 29 October
- Assisting with delivery of JRC sessions (as above)
- 11 October – assisting with delivery of Business Day pop-up café, Hovingham

### FUTURE COMMUNITY WORK

### PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION

- Audit and further development of Howardian Hills AONB website and links with relevant organisations
- Procurement of new HHAONB display banner
- Assisting with planning, preparation and delivery of Ryedale Show stand
- Promotion of HHAONB photographic competition

### FUTURE PROMOTION/PUBLICITY

- November – meet with website host/designers to discuss options for low-cost refresh

## EDUCATION/RAISING AWARENESS

- 24 June – Schools Twinning visit at Tang Hall School, York
- 1 July – Schools Twinning visit at Pearson Park, Hull
- Assisting with documentation for HLF claim for Schools Twinning project

## FUTURE EDUCATION/RAISING AWARENESS

## TRAINING

- 1 May – Northern Group Staff Awayday, Nidderdale AONB
- 14 October – Emergency First Aid Refresher Course, Riccall

## FUTURE TRAINING

## MISCELLANEOUS

- 24 April - Appraisal
- April - June – 6 days annual leave
- 25 August – 17 Sept Leave (part unpaid)
- 30 October – half-yearly appraisal

## FUTURE MISCELLANEOUS

- 4-6 November - Annual leave

## **Report to Howardian Hills AONB Committee: 31 March 2013 to 31 October 2014**

### **Parish Plans**

**Terrington Parish plan:** A community event was held in Terrington Village Hall on Friday 16 May 2014. Organised by the Parish Plan group and Village Hall Committee it included displays from local businesses, local organisations, the School, GP Surgery etc. The local Gardening Club gained a number of new members on the night. The results from the Parish Questionnaire were displayed and everyone attending was invited to get involved in prioritising and helping to deliver the Parish Plan Actions.

**Oswaldkirk Parish Plan:** The plan is now complete and copies are available to view on the Oswaldkirk village website, [www.oswaldkirk.org](http://www.oswaldkirk.org)

**Huttons Ambo:** The Parish Council has collated information from a short questionnaire to all households, based on 'Three things you like/Dislike about Huttons Ambo'. They have had a very good response and now looking at sending out another survey to formulate & prioritise the action plan and identify projects.

**Amotherby:** They are doing a refresh of the 2008 plan - questionnaire sent out to all households; collation of results being done at end of October 2014.

**Slingsby:** They are doing a refresh - just had first steering group meeting on 27 Oct 2014; putting together a questionnaire to distribute to all households after Christmas.

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

- Attended Slingsby Annual Meeting (14 April 2014) to discuss refreshing their Parish Plan
- Attended HHAONB Partnership Group meeting (24 April 2014) at Hovingham
- Attended Ampleforth Annual Parish Meeting (1 May 2014) to discuss updating their Parish Plan
- Attended Amotherby PC meeting to discuss updating their Parish Plan
- Worked with Terrington Steering group to plan and organise the Community event (16 May 2014)
- Attended RDC Parish Liaison meeting (11 June 2014)
- Attended Ryedale Show, joint stand with HHAONB. Promoted Photographic competition and general display on RAY services etc. Had a number of interesting discussions with visitors to the show, including questions on a number of issues including funding, village halls and local transport
- In partnership with the Local Enterprise Partnership & HHAONB organised a Business Pop up Café (11 October 2014)
- Attended Northern Ryedale Public Transport Group meetings (8 April & 12 August), with general discussion about cuts in services and possible solutions
- 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. A meeting was held on 25 September at Slingsby VH with an update on activities from Liz Bassindale (HHAONB) and from RDC by Cllr Wainwright. Unfortunately a number of representatives were unable to attend for a variety of reasons. The next meeting is planned for Spring 2015, venue to be decided

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

### **Maggie Farey**

Rural Development Officer  
Rural Action Yorkshire

## AONB PROJECTS 2014/2015

1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 – 4<sup>th</sup> November 2014

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
K Snowball	High Farm, Brandsby	Stone supply and walling topstones to finish section of roadside wall	Zone 1 Landscape	AG2.2	£2,600	£2,600
K Snowball	High Farm, Brandsby	Repair of 40m of field wall	Zone 1 Landscape	AG2.2	£1,500	£1,200
Newburgh Priory Estate	Malton Street, Husthwaite	Gapping 75m of roadside hedge	Zone 2B Landscape	AG2.2	£450	£450

APPLICANT/ (CONTRACTOR)	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
(AONB Unit – Yorkshire Exmoor Pony Trust)	Coulton (3), Cawton (2), Terrington (2)	Conservation grazing of 7 SINCs or other important sites	Sites 1.59, 1.60, 1.41, 1.47, 1.66, 1.20	NE3.1	c.£950	c.£450
Ampleforth Abbey & College	Ampleforth	Planting 7 black poplars	-	NE4.2	£46	£28
(AONB Volunteers)	Yearsley Moor Woodlands SINC	Cutting bracken on semi-improved grassland site (May)	Site 1.5	NE3.3	£125	-
(AONB Volunteers)	Yearsley Moor Woodlands SINC	Cutting bracken on semi-improved grassland site (July)	Site 1.5	NE3.3	£150	-
(AONB Volunteers)	Yearsley Moor Woodlands SINC	Cutting bracken on semi-improved grassland site (Aug)	Site 1.5	NE3.3	£500	-



(AONB Unit – Curlew Conservation Contractors)	Wath Beck; Terrington - Howthorpe	Cutting/pulling Himalayan balsam (3.5km)	Inc. Site 1.65	NE6.2	£965	£965
(AONB Unit – Countryside Services)	Wath Beck; Howthorpe - Wath	Cutting/pulling Himalayan balsam (2.3km)	Inc. Site 1.33	NE6.2	£932	£932
(AONB Unit – Volunteers)	Jeffry Bog SINC	Cutting/pulling Himalayan balsam	Site 1.74	NE6.2	£500	-
Amotherby Churchyard Conservation Group	Amotherby Churchyard	Habitat management	-	NE5.1	£520	£120 (25%)
(AONB Unit – Moorswork + Volunteers)	Appleton-le-Street Churchyard SINC	Grassland management	-	NE3.1	£690	£120
(AONB Unit – Moorswork)	Amotherby Lane SINC	Grassland/scrub management	Site 1.38	NE3.1	£120	£120
(AONB Unit – Volunteers)	Fairy Dell SINC	Cutting/pulling Himalayan balsam	Site 1.17	NE6.2	£450	-
F Hugill & R Eaton	Throstle Nest, Sproxton	Planting 30 in-field and boundary trees	-	NE3.4	£1,310	£998
(AONB Unit – Volunteers)	Adj. Yearsley Moor Woodlands SINC (Oct#1)	Rhododendron control	Site 1.5	NE3.3, NE6.2	£450	-
(AONB Unit – Volunteers)	Adj. Yearsley Moor Woodlands SINC (Oct#2)	Rhododendron control	Site 1.5	NE3.3, NE6.2	£700	-
(AONB Unit – Volunteers)	Adj. Yearsley Moor Woodlands SINC (Nov#2)	Rhododendron control	Site 1.5	NE3.3, NE6.2	£500	-
(AONB Unit – Volunteers)	Adj. Yearsley Moor Woodlands SINC (Nov#2)	Rhododendron control	Site 1.5	NE3.3, NE6.2	£500	-

(AONB Unit – Volunteers)	Adj. Yearsley Moor Woodlands SINC (Dec#2)	Rhododendron control	Site 1.5	NE3.3, NE6.2	£500	-
(AONB Unit – Volunteers)	Adj. Yearsley Moor Woodlands SINC (Dec#2)	Rhododendron control	Site 1.5	NE3.3, NE6.2	£500	-
(AONB Unit – J R Clifford & Sons)	Various	Management of 45 Special Interest Road Verges	-	NE3.1	c.£1,500	c.£1,500

### **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	HE2.5	c.£170	c.£170
(AONB Unit – P Gospel)	Mileposts	Regular maintenance	Site 2.63	HE2.5, RT4.5	c.£100	£100
<b>F Peckitt</b>	<b>North Park, Newburgh Priory</b>	<b>Erection of new fence, to bring new trees into grazed parkland</b>	<b>Site 2.15</b>	<b>HE2.5</b>	<b>£1,612</b>	<b>£806 (50%)</b>
Slingsby Local Heritage Group	Slingsby	Producing local history DVDs	-	HE1.5	£2,800	£150
<b>(AONB Unit – M Aconley)</b>	<b>Wiganthorpe Park, Scackleton</b>	<b>Stone supply and walling topstones onto 250m of Park wall</b>	<b>Site 2.92</b>	<b>HE2.5</b>	<b>£1,760</b>	<b>£1,760</b>
<b>(AONB Volunteers)</b>	<b>Hovingham</b>	<b>Cutting bracken on round barrows (May)</b>	<b>Sites 2.36 &amp; 2.37</b>	<b>HE2.5</b>	<b>£175</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>(AONB Volunteers)</b>	<b>Hovingham</b>	<b>Cutting bracken on round barrows (July)</b>	<b>Sites 2.36 &amp; 2.37</b>	<b>HE2.5</b>	<b>£150</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>(AONB Volunteers)</b>	<b>Hovingham</b>	<b>Cutting bracken on round barrows (Aug)</b>	<b>Sites 2.36 &amp; 2.37</b>	<b>HE2.5</b>	<b>£150</b>	<b>-</b>
Oswaldkirk PC	Oswaldkirk	Restore 1 traditional village name sign and install 2 new ones made in the traditional style	-	LC1.4, HE2.5	£2,900	£1,500

(AONB Unit – P Gospel)	City of Troy Maze, Dalby	Repair broken fence (damaged by local farmer)	Site 2.25	HE2.5	c.£200	£0
P Turnbull	Newburgh	Repairs to Listed traditional agricultural building	-	HE2.5	£11,000	£1,250
(AONB Unit – Cleveland Corrosion Control)	Bulmer, Firby, Howsham, Crambe	Restoration of 4 traditional direction signs	-	RT4.5	£7,800	£7,500
(AONB Volunteers)	Hovingham	Removing scrub from round barrow	Site 2.36	HE2.5	c.£300	-
(AONB Volunteers)	Oulston	Removing rhododendron from cross dyke	Site 2.12	HE2.5	c.£300	-

## Enjoying the AONB

APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
(AONB Unit – Moorswork)	Various	Litter picking (5 visits)	Sites 3.8, 3.14, 3.19	RA4.5	c.£550	c.£550
(AONB Unit – P Gospel)	Gateway signs	Strimming	-	AP1.1	£630	£630
<b>(AONB Volunteers)</b>	<b>Various</b>	<b>Volunteer effort on PRow in the AONB (2 people/week, every other week)</b>	-	<b>RA3.1, RA3.2</b>	<b>£1,600</b>	-
(AONB Unit)	Howardian Hills	Promotional campaign with Visit York	-	RA2.1	£5,000	£1,250
<b>(AONB Unit)</b>	<b>Various</b>	<b>Installing 3 x 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary log benches</b>	-	<b>AP1.3</b>	<b>£460</b>	<b>£447</b>
(AONB Volunteers)	Various	Volunteer effort – Junior Ranger Club, Ryedale Show, guided walks, PRow Condition surveying, etc.	-	IM1.3	£1,400	-
(AONB Unit)	Arboretum; Ampleforth	Junior Ranger Club	-	AP2.3	£495	£44
<b>(AONB Volunteers)</b>	<b>Various</b>	<b>Volunteer effort - Schools Twinning Project</b>	-	<b>AP2.3</b>	<b>£2,100</b>	-

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FUND GRANTS 2014/2015

1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 – 4<sup>th</sup> November 2014

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

APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	SDF ASSISTANCE
Rural Action Yorkshire	AONB	Sustainable Rural Communities project, working with communities on community planning	-	LC1.2, LC1.3	£4,948	£3,711
Coneysthorpe VH Committee	Coneysthorpe Village Hall	Refurbishment including insulation and lowered ceilings	-	LC1.4	£11,317	£8,150
Terrington Village Hall	Village Hall	Enhancement of outdoor areas – veg growing, artwork with AAONB theme, water butts and composting facilities	-	LC1.4	£11,708	£3,480

## AONB CONSULTATIONS (SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS) 2014/2015

1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 – 5<sup>th</sup> November 2014

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Ryedale District Council	Various	Weekly Lists of Planning Applications and Decisions	-	-	-
Hambleton District Council	Various	Weekly Lists of Planning Applications and Decisions	-	-	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Various	Weekly list of Planning Applications	-	-	-
North York Moors National Park Authority	Various	Weekly Lists of Planning Applications and Decisions	-	-	-
Forestry Commission	Various	Grants & Licences Public Register	-	-	-
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning application (Change of use of garage/workshop to a dwelling)	No	Significant concerns – outside Development Limit	?
Ryedale District Council	Kirkham	Planning application (Erection of a replacement dwelling)	Yes	Object – impact on setting of designated and non-designated heritage assets	Withdrawn
Hambleton District Council	Yearsley	Planning application (Variation on Condition – change of use from agricultural to garden and erection of extension)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Brandsby	Planning application (Scale of soil excavation to implement approved development, retrospective)	No	Minor	Permitted
Hambleton District Council	Newburgh	Planning application (Creation of camp site with ancillary toilets and car parking area)	Yes	Landscaping of car parking area; access	Permitted, with Condition re access
Ryedale District Council	Hildenley	Planning application (Erection of extension – revised plans)	No	None	(Permitted)

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Ryedale District Council	Welburn	Planning application (Erection of 3 dwellings and detached garage) (Re-revised plans)	No (previously)	Object – ancillary building still at front of curtilage	Permitted
North Yorkshire County Council	Cawton	NRSWA consultation (LV underground works)	No	None	-
Forestry Commission (FE)	Coulton/Yearsley	Woodland management proposals (Felling & thinning)	No	Yes (ride widening; avoid heritage features)	All comments taken on board
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Planning application (Change of use of agricultural barn to day centre with car parking, etc)	Yes	Significant concerns. Traffic generation; Car park needs landscaping	Permitted, with Conditions
Ryedale District Council	Welburn	Planning application (Erection of 2 holiday lodges)	Yes	Minor	Permitted
Ryedale District Council	Broughton	Agricultural Notification (Erection of new farm building)	Yes	Colour of roof sheets; landscaping needed	Permitted, with Conditions
Ryedale District Council	Welburn	Planning application (Erection of 2 houses)	Yes	Object	Refused
Ryedale District Council	Stonegrave	Planning application (Variation of Conditions, Birch Farm)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Cawton	NRSWA consultation (Replace gullies in verge)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Little Edstone	Planning application (Erection of wind turbine 30m to hub)	No	None	(Refused)
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth	Agricultural Notification (Erection of new farm building)	Yes	Planning permission needed?	Permitted
Ryedale District Council	Hovingham	Planning application (Erection of a dwelling – renewal of existing consent)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Cawton	Planning Application (Erection of new farm building)	Yes	Roof colour; Landscaping needed – strip of trees and shrubs	Permitted, with Conditions
Ryedale District Council	Cawton	Planning Application (Erection of new farm building)	Yes	Roof colour; Landscaping needed – triangular copse	Permitted, with Condition re roof colour

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Ryedale District Council	Howsham	Planning Application (Demolition of garage and erection of home office)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Welburn	Planning Application (Erection of 2-storey extension, garage and stables)	Yes	Object – impact on AONB, Conservation Area and Listed Buildings	Withdrawn
Tesla Exploration Ltd	Eastern part of AONB	3D seismic survey	No	Avoid drilling shot holes in SINC's, SIRVs or buried archaeology	Confirmed those constraints already in place
Ryedale District Council	Oswaldkirk	Agricultural Notification (Erection of grain silo)	Yes	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Kirkham	Planning application (Erection of a replacement dwelling - revised)	Yes	None (scheme much improved)	(Permitted)
Ryedale District Council	Castle Howard	Planning application (Temporary siting of a holiday lodge)	No	None	(Refused)
National Grid	Western side of AONB	Visual impact of HV powerlines and possible mitigation	Yes	Two locations put forward for further study	?
Hambleton District Council	Brandsby	Planning application (Change of use of agricultural land and erection of shed)	Yes	Concerns about colour of roof materials	Permitted; roof changed to slates
Northern Powergrid	Nunnington	New u/g HV line to Nunnington Hall	No	Avoid damage to tree roots	?
Ryedale District Council	Stittenham	Planning application (Formation of ménage and installation of horse walker)	No	No spoil disposal on rig & furrow	Permitted with Condition attached, and ditch to be restored to r+f profile
Ryedale District Council	Crambe	Planning application (Erection of a new dwelling - revised)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Whitwell	Planning application (Erection of a 12.1m wooden pole and broadband dish)	Yes	Minor (minimise removal of trees)	(Permitted)
Ryedale District Council	Musley Bank, Malton	Planning application (Erection of stabling buildings, office building, horse treadmill)	Yes	Minor – implementation of landscaping Condition	(Permitted)



CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Ryedale District Council	Hovingham	Planning application (Conversion of agricultural buildings to dwelling)	No	None	(Permitted)
Ryedale District Council	Sproxton	Planning application (Erection of replacement dwelling)	Yes	Minor	-
Ryedale District Council	Sproxton	Planning application (Erection of agricultural building)	Yes	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Oswaldkirk	Planning application (Erection of extensions)	Yes	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Kirkham	Extinguishment of Public Footpath	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Malton	Planning application (Erection of 500 dwellings; also employment, community and retail uses)	Yes	Object – inadequate information on potential effect on AONB and its setting	?
Natural England	Crambe	Higher Level Stewardship agreement	No	Minor	-
Ryedale District Council	Hovingham	Planning application (Erection of 3 dwellings)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Planning application (Erection of new farmstead including agricultural workers dwelling)	Yes	Serious Reservations – justification; inadequate landscaping	Refused
Hambleton District Council	Brandsby	Planning application (Change of use of agricultural buildings to holiday cottages – extension of time limit)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Grimston	Planning application (Erection of garage/domestic annex)	Yes	Concern at height above natural ground level at northern end	Withdrawn
Hambleton District Council	Dalby	Planning application (External alterations and raising height of roof)	Yes	Concerns about glazing to apex on southern elevation	Withdrawn
North Yorkshire County Council	Terrington	DMMO to address historical mis-mapped route alignment	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Scackleton	Planning application (Erection of agricultural building)	Yes	Suggest minor landscaping to north and east	Permitted, with Condition on landscaping
Natural England	Bulmer	Higher Level Stewardship agreement	No	Support	-
Hambleton District Council	Yearsley	Planning application (External alterations and erection of garage)	Yes	None	-

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Hambleton District Council	Yearsley	Planning application (Extensions and raising height of roof)	Yes	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Castle Howard Avenue	NRSWA consultation (Drainage works)	No	No damage to be done to Special Interest Road Verges	-
Ryedale District Council	Low Hutton	Planning application (Erection of frame for temporary event signs)	Yes	Frame to be painted a dark colour	Permitted, with Conditions on painting of frame and colouring of rear face of banners
Forestry Commission	East Newton	Woodland management proposals (Felling & re-planting; selective fell 1.4ha broadleaves and mixed)	No	Favour broadleaves; open out footpath near Holbeck	?
Forestry Commission	Hovingham Estate	Woodland management proposals (Felling & re-planting; 0.5ha conifer to native broadleaves; 14.1ha of 60.27ha conifer PAWS to native broadleaves)	No	Support restoration of conifer PAWS to native broadleaves; protection of specific features; buffer Coulton Fen SINC	?
Forestry Commission	Castle Howard (Arboretum)	Woodland management proposals (Felling & re-planting; 1.0ha conifer to conifer)	No	None	-
Forestry Commission	Castle Howard (Pretty Wood SINC)	Woodland management proposals (Felling & re-planting; 1.0ha conifer PAWS to conifer PAWS)	No	Restock with native broadleaves	?
Forestry Commission	Westow	Woodland management proposals (Felling & re-planting; 1.0ha broadleaves to ??)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Sproxtton	Planning application (Erection of garden shed)	Yes (in passing)	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Yearsley	Planning application (Erection of a family dwelling)	Yes	Concerns re elevated site and potential size of dwelling	Refused
Ryedale District Council	Musley Bank, Malton	Planning application (Re-roofing of stable block)	Yes	None	-

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Ryedale District Council	Easthorpe	Planning application (Erection of extensions)	Yes	Suggest use of non-reflective glass	Permitted
Ryedale District Council	Castle Howard	Planning application (Installation of black flue to replace stainless steel)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Planning application (Erection of new farmstead including agricultural workers dwelling – minor revision)	No	No further comments	Refused
Natural England	Scackleton	Higher Level Stewardship agreement	No	Support	-
Hambleton District Council	Oulston	Prior Notification (Change of use of agricultural building to dwelling)	No	Prior Notification process not applicable in AONB	Permitted
North Yorkshire County Council	Gilling	NRSA consultation (Kerbing behind grates)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Nunnington	Planning application (Erection of stable block)	Yes	Concerns over size, height and location	Refused
Ryedale District Council	Welburn	Planning Application (Erection of 2-storey extension, garage and stables - revised)	Yes	Still have concerns over level of glazing on first floor elevation	Permitted
Ryedale District Council	Whitwell	Planning application (Erection of two semi-detached houses)	No	None	-
Forestry Commission	Westow	Woodland management proposals (Felling & re-planting; 0.6ha conifers to ??)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Castle Howard	Planning application (Erection of 8-bay garage)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Appleton-le-Street	Planning application (Erection of replacement dwelling)	No	None	-
Forestry Commission	Gilling	Woodland management proposals (Felling & re-planting; 0.8ha mixed conifer/broadleaf to ??)	Yes	Encourage PAWS reversion to native broadleaves	?
Hambleton District Council	Husthwaite	Planning application (Erection of an agricultural workers dwelling)	Yes	Object re size & scale of dwelling and highly visible location	?
Ryedale District Council	Oswaldkirk	Planning application (Sub-division and extension of dwelling to form 3 dwellings)	(in passing)	?	?

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Hambleton District Council	Dalby	Planning application (Construction of replacement ancillary building – re-submission)	Yes	Continued concerns about glazing to apex on southern elevation?	?
North Yorkshire County Council	Swinton	NRSWA consultation (Drainage works)	No	Protect Special Interest Road verges	?
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning application (Installation of 3 rows of ground-mounted solar PV panels)	Yes	?	?
Forestry Commission	Oswaldkirk	Woodland management proposals (Selective Felling & re-planting; 1.9ha native broadleaves to ??)	No	None	-

## **AONB CONSULTATIONS & NOTIFICATIONS (STRATEGIES, ETC) 2014/2015**

1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 – 5<sup>th</sup> November 2014

<b>ORGANISATION</b>	<b>AREA</b>	<b>DOCUMENT</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
North Yorkshire County Council	North Yorkshire, York & North York Moors National Park	Minerals & Waste Joint Plan Issues & Options consultation	Various, in relation to ensuring that the AONB is safeguarded from inappropriate major developments	
(NAAONB)	England	Submission to the Commons Select Committee on 'The operation of the NPPF, two years on'.	Comments submitted	
(NAAONB)	England	Consultation on response to NELMS Co-operation option.	Comments submitted	
Ryedale District Council	Ryedale District	CIL charging schedule	None	
Rural Action Yorkshire	Yorkshire	Rural Strategy for Yorkshire	None	
(NAAONB)	England	Request for examples to show that AONBs are not 'no-go' areas for new rural development and enterprise.	Examples provided	
(NAAONB)	England	Request from Lord de Mauley for examples of good sustainable development projects in AONBs.	Examples provided	

## TECHNICAL DOCUMENTS RECEIVED 2014/2015

1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 – 5<sup>th</sup> November 2014

ORGANISATION	DOCUMENT
AONB Units	Annual Reports, Newsletters, etc

## 2014/15 Junior Ranger Club

Most of the Junior Ranger Club sessions this year have been delivered with the Education Officer from The Yorkshire Arboretum at Castle Howard.

### Easter 2014 :

Ranger Day	Activities	No of children attending
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April  The Yorkshire Arboretum	<b>Springtime fun</b> Egg marbling, pond dipping, minibeast trail, spring wordsearches, spring blossom tree pictures (spring colours), rabbits and hares, colour palettes (spring greens), spring themed iced biscuits, growing grass in CD cases (roots and shoots demo to take home).	21

### May 2014 :

Ranger Day	Activities	No of children attending
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> May  Howsham Mill	<b>Island explorers</b> Howsham Mill wordsearch, nature walk around the island, intro to the Mill and renewable energy, water wheel building team challenge, glass painting (creatures found in the River Derwent), chapatti making (linking with flour production), giant Howsham Mill collage.	15

### October 2014 :

Ranger Day	Activities	No of children attending
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> October  The Yorkshire Arboretum	<b>Amazing Autumn</b> Fantastic fungi – fungi foray, spore prints, balloon fly agarics. Apple tree art – bark rubbings and apple prints. Autumn leaves – acetate framed pictures. Nuts and seeds relay. Weather – plastic bag kites, wind socks and plastic bottle rain gauges. Rain sticks. Thunder game – cloud attack. Pond dipping.	18