

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

**AONB ACTION PROGRAMME 2010/11**

**1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To receive details of progress made on implementing the AONB Management Plan during 2010/11. The Action Programme for 2011/12, combined with a Business Plan, is covered under a separate Report on this agenda.

**2.0 INTRODUCTION**

- 2.1 At each Spring meeting the JAC considers a report detailing the progress achieved on the Management Plan objectives. The Action Programme contains details of the progress made against the previous year's targets. The Action Programme covering detailed progress against 2010/11 targets is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.
- 2.2 Although some of the progress is difficult to measure completely objectively, realistic analysis shows that 79% of the specific targets were either exceeded or fully/partly achieved. Progress was also achieved against a further 6 Objectives for which no specific Targets had been set, with 6 separate actions being completed. Any shading in the table indicates that the information has not been received yet, or responses etc have not been made.
- 2.3 Statistically this is a slightly lower performance than that of the previous year, although from a subjective viewpoint it is felt that we in fact progressed more actions where no progress had been achieved in previous years (despite us setting targets to do so). Targets where no action was completed were largely those that were overtaken by events, relied heavily on action from partner organisations or were lower priorities for the AONB Unit. For example, changing the emphasis of the articles in AONB News, in comparison to what we had anticipated, resulted in not achieving approximately 8 targets in one fell swoop! Conversely, developing a new methodology for digitising work completed in the AONB by the JAC is only one action, but the progress has been very significant. The programme of quarterly team meetings to specifically discuss progress against Targets, agree new priorities and assign tasks helped significantly and for many of the Targets the work completed exceeded what we had planned to achieve.

**3.0 SUSTAINABILITY**

- 3.1 Achievements this year included:
- Delivery of the Sustainable Development Fund, allocating £44,000 to projects.
  - Investigation into the principle of ecosystems services and developing a matrix table against which to assess projects and consultation responses.
  - Developing a revised, and much more robust, methodology for digitising the practical conservation work funded by the JAC since 1996, and re-formatting 3 years-worth of data.

- Obtaining information on the possible effects of climate change on the AONB's woodland species and habitats.
- Gathering information from other AONBs and then developing an environmental policy for the AONB Unit's activities.

#### **4.0 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT**

##### 4.1 Achievements this year included:

- Inputting the 2009/10 information into the Biodiversity Action Recording System.
- Digitising the Phase 1 habitat survey maps of the AONB.
- Carrying out 7 workdays with volunteers on 3 SINCs/SSSIs.
- Implementing 8 schemes to plant 88 new hedgerow or in-field trees and 4 copses (277 trees & shrubs). Work carried-over from winter 2009/10, due to prolonged snow and frost.
- Managing 8 grassland sites (all SINCs bar one).
- Managing 44 Special Interest Road Verges.
- Clearing significant areas of Western hemlock regeneration on Grimston Moor SINC.
- Controlling Himalayan balsam along approx. 5.8km of Wath Beck.
- Preparing 6 Farm Environment Plans.
- Working with a new partnership of farmers in the Newburgh area on an initiative to restore breeding wader numbers.
- Promoting the International Year of Biodiversity 2010 and the Campaign for the Farmed Environment.
- Clearing scrub from two geologically-important quarry faces, for educational purposes.

#### **5.0 HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT**

##### 5.1 Achievements this year included:

- Continuing our input to the CAN DO Lime & Ice Project's Yearsley Moor Archaeology Project, with 5-10 volunteers exploring the history of the area.
- Giving advice and developing proposals to improve the management of 10 Scheduled Monuments.
- Securing the funding and letting the contract to prepare a Conservation Management Plan for the Gilling Castle Registered Park & Garden.
- Completing work on 8 Local Priority Sites or other historic features. The most significant of these were further work completed to restore the roadside stretch of Wiganthorpe Park wall near Scackleton and the restoration of a 3-pot lime kiln near Gilling.
- Ryedale DC LEADER Small-Scale Enhancements Project money being used to repair a Listed limekiln at Cawton and a variety of other historical features within AONB villages.

#### **6.0 LOCAL COMMUNITIES**

##### 6.1 Achievements this year included:

- Continuing our involvement with the LEADER Local Action Group and CAN DO Partnership.
- SDF funding for the 2-year Rural Action Yorkshire project of community engagement, planning and development.

- RAY Project Officer has been involved in assisting with significant community projects in at least 3 villages.
- Funding advice and other workshops also held.

## **7.0 AGRICULTURE**

### 7.1 Achievements this year included:

- Providing HLS/ELS advice to 2 farmers and land managers; preparing 6 Farm Environment Plans for HLS.
- Completing 13 landscape enhancement schemes, involving 200m of hedge gapping-up, 3m of field wall restoration, 275m of wall restoration (Wiganthorpe Park), 88 new hedgerow or in-field trees and 4 copses (277 trees & shrubs).
- Submitting responses to planning consultations for 13 new agricultural buildings or infrastructure.

## **8.0 FORESTRY AND WOODLAND**

### 8.1 Achievements this year included:

- Continuing to fund the Native Woodland Development Officer post.
- Providing woodland management advice to 3 landowners or managers.
- Scrutinising 5 Forestry Commission English Woodland Grant Scheme consultations.
- Submitting 2 Felling Licence Applications and 1 EWGS application for new woodland planting.

## **9.0 DEVELOPMENT**

### 9.1 Achievements this year included:

- Scrutinising 68 development control consultations – full details of Development statistics for the AONB in 2010 are given in a separate Report on this agenda.
- Overhead electricity wires undergrounded in Nunnington.
- Inputting to the development of the Ryedale Local Development Framework.
- Producing leaflets on household renewable energy technologies.

## **10.0 ROADS, TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT**

### 10.1 Achievements this year included:

- Scrutinising 14 development control consultations.
- Attending 1 NYMNP/HHAONB/NYCC Highways Liaison meeting.
- Re-casting 5 new mileposts to replace missing ones and restoring 2 further mileposts; funded by Ryedale DC LEADER Small-Scale Enhancements Project.

## **11.0 RECREATION, ACCESS AND TOURISM**

### 11.1 Achievements this year included:

- Securing funding from LEADER and the Heritage Lottery Fund, then launching our new Schools Twinning Project.
- Starting a Condition Survey of the Public Rights of Way network, using volunteers to survey and then input their results.

- A team of at least 4 volunteers working with the NYCC Area Ranger at least 1 day every other week in the AONB on Public Rights of Way maintenance.
- Printing and distributing a Local Information & Walks leaflet for Nunnington/Caulkleys Bank.
- Developing proposals to upgrade the footpath between Gilling and Ampleforth Station to bridleway status (subsequently declined by the owner).
- Ensuring that outlets had an adequate stock of AONB literature.
- Identifying and developing potential circular off-road cycle routes.
- Litter picking at 'hot-spots' throughout the AONB.
- Providing funding to rationalise and re-surface the car parking area at Kirkham Priory.

## **12.0 AWARENESS AND PROMOTION**

### 12.1 Achievements this year included:

- Maintaining a neat appearance around the AONB gateway signs.
- Ensuring that outlets had an adequate stock of AONB literature.
- Publishing AONB News and our Annual Report for 2009/10.
- Maintaining the AONB website – 75,000 visits last year, and obtaining media coverage via 16 press mentions.
- Hosting a film crew from the BBC Countryfile programme, together with participating in an item on the Exmoor pony grazing programme. 6 features/ interviews broadcast on Radio York.
- Attending the Ryedale Show.
- Holding 4 guided walks and giving 2 evening talks.
- Holding 6 Junior Ranger Club sessions throughout the year, with 86 children attending.
- Launching the twinning project between primary schools in the AONB, Hull and York.
- Achieving volunteer assistance for 17 tasks or projects, worth at least 205 days or £11,200.

## **13.0 IMPLEMENTATION**

### 13.1 Achievements this year included:

- The Sustainable Development Fund had a budget of £50,000. It was again delivered in partnership with the North York Moors National Park Authority, at a cost of £3,000 this year.
- Utilising the Natural England Single Pot funding arrangements to ensure maximum leverage of funds into the AONB.
- Supporting the NAAONB's preparation of information for the transfer to Defra sponsorship.
- The CAN DO Partnership's Lime and Ice Project continued with the Yearsley Moor archaeology project and completion of a circular walks leaflet.
- The partnership with the National Park Authority and Forestry Commission to employ a Native Woodland Development Officer continued.
- Obtaining funding for the schools twinning project from LEADER and the Heritage Lottery Fund.

- Obtaining substantial CAN DO funding for Himalayan balsam control, in-field tree planting, digitisation of the Phase 1 habitat survey maps and restoration of the lime kilns in Scar Wood, Gilling.
- Obtaining funding from English Heritage and Forestry Commission for the Gilling Castle Registered Park & Garden study.
- The staff of the AONB Unit remained unchanged during 2010/11.

#### **14.0 AONB MANAGEMENT PLAN**

##### 14.1 Achievements this year included:

- Developing a list of potential sites for use in fixed-point photography monitoring.
- Gathering baseline information for the majority of the SEA and Condition Indicators.

#### **15.0 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR AONBs**

##### 15.1 Achievements this year included:

- Contributing 1 article for the Outstanding magazine.
- Attending the national AONB Conference, 2 Northern AONBs meetings and 2 seminars.
- Attending 2 Funding Sub-Group meetings (to advise on the move to Defra sponsorship), the Northern AONBs Chairmens' meeting and a national Lead Officers' meeting.
- Paul Jackson, as a Director on the Board of the NAAONB, attended 5 Board meetings and 1 All-Party Parliamentary Group meeting.

#### **16.0 RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that:

- a) The progress made to date with implementing the Management Plan be noted;
- b) the achievements against Targets for 2010/11 be noted.

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### 2010/11

The crosses indicate the periods during which the activity is likely to be undertaken.

OBJECTIVE	SPECIFIC TARGET 10/11	APRIL - JUNE	JULY - SEPT	OCT - DEC	JAN - MAR	ACHIEVEMENTS 10/11
<b>AONB's contribution to climate change adaptation/mitigation, and impacts of climate change</b>						
SF1.1	Carbon balance of land use activity in the AONB.		XXXXX	XXXXX		~ Not progressed.
SF1.2	Map of green infrastructure.		XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	~ Revised recording methodology developed and 3 years worth of projects re-formatted. ~ Study substantially reduced in scale - Interreg bid failed and RDA funding reduced. No additional AONB funding therefore needed. Small study carried out. ~ Two recent FC reports and maps obtained. Event attended at Castle Howard, Mar '11.
	~ Continue to enter grant-aided schemes onto GIS map layers, as resources allow. ~ Participate in FC Regional Habitat Network Study, providing additional funding for focus on CAN DO area if appropriate.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
SF1.3	Gather information on the impacts of climate change on the AONB's Special Qualities.			XXXXX		
<b>Promote sustainability, and support projects</b>						
SF2.1	Ecosystem approach to guide consultation responses and assess projects.		XXXXX	XXXXX		~ Table completed but not piloted, as unsure of how useful it would prove to be as a tool.
	~ Complete matrix table and then pilot its use to assess projects and consultation responses. ~ Decide how to use the matrix table to record the AONB's contribution to ecosystem services provision.		XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	~ See above.
SF2.2	Publicise tips on sustainable living.		XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	~ Leaflets on Renewable Heat and Renewable Energy finished and uploaded to website. Sustainable Gardening leaflet being planned.
SF2.3	Demonstrate examples of good sustainability.		XXXXX	XXXXX		~ Articles on the Campaign for the Farmed Environment and projects at Castle Howard Arboretum and Husthwaite.
SF2.4	Support projects using Sustainable Development Fund (SDF).		XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	~ Achieved.
SF2.5	Environmental policy for the JAC's own activities.			XXXXX	XXXXX	~ Achieved – Policy and Checklist approved (with minor alterations) at Core Funders Group in Mar '11.

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<b>Knowledge of wildlife resources and possible climate change impacts</b> NE1.1 Rolling programme of SINC monitoring. NE1.2 Detailed surveys of specific habitats or species. NE1.3 Assist farmers, land managers and communities with monitoring wildlife. NE1.4 Research climate change resilience of key AONB habitats. NE1.5 Digitise Phase 1 maps of the AONB.	~ Assist with NYCC monitoring survey, as necessary. – ~ Feed actions achieved in the AONB in 2009/10 into BARS. ~ Research the resilience of AONB fen and grassland habitats. ~ Complete, via CAN DO Partnership.	XXXXX	XXXXX			~ Scar Wood SINC put forward and surveyed. ~ Hovingham Estate surveyed by volunteer surveyor. ~ Completed. ~ Not progressed. ~ Completed Mar '11, utilising match funding from CAN DO Partnership.
<b>Key nature conservation sites</b> NE2.1 Maintain and update a register of key sites. NE2.2 Protect best sites through designation. NE2.3 Resist development proposals that may affect key sites. NE2.4 Ensure farmers and landowners are aware of the existence of sites.	~ Continue with work with NYMNP and RDC on Heritage Trees. – ~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. –			XXXXX	XXXXX	~ Survey of Newburgh Priory park due to take place in Spring '11. ~ Foss Spring Mire put forward, but no SINC Panel capacity currently to allow assessment. ~ No relevant applications.
<b>Local participation in nature conservation sites</b> NE3.1 Local involvement with monitoring and management of wildlife.	~ Carry out management works with volunteers on 3 SINCs. ~ Work with 1 PCC on churchyard management.		XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	~ Work carried out at Piper Hill Plantation SINC x 4, Moorside Plantation SINC, Grimston Moor SINC x 2. ~ Work carried out at Amotherby and Huttons Ambo.

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<b>Implementation of Local BAP targets for woodland habitats</b> NE4.1 Management of Local Priority Sites.  NE4.2 Extension and buffering of Local Priority Sites.  NE4.3 Restoration of Plantations on Ancient Woodland Sites.  NE4.4 Creation of new native woodland/wood pasture/species-rich hedges/individual trees.  NE4.5 Creation of wet woodland and marshy grassland.	~ Continue Himalayan balsam control works in Barker & Mugdale Woods SINC. ~ Continue rhododendron control works in Park Wood, Piper Hill and Moorside Plantation SINC. ~ Encourage via EWGS/ESS consultations and advice of Native Woodland Development Officer. ~ Encourage via EWGS consultations and advice of Native Woodland Development Officer. ~ Continue control of Western hemlock adjacent to Park Wood SINC, Gilling. ~ Continue to encourage creation of a new area of wood pasture at Brandsby, to link to veteran tree. ~ Plant 25 new individual in-field and hedgerow trees. ~ See also SF1.2 above. ~ Encourage via EWGS consultations and advice of Native Woodland Development Officer. ~ See also SF1.2 above.		XXXXX		XXXXX	~ Advice provided to landowner. ~ 4 volunteer task-days completed in Piper Hill SINC; 1 day with NYCC Ranger in Moorside Plantation SINC. ~ No relevant schemes. ~ 2.0ha restored in Howsham Wood SINC. ~ No progress – unsure of amount that FC consider still needs clearing. ~ Not progressed. ~ 8 schemes completed, comprising 88 individual trees and 4 copses (277 trees & shrubs). ~ Advice provided for 1 scheme at Newburgh: 3.6ha EWGS application submitted.
<b>Implementation of Local BAP targets for grassland habitats</b> NE5.1 Management of Local Priority Sites.  NE5.2 Extension and buffering of Local Priority Sites.  NE5.3 Special Interest Road Verges. NE5.4 Restoration of grassland and lowland heath. NE5.5 Creation of new grassland habitats.	~ Continue to facilitate conservation grazing of SINC and other sites.  ~ Encourage via ESS consultations and advice to farmers.  ~ Carry out management works on 40 SIRVs. ~ Control Western hemlock and rhododendron on Grimston Moor SINC. ~ Encourage via ESS consultations and advice to farmers. ~ See also SF1.2 above.	XXXXX	XXXXX		XXXXX	~ 7 sites grazed, at Coulton (2), Cawton (2), Terrington (2) & Bulmer. ~ Appleton-le-Street Churchyard SINC managed. ~ Water trough arrangements at Littledale improved. ~ Low input grassland option included in HLS application for field adjacent to Hollin Hill Bogs SINC. ~ 44 SIRVs cut Mar '11. ~ 2 volunteer task-days completed – significant progress made. ~ No relevant schemes.

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<b>Implementation of Local BAP targets for wetland habitats</b> NE6.1 Management of Local Priority Sites. NE6.2 Extension and buffering of Local Priority Sites. NE6.3 Restoration of sites that have declined in interest. NE6.4 Creation of new habitat.	~ Manage birch at Terrington Carr SINC. ~ Assess need for willow control work at Adjacent to Sandlands Meadow SINC. ~ Encourage via ESS consultations and advice to farmers. ~ ~ Encourage via ESS consultations and advice to farmers. ~ Continue to develop initiative for breeding waders in Coxwold/Newburgh area. ~ See also SF1.2 above.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	~ Area around scrapes managed by Castle Howard contractor and NYCC volunteers. ~ Site visited. Potential volunteer task. Include willow control in renewed (HLS) agreement. ~ Low input grassland option included in HLS application for field adjacent to Hollin Hill Bogs SINC. ~ Advice provided to 1 scheme at Coulton. ~ No relevant schemes. ~ 1 x HLS scheme submitted. Scoping meeting held for future work on 1 other farm.
<b>Implementation of Local BAP targets for important species</b> NE7.1 Management of key sites for specific species. NE7.2 Restoration or creation of sites. NE7.3 Local Target Areas and co-ordinated management measures.	~ Manage grassland for knapweed broomrape at Amotherby Lane SINC. ~ Plant 10 black poplar cuttings in the Stonegrave area. ~ Encourage via ESS consultations and advice to farmers. ~ Continue to develop initiative for breeding waders in Coxwold/Newburgh area. ~ Investigate potential for a joint Ryedale & Hambleton LBAP initiative on Farmland Birds.	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	~ Site not cut in 10/11 but will be cut autumn '11. ~ Cutting-back of encroaching hedge scrub at Broughton Lane SINC completed Jan '11. ~ xx trees planted at Ampleforth Abbey, adjacent to Holbeck. ~ Cuttings taken by Castle Howard Nursery for propagation, Mar '11. ~ No relevant schemes. ~ 1 HLS scheme submitted. Scoping meeting held for future work on 1 other farm. ~ Superseded by other initiatives, principally the Campaign for the Farmed Environment.
<b>Invasive non-native species</b> NE8.1 Monitor location and abundance. NE8.2 Targeted management efforts.	~ Monitor condition of Wath Beck corridor, following 2008 & 2009 work to control Himalayan balsam. ~ Monitor condition of Piper Hill Plantation SINC, following 2009 work to control rhododendron. ~ Re-cut the length of Wath Beck corridor that was cut in 2009. ~ Continue Himalayan balsam control works in Barker & Mugdale Woods SINC. ~ Continue rhododendron control in prioritised locations.	XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX	~ Assume density has reduced, as follow-up work halved in cost again. ~ Site visit carried out. Part of site may not have been sprayed. Further liaison with FC carried out. ~ Achieved Jul '10. 5.8km stretch cut. ~ Advice provided to landowner. ~ 4 volunteer task-days completed in Piper Hill SINC, 1 in Moorside Plantation SINC. Scattered shrubs also removed in Grimston Moor SINC.

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<p><b>More sympathetic management of farmland</b></p> <p>NE9.1 Target sites for entry into the Higher Level Stewardship Scheme.</p> <p>NE9.2 Encourage participation in the Entry Level Stewardship Scheme.</p>	<p>~ Provide advice to farmers and landowners, as necessary.</p> <p>~ Complete 5 FEPs for land in the AONB.</p> <p>~ Work with the Campaign for the Farmed Environment, to encourage participation.</p>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<p>~ Restricted availability of HLS, so no additional targeting carried out.</p> <p>~ FEPs completed for farms at Crayke (3), Whitwell, Newburgh &amp; Hovingham.</p> <p>~ Article included in AONB News 2010.</p> <p>~ ELS advice provided to farmers at Hovingham &amp; Oulston.</p>
<p><b>Implementation of Local BAP targets for wildlife within villages</b></p> <p>NE10.1 Raise awareness and assist communities with creating and managing areas for wildlife.</p>	<p>~ Promote the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity in AONB News 2010.</p>		XXXXX	XXXXX		<p>~ Article included in AONB News 2010. Also: footer added to emails; biodiversity-themed quiz held at Ryedale Show; page created on AONB website.</p>
<p><b>Important geodiversity sites</b></p> <p>NE11.1 Develop a network of RIGS.</p> <p>NE11.2 Manage sites identified as RIGS.</p> <p>NE11.3 Resist development proposals.</p>	<p>~ Assist with NEYGT and NYGP survey programmes, as necessary.</p> <p>~ Clear vegetation from 2 quarry faces at Hildenley.</p> <p>~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<p>~ Not progressed.</p> <p>~ Completed April '10. Re-growth needs treating.</p> <p>~ No relevant applications.</p>
<p><b>Assistance to farmers and land managers</b></p> <p>NE12.1 Assist with applications to grant schemes.</p> <p>NE12.2 Flexible package of assistance.</p> <p>NE12.3 Demonstrate 'best practice'.</p> <p>NE12.4 Skills training initiatives.</p>	<p>~ See NE9 and FW2.</p> <p>~ See appropriate Objectives above.</p> <p>~</p> <p>~</p>					
<p><b>Knowledge of the cultural heritage of AONB</b></p> <p>HE1.1 Historic Landscape Characterisation survey.</p> <p>HE1.2 Revise the Local Landscape Priorities, after HLC survey.</p> <p>HE1.3 Research projects.</p> <p>HE1.4 Regular surveys of built heritage.</p> <p>HE1.5 Recording local history and traditions and passing information to the HER.</p> <p>HE1.6 Annual forum to discuss research and priorities.</p>	<p>~ Assist with compilation of final report, as necessary.</p> <p>~ Revise the relevant sections in the Management Plan.</p> <p>~ See HE3.2.</p> <p>~</p> <p>~ See HE3.2.</p> <p>~ Discuss options with NYCC.</p>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<p>~ <b>Final report received and scrutinised Mar '11.</b></p> <p>~ Postponed until 2011/12, due to delay with final publication of report.</p> <p>~ To be progressed following final publication of HLC Report.</p>
<p><b>Statutory protection</b></p> <p>HE2.1 Input to Heritage Protection Review.</p>	<p>~ As necessary, dependent upon legislative timetable.</p>					<p>~ Legislative framework not progressed by Government.</p>

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<b>Local participation in cultural heritage sites</b> HE3.1 Local involvement in monitoring and management of cultural heritage features. HE3.2 CAN DO 'Lime and Ice' Project.	~ Carry out management works with volunteers on 2 sites.  ~ Continue input to Yearsley Moor Archaeology Project.  ~ Participate in other Lime and Ice initiatives being delivered in the AONB.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	~ Western hemlock seedlings removed from round barrow, Grimston Moor.  ~ Project proceeding, with AONB input as necessary. Discussion of potential interpretation ideas held Feb '11. ~ Events put on AONB website. Input made to circular walks leaflet for Ampleforth.
<b>Preserve AONB's historic heritage</b> HE4.1 Historic landscape conservation and management advice.  HE4.2 Encourage entry into agri-environment schemes. HE4.3 Heritage Partnership Agreements.  HE4.4 Conservation/management plans for Historic Parks and Gardens. HE4.5 Flexible package of assistance.  HE4.6 Demonstrate 'best practice'. HE4.7 Skills training initiatives.	~ Provide advice to farmers and landowners, etc as necessary.  ~ See NE9 above.  ~ Address management issues on 5 SMs at High or Medium Risk.  ~ Assist with preparation of a Conservation Management Plan for Gilling Castle.  ~ Explore potential HDC funding for small-scale works, then promote LEADER/HDC/AONB funds for works in all AONB villages. ~ Carry out management or repair works on 8 Local Priority Sites or historic features.  ~ Start conservation works on lime kilns in Scar Wood, Gilling. ~ Use AONB resources in partnership with NYCC/RDC to carry out works on 1 Listed Building at Risk.  - -	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	~ Comments submitted on 3 planning applications affecting sites of interest.  ~ Involved EH in management of 1 site at Grimston; Discussed management of 2 sites at Fryton and 5 sites at Yearsley with owners; 1 site at Hovingham included in HLS application; 1 site at Grimston Moor managed. ~ Completed – contract organised, let and run by AONB Unit.  ~ Investigated HDC funds but no real scope. Promotion of LEADER scheme done by RDC.  ~ Work completed on Local Priority Sites at Dalby, Wiganthorpe (2 separate sites), Hildenley, Gilling (2 projects on one site) & Whitwell. Work on other sites/features at Hovingham & Hildenley. ~ Trees cleared Oct '10 and consolidation works started Mar '11. ~ LEADER grant used for repairs to limekiln at Cawton. ~ Encroaching trees removed from around Pond Farm, Crambe.  ~ FWAG orchard management course supported Nov '10.

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<p><b>Assist local communities with projects</b></p> <p>LC1.1 Lobby Government on rural issues.</p> <p>LC1.2 Pass information from community/consultation events to the relevant organisation/ agency.</p> <p>LC1.3 Innovative service delivery mechanisms.</p> <p>LC1.4 Encourage Parish Plans.</p> <p>LC1.5 Implementation of identified projects.</p> <p>LC1.6 Link communities to advice on funding.</p> <p>LC1.7 AONB Village Forum.</p>	<p>~ As necessary</p> <p>~ Pass on information as necessary, as part of RAY Community Engagement Project.</p> <p>~ Continue to attend Development Officers meetings.</p> <p>–</p> <p>~ SDF support for RAY Community Engagement Project.</p> <p>~ As part of RAY Community Engagement Project.</p> <p>~ Deliver Rural Arts Project at Slingsby and village enhancement works at Huttons Ambo.</p> <p>~ As part of RAY Community Engagement Project.</p> <p>~ Promote LEADER/HDC/AONB funding for village enhancement works.</p> <p>~ Hold 4 advice events in AONB villages.</p> <p>~ As part of RAY Community Engagement Project.</p> <p>~ Continue to invite Parish Councils to the AONB Partnership Group meeting.</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>~ On-going, as part of Parish Plans process.</p> <p>~ Attended all meetings, every 6-8 weeks.</p> <p>~ Year 2 of SDF grant provided. RAY assistance with Parish Plans at Swinton &amp; Slingsby.</p> <p>~ Allotments created at Slingsby (SDF); Village Hall projects assisted at Nunnington, Barton-le-Street &amp; Slingsby.</p> <p>~ Slingsby arts project completed; works at Huttons Ambo completed using RDC LEADER funds.</p> <p>~ See HE4.5 above.</p> <p>~ Template letter prepared to bring projects &amp; funding to attention of PCs.</p> <p>~ RDC mobile unit visited Westow, Welburn, Slingsby &amp; Terrington; events held in Oswaldkirk &amp; Ampleforth.</p> <p>~ Achieved Mar '11.</p>
<p><b>Government support mechanisms for sustainable farm and rural business development</b></p> <p>AG1.1 Lobby on the development of rural support mechanisms and agri-environment schemes.</p> <p>AG1.2 Funding for the Howardian Hills AONB.</p> <p>AG1.3 Promote rural support mechanisms to farmers and landowners.</p>	<p>~ As necessary, via NAAONB.</p> <p>–</p> <p>~ As opportunities arise. See also NE9 above.</p> <p>~ Publicise Farm Crisis Network in AONB News 2010.</p>		<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>		<p>~ Monitoring progress on CAP 2013 review &amp; NAAONB responses to consultations.</p> <p>~ No space – emphasis of AONB News changed. Information placed on AONB website.</p>

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<p><b>Conservation advice and assistance</b></p> <p>AG2.1 Provide specialist advice within the AONB.</p> <p>AG2.2 Flexible package of assistance for small-scale conservation projects.</p> <p>AG2.3 Demonstrate 'best practice'.</p> <p>AG2.4 Skills training initiatives.</p>	<p>~ Provide advice to farmers and landowners, etc as necessary.</p> <p>~ Assist 8 landscape conservation projects with AONB funding.</p> <p>~</p> <p>~ Promote the Landskills programme in AONB News 2010.</p> <p>~ Support 1 skills-related training course in the AONB.</p>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<p>~ Tree planting/management advice provided to farmers at Brandsby, Scackleton, Terrington, Dalby, Newburgh, Whitwell &amp; Sproxton.</p> <p>~ Schemes completed at Grimston (2), Hovingham, Ganthorpe, Huttons Ambo, Crambe, Yearsley, High Stittenham, Terrington (3), Oulston &amp; Scackleton. 200m of hedge gaps planted. 3m of field wall overhauled; 275m Park wall restored. 88 individual trees and 4 copses (277 trees &amp; shrubs) planted – see NE4.4 above.</p> <p>~ No space – emphasis of AONB News changed.</p> <p>~ FWAG orchard management course supported Nov '10.</p>
<p><b>Sustainable alternative farm enterprises</b></p> <p>AG3.1 Positive approach to planning control.</p> <p>AG3.2 Participation in regional climate change mitigation schemes.</p> <p>AG3.3 Local climate change adaptation schemes.</p>	<p>~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p> <p>~ Encourage, as opportunities arise.</p> <p>~ Promote the new FC Floodplain Woodland Creation grant package in AONB News 2010.</p>		XXXXX	XXXXX		<p>~ No objections to 4 projects in planning consultation responses, at Grimston, Howsham, Terrington &amp; Whitwell; Objection to 1 scheme at Dalby (and Reservations with re-submission).</p> <p>~ Emphasis of AONB News changed. Low-key FC launch; FC promotional event cancelled.</p>
<p><b>New farm buildings and infrastructure</b></p> <p>AG4.1 High standards of design, siting and landscaping measures.</p> <p>AG4.2 Produce basic design guidance.</p>	<p>~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p> <p>~ Produce guidance and circulate to District Councils.</p>		XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<p>~ Comments submitted on proposals subsequently: Approved at Whenby, Yearsley, Sproxton, Gilling, Nunnington, Crayke x 2, South Holme; Objection to 2 schemes, at Dalby (and to re-submission) &amp; Oswaldkirk (much-improved landscaping scheme); Decisions pending at Hushwaite, Coulton.</p> <p>~ Not progressed.</p>
<p><b>Woodland management proposals</b></p> <p>FW1.1 Consultation procedure between JAC and Forestry Commission.</p> <p>FW1.2 Encourage 'continuous cover' schemes.</p>	<p>~ Maintain, and respond to JAC consultations as necessary.</p> <p>~ As appropriate, via JAC consultations.</p>					<p>~ 5 consultations on specific woodland management/planting schemes received.</p> <p>~ No relevant schemes, although likely to be part of future management of FC land at Yearsley.</p>

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<p><b>Multi-objective approach to woodland management</b></p> <p>FW2.1 Management in accordance with the UK Forestry Standard.</p> <p>FW2.2 Use of the English Woodland Grant Scheme and Environmental Stewardship Scheme.</p> <p>FW2.3 Encouragement to achieve UKWAS certification.</p>	<p>~ On-going.</p> <p>~ As opportunities arise.</p> <p>–</p>					<p>~ Felling Licence Applications prepared for enhancement works in woods at Scackleton &amp; Brandsby.</p> <p>~ Woodland enhancement options included in HLS application at Whitwell.</p> <p>~ Advice provided for schemes at Wiganthorpe Park, Scackleton &amp; Newburgh.</p>
<p><b>Local provenance trees and shrubs</b></p> <p>FW3.1 Susceptibility of native trees and shrub species to climate change.</p> <p>FW3.2 Planting stock of appropriate provenance.</p> <p>FW3.3 Incorporation of natural regeneration.</p> <p>FW3.4 Work with local forest nurseries.</p>	<p>~ Contact the FC, to obtain information on the resilience of AONB woodland habitats. (SF1.3)</p> <p>~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p> <p>~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p> <p>~ Consider propagating a further batch of black poplar cuttings.</p>			XXXXX		<p>~ See SF1.3 above.</p> <p>~ No relevant schemes.</p> <p>~ Local provenance oaks used for in-field and boundary tree planting schemes (see NE4.4).</p> <p>~ Will be part of the PAWS restoration project, at Howsham.</p> <p>~ Cuttings taken by Castle Howard Nursery for propagation, Mar '11.</p>
<p><b>Alternative markets for timber products</b></p> <p>FW4.1 Encourage small-scale woodfuel heating systems and develop a woodfuel market.</p> <p>FW4.2 Use of timber in local industries.</p> <p>FW4.3 Demonstrate on-site processing equipment.</p>	<p>~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p> <p>~ Promote new FC incentives for appropriate work in under-managed woods in AONB News 2010.</p> <p>~ Promote the Greenbeams website in AONB News 2010.</p> <p>–</p>		XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<p>~ No relevant applications.</p> <p>~ Emphasis of AONB News changed. Low-key FC launch.</p> <p>~ No space – emphasis of AONB News changed. Information put on AONB website instead.</p>
<p><b>New woodland</b></p> <p>FW5.1 Use forestry grant procedures to advise on siting and design.</p> <p>FW5.2 Promote the availability of advice and grant aid schemes.</p>	<p>~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p> <p>~ As opportunities arise, using Native Woodland Development Officer as appropriate.</p> <p>~ Promote the proposed new FC Floodplain Woodland Creation grant package in AONB News 2010.</p>		XXXXX	XXXXX		<p>~ No relevant schemes.</p> <p>~ Supported Native Woodland Development Officer post and utilised for woodland advice.</p> <p>~ 1 scheme submitted at Newburgh (3.5ha).</p> <p>~ See AG3.3 above.</p>

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<b>Grant incentives to achieve Management Plan Objectives</b> FW6.1 Grant incentives for annual PAWS restoration tasks. FW6.2 Grant incentives for specific priority work, in line with the Regional Forestry Strategy. FW6.3 'Scoring system' for new woodland. FW6.4 Flexible package of assistance for small-scale conservation projects. FW6.5 Continue Native Woodland Development Project.	– ~ Monitor the prioritisation of regional funding, to maximise opportunities for AONB land managers. – ~ Carry out management work to control Western hemlock and rhododendron on FC land. ~ Continue financial support for Project, ensuring satisfactory input to AONB initiatives.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	~ Biomass Capital grant scheme, WIG 80 for Under-managed Woodlands and Forestry & Flooding grant schemes given final approval. ~ Work carried out in Grimston Moor, Piper Hill Plantation & Moorside Plantation SINCS. ~ Achieved. High input to in-field/boundary tree planting projects.
<b>Demonstrate best practice/ skilled workforce</b> FW7.1 Local demonstration sites/events. FW7.2 List of local contractors. FW7.3 Promote woodland training courses and apprenticeships.	– ~ Compile a list, using the Native Woodland Development Project database. ~ Promote the Landskills programme in AONB News 2010.		XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	~ Lists of all types of contractors obtained from NYMNP. Maintaining separate list of AONB contacts. ~ No space – emphasis of AONB News changed.
<b>New development</b> D1.1 Appropriate policies in all relevant Plans and Strategies. D1.2 Consultation arrangements.	~ Input to development of the Ryedale LDF Core Strategy, as necessary. ~ Maintain, and respond to JAC consultations as necessary.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	~ Comments submitted; process being monitored. ~ 68 consultations received from NYCC, RDC, HDC or external contractors.
<b>Design of new development/ management of existing buildings</b> D2.1 Rural Design standards. D2.2 Village Design Statements. D2.3 Guidance on sustainable building restoration techniques. D2.4 Conservation Area appraisals. D2.5 Assist with works identified in Conservation Area appraisals.	~ Input to development of the Ryedale LDF Core Strategy, as necessary. ~ Promote as part of the RAY Community Engagement Project. ~ Investigate availability of LEADER funding for VDS'. – – –	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	~ No comments necessary on this issue. ~ RDC presentation to Thornton-le-Clay PC. ~ LEADER funding potentially available, but probably only for a batch of villages. ~ Weathervane/wind direction clock restored in Hovingham; undergrounding of overhead electricity wires promoted in Oulston & Crayke.

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<b>Mitigation of intrusive features</b> D3.1 Local enhancement works to mitigate intrusive features. D3.2 Undergrounding of electricity cables. D3.3 Undergrounding telephone cables. D3.4 Resist increases in light or noise pollution. D3.5 Litter and fly-tipping.	~ Continue evaluating landscape or biodiversity enhancement measures at sewage works, etc. ~ Continue to attend Liaison Group meetings. ~ Encourage implementation of at least 1 scheme in the AONB. ~ Continue to liaise with BT Openreach over burying cables, both at Dalby and for new electricity cable undergrounding schemes. ~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. ~ Continue litter clearance at car parks throughout the AONB. ~ Report fly-tipping incidents to the Local Authorities, as necessary.	       	 XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX 	 XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX 	 XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX 	~ Low priority, no further progress.  ~ Attended meetings in Sept '10 & Mar '11. ~ Scheme completed at Nunnington. Now progressing schemes at Crayke & Oulston. ~ Site meeting held at Dalby but not progressed further. May be moved by BT anyway. ~ Comments submitted on 1 relevant application. ~ Completed, ending Dec '10.  ~ No known reportable incidents this year.
<b>Small-scale quarrying for local uses</b> D4.1 Support appropriate planning applications. D4.2 Supplies of suitable stone for drystone wall restoration.	~ As appropriate, via JAC consultations. ~ Contact owners of Grimston Grange, if proposed development works commence. ~ Monitor development proposals and approach owners where appropriate in order to obtain suitable stone.	   	   	   	   	~ No relevant applications.  ~ Development at Grimston Grange not started yet. ~ No relevant development proposals; approached farmer at Scackleton to supply cap-stones for Wiganthorpe Park wall.
<b>Renewable energy installations</b> D5.1 Advice and guidance on appropriate technology and installations. D5.2 Support appropriate proposals. D5.3 Promote benefits of appropriate renewable energy and demonstrate examples of 'best practice'.	~ Input to development of the Ryedale LDF Core Strategy, as necessary. ~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.  ~ Include information on Gilling village hall ground source heat system in AONB News 2010. ~ Produce a leaflet on household renewable energy technologies and place on AONB website.	 XXXXX    XXXXX XXXXX 	 XXXXX    XXXXX XXXXX 	 XXXXX    XXXXX XXXXX 	 XXXXX    XXXXX XXXXX 	~ No comments necessary on this issue.  ~ No objections to 4 relevant applications (+ 2 pending – presumed no objections). ~ Advice on wind turbines provided to 2 potential applicants, at Terrington & Gilling. ~ Included as part of LEADER article.  ~ Achieved May '10. Also used at Ryedale Show.

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<b>Business and diversification opportunities</b> D6.1 Signposting to Business Link. D6.2 Encourage local businesses via the CAN DO Partnership.	~ As appropriate. -					~ 2 potential businesses referred.
<b>Re-use of redundant farm buildings</b> D7.1 Support appropriate proposals to re-use farm buildings.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.					~ No objections to 5 relevant applications.
<b>Modern communications technology</b> D8.1 Broadband and mobile phone installations. D8.2 Liaise with Local Authorities and network operators.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. ~ Obtain annual roll-out plans from District Councils.			XXXXX		~ Comments submitted on Network Rail mast at Crambeck. ~ Plans obtained for Hambleton area.
<b>Local needs/affordable housing</b> D9.1 Local Housing Needs Surveys. D9.2 Further develop and adopt measures. D9.3 Promote potential benefits of Local Needs housing.	- - ~ Include an item in AONB News 2010.		XXXXX	XXXXX		~ No space – emphasis of AONB News changed. Postpone to 2011, in order to include information on the proposed Community Right to Build.
<b>Solutions to traffic routing problems</b> RT1.1 Full-movement interchange at the A64/B1257 junction. RT1.2 Weight restriction on the Castle Howard Avenue. RT1.3 Investigate freight traffic issues in the AONB. RT1.4 Freight Quality Partnerships, to address any issues identified.	~ Monitor proposals and input as necessary. - - -					~ No input necessary this year.
<b>Traffic and driver behaviour issues</b> RT2.1 Gather information on traffic speeds. RT2.2 Regular programme of speed-checks in problem locations. RT2.3 Local events to examine and address issues.	~ Monitoring of traffic speeds carried out in 4 AONB villages. ~ Speed checks carried out in 2 AONB villages. -	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	~ <b>Monitoring carried out in ??.</b> ~ Unknown.

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<b>Sustainable modes of transport</b> RT3.1 Identify transport service, infrastructure and accessibility improvements. RT3.2 Implementation of identified measures via SCTSs. RT3.3 Promote the availability of alternative transport services. RT3.4 Workplace Travel Plans. RT3.5 Development of next Local Transport Plan.	~ Continue input to development of SCTS' for Malton and Easingwold, as appropriate. ~ Monitor progress of local initiative to improve path from Broughton to Malton. ~ Publicise RYECAT services in AONB News 2010. ~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. ~ Input as necessary.		XXXXX	XXXXX		~ No action needed. ~ Monitored – no apparent progress. ~ No space – emphasis of AONB News changed and RYECAT had had a change of staff. Postpone to 2011. ~ No relevant applications. ~ No action needed.
<b>Maintain character of rural road network</b> RT4.1 Liaison arrangements between the JAC and highway authority. RT4.2 Design guidance for road signage, etc in the AONB. RT4.3 Identify and reduce road sign 'clutter'. RT4.4 Inventory of historic 'roadside furniture'. RT4.5 Maintenance and restoration of historic 'roadside furniture'.	~ Maintain, and respond to JAC consultations as necessary. ~ Contribute to development of NYCC Construction Manual. ~ Rationalise signs where possible as part of traditional direction sign restoration programme. – ~ Restore 15 traditional direction signs. ~ Restore 1 milepost. ~ Restore 5 village name signs.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	~ 14 consultations received (included in total shown in D1.2 above). ~ Attended 1 NYCC/NYMNP/HHAONB Liaison meeting. ~ Detailed advice provided on 2 consultations. ~ No further progress by NYCC. ~ Not progressed any traditional direction sign restoration projects this year. ~ Not progressed this year. ~ 2 signs restored in Hovingham by RDC LEADER project. ~ 5 new mileposts cast to replace missing ones; 2 mileposts restored; all funded by RDC LEADER project. ~ 1 original sign restored at Hovingham by RDC LEADER project. ~ Helped Amotherby PC with RDC LEADER forms for restoration of village signs and traditional direction sign.
<b>A64 Trunk Road</b> RT5.1 Monitor future proposals and provide comments.	~ On-going, with involvement as and when necessary. ~ Input to joint Corridor Study, as appropriate.	XXXXX	XXXXX			~ Draft study scrutinised.

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<b>Sustainable recreation activities</b> RA1.1 Monitor sustainability of recreational activities in the AONB. RA1.2 Use planning policies to encourage appropriate recreational developments.	– ~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.					~ No objections to 3 relevant applications, at Grimston, Terrington & Husthwaite; Objection to scheme at Dalby (and Reservations with re-submission).
<b>Promote AONB in a sustainable way</b> RA2.1 Gather information on visitor numbers, activity, etc. RA2.2 Work with Area Tourism Partnership to provide information for visitors. RA2.3 Work with local Tourism Associations. RA2.4 Initiatives to enable Under-Represented Groups to enjoy the AONB. RA2.5 Initiatives to promote health benefits of outdoor recreation in the AONB.	~ Repeat basic monitoring of car park usage during summer. ~ Establish contacts and methods of distribution, etc. – ~ Secure grant funding and launch the schools twinning project with schools in York and Hull. ~ Further develop links with local health providers/organisations.	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX		~ Completed Aug '10. ~ Not progressed. ~ Funding obtained from LEADER and Heritage Lottery Fund. Project proceeding on schedule. ~ Not progressed. ~ Details updated on Walking for Health website.
<b>Recreational management measures</b> RA3.1 Small-scale recreation management works.	~ Install additional/replacement litter bins at Kirkham.	XXXXX	XXXXX			~ Approached by 2 x PCs but no further progress.
<b>Management of the PRow network</b> RA4.1 Maintenance of path furniture. RA4.2 Regularly monitor path condition. RA4.3 Rectify identified problems, including seasonal overgrowth and ploughing/cropping. RA4.4 Prioritised programme for cutting seasonal undergrowth. RA4.5 Community involvement in path monitoring and maintenance.	~ Continue with minor improvement works as they are identified. ~ Ensure that any new/diverted paths are completed to the same standard as rest of network. ~ Begin a Condition Survey of the AONB, utilising AONB Volunteers. ~ Bring issues to the attention of the NYCC Area Ranger, as necessary. ~ Monitor the NYCC seasonal cutting programme and liaise with NYCC Countryside Ranger as necessary. ~ Use AONB/NYCC volunteers to tackle identified maintenance issues. ~ Train volunteers in path Condition surveying.	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	~ On-going. ~ N/A. ~ 2 volunteers trained; Crambe & Howsham completed as a pilot; surveyed and data input to CAMS. ~ Regular reporting of issues, which are generally resolved in a timely manner. ~ No issues identified in 2010. ~ Team of up to 4 NYCC volunteers work in AONB every Thursday. ~ 2 volunteers trained in survey and data entry.

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<b>Definitive Map</b> RA5.1 Definitive Map review for the Ryedale District. RA5.2 Identify existing route and status anomalies and lobby for action.	– ~ Continue with process of achieving an upgrade of footpath to bridleway at Ampleforth. ~ Commence work on route anomaly at Slingsby.					~ Creation Agreement prepared but subsequently declined by Ampleforth Abbey. ~ NYCC planning one Agreement to deal with 10/15 route anomalies on the Castle Howard estate in 2011/12.
<b>Improvements to PRow network</b> RA6.1 Encourage creation of new access routes/areas. RA6.2 Support appropriate Public Rights of Way route alterations.	~ As opportunities arise. ~ Encourage retention of Crayke circular permissive route and Huttons Ambo permissive area, via HLS applications. ~ Upgrade footpath between Gilling and Ampleforth Station to bridleway status. ~ Progress route re-alignments/creations /extinguishments at Howsham, Westow, Slingsby & Hovingham.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX		~ Crayke route retained in HLS, with enhanced interpretation; Huttons Ambo area not renewed, due to time delays and loss of access payments in HLS. ~ See RA5.2 above. ~ Westow completed; <b>Howsham in progress</b> ; see RA5.2 re. Slingsby.
<b>Path usage issues</b> RA7.1 Encourage path improvements via management measures. RA7.2 Monitor use of footpaths by horse riders, cyclists, etc. RA7.3 Make advisory signage available for control of dogs, shutting gates, etc.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. – ~ As requested.					~ No relevant applications.
<b>Open Access in FC woodland</b> RA8.1 Low-key works on freehold Forestry Commission land. RA8.2 Dedication of leasehold Forestry Commission land. RA8.3 Assist in negotiations on leasehold sites as appropriate.	– – ~ As necessary.					

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<b>Guided routes</b> RA9.1 Identify appropriate routes.  RA9.2 Identify linkages via road verges and encourage appropriate cutting regimes. RA9.3 Publish and distribute guide leaflets.	~ See AP2.1 ~ Re-appraise missing links hindering the establishment of a major route around the AONB. ~ Develop circular off-road cycle routes, once route surface issues have been addressed.  ~ Assess possible linkages and any verge cutting necessary/appropriate.  ~ Publish and distribute Nunnington Local Information & Walks leaflet.  ~ Publish and distribute Terrington Local Information & Walks leaflet.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX  XXXXX	XXXXX  XXXXX	~ Not progressed. Gilling/Ampleforth link felt to be the most important one to concentrate on. ~ Held meeting with CTC to discuss potential for links towards York; 1 route published in NY Times; potential route around Hovingham suggested by NYCC. ~ Assessment completed. No action needed at present.  ~ Completed Jul '10. ~ AONB website amended to give details of specific outlets for each village leaflet. ~ 4 individual route leaflets prepared and published on AONB website. ~ Hovingham & Welburn leaflets re-printed.
<b>Bus routes and other transport services</b> RA10.1 Enhancements to public/community transport and Moorsbus networks. RA10.2 Explore options for park-and-ride at larger tourist attractions.	-  ~ Discuss with English Heritage for Kirkham Priory, in conjunction with RA11.2 below.	XXXXX	XXXXX			~ Not progressed.
<b>Informal car parking facilities</b> RA11.1 Carry out appropriate management works.  RA11.2 Continue discussions to improve parking facilities at Kirkham Priory. RA11.3 Investigate the use of village car park and toilet facilities by recreational visitors.	~ Continue grass cutting regime at Badger Bank. ~ Continue programme of litter clearance at car parks throughout the AONB.  ~ Work with English Heritage, landowner, NYCC and PC to improve car park surface and management of litter. ~ As opportunities arise.	XXXXX  XXXXX	XXXXX  XXXXX	XXXXX		~ Achieved. ~ Completed, ending Dec '10. ~ Usage of car parks monitored Aug '10 (see RA2.1). ~ Car park re-surfacing completed Aug '10, supported by AONB grant.
<b>Water recreation on the Derwent</b> RA12.1 Use planning and other policy controls to discourage recreational use. RA12.2 Countryside management measures to resolve local recreational issues.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.  ~ As necessary.					~ No relevant applications.



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<p><b>Awareness of Special Qualities of AONB</b></p> <p>AP2.1 Information leaflets for individual AONB villages.</p> <p>AP2.2 Annual programme of guided walks and talks.</p> <p>AP2.3 Programme of activities with local schools and communities.</p> <p>AP2.4 Install information boards at suitable sites.</p>	<p>~ Publish and distribute Nunnington Local Information &amp; Walks leaflet.</p> <p>~ Publish and distribute Terrington Local Information &amp; Walks leaflet.</p> <p>~ Identify next village for Local Information &amp; Walks leaflet.</p> <p>~ Hold at least 3 guided walks or talks.</p> <p>~ Hold 2 Junior Ranger Club sessions (½ day).</p> <p>~ Secure grant funding and launch the schools twinning project with schools in York and Hull.</p> <p>~ Discuss installation of a board at Kirkham Priory, in conjunction with RT11.2 above.</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>~ See RA9.3.</p> <p>~ See RA9.3.</p> <p>~ Not progressed.</p> <p>~ Achieved. Welburn Local History Society (21), Sheriff Hutton Gardening Club (46), volunteers 'super-task' at Sutton Bank (28), Howsham Mill (14), Secrets of Yearsley Moor (10), Castle Howard bat-walk (37).</p> <p>~ Exceeded. 2 sessions Aug '10; 2 sessions Oct '10; 2 sessions Christmas '10. (86 children).</p> <p>~ Funding obtained from LEADER and Heritage Lottery Fund. Project proceeding on schedule.</p> <p>~ Not progressed.</p>
<p><b>Volunteering</b></p> <p>AP3.1 Involve volunteers to assist with delivery of tasks and activities.</p>	<p>~ Complete at least 1 project per calendar quarter using volunteers.</p> <p>~ Continue arrangements with graduate volunteer(s).</p> <p>~ Further develop, with Nidderdale AONB, a possible graduate placement programme.</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>~ Assisting at Junior Ranger Club (Aug '10, Oct '10, Dec '10); Ryedale Show (Jul '10); rhododendron clearance at Piper Hill Plantation SINC x 4 &amp; Moorside Plantation SINC; clearing quarry faces at Hildenley; Western hemlock clearance on Grimston Moor SINC x 2; stone sorting at Scar Wood limekilns, Gilling; checking walks routes at Terrington; PROW maintenance with NYCC Ranger; Lime &amp; Ice Yearsley Moor project. 17 projects or tasks, worth at least 205 days (£11,200 at SDF volunteering rates).</p> <p>~ Naomi Cox (Dec '09 – Apr '10); no further volunteers.</p> <p>~ Not progressed.</p>

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<p><b>Funding and partnership mechanisms</b></p> <p>IM1.1 Seek funding to implement Management Plan Objectives.</p> <p>IM1.2 Annual meetings of AONB Partnership Group.</p> <p>IM1.3 Partnership arrangements with the North York Moors National Park Authority.</p>	<p>~ Lobby as necessary, via the NAAONB, to ensure that AONBs are adequately funded by Natural England.</p> <p>~ Ensure full utilisation of Natural England grant allocation.</p> <p>~ Assist with implementation of CAN DO HLF Lime and Ice Project.</p> <p>~ Participate in the delivery of the North York Moors, Coast and Hills LEADER initiative, encouraging support for projects within the AONB.</p> <p>~ Secure funding from LEADER and HLF for the next programme of work with AONB schools.</p> <p>~ Access additional resources from County &amp; District Councils, FC, EA, CAN DO, LEADER, etc for specific identified projects.</p> <p>~ Hold a meeting in April 2011.</p> <p>~ Continue to use the National Park to provide specialist advice to help deliver the AONB SDF programme.</p> <p>~ Continue partnership arrangement to employ Native Woodland Development Officer to cover National Park &amp; AONB.</p> <p>~ Continue to participate in the CAN DO partnership.</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>~ Supported, as part of NAAONB Funding Sub-Group, move to Defra sponsorship.</p> <p>~ Achieved.</p> <p>~ On-going.</p> <p>~ On-going. Main fund largely allocated now. Significant number of schemes in the AONB supported by RDC LEADER Small-scale Enhancements project.</p> <p>~ Achieved.</p> <p>~ CAN DO funding accessed for Himalayan balsam control, digitisation of AONB Phase 1 habitat mapping, in-field and boundary tree planting, restoration of Scar Wood lime kilns.</p> <p>~ English Heritage &amp; Forestry Commission funding obtained for Gilling Castle Parkland study.</p> <p>~ Hambleton DC funding obtained for creating mosaics at Crayke.</p> <p>~ 18<sup>th</sup> April '11.</p> <p>~ Achieved.</p> <p>~ Achieved.</p> <p>~ All meetings attended.</p>
<p><b>Business development of AONB Partnership</b></p> <p>IM2.1 Monitor business development needs and identify improvements.</p> <p>IM2.2 Incorporate improvements into annual Action Programme and Budget approval processes.</p>	<p>~ Complete the signing of the new Agreement between Natural England and the 3 constituent Local Authorities.</p> <p>~ Prepare annual Business Plan / Action Programme for JAC, March 2011.</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>			<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>~ Completed Jul '10.</p> <p>~ Achieved, for JAC 31<sup>st</sup> March '11.</p>

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<p><b>Monitor performance of AONB Partnership and AONB Unit</b></p> <p>MN1.1 Report annual progress on achievement of Management Plan Objectives.</p> <p>MN1.2 Monitor Partnership performance using Natural England Indicators.</p> <p>MN1.3 Measure customer satisfaction with AONB Unit via regular questionnaires.</p>	<p>~ Annual Action Programme update to JAC, March 2011.</p> <p>~ Continue to enter grant-aided schemes onto GIS map layers, as resources allow.</p> <p>~ Use NE Partnership Indicators to measure performance of JAC and AONB Partnership.</p> <p>~ Continue to send out questionnaires to grant recipients.</p>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	<p>~ Achieved, for JAC 31<sup>st</sup> March '11.</p> <p>~ Revised recording methodology developed and 3 years worth of projects re-formatted.</p> <p>~ NE Partnership Indicators reported to JAC Oct '10.</p> <p>~ 3 Best Practice examples submitted to NE.</p> <p>~ Achieved.</p>
<p><b>Monitor Condition of AONB</b></p> <p>MN2.1 Develop a mechanism to assess the Condition of non-Statutory Local Priority Sites.</p> <p>MN2.2 Consider developing a 'fixed point photography' monitoring system.</p> <p>MN2.3 Establish baseline data for AONB Condition Indicators.</p> <p>MN2.4 Information on Condition Indicators on a 5-yearly cycle.</p> <p>MN2.5 Provide information to assist the Countryside Quality Counts programme and monitor the results.</p>	<p>~ Discuss possible assessment mechanisms with NYCC and English Heritage.</p> <p>~ Investigate the potential to use volunteers.</p> <p>~ Develop a list of locations for 'fixed point' monitoring.</p> <p>~ Compile a completed table of data for all Indicators.</p> <p>–</p> <p>~ As necessary.</p>	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX	<p>~ Spreadsheet of Management Plan sites compiled; NYMNPA monitoring forms/info obtained.</p> <p>~ Utilise for follow-up surveys, once initial sites/viewpoints established.</p> <p>~ 'Long-list' compiled and being refined via site visits.</p> <p>~ GPS purchased to assist with consistency of location.</p> <p>~ Data compiled for 14 of the 18 Indicators.</p>
<p><b>National Association for AONBs</b></p> <p>Maintain input into NAAONB Board and Association activities.</p> <p>Keep up-to-date with knowledge and skills in relation to AONB management.</p>	<p>~ Attend NAAONB Board meetings.</p> <p>~ Write 2 articles for 'Outstanding' magazine.</p> <p>~ Continue to participate in NAAONB initiatives.</p> <p>~ Attend training seminars, Northern Group meetings, Conferences, etc as appropriate.</p>	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	<p>~ 5 Board meetings attended. 1 APPG meeting.</p> <p>~ 1 article submitted for Autumn but no edition published (NE communications embargo on NAAONB).</p> <p>~ 2 Funding Sub-Group meetings attended. Northern Chairmen's meeting. National Lead Officers' meeting. International Year of Biodiversity promotion.</p> <p>~ Attended June Northern Group meeting (Forest of Bowland AONB); National Conference (Kent); Adaptive &amp; Resilient Landscapes workshop; Non-Exchequer Funding Sources workshop; March Northern Group meeting (Northumberland Coast AONB).</p>
<p><b>AONB Management Plan</b></p> <p>Review AONB Management Plan.</p>	–					