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Chairman's Introduction

The North Yorkshire Local Access Forum has been in existence since 2000. It is one of three covering the whole of North Yorkshire, sharing a role in helping to foster community understanding and engagement with the new Open Access rights and championing the use of rights of way across Britain's largest county.

The Forum members represent a wide range of user interests – landowner, farmer, local councillor, walker, cyclist, horserider, pushchair pusher, wheelchair user, motorcyclist, and during this last year we have been delighted to welcome a new range of user – watersports – to the forum in the appointment of Paul Chapman.

During 2007 – 2008 the North Yorkshire Forum has taken the opportunity to review its role, now that areas of Open Access have become established and relatively few problems have been encountered during their introduction.

This year the Forum has welcomed an opportunity to focus its work on supporting the continuing existence and future development of all rights of way covered in North Yorkshire's recently published Rights of Way Development Plan.

The Forum has now established a small number of standing subgroups to enable members to become even more active in fulfilling the Forum's role as a consultative body on all matters relating to rights of way:

- The Access for All group has been actively looking at routes across North Yorkshire that are wheelchair and pushchair friendly, and how these might be advertised as such.
- The Improving Access subgroup has begun to look at ways of supporting local communities to learn more about their local paths and bridleways; how they might make simple improvements; and how communities might be better linked through the development of new sections or upgrading existing routes.

The members have now agreed a set of principles to share with others so that they can understand what we are trying to achieve. These are included later in this report.

As chair for the past year, I have been delighted to work alongside a group of enthusiastic and dedicated people who have given their time freely to share their ideas and concerns about this major part of North Yorkshire's highways, which has so little time devoted to it, and so little spent on it, compared to that much newer network of highways developed for motorised traffic!

The strength of the Forum is in its understanding of the concerns and needs of those who own and manage land in the countryside which host rights of

way, and balancing these with the rights of a variety of users who use these routes for pleasure, or to get from one community to another.

North Yorkshire residents can be reassured that the members are passionately interested in these routes. They are working hard to support communities, the County Council and district councils to further develop the thousands of miles of historic routes in North Yorkshire that were originally provided for those who work and travel in the countryside; but are now such a wonderful resource for leisure walkers, cyclists, horse riders, and other legitimate users.

As chair for the last year, I wish to pay tribute to all of the forum members, the Countryside Service Officers and the Local Access Forum Secretary, for their excellent support for this very important work.

Tony Turner Chairman, North Yorkshire Local Access Forum

April 2008

North Yorkshire Local Access Forum Principles

1.	All rights of way should be created and maintained to the standard required so
	that they are accessible by users.
2.	The Forum wishes to develop more access opportunities to include the widest
	possible range of users, especially families, children, minority groups and those
	with disabilities.
3.	The Forum would like to see an annual increase in the number of routes that
	are accessible for people with disabilities by creating new routes and improving
	existing routes. These annual improvements to be regularly publicised.
4.	Any new access to the network should be at the highest appropriate rights
	possible.
5.	The Forum would welcome the establishment of an annual budget with
	separate budget headings to fund the creation, maintenance and improvement
	of public rights of way.
6.	That the introduction of permissive rights would be welcomed but the Forum
	would prefer the development of permanent rights. A planning aid for
	developing new rights of way to be prepared to assist Parish Councils and
	other organisations.
7.	The Forum wishes rights of way to be used appropriately. It will support

initiatives / actions that ensure that everyone is aware of the correct level of use, and support appropriate actions to reduce illegal use.
 The Forum wishes to see rights of way developed to redress the fragmentation of the network, connect communities and improve links to places of demand.
 9. The Forum recognises that some rights of way may benefit from temporary or permanent diversion, where this is compatible with the needs of all parties involved.
10. The Forum recognises the establishment of a Coastal access corridor, access to beaches, and access to waterways where these are compatible with the needs of all parties involved.
11. The Forum supports the continuation of BVPI 178 to measure the overall ease of use of footpaths in the County.

Area Covered by the Local Access Forum

The area covered by the North Yorkshire Local Access Forum is the administrative county of North Yorkshire, but excluding the areas of the Yorkshire Dales National Park and the North York Moors National Park. In both of these areas, the respective National Park Authority has established its own Local Access Forum.

Role and Responsibilities

Section 94 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 places a statutory duty on the County Council, as highway authority, to establish a Local Access Forum. The primary purpose of the Local Access Forum is to provide advice to North Yorkshire County Council on how to make the countryside more accessible for open air recreation. Key functions include providing advice on:

- The development of access strategies, including the Rights of Way Improvement Plan;
- Improving the rights of way network; and
- The implementation, management and review of the statutory right of access to open countryside.

Membership of the Forum

The Local Access Forum regulations require that the members of the Local Access Forum should be representative of:

- (a) Users of local rights of way and areas of open access;
- (b) Owners and occupiers of access land or land covered by rights of way; and
- (c) Other interests relevant to the local area.

In appointing members to the Forum, the County Council has therefore tried to ensure a reasonable balance between these three interest groups. It has also aimed to achieve representation from different parts of the county and, where possible, adjacent areas where recreation users live.

There are 18 members of the Forum, who are appointed for a three-year term, after which they must retire or seek re-election. Appointments are phased to ensure that only one third, i.e. six members, retires each year. This process ensures continuity, whilst also allowing a regular opportunity to recruit members with new interests.

Vacancies on the Forum are advertised in the press and interested candidates are asked to submit written applications outlining their interests and experience and their reasons for wishing to serve on the Forum. Candidates are then asked to attend an informal recruitment day, following which appointments are made by the Secretariat, with advice from the County Council's elected members on the Forum. Appointments to the Local Access Forum during the current period were made on 24 April 2007 when Rachel Connolly, Paul Chapman, John Taylor, Stephen Ramsden , were appointed for the next term.

In addition to those members recruited by open competition, the County Council periodically appoints three of its own elected members to serve on the Forum for a three year period.

Name	District	Term of office to	Interest Group
Allan Aspden	Craven	2009	Users
Leo Crone	Darlington	2009	
David Currie	Craven	2008	
David Gibson	Craven	2008	
John Goss	Harrogate	2009	
Rachel Connoly	Hambleton	2010	
Edward Dennison	Hambleton	2008	Owner/occupiers
Nigel Graham	Harrogate	2008	
Stephen Ramsden (Vice-chair)	Harrogate (AONB)	2010	
Paul Tibbatts	Craven	2009	

During 2007/2008 membership of the North Yorkshire Local Access Forum was as follows:

Diane Baines	Richmondshire 2008 Oth		Other interests
David Swabey	Hambleton	2009	
Anthony Turner (Chair)	Scarborough (NYMNP)	2008	
Co.Cllr.Eric Broadbent	Scarborough	2008	
Co Cllr John Fort	Harrogate	2008	
Co.Cllr Michael Knaggs	Ryedale	2008	
Paul Chapman	Hambleton	2010	
John Taylor	Selby	2010	
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The County Council is grateful to all members of the Local Access Forum for their very valuable contribution to its work over the course of the past year.

New recruits are always welcome. Enquiries about future membership should be made to the Secretary (see contacts).

Member Profiles

Allan Aspden

Allan lives in Settle. He is a working party co-ordinator for the Craven Ramblers and a member of the Ramblers Association North Yorkshire campaign working group. He has a keen interest in the countryside and outdoor pursuits and in improving the county's rights of way network. He wishes to encourage others to enjoy the North Yorkshire countryside.

Diane Baines

Diane lives in Richmond. She is a senior planning professional with extensive local government and committee experience. She is also a mother of young children who enjoys walking and has an interest in developing public and family access to the countryside, especially on the outskirts of towns and villages.

Eric Broadbent

Eric is North Yorkshire County Councillor for Northstead, Scarborough. He sits on the Planning and Regulatory Functions Committee and is Chair of the Transport and Telecommunications Overview and Scrutiny Committee. He also serves on Scarborough Borough Council and is a member of its Planning Committee. He is semi-retired, a keen walker with three dogs and has a strong interest in countryside matters.

Leo Crone

Leo lives in Darlington. He is a member of the North Yorkshire County Council Rights of Way Liaison Group and also sits on the Durham County Council Rights of Way Forum. He is a primary contact on vehicular access to the countryside with the Durham and Cleveland Police Forces. He was previously on Sports Council regional forums and the North York Moors National Park Rights of Way Committee. He aims to represent the views and aspirations of vehicle user groups and has a large network of contacts.

David Currie

David lives at Carleton-in-Craven near Skipton. He was previously a journalist and public affairs manager at the Royal Mail. He has a particular interest in promoting the needs of the disabled and, as Chairman of Cumbrian Community Video, directed "Access to the countryside for the disabled". He is a cyclist and climber with a love of the countryside and the environment.

Edward Dennison

Edward is a farmer and landowner from Thornton-le-Beans near Northallerton, where he is a Parish Councillor. He is NFU County Vice-chairman and is knowledgeable about the countryside and wildlife He is interested in seeking a balance between protection of the environment, access and the rights of owners and occupiers.

John Fort

John Fort is North Yorkshire County Councillor for Pateley Bridge and lives at Dacre in the Nidderdale AONB. He is a retired police officer with an interest in country pursuits and is the County Council's Executive Member for community services.

David Gibson

David is a retired solicitor and justices clerk from Burton-in Lonsdale in Craven. He is a founder trustee and former Chairman of North Lancaster Victim Support, a charity working with victims of crime. He is a keen walker with an intereste in history and archaeology. He is Access Officer for West Riding Ramblers Association, Footpath Officer for Craven Ramblers Association and a member of the Yorkshire Dales Local Access Forum.

John Goss

John lives in Boroughbridge where he previously owned a retail business. He is currently a non-executive director of the FSHAA. He is Chairman of the Harrogate and District Access Group and a member of Harrogate Borough Council's Disability Discrimination Committee. He is a co-opted member of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Local Access Forum representing people with disabilities. He wishes to see continued use of vehicles within the countryside via green lanes etc and successfully worked with Yorkshire Water to achieve disabled access improvements around Scar House Reservoir. He would like to make it possible for all countryside pursuits to take place for everybody's enjoyment.

Nigel Graham

Nigel lives at Norton Conyers near Ripon. He is a tenant farmer and professional land agent responsible for 61,500 acres of moorland in the North Pennines. He is a member of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors Rural Division and a member of the North Pennines Advisory Group of English Nature, dealing with matters relating to upland SSSIs. He understands and appreciates the impact of access on wildlife and those who earn their living from the countryside. He believes that CROW Act access can be achieved without undue disruption to the countryside and nature conservation.

Michael Knaggs

Michael is County Councillor for Malton and chairs the Ryedale Area Committee. He is a retired farm machinery salesman, former president of Malton Agricultural Show and member and former President of Malton Rugby Club. Over the years he has developed a wide range of contacts across the county and an understanding of the needs of a range of user groups.

Stephen Ramsden

Stephen is a farmer and landowner from Middlesmoor in the Nidderdale AONB. He is a Parish Councillor for Upper Nidderdale and serves on a committee for Moors/Dales training for land-based industries. Living and working on the moors, he can provide the Forum with first hand knowledge of day to day countryside issues, local farming contacts and advice on how to manage an increase in visitors.

Rachel Connolly

Rachel lives north of Scotch Corner and enjoys all aspects of the countryside. She walks regularly, birdwatches and dowses! As a retired access volunteer she understands the needs of landowners as well as users and is enthusiastic to make improvements in the network.

Paul Chapman

John Taylor

John lives in Bolton Percy near Tadcaster and has spent his working life in the oil industry. He enjoys the countryside and is keen to see a balance between the needs of both land owners and those who want to share the pleasures of our landscape. He believes that it is important when encouraging access to emphasise the responsibility to protect our natural heritage.

David Swabey

David lives at Great Ayton. He is a retired college principal and serves as Hon.Sec. for the North-east Regional Committee of the Inland Waterways Association. He writes 'Weekend Walk' for the Darlington and Stockton Times and is a voluntary assistant in the Great Ayton Tourist Information Centre. He is committed to the principle of full and unhindered access to the countryside through the rights of way network and access land.

Paul Tibbatts

Paul lives at Austwick. He is a retired manager from the transport industry' He owns a smallholding of mainly open access land which is part of a Site of Special Scientific Interest. His interests include conservation, heritage and livestock.

Anthony Turner

Anthony lives at West Ayton near Scarborough where he is programme manager for Surestart, a family support programme for children aged 0-4. He was previously an education officer for community learning and a head of department teacher. He is a leisure walker who owns two horses and is a member of Scarborough and District Riding Club.

Meetings of the Forum

Meetings of the Forum are advertised in the local press and are open to the public, who are always made very welcome. An opportunity will be provided for any member of the public who attends to ask questions or to make a statement should they wish to do so. Wherever possible, meetings are held at locations relevant to the business under discussion.

Business of the Forum

The agenda and minutes of the quarterly meetings, and a copy of the most recent Annual Report, are available for inspection on the North Yorkshire County Council website at <u>www.northyorks.gov.uk</u>.

The principal agenda items at each of the regular quarterly meetings during 2007/2008 were as follows:

24th May 2007 The Evron Centre Filey

- Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan (RoWIP)
- Guidance on Local Access Forums in England
- Implementing the New Public Rights of Way Structure
- Access for All routes
- Annual Report 2006/07
- City of York proposed merger

The meeting was followed by a site visit to the Cleveland Way National Trail and a wider look at coastal access issues.

<u>16th August 2007, Dalesbridge Centre – Nr Austwick</u>

- RoWIP Public Consultation and Plan Adoption Process
- The Development of Standing Sub-Committees
- Coastal Access Consultation Improving Access to English Coast
- Public Consultation on the Right to Apply
- Provision for Public Rights of Way for Users with Special Needs
- Future of Best Value Performance Indicators
- Public Rights of Way Definitive Map Modification Order Applications Update
- The Public Rights of Way Budget

The meeting was followed by a site visit to the Forest of Bowland AONB to look at how they promote access to the countryside.

22nd November 2007, County Hall, Northallerton

- Green Lanes
- Trans Pennine Trail
- Reports from the Sub Groups

- Open Access Links to Isolated Areas
- York City Council Local Access Forum Merger
- Improvements in the Use of the Countryside Access Management System (CAMS)
- Wharfedale Trail
- LAF Website
- Local Access Forum Members Handbook

28th February 2008, County Hall, Northallerton

- Countryside Strategy
- Feed Back and Reports from Sub-Groups
- Unsurfaced Unclassified Roads Liaison Group
- Minutes of the Meetings of North Yorkshire Local Access Forums
- Public Rights of Way Definitive Map Modification Order Applications Update
- Nidderdale AONB Improvement Project
- Croft Site Visit

In addition to the regular quarterly meetings of the Forum, members were also involved in a two lots of the newly formed Sub Groups.

A summary of the major business transacted during 2007/2008 is set out below under six main themes:

- The Rights of Way Improvement Plan
- Management of open access
- The Rights of Way network
- Local Access Forum Consultations
- Presentations to the Local Access Forum
- Developing the work of the Local Access Forum

The Rights of Way Improvement Plan

2007/2008 was the final year in the development of the rights of way improvement plan. All Highway Authorities in England needed to have produced one by November 2007. The plan assess the extent to which the public rights of network meets the present and likely future needs for all types of users. The Local Access Forum had a key role in advising North Yorkshire County Council on the content of the plan.

Reports were taken in May and August with the Final plan being distributed to Forum members in December 2007. In May the Draft Plan was submitted members comments were taken on board and changes made to the plan.

At the August meeting officers reported on the consultation and adoption process for the plan. Members of the Forum were presented with an overview of the consultation responses. It was clear that members were very interested in becoming more involved in making improvements to the network and viewed the production of the plan as the start of the process.

Management of Open Access

After a number of years of providing a large work load for the Forum 2007/08 was a quite year with the forum only dealing with one report at the November meeting. Members discussed the issue surrounding what to do with those areas of Open Access land that are land locked. Again it was clear that the Forum wished to become involved in the issue.

The Rights of Way Network

In May 2007, the Forum received a report on the implementation of the new rights of way structure, which was implemented in February 2007. North Yorkshire County Council Officers described the new system and the advantages this system brought to delivery on the ground. More centralised reporting would lead to problems being resolved in a more efficient manner, it would also lead to greater customer care. Also at the May meeting the Forum discussed a paper on creating barrier free routes. Members were informed that the work was at a very early stage and that it would be brought back to the Forum at a later date. Members were very keen to see this are of work developed. The matter was further debated at the August 2007 meeting and the Forum decided that this was such a vital piece of work that it warranted the forming of a sub-group to discuss in more detail how to develop the concept further.

Unclassified unmettalled Roads (Green Lanes) were discussed in detail at the November 2007 meeting. Mr Douglas Huzzard, the County Councils Highway Asset Manager, explained the current position statement and how the Forum could become involved in the Unclassified Unmettalled Roads Liaison Group. A member of the Forum Mrs Rachel Connolly was nominated to be the Local Access Forums representative on the newly formed liaison group. At the February 2008 meeting, members were informed of the issues discussed at the first two Unclassified Unmetalled Roads Liaison Group meetings. Members of the Forum were informed that the group was likely to be disbanded in the near future once a maintenance policy had been agreed.

The future of Best Value Performance Indicators was discussed at the August 2007 meeting. The Forum agreed to write to the Corporate Director of Business and Environmental Services asking that the rights of Way section continue to measure their performance using BVPI 178. The budget for the Public Rights of Way Section was discussed. Finally at the August 2007 meeting members were updated by the Definitive Map team leader on progress made on both Definitive Map Modification orders and Public Path Orders

Members had asked for a report on the Wharfedale Trail which was presented at the November 2007 meeting. The Forum supported the principal of developing this multi user trail between Addingham and Bolton Abbey and wrote to the Wharefdale Trail pledging their support.

At the February 2008, a report on the progress made on the Nidderdale Improvement Project was also made at this meeting. The six monthly update by the Definitive map Team leader was also received by the Forum at the February 2008 meeting

Local Access Forum Consultations

At the August 2007 meeting the Forum received a report regarding Improving Access to the English Coast. The Forum made the following recommendations regarding the proposal that were forwarded to DEFRA.

- (i) That the response of the North Yorkshire Local Access Forum to the Improving Access To English Coast consultation document is to support option 4.
- (ii) That the following comments are included in the above response:-
 - The Forum agrees that the Government should introduce new primary legislation to allow for a tailored access regime around the coast.
 - That regard be given to the following comments made by Forum members in relation to implementation of option four:-
 - (a) Access to beaches should be maintained and improved where appropriate.
 - (b) Realistic steps should be included to maintain the habitat and wildlife on the coast. Any arrangements for closure should be carefully considered and where necessary, well publicised.
 - (c) Ordnance Survey will need to establish a new way to indicate the coastal strip on its maps.
 - (d) That when establishing legislation to identify a national coastal strip of land the existence of all existing rights of way should be maintained. This particularly relates to higher rights (e.g. bridleways) as the current proposals only relates to access on foot.

- (e) That the legislation should not make it difficult to convert existing rights into higher rights and should ensure improved access for those with limited mobility (and families) and any furniture installed is compliant with the new British Standard gap gates and stiles.
- (f) There is currently no proposal to pay compensation to landowners arising out of the change of designation/use. It is suggested that there is only a small number of circumstances where compensation could be considered e.g. loss of earnings of a private beach. The Forum Members consider that compensation should be payable in a narrow range of circumstances although they tended to agree with the overall principal.
- (g) It is recognised that for some authorities with coast lines this will add an additional financial burden for maintenance, signage etc. Forum Members were keen that there should be minimal disruption to habitat and minimal but effective way marking. The Government should take into account the real cost to highways authorities and others to implement this strategy and should implement a permanent access management scheme to fund these schemes.
- (h) Option 4 involves a new approach to access (different to existing CROW access land). This will require good training provision for all involved in implementing it and excellent communications with landowners, existing users and the general public to ensure that everyone is aware of how coastal access will work.
- (iii) That the Access and Public Rights of Way Manager forward upon receipt to Forum Members copies of all consultation documents received and to then coordinate consultation responses.

The forum was also consulted on the Right to apply this was discussed at the August 2007 meeting, the Forum submitted the following advice to DEFRA.

- (i) That the response of the North Yorkshire Local Access Forum to the DEFRA Implementation of the Right To Apply For Orders to Extinguish and Divert Public Rights of Way and Associated Rights of Appeal is as follows:-
- (a) That the Forum does not support the introduction of new sections 118ZA, 118C, 119ZA, 119C, 121A, 121C, 121D and 121E (and consequential amendments) into the Highways Act 1980 and does not support legislation to enable the Secretary of State to prescribe by regulation procedural matters to

provide clarity in administration of the new rights, as well as to prescribe charges to be paid by applicants.

(b) That North Yorkshire Local Access Forum would prefer to see the introduction of legislation based on the existing procedure for dealing with Definitive Map Modification Order applications (Schedule 14 Wild Life and Countryside Act 1981) including a right of appeal.

Presentations to the Local Access Forum

At the November 2007 meeting the Forum received a presentation from Les Ford the Trans Pennine Trail Officer. Forum members regarded the Trail as an important link in the network and felt that North Yorkshire County Council should allocate resources to improve the surface.

At the February 2008 meeting the Forum received a presentation from Mr Philip Strand Project and Policy Coordinator on the Countryside Strategy. The Countryside Strategy sets out a new way of working for the Countryside Service. Forum members welcomed the Strategy and agreed it represented a major step forward in the delivery of an integrated approach to countryside management.

Developing the work of the Local Access Forum

This area of work has formed the major part of the Forums work during the last 12 months.

At the May 2007 meeting members discussed the new Guidance for Local Access Forums in England, members felt that it was an extremely useful document that helped clarify their role. Also at the May 2007 meeting members discussed the possibility of York City Unitary Authority joining the North Yorkshire Local Access Forum, the forum agreed to the idea in principal and asked officers to discuss terms and report back at a future meeting. At the November 2007 meeting it was reported that no further progress had been made and the idea was to be shelved.

At the August 2007 meeting, Forum members discussed the principal of developing standing sub committees the Forum agreed to create 4 sub-groups. These sub-groups are advisory and do not submit advice directly.

- Improving Rights of Way
- Definitive Map
- Access for All
- Appeals an Notifications

It was agreed that the sub-groups would become a standing item on future agendas. At the November 2007 meeting of the Forum, members considered the membership of the sub-groups and minutes of the previous meetings.

In May 2007, the Local Access Forum approved its Annual Report covering 2006/2007.

Budget

The following expenditure was incurred by North Yorkshire County Council during 2007/2008 on behalf of the Local Access Forum

£

Annual Report Meeting expenses

Total

Forum Attendance 2007 – 2008

 \checkmark = attendance **x** = apologies / non-attendance

NAME	24/05/2007	16/08/2007	22/11/2007	28/02/2008
	Filey	Austwick	Selby	Northallerton
Allan Aspden	\checkmark	\checkmark	×	\checkmark
Diane Baines	×	×	×	\checkmark
Eric Broadbent	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Paul Chapman	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	×
Rachel Connolly	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Leo Crone	×	\checkmark	×	×
David Currie	\checkmark	×	×	×
Edward Dennison	×	\checkmark	×	\checkmark
John Fort	×	\checkmark	×	×
David Gibson	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	×
John Goss	×	\checkmark	\checkmark	×
Nigel Graham	×	×	×	\checkmark
Michael Knaggs	\checkmark	\checkmark	×	\checkmark
Stephen Ramsden	\checkmark	\checkmark	×	\checkmark
David Swabey	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
John Taylor	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Paul Tibbatts	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Anthony Turner	\checkmark	\checkmark	✓	✓
Members of the public/press/observers	0	1	0	1

Forward Plan for 2007/2008

Members are asked to consider future agenda items in advance and to discuss these with the Chair prior to each meeting of the LAF. The LAF then agrees a Forward Plan at each meeting covering the following year.

APRIL	2008
•	Recruitment Interviews
22 nd M	AY 2008 – Stokesley Area
•	Annual Report 2007/2008 – approval prior to publication
•	Coastal Access Consultation
•	Sub Group Reports
•	Minutes of Yorkshire Dales and North York Moors LAF
•	Access Improvements in the Stokesley area
•	Buildings on rights of way – Way Forward
•	Site Visit – to be arranged
21 st AL	JGUST 2008 - Craven Area
•	Achievements and Performance 2007/08
•	Funding 2008-09
•	Definitive Map Work Update
•	Publicity
•	Minerals and Waste Local Development Framework
•	Sub Group Reports
	Access Improvements Pennine Way Site Visit
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•	Sub Group Reports
•	Minutes of Yorkshire Dales and North York Moors LAF
•	Countryside Stewardship
FEBRU	JARY 2009 – County Hall, Northallerton
•	Sub Group Reports
•	Minutes of Yorkshire Dales and North York Moors LAF
•	Definitive Map Work Update
APRIL	
•	Recruitment Interviews

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Information on the work of the Forum can be obtained from the following County Council staff:

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