

**HOWARDIAN HILLS
AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY
JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
31 MARCH 2011**

AONB UNIT ACTIVITY

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

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

2.0 SUMMARY OF PROGRESS ACHIEVED

- 2.1 Appendix 1 gives separate details of the meetings and site visits that have been carried out by the AONB Manager, AONB Officer and AONB Assistant in the period 1st November 2010 to 23rd March 2011. Appendix 2 gives full details of the wide range of projects that the AONB Project Fund has assisted during the year. Appendix 3 gives details of the Consultations that the JAC has received during the year.
- 2.2 Countryside management work has been continuing, through the AONB Project Fund. The main areas of work have been in-field and boundary tree planting schemes, where the backlog from last winter has now been cleared, work on the limekilns in Scar Wood, Gilling and the planting of a very visible section of new hedging near Brandsby. Conservation work to the Gate Lodges at Howsham Hall is STILL in abeyance, pending the outcome of the sale negotiations and now, it is understood, a court case! This is still an iconic scheme for us to bring to completion, but clearly we will need to await the outcome of various proceedings.
- 2.3 A robust methodology for digitising the projects funded by the JAC since 1996/97 has now been developed, and the early digitisation has been re-worked to bring it into line with the new methodology. At the same time we have been thinning-out our grant files, to free-up storage space. An unforeseen consequence of this work was the need to deal with associated ICT issues arising from an upgrade to our GIS software, network file storage and network connection speed to County Hall.
- 2.4 Volunteer activity has again been significant during the last six months. SINC management tasks clearing rhododendron at Yearsley Moor and Western hemlock at Grimston Moor have all attracted good numbers of volunteers. Three task-days have been held, with one further day due to take place in late March. Several volunteers have continued to come out with the local NYCC Area Ranger, working in the AONB approximately every second week. They have principally been carrying out Public Rights of Way maintenance work, but have also helped with several other tasks where many pairs of hands were needed.
- 2.5 A December Junior Ranger Club was delivered, in snowy weather yet again! Dates have also been set for sessions in Easter, summer half-term, October and December 2011, with the activities for Easter and the summer half-term in the advanced stages of planning. Full details of the activities and attendance for the 2010/11 activity sessions are shown in Appendix 4.
- 2.6 Work on the schools twinning project has progressed very well. A Volunteers workshop was held in November and twinning visits are due to start in May. This is a major new project and demonstrates how staff commitment and effort can lever-in significant new funding resources for projects in the AONB.

- 2.7 Volunteers ‘road-tested’ the directions instructions and informative text in the previous Terrington walks leaflets, before a series of four walk leaflets were produced. In previous years the walks leaflets have been produced in a high-quality format, but for Terrington we have initially split the series of routes into one route per leaflet. This has allowed us to produce them simply using standard computer software and they are now available to download from the AONB website. Hard-copies will be distributed to outlets in Terrington village in time for the Easter holidays, and if demand/resources allow we could amalgamate them again into one leaflet in order to match the suite of three that we have already produced for other villages. Work has also started on three off-road cycle route leaflets, which again will be produced in a format for the AONB website.
- 2.8 The Community Development Officer at Rural Action Yorkshire has been continuing to work with parishes and community groups within the AONB. A slight over-run on the project is anticipated into 2011/12 and a work programme has been developed for that period. A Community Arts Project is being developed in Crayke, as well as a community drop-in event at Ampleforth and “The Good Life 2011” at Slingsby.
- 2.9 The number of planning applications and need for responses/advice has seen a spike in the last couple of months, with a number of schemes coming forward that have required sustained and significant input.
- 2.10 Potential sites for fixed-point photography monitoring points have been identified on a map and these are now being visited for scoping shots, with the aim of whittling-down the 80-odd possibles into a manageable list of 20-30.
- 2.11 NAAONB work has also been prominent in the last six months with the transfer of sponsorship from Natural England to Defra, planning for Conference 2011 in Cornwall and the preparation of a new NAAONB business plan.
- 2.12 The Joint Advisory Committee’s annual budget is likely to be overspent this year by approximately £5,000. It should however be borne in mind that we brought £34,000 of reserve Project money forward from 2009/10, as well as approximately £7,000 of Income in Advance for specific projects. As explained in paragraph 2.2 above, at least one major project that we had hoped to complete this year has been delayed and we hope it will be completed next financial year. This potentially could account for up to £15,000 of our reserves (for which indeed we have been saving the reserves). In addition, three potentially large (and highly prominent) drystone wall repair projects are known to be developing bids for funding in 2011/12.
- 2.13 A grant allocation proposal for 2011/12 was submitted to Natural England in January 2011. In line with the interim arrangements for transferring responsibility for AONBs from Natural England to Defra, the proposal has been scrutinised by Natural England and passed to Defra. A recent briefing note indicated that Defra are planning to send out the grant offer letters shortly, for sums in-line with the 5.4% reduction on the 2010/11 allocation (after its 5% in-year cut). The interim claim for payment of the 2010/11 grant was also submitted on schedule in January 2011.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received for information.

AONB MANAGER'S REPORT

1st NOVEMBER 2010 – 23rd MARCH 2011

Work during this period has principally consisted of:

- Keeping abreast of developments in the AONB funding and sponsorship situation.
- Dealing with a spike in planning application consultations, including some contentious cases.
- Catching up with a backlog of emails.
- Starting work on some of the lower priority tasks scheduled for this year.
- Submitting the bid document and 2011/12 draft Annual Action Programme to Natural England, for approval of 2011/12 Defra funding.
- Development of a robust methodology for digitising the projects funded by the JAC since 1996/97, as well as amending the early digitisation to bring it into line with the new methodology. Thinning-out grant files at the same time, to free-up storage space. Dealing with associated ICT issues arising from MapInfo 9.5, network file storage and network speed.
- NAAONB work – National Lead Officers' meeting and Conference 2011.
- Organising major projects for work on the lime kilns in Scar Wood (Gilling) and tree removal at Pond Farm (Crambe).

MEETINGS

- 3rd November – CAN DO Executive Group meeting, Sutton Bank.
- 4th November – Future regional structure of Natural England, York.
- 5th November – JAC meeting, Hovingham.
- 9th November – Hambleton BAP meeting, Northallerton.
- 10th November – Annual Action Programme update meeting.
- 18th November – Gilling Castle RPG study inception meeting, Ampleforth.
- 19th November – NYCC Countryside Ranger – AONB PRoW Condition Survey.
- 22nd November – Yorkshire Exmoor Pony Trust, future grazing plans, Thirsk.
- 24th November – Southern Green, Gilling Castle RPG study.
- 25th November – Ranger Team 3 Local Liaison Group meeting, Helmsley.
- 9th December – NYCC Countryside Ranger – AONB PRoW Condition Survey.
- 15th December – LEADER Support Group meeting, Helmsley.
- 16th December – Core Funders Group.
- 11th January – Annual Action Programme update meeting.
- 13th January – NYCC NET meeting.
- 24th January – Gilling Castle RPG study progress meeting, Ampleforth.
- 28th January – Budget meeting/introduction to AONB with Ian Fielding (new AD covering Countryside Service), Northallerton.
- 8th February – LEADER Ryedale Small-scale Enhancements Programme, Ryedale House.

- 16th February – AONBs in North Yorkshire, with Rick Walker, Northallerton
- 23rd February – Annual Action Programme update meeting.
- 23rd February – CAN DO Lime & Ice meeting on Yearsley Moor interpretation.
- 25th February – Anne McIntosh MP visit to AONB Offices.
- 9th March – Henry Rayment, projects on Castle Howard land.
- 10th March – DPCR5 meeting, Northallerton.
- 11th March – Gilling Castle RPG Study – delivery of draft report.
- 14th March – Dissemination of draft Gilling Castle RPG Study, Ampleforth Abbey.
- 17th March – Core Funders Group meeting.
- 17th March – LEADER Support Group, Helmsley.
- 18th March – Waste & Countryside Services Away-Day.
- 22nd March – NYMNP/HHAONB Highways Liaison Group meeting, Helmsley.

Monthly project update meetings with Liz and Mark Antcliff.

Monthly AONB Team meetings.

Quarterly – work programme meeting with team.

NAAONB

- 4th November – Conference11 teleconference.
- 29th November – Business Plan Away-day, Birmingham.

- 20th December – Game and Wildlife Conservation All Party Parliamentary Group meeting, London.
- 12th January – Northern Chairmen’s meeting, York.
- 20th January – NAAONB Board meeting, London.
- 9th/10th February – Lead Officers’ meeting, Birmingham.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- 31st March – JAC meeting.
- 6th April – Olympic Torch Relay meeting, York?
- 14th April – Council for National Parks event, York?
- 12th May – Annual Action Programme team meeting.
- 27th May – Ranger Team 3 Local Liaison Group, Helmsley.
- 16th June – Core Funders Group.
- 21st July – LEADER Support Group, Helmsley.
- 29th July – JAC site visit?
- 10th August – Annual Action Programme team meeting.
- 7th September – DPCR5 (electricity cable undergrounding), Northallerton.

Monthly project update meetings with Liz and Mark Antcliff.

Monthly AONB Team meetings.

FUTURE NAAONB

- 19th April – Conf11 Steering Group, Cornwall.
- 20/21st April – NAAONB Board meeting, Isles of Scilly.
- 19th May – Ministerial visit to Howardian Hills AONB.
- 4th – 7th July – National NAAONB Conference, Cornwall.
- 14th July – NAAONB Board, Birmingham?
- 22nd/23rd July – CLA Game Fair?
- 13th October – NAAONB Board, London.
- 14th October – NAAONB AGM, London.

SITE VISITS

- 3rd November – Planning application site visit; Hushwaite.
- 8th November – Planning application site visits; Dalby, Skewsby.

- 12th November – Newburgh Priory; various projects.
- 17th November – Planning application site visits; Bulmer, Low Hutton (A64).
- 14th December – Grimstone, Dalby – various projects.
- 23rd December – Planning application pre-submission advisory visit, for wind turbine; Gilling.
- 23rd December – Planning application site visit; Oswaldkirk.
- 6th January – pre-application advice for wind turbine – assessment of potential sites; Gilling.
- 19th January – Planning application advice site meeting; Cliff Field House, Dalby.
- 4th February – Scar Wood lime kilns, with contractor.
- 8th February – Tree felling works to prevent damage to Listed Building at Risk; Pond Farm, Crambe.
- 8th February – Planning application site visit; Whitwell.
- 8th February – Unauthorised development, old reservoir, Amotherby Lane.
- 17th March – Progress with tree removal from Listed Building at Risk; Pond Farm, Crambe

FUTURE SITE VISITS

- Planning application site visits – Hushwaite, Dalby, Coulton,

PROJECTS

- **Running contract – Gilling Castle RPG study.**
- **Running contract – Phase 1 habitat survey map digitisation.**
- Digitisation of JAC-funded work since 1997.
- **Preparation of 2011/12 Annual Action Programme and bid to NE/Defra for 2011/12 funding.**
- Mid-year claim for Natural England grant.
- Preparation of papers for March JAC meeting.
- SEE SEPARATE TABLE FOR LIST OF PROJECTS GRANT AIDED

FUTURE PROJECTS

- Digitisation of JAC-funded work since 1997.
- Conference 2011 organisation.
- Defra Ministerial visit – 19th May.
- Submission of final grant claim – 31st May.

CONSULTATIONS

- SEE SEPARATE TABLE FOR FULL DETAILS OF CONSULTATIONS RECEIVED.

PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION

- Proof-read of new Terrington Walks leaflets.

FUTURE PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION

- Preparation & publication of 2010/11 Annual Report.
- 26th July – Ryedale Show.

TRAINING

- 2nd November – NAAONB Funding workshop, Birmingham.
- 23rd November – VoiceConnect Loneworker training.
- 11th January – Management Development Programme follow-up meeting, Northallerton.
- 22nd February – Budget Manager training, Northallerton.

FUTURE TRAINING

MISCELLANEOUS

- 11th November – PJ Appraisal.
- 16th November – AONB Team Appraisals.
- 6th – 8th December – Annual Leave.
- 31st January – Annual Leave
- 14th – 16th February – Annual Leave.
- 27th February – 7th March – skiing holiday.

FUTURE MISCELLANEOUS

AONB OFFICER'S REPORT
1ST NOVEMBER 2010 TO 11TH MARCH 2011

Some of my main duties over the past 4½ months have been:

- **Rural:Urban School Twinning Project:** Volunteers workshop completed. Visits to the majority of the schools to introduce the project officer have taken place and a date has been set. 1st and 2nd LEADER claims submitted.
Regular update e-mails and meetings with the Project Officer and his line manager to ensure that the project stays on track. Dates for 12 exchanges confirmed and the other 6 are nearly organised.
- **Projects Fund:** Hedge planting along Bonnygate Lane organised. Restoration of stone wall in Scackleton discussed with Parish Council and one of the two landowners – work ongoing. Stone walling at Wiganthorpe continued and walling at Grimston and Rose Cottage completed. Possible source of capstones for Wiganthorpe Park wall identified – to be agreed with NYCC Minerals Team.
- **Recreation and Access** – Volunteers tested the directions in the previous Terrington walks leaflets and then draft version of four walk leaflets for Terrington produced. Three off-road cycle route leaflets started.
- Updating and maintaining the **Countryside Management Budget**.
- **Exmoor Pony Grazing** – Discussions with YEPT and some landowners re. alterations to the programme in the future.
- **SDF 2010/11:** 1st edition of Swinton newsletter completed. Grant awarded for setting up allotments in Slingsby.
- **SDF 2011/12:** Application received from The Arboretum Trust, Kew at Castle Howard, for resources to use in their outdoor classroom.
- **ELS and HLS** – FEPs prepared for 6 farms and Applications prepared for 3 farms (one jointly with RSPB and one with land agent). Promotion of CFE event at Terrington Feb 2011. Info sent to c.150 landowners.
- **Volunteers:** Volunteer task completed managing rhododendron at Yearsley Moor and Western hemlock at Grimston Moor. Two further conservation tasks to take place in March.
- **Junior Ranger Club:** December Junior Ranger Club delivered. Dates set for Junior Ranger Club in Easter, Summer half term, October and December. Activities planned for Easter and half term.
- **RAY in the AONB:** Regular up-date meetings re parish plans and on-going projects. Developing a Crayke Community Arts Project. Developing a community drop-in event at Ampleforth and “The Good Life 2011” at Slingsby.
- **Fixed point photography:** Potential sites identified on a map and the first couple of groups of these visited for scoping shots.
- **Publicity** – Article for NYCC Countryside Volunteers Newsletter.

MEETINGS

- Nov 5th – JAC
- Nov 5th – Helmsley – Energy Saving Trust – determining target villages
- Nov 9th – Helmsley – SDF Steering Group
- Nov 10th – Hovingham – Work programme
- Nov 10th – Hovingham – Askham Bryan student – Road verge conservation info for dissertation
- Nov 16th – Pickering – Grasslands Forum
- Nov 19th – Hovingham – SINC and Tetrad surveyor
- Nov 25th – Helmsley – SDF Panel
- Dec 2nd – Helmsley – NPAPA Focus Group
- Dec 7th – Northallerton – NET
- Dec 9th – Helmsley – SDF Steering Group
- Dec 10th – Projects update
- Dec 13th – Hovingham – Development Officers
- Dec 16th – Hovingham – Core Funders
- Jan 11th – Hovingham – AONB work programme and budget
- Jan 12th – Helmsley – SDF Steering Group

- Jan 13th – Hovingham – NET
- Jan 26th – Hovingham – Fixed point photography
- Feb 3rd – Helmsley – Cornfield Flowers Project steering group
- Feb 7th – Hovingham – Projects update
- Feb 17th – Malton – Ryedale Wider Partnership
- Feb 17th – Hovingham – planning AONB Partnership Group meeting
- Feb 21st – Helmsley – Development Officers
- Feb 23rd – Hovingham – Work programme
- March 1st – Richmond – NET
- March 7th – Helmsley – SDF Steering Group
- March 7th – Helmsley – Landscape and Biodiversity Areas – Target statements
- March 9th – Malton – Ryedale BAP

- Monthly - Howardian Hills AONB Unit meeting

FUTURE MEETINGS

- March 17th – Hovingham – Core Funders Group
- March 31st – Brandsby – JAC
- April 5th – Northallerton – Hambleton BAP
- April 6th – York – NYBAG
- April 18th – AONB Partnership Group
- May 4th – Development Officers Group
- May 10th – Helmsley – Grassland Forum
- May 19th – Launch of tripartite agreement between Defra, NE and AONBs
- Monthly - Howardian Hills AONB Unit meeting
- Monthly – SDF Steering Group Meetings
- Approx every 6 weeks – Project updates with Paul and Mark Antcliff
- Approx every 6 weeks – Natural Environment Team Meetings
- Quarterly – work programme meeting with Paul and Maggie
- Bi-monthly – SDF Panel Meetings

SITE VISITS

- Nov 11th – Newburgh – Himalayan balsam and wetland scheme
- Nov 15th – Gilling – potential hedge planting projects with landowner
- Nov 17th – Terrington Carr – site visit with Estate Forester
- Nov 23rd – Bonnygate Lane – site visit with landowner
- Dec 16th – Bonnygate Lane – Hedge planting visit with contractor
- Jan 13th – Terrington – Potential barn owl box locations with site owner
- Feb 3rd – Fixed point photography
- Feb 4th – Fixed point photography
- Feb 8th – Fixed point photography
- Feb 9th – Wiganthorpe Park wall and Scackleton Village wall– site meeting with contractor
- Feb 10th – Yearsley to Brandsby Rd – contractor – spraying recently planted hedge
- Feb 14th – Newburgh – wetland scheme discussion with landowner, farmer and RSPB
- March 4th – Scackleton – Hedge planting and barn owl box

FUTURE SITE VISITS

PROJECTS

- Nov 7th – Grimston Moor - Volunteer Task clearing Western hemlock
- Nov 22nd – A64 Whitwell – Gate pillars – hedge trimming with contractor
- Nov 22nd – Thirsk – Yorkshire Exmoor Pony Trust
- Jan 28th – Wiganthorpe Park Wall – assessing capstones
- Jan 30th – Yearsley Moor - Volunteer Task clearing rhododendron
- Feb 2nd – Scackleton – community projects – discussion and site visit with Parish Council
- Feb 13th – Grimston Moor - Volunteer Task clearing Western hemlock
- Feb 23rd – Hovingham – Lime and Ice interpretation at Yearsley Moor
- SDF Projects – advice during delivery and checking completed projects. Direct involvement with the majority of those on the 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

- Mar 13th – Yearsley Moor - Volunteer Task clearing rhododendron
- Mar 27th – Grimston Moor – Volunteer task clearing Western hemlock
- April 14th – Dalby Bush Fen – volunteer task
- May 8th – Volunteer task – location tbc

RECREATION/ACCESS

- Dec 8th – Hovingham – CAMS training with Ranger
- Dec 9th – Hovingham – Maps with Paul, Maggie and Steve (Ranger)
- March 15th – Hovingham – Volunteers and Ranger – training in CAMS data entry
- Four new walk leaflets produced in-house on Publisher for downloading from our website. Copies also to be sent to village shop and pub.
- Three off-road cycle leaflets started.

FUTURE RECREATION/ACCESS

- Complete the three off-road cycle leaflets.
- Identify location of next walk leaflet.

COMMUNITY WORK

- Slingsby Allotments Group awarded SDF grant
- Crayke Community Arts project planned with RAY and the school. A series of mosaic floor tiles to be installed around the village depicting local images/features.
- Nov 24th – Hovingham – Slingsby Allotments Group
- Feb 1st – Hovingham – event planning with Maggie Farey (RAY)
- Feb 7th – Barton le Street – Village Hall grant discussions
- Feb 28th – Hovingham – Preparation for Slingsby event with Maggie Farey
- Yearsley Moor Lime and Ice Volunteers

FUTURE COMMUNITY WORK

- March 22nd – Slingsby – unveil mosaic
- March 29th – Ampleforth – Community drop-in event
- April 6th – Slingsby “The Good Life 2011” – sustainable gardening for the 21st century
- Build on links with schools, parishes and community groups.
- Continue to build links with existing volunteer schemes in the locality and to develop joint tasks

PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION

- Nov 8th – The Arboretum – planning Junior Ranger Club
- Dec 20th – The Arboretum – Junior Ranger Club – ‘Festive Fun’
- Jan 20th – The Arboretum – Junior Ranger Club planning
- Promotional material produced for Easter Junior Ranger Club
- Ongoing contribution to AONB website.
- Content supplied for NYCC Volunteer Newsletter.

FUTURE PUBLICITY/INTERPRETATION

- April 4th – Malton – Malton and Norton Gardening Club evening talk
- April 11th – Castle Howard Arboretum – Junior Ranger Club
- June 1st – Welburn – Junior Ranger Club
- Articles for NYCC Volunteer Newsletters.

EDUCATIONAL/RAISING AWARENESS

- Nov 9th – York – Schools Twinning Project – Volunteer workshop
- Nov 15th – Amotherby School – introduction to school twinning project
- Nov 22nd – Hull – visiting several of the schools to be involved with the twinning
- Dec 11th – AONB – visiting several of the schools to be involved with the twinning
- Jan 25th – York - Schools twinning project – meeting with Project Officer and his line manager
- Jan 27th – Appleton le Street – NYCC/AONB volunteers event
- Feb 18th – York - Schools twinning project – meeting with Project Officer and his line manager

FUTURE EDUCATION/AWARENESS

- March 22nd – York – Schools Twinning Project meeting with Project Officer and his line manager
- May 17th – Currently the date of the first of 18 school twinning visits (Hall Rd, Hull and Amotherby). I plan to attend the first few visits and those where I feel the schools involved might require some extra input. In future years I will only attend selected sessions.
- Continue to develop projects with local schools through working with them both in their school grounds and on field-trips.
- Developing the skills of the Volunteers on a variety of tasks including ongoing PRow Condition Assessment Training, Community Events and Habitat Management.
- Continue producing content for sustainable living section of the website.

TRAINING

- Feb 25th – York - 1st Aid refresher course

FUTURE TRAINING

MISCELLANEOUS

- Nov 2nd – Birmingham – NAAONB – Funding workshop
- Nov 12th – Leeds – HLF grant claim advice session
- March 2nd-3rd – Northumberland Coast – NAAONB Northern Group
- March 10th – Castle Howard – Forestry and Climate Change

FUTURE MISCELLANEOUS

- March 17th – Northallerton – Waste and Countryside Services Away-Day
- March 23rd (pm) to 25th – Annual leave and possibly a couple more days late March
- June 3rd to 13th – Scotland - Holiday

AONB ASSISTANT'S REPORT

29 OCTOBER 2010 – 21 MARCH 2011

My main duties over the period have been:

- Assisting with delivery of Junior Ranger Club session on 29 October.
- Organisation and assisting with delivery of Junior Ranger Club session on 20 December.
- Organisation of Junior Ranger Club session on 11 April.
- Assisting with planning of community events at Ampleforth (29 March) and Slingsby (6 April).
- Assisting with planning for Ryedale Show stand.
- Preparation of Gardening for Wildlife leaflet for sustainable living webpage.
- Assisting with preparation of walks leaflets for Terrington.
- General admin tasks for the unit eg taking minutes, dealing with orders, invoices, post, both incoming and out, file management.
- Uploading and amending of text and information to website.
- Handling telephone and email enquiries to the Unit.
- Dealing with IT issues.

MEETINGS

- 2 November - NET meeting, County Hall
- 5 November – JAC meeting, Hovingham
- 10 November – AONB Unit Action Programme meeting
- 16 December – Core Funders' Group
- 13 January - NET meeting and notes, Wath Court
- 23 February – AONB Unit Action Programme meeting
- 1 March – NET meeting and site visits, Richmond
- 4 March – Northern AONBs Group Staff meeting, Northumberland Coast
- 17 March – Core Funders' Group
- Monthly AONB Unit meetings

FUTURE MEETINGS

- 31 March – JAC meeting, Brandsby
- 12 May – AONB Unit Action Programme meeting
- Monthly - HHAONB Unit meetings

SITE VISITS

- 16 February – Scar Wood Limekilns – photos for website

FUTURE SITE VISITS

- March/April - Scar Wood Limekilns – further photos for website

RECREATION/ACCESS

- Assisted LB with preparation of in-house walks leaflets for Terrington
- Organised reprint of walks leaflets for Welburn and Hovingham
- Continued supply of walks leaflets to local shops/outlets (ongoing)
- Basic training in CAMS mapping undertaken to help with volunteer footpath condition surveys

FUTURE RECREATION/ACCESS

- Technical support for volunteers undertaking footpath condition surveys

COMMUNITY WORK

- Planning, preparation and assisted with delivery of JRC sessions at Castle Howard Arboretum on 29 October
- Planning, preparation and assisted with delivery of JRC sessions at Castle Howard Arboretum on 20 December
- Planning and preparation of community events at Ampleforth and Slingsby
- Preparation for Easter session of JRC

FUTURE COMMUNITY WORK

- Attending and assisting with delivery of community events at Ampleforth and Slingsby
- Assisting with delivery of Junior Ranger Club session on 11 April

PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/
INTERPRETATION

- Further development of Howardian Hills AONB website and links with relevant organisations

FUTURE PROMOTION/
PUBLICITY/INTERPRETATION

- Completion of website leaflet on 'gardening for the environment and wildlife'
- Liaise with NYMPA over joint stand at Ryedale Show
- Preparation for Ryedale Show including devising quiz, etc
- Continued distribution of HHAONB leaflets to tourism outlets etc

PROJECTS

- Photographic record of project at Scar Wood Limekilns – to be accessible from website

TRAINING

- CAMS mapping system – half-day workshop with Countryside Ranger

FUTURE TRAINING

- Assertiveness Training
- Mandatory Customer Care course

MISCELLANEOUS

- 16 November – half-yearly appraisal
- 23 November – annual leave
- 23 December – 3 January – annual leave

FUTURE MISCELLANEOUS

- 22 – 24 March – annual leave
- 19 May – Launch of tripartite agreement between DEFRA, NE and AONBs

AONB PROJECTS 2010/2011

1st April 2010 – 11th March 2011

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
RPS Group Ltd	AONB-wide	Digitisation of Phase 1 habitat survey maps	-	NE1.5	£6,650	£6,650
J Butler	Valley Farm, Grimston	Repairing 3m of roadside stone wall	Zone 1 Landscape	AG2.2	£260	£260
M Marshall	Bonnygate Lane, Grimstone	Replanting 200m of gaps in roadside hedge	Zone 1 Landscape	AG2.2	£1,150	£1,000
(AONB Unit – Castle Howard)	Brandsby/ Yearsley	Spaying 510m of new roadside hedge	Zone 1 Landscape	AG2.2	£100	£100
(AONB Unit – Yorkshire Exmoor Pony Trust)	Coulton (2), 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	£1,042	£649
(NYCC Area Rangers)	Piper Hill Plantation SINC	Rhododendron & Western hemlock control	Site 1.7	NE5.4	£500	-
(NYCC Ranger + volunteer)	Hildenley	Clearance of vegetation from 2 quarry faces, to assist with educational activities	-	NE11.2, AP2	£300	-

APPLICANT/ (CONTRACTOR)	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
(AONB Unit – P Gospel)	Cawton Bank	Fence repairs & installation of stile	Site 1.41	NE5.1	£95	£95
(AONB Unit – P Gospel)	Littledale SINC	Modifications to water trough, etc	Site 1.20	NE5.1	£129	£129
(AONB Unit – Curlew Conservation Contractors)	Wath Beck; Terrington - Howthorpe	Cutting/pulling Himalayan balsam (3.5km)	Inc. Site 1.65	NE8.2	£1,071	£1,071
(AONB Unit – Countryside Services)	Wath Beck; Howthorpe - Wath	Cutting/pulling Himalayan balsam (2.3km)	Inc. Site 1.33	NE8.2	£1,230	£1,230
Wath Court Nursery	Hovingham	Bird feeder & bird box camera	-	NE10	£478	£300
Mrs R Watson	Ganthorpe	Planting 15 in-field/boundary trees	Zones 3B & 6 Landscape	NE4.4	£705	£705
M Naylor	Huttons Ambo	Planting 5 in-field/boundary trees and 1 copse (100 trees & shrubs)	-	NE4.4	£1,235	£485
Mr & Mrs G McHarg	Crambe	Planting 23 in-field/boundary trees	-	NE4.4	£1,081	£1,081
Mrs E Walker	Yearsley	Planting 5 in-field/boundary trees	-	NE4.4	£235	£235
D W Armitage & Sons	High Stittenham	Planting 10 in-field/boundary trees	Zone 3B Landscape	NE4.4	£470	£0 (CSS)
R Hall	Terrington	Planting 5 in-field/boundary trees and 1 copse (25 trees & shrubs)	Zone 3B Landscape	NE4.4	£302	£242 (80%)
M Cranfield	Oulston	Planting 2 copses (150 trees & shrubs)	Zone 4C Landscape	FW6.4	£375	£375
(FWAG)	Swathgill, Coulton	Pond restoration advice and management plan	-	NE6.3, AG2.1	£700	£200

APPLICANT/ (CONTRACTOR)	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
Amotherby Churchyard Conservation Group	Amotherby Churchyard	Habitat management	-	NE3.1, NE5.4, NE10.1	£200	£100 (50%)
(AONB Unit – Basics Plus)	Appleton-le-Street Churchyard SINC	Grassland management	-	NE5.1	£200	£100
(AONB Volunteers)	Grimston Moor SINC	Removal of Western hemlock regeneration	Site 1.1	NE5.4, AP3.1	£700	-
P Johnson	Terrington	Planting 20 in-field/boundary trees	Zone 3B Landscape	NE4.4	£1,175	£1,175
(AONB Volunteers)	Piper Hill Plantation SINC	Rhododendron control	Site 1.7	NE5.4, AP3.1	£1,000	-
Huttons Ambo Churchyard group	Huttons Ambo Churchyard	Habitat management	-	NE3.1, NE5.4, NE10.1	£60	£30
(AONB Volunteers)	Piper Hill Plantation SINC	Rhododendron control	Site 1.7	NE5.4, AP3.1	£700	-
(NYCC Ranger + volunteers)	Moorside Plantation SINC	Rhododendron control	Site 1.9	NE8.2, AP3.1	£300	-
(AONB Volunteers)	Grimston Moor SINC	Removal of Western hemlock regeneration	Site 1.1	NE5.4, AP3.1	£600	-
(AONB Unit – J R Clifford & Sons)	Various	Management of 44 Special Interest Road Verges	-	NE5.3	£1,046	£1,046
(AONB Volunteers)	Piper Hill Plantation SINC	Rhododendron control	Site 1.7	NE5.4, AP3.1	£450	-
(AONB Volunteers)	Piper Hill Plantation SINC	Rhododendron control	Site 1.7	NE5.4, AP3.1	c.£750	-

AONB Enhancement - Historic Environment

APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
(AONB Unit – P Gospel)	City of Troy Maze, Dalby	Regular maintenance	Site 2.25	HE4.5	£156	£156
(AONB Unit – P Gospel)	Mileposts	Regular maintenance	Site 2.63	HE4.5, RT4.5		Included in cost of Gateway signs
(AONB Unit – NYCC Ryedale Area)	Mileposts	Installing 3 posts in verges	Site 2.63	HE4.5, RT4.5	£952	£952
(AONB Unit – Castle Howard)	Wiganthorpe Park, Scackleton	Spraying scrub regrowth	Site 2.92	HE4.5	£225	£225
(AONB Unit – M Aconley)	Wiganthorpe Park, Scackleton	Re-building c.250m of Park wall	Site 2.92	HE4.5	£4,290	£4,290
Mrs L Howard	Rose Cottage Farm, Terrington	Re-building 22m of gaps in Park wall	Site 2.92	HE4.5	£1,300	£650 (50%)
Hovingham Estate	Hovingham Bakery	Restoration of weathervane and wind direction clock	-	HE4.5	£5,000	£1,500
(AONB Unit – Bayes Tree Services)	Lime kiln, Hildenley	Removal of tree and shrub growth	Site 2.49	HE4.5	£220	£220
(AONB Unit – Bayes Tree Services)	Ice house, Hildenley	Removal of tree and shrub growth	-	HE4.5	£220	£220
(AONB Unit – Bayes Tree Services)	Lime kilns, Scar Wood, Gilling	Removal of tree and shrub growth	Site 2.50	HE4.5	£430	£430

APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
(AONB Unit – Sam Baxter)	Lime kilns, Scar Wood, Gilling	Consolidation of kilns	Site 2.50	HE4.5	c.£10,500	c.£9,840
(AONB Unit – Southern Green Ltd)	Gilling Castle Registered Park & Garden	Preparation of a Conservation Management Plan	Site 2.16	HE4.4	c.£18,000	£6,649
(AONB Unit – P Gospel)	Gateposts, Whitwell-on-the-Hill	Cutting back of hedge and ivy	(Site 2.74)	HE4.5	£90	£90
Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group	The Heights, Slingsby	Orchard management training course	Site 2.52	HE4.7	£1,701	£800
(NYCC Ranger + volunteers)	Lime kilns, Scar Wood, Gilling	Sorting and stacking stone, prior to restoration works	Site 2.50	HE4.5, AP3.1	£200	-

APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
P Tate	Cawton	Restoration of limekiln (Listed Building at Risk)	Site 2.65	HE4.5	£4,742	£0 (LEADER funded)
(AONB Unit – David Bayes)	Pond Farm, Crambe	Removal of surrounding trees (Listed Building at Risk)	Site 2.104	HE4.5	£1,850	£1,760

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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	£500	£500
(AONB Unit – P Gospel)	Gateway signs	Strimming	-	AP1.1	£552	£552
(NYCC)	Caulkleys Bank, Nunnington	Fill potholes in informal parking area	Site 3.8	RA11.1	£200	£0
Westow Parish Council	Kirkham Priory	Restoration/re-surfacing of car park	Site 3.15	RA11.2	£4,112	£3,112
-	Various	Volunteer effort on PRow in the AONB (av. 4 people/week, every other week)	-	RA4.5, AP3.1	£5,200	-
-	Wath	Volunteers task – path clearance	-	RA4.5, AP3.1	£100	-

APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
Slingsby Primary School	Slingsby Primary School	Create mosaic panel	-	AP2.3	£2,683	£631
(AONB Unit – P Gospel)	Brandsby	Re-bedding stone and re-pointing sign plinth, Brandsby	-	RT4.5	£78	£78
-	Various	Volunteer effort with Junior Ranger Club, Ryedale Show, guided walks, etc.	-	AP3.1	£1,850	-
CAN DO Lime & Ice Project	Project area	2010/11 contribution			£152,985	£2,500

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FUND GRANTS 2010/2011

1st April 2010 – 11th March 2011

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

APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	SDF ASSISTANCE
Rural Action Yorkshire	AONB-wide	Community Planning, Engagement & Development Project (Year 2)	-	LC1	£34,000 (Year 1)	£20,000
Orchards of Husthwaite	Husthwaite	Orchard development and apple processing equipment	-	NE10, HE4.5, SF2.4, LC1.5	£12,259	£7,759
The Arboretum Trust	The Arboretum, Kew at Castle Howard	Discovery Zone at the Wild about Wood festival	-	RA2.4, AP2.3	£50,355	£8,000
Sustainability 4 Yorkshire	LEADER area	Sustainable Communities project (1 of villages to be within HHAONB)	-	SF1, SF2.3, SF2.4	£76,258	£5,000
Swinton Parish Plan Group	Swinton	Establishing Village Newsletter	-	LC1.5	£486	£236 (50%)
The Arboretum Trust	The Arboretum, Kew at Castle Howard	Outdoor classroom shelters and equipment for proposed Schools Visits Officer (LEADER funded)	-	AP2.3	£11,250	£1,900
Slingsby Allotments Society	Slingsby	Creation of allotments	-	SF2.4, LC1.5, LC1.6	£3,449	£1,452
(AONB Unit – NYMNPA)		Administrative services	-	-	£3,000	£3,000

AONB CONSULTATIONS (SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS) 2010/2011

1st April 2010 – 23rd March 2011

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Ryedale District Council	Various	Weekly lists of Planning Applications and Decisions	-	-	-
Hambleton District Council	Various	Weekly web lists of Planning Applications and Decisions	-	-	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Various	Weekly list of Planning Applications	-	-	-
Hambleton District Council	Whenby	Planning application (Erection of extension to agricultural building)	No	Dark grey roof sheets	Unsure whether darker colour specified
Hambleton District Council	Whenby	Planning application (Creation of an agricultural pond)	No	Native tree and shrub species to be used	Withdrawn?
Ryedale District Council	Nunnington	Planning application (Erection of electricity pole)	No	None (AONB Manager's suggestion)	-
Forestry Commission	Oswaldkirk	Woodland management proposals (Coppicing of riverside trees)	No	None	-
Forestry Commission	Huttons Ambo	Woodland management proposals (Fell poplars & replant)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning application (Installation of solar panels to roof)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Yearsley	Planning application (Erection of an agricultural building)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Sproxtton	Planning application (Erection of an agricultural building)	Yes	Colour of roof panels; paint side wall panels	Agreed by applicant

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Ryedale District Council	Sproxton	Planning application (Erection of stainless steel flue for biomass boiler)	Yes	Flue to be dark-coloured, or visible length to be less	Condition – dull-coloured finish
North Yorkshire County Council	Hovingham	NRSWA consultation (verge planting)	No	Native species of plants or trees to be used	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Slingsby	NRSWA consultation (re-location of milepost)	No	One of our projects	-
Ryedale District Council	Oswaldkirk	Planning application (Erection of 4 bedroom dwelling – revised details)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Planning application (Erection of an agricultural building)	Yes	Minor – colour of roof sheets, landscaping	Agreed by applicant
Ryedale District Council	Grimstone	Planning application (Erection of single storey extension)	Yes	None	(Approved)
Ryedale District Council	Grimstone	Planning application (Erection of single storey extension to form groom's accommodation)	Yes	None	(Refused)
North Yorkshire County Council	Gilling/Grimstone	NRSWA consultation (renew 2 gullies)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Gilling	NRSWA consultation (install new gully)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Nunnington	NRSWA consultation (CE Electric undergrounding works)	No	None	-
Forestry Commission	Yearsley	Woodland management proposals (Felling & thinning, FC land)	Yes	Suggested actions to promote heathland regeneration	Felling suggestions accepted; Replanting ?
Hambleton District Council	Yearsley	Planning application (Siting of a wind turbine – 15m mast)	Yes	Colour of mast & blades	Condition attached
Ryedale District Council	Huttons Ambo	Planning application (Erection of extension to stable block and formation of menage)	Yes	Colour of roof sheets; landscaping	Refused

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Ryedale District Council	Grimstone	Planning application (Erection of eco-centre and manager's house – re-submission)	No	None (Previous comments accepted in revised scheme)	?
Hambleton District Council	Dalby	Planning application (Erection of an agricultural building)	Yes	Strong Objection – inappropriate siting & colour of materials	Refused
Forestry Commission	Howsham	Woodland management proposals (Selective felling of poplars, 2.0ha broadleaf PAWS to native broadleaves)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Oswaldkirk	NRSWA consultation (re-laying kerbs)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Dalby	Planning application (Erection of stables and extension)	(Yes)	None	(Approved)
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth College	Planning application (Erection of extensions – House Masters' houses, dormitory, Common Rooms)	No	None	(Approved)
Ryedale District Council	Huttons Ambo	Planning application (Erection of extension to stable block and formation of ménage – re-submission)	No	None (Previous comments accepted in revised scheme)	(Approved)
Ryedale District Council	Nunnington	Planning application (Erection of an agricultural storage building and feed store)	Yes	Colour of roof and wall materials; landscaping	Condition attached
North Yorkshire County Council	Terrington	NRSWA consultation (kerbing & haunching)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Coneysthorpe	NRSWA consultation (kerbing & haunching)	No	Species-rich road verges – avoid damage	?
North Yorkshire County Council	Whitwell	NRSWA consultation (kerbing & haunching)	No	None	-
Network Rail	Crambeck	Erection of 24.5m train communication mast	Yes	Colour of mast, antennae & control cabinet	?

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Ryedale District Council	Terrington	Planning application (Erection of extensions to visitor centre)	(in passing)	Height of western extension	Approved
Highways Agency	Whitwell	Re-alignment of cycle track	Yes	Keep sign clutter to minimum	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Gilling	NRSWA consultation (LV underground works)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Howsham	Planning application (Change of use of outbuilding to form holiday cottage)	No	None	(Approved)
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Planning application (Erection of greenkeepers equipment shed)	Yes	Colour of wall and roof panels, landscaping	Conditions attached
Hambleton District Council	Husthwaite	Planning application (Erection of a wind turbine – 18m mast)	Yes	Colour of blade	Refused
North Yorkshire County Council	Terrington	NRSWA consultation (drainage investigation works)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Coulton	NRSWA consultation (erect signpost)	No	Size	-
Hambleton District Council	Dalby	Planning application (Change of agricultural land to a campsite)	Yes	Objection – siting of car parking and utility area; entrances.	Withdrawn
Ryedale District Council	Crambeck	Planning application (Erection of 24.5m train communication mast)	Already been	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Dalby	Planning application (Erection of an agricultural building – re-submission)	Yes	Objection – agricultural need; landscape impact	Withdrawn
Ryedale District Council	Huttons Ambo	Planning application (Erection of permanent frame for sign)	Yes	Colour of poles and frame to be dark	Withdrawn
Ryedale District Council	Bulmer	Planning application (Change of use of land and erection of stables/feed store)	Yes	Colour of walls; landscaping	Conditions attached
Hambleton District Council	Skewsby	Planning application (Erection of extensions)	Yes	None	(Approved)

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Ryedale District Council	Fryton	Planning application (Demolition of dwelling and erection of replacement)	No	Track improvements; external lighting	Conditions attached
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning application (Erection of an agricultural building)	No	Colour of roof sheets	Unknown until construction
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth	Planning application (Erection of 4 semi-detached bungalows)	No	None	(Approved)
Ryedale District Council	Oswaldkirk	Planning application (Erection of 5 bedroom agricultural workers dwelling)	Yes	Objection – location on crest of ridge	?
Hambleton District Council	Brandsby	Planning application (Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling)	No	None	(Approved)
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning application (Erection of an agricultural building)	No	Colour of roof sheets	Unknown until construction
Ryedale District Council	Whitwell	Planning application (Change of use of former agricultural buildings to 3 dwellings & 1 holiday cottage)	Yes	Colour of window frames to be ‘agricultural’	Withdrawn
North Yorkshire County Council	Whitwell	NRSWA consultation (erect chevron signs on bends)	No	Excessive sign clutter close to Castle Howard Registered Park	?
Ryedale District Council	Welburn	Planning application (Raise roof height of existing garage to form accommodation)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	South Holme	Planning application (Erection of agricultural building)	No	Support sympathetic colour of materials	?
Forestry Commission	Scackleton	Woodland management proposals (Selective felling, 1.9ha broadleaf plantation to native broadleaves)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Husthwaite	Planning application (Formation of camp site and erection of wind turbine – 15m mast)	?	?	?

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Hambleton District Council	Oulston	Planning application (Change of use of agricultural land to domestic; alterations and extensions to dwelling and former agricultural buildings)	?	?	?
North Yorkshire County Council	Coulton	NRSWA consultation (LV overhead works)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Husthwaite	Planning application (Erection of an agricultural building)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Hovingham	Planning application (Erection of a 5-bedroom dwelling)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Dalby	Planning application (Change of agricultural land to a campsite – re-submission)	?	?	?
Hambleton District Council	Brandsby	Planning application (Erection of single storey extension)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Planning application (Erection of wind turbine – 18m mast)	?	?	?
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning application (Erection of garden store)	?	?	?
Ryedale District Council	Coulton	Planning application (Erection of an agricultural building)	?	?	?
Ryedale District Council	Sproxton	Planning application (Erection of a field shelter)	?	?	?

AONB CONSULTATIONS & NOTIFICATIONS (STRATEGIES, ETC) 2010/2011

1st April 2010 – 23rd March 2011

ORGANISATION	AREA	DOCUMENT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
NYCC	County	Draft North Yorkshire & York Landscape Character Assessment	Various detailed points	?
NYCC	County	Minerals & Waste Core Strategy	Various minor points	?
NYCC	County	Local Transport Plan 3	None	?
Ryedale DC	Ryedale District	LDF Draft Core Strategy	Development to release funds for conservation deficits; affordable housing; setting of AONB	

TECHNICAL DOCUMENTS RECEIVED 2010/2011

1st April 2010 – 23rd March 2011

ORGANISATION	DOCUMENT
AONB Units	Annual Reports, Newsletters, etc

2010/11 Junior Ranger Club

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

August 2010 : Summer Fun in the Howardian Hills

The summer holiday sessions were carried out using the outdoor classroom at The Arboretum.

Ranger Day	Activities	No of children attending
Biodiversity and Sustainable living 'Composting creatures' Thursday 26 th August (am)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Story sticks – collecting items from around the Arboretum to attach to their sticks so they can tell the story of their day. ▪ Minibeast hunt – under wood piles and in fallen leaves – finding creatures that compost. ▪ Compost creatures – making habitats for compost creatures in trays – what do they need to survive? ▪ Composting relay – relay race of greens, browns and 'no-no's'. 	5
Biodiversity and Landscape 'Wet and Wild' Thursday 26 th August (pm)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Meet a tree and ephemeral art – making large pictures on the ground from natural objects. ▪ Pond dipping – discovering what lives in the main lake, identifying the creatures with key wheels and FSC cards. 	5

October 2010 : Amazing Autumn in the Howardian Hills

The following activities have been arranged for October half-term. The bookings for the summer holidays were low so we have decided that it is time to carry out some promotion of the Junior Ranger Club. Fliers (made in-house and reproduced in A6 on our photocopier to minimise costs) have been sent to all of the primary schools in the AONB. Posters have been sent to primary schools in the surrounding market towns. Bookings, with over a week to go, are already considerably higher than for the summer: to date 22 children have reserved places.

Ranger Day	Activities	No of children attending
Biodiversity and Landscape 'Amazing Autumn' Friday 29 th October	<p>A collection of activities celebrating autumn in the AONB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Seed creatures and cards with seed pictures on them. ▪ Colour change game – why do leaves change colour in the autumn? ▪ Shelter building/hibernation – making child-sized hibernation areas. ▪ Sky/mirror walk – different creatures have eyes in different places in their heads – what different perspectives does this give them on the world? ▪ Back up plans for wet weather – autumn tree and bat cards, clay fungi, pom-pom spiders webs. 	20

December 2010: Festive Fun in the Howardian Hills

Temperatures well below freezing helped with delivery of these winter-themed activities.

Ranger Day	Activities	No of children attending
20 th December	Ice art - which froze outside quicker than it would have done in the freezer! Animal tracks relay. Feed the birds and making bird cake. Willow dream-catchers. Pom-pom spiders. Mirror walk. Stained glass windows with a seasonal nature theme (using tissue paper and black card).	18