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Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

**HOWARDIAN HILLS  
AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY  
JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**To: Sir William Worsley (Chair), Cllr Caroline Patmore (Vice Chair), Cllr Caroline Goodrick, Cllr Claire Docwra, Cllr Susan Graham, Cllr Di Watkins, Cllr Chris Pickles, Cllr Nick Eleanor, Jennifer Costello, James Shallcross, Harry Whitehouse, Justine Nelson**

**Date: Thursday, 8 April 2021**

**Time: 10.00 am**

**Venue: Remote meeting held using Microsoft Teams**

Please note that this is not a public meeting and so will not be live broadcast.

**Business**

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Minutes of the Joint Advisory Committee meeting held on 19th November 2020 **(Pages 3 - 6)**
- 3 AONB Unit Activity **(Pages 7 - 56)**
- 4 Development within the AONB **(Pages 57 - 60)**
- 5 AONB Action Programme 2020/21 **(Pages 61 - 92)**
- 6 AONB Business Plan & Action Programme 2021/22 **(Pages 93 - 122)**
- 7 National Association for AONBs Activity **(Pages 123 - 132)**
- 8 Reports from Partner Organisations (Oral Updates)
- 9 Date of Next Meeting - 11 November 2021
- 10 Any Other Business

Any other business, which in the opinion of the Chairman should, by reason of special circumstances, be considered as a matter of urgency.

# Howardian Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Joint Advisory Committee

## Membership

<b>North Yorkshire County Council (2)</b>	
1	GOODRICK, Caroline
2	PATMORE, Caroline (Vice-Chairman)
<b>Ryedale District Council (2)</b>	
3	DOCWRA, Claire
4	GRAHAM, Susan
<b>Hambleton District Council (2)</b>	
5	WATKINS, Di
6	Vacancy
<b>Parish Councils (2)</b>	
7	PICKLES, Chris (Ryedale)
8	ELEANOR, Nick (Hambleton)
<b>Country Land and Business Association (1)</b>	
9	WORSLEY, Sir William (Chairman)
<b>National Farmers Union (2)</b>	
10	COSTELLO, Jennifer
11	Vacancy
<b>Forestry Commission (1)</b>	
12	SHALLCROSS, James
<b>Ramblers (1)</b>	
13	WHITEHOUSE, Harry
<b>Natural England (2)</b>	
14	NELSON, Justine
15	Vacancy

## Howardian Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Joint Advisory Committee

The Minutes of the meeting held on Teams on 19 November 2020, commencing at 10.00 am

### Present

#### Members:

North Yorkshire County Council: County Councillors Caroline Goodrick and Caroline Patmore  
Ryedale District Council: Councillor Claire Docwra and Councillor Susan Graham  
Parish Councils: Christopher Pickles (Ryedale)  
Country Land and Business Association: Sir William Worsley  
National Farmers Union: Jennifer Costello  
Forestry Commission: James Shallcross

#### Officers:

Howardian Hills AONB team: Paul Jackson and Liz Bassindale  
North Yorkshire County Council: Kate Arscott and Liz Small  
Ryedale District Council: Jill Thompson

#### Observer:

CPRE North Yorkshire: Kate Atkinson

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**Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book**

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### 148. Apologies

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Di Watkins (Hambleton District Council, Nick Eleanor (Hambleton Parish Councils), Poppy Arnett (National Farmers Union), Harry Whitehouse (Ramblers) and Ailsa Kirkup (Natural England).

### 149. Minutes of the Joint Advisory Committee meeting held on 7 November 2019

#### Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 7 November 2019, having been previously circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed as a correct record.

With regard to minute 139, James Shallcross updated on enforcement action in relation to felling of trees north of Whenby.

With regard to minute 141, Paul Jackson reported that a site for tree planting during National Tree Planting week had been identified at Autism Plus, with 130m of new hedging and six trees planted on site. AONB volunteers had also assisted at an event in Dalby Forest.

### 150. JAC Virtual Site Tour of 2019/20 Work

JAC members were given a slide presentation of examples of work undertaken in 2019/20.

The Chairman congratulated officers on the work undertaken.

Members were pleased to report that the Rural Watch Group was making good progress.

Members raised concerns about lorries causing damage at Coulton Mill, due to the very sharp corner. Paul Jackson undertook to follow this up and check on any weight limit restrictions.

Members also raised queries about the preservation of wood used for signposts. They were informed that tanalised larch posts were now used as standard.

#### **151. AONB Unit Activity**

Members considered a detailed report of the work areas and progress achieved by the AONB Unit since the last meeting of the Joint Advisory Committee. This was accompanied by a slide presentation showcasing some of the work undertaken. The Appendices to the report set out the following:-

Appendix 1 - details of the work, meetings and site visits that had been carried out by the AONB Manager, AONB Officers and the Community First Yorkshire Officer in the period April to October 2020.

Appendix 2 - full details of the grants offered and projects developed to date during the current financial year

Appendix 3 - details of the more significant planning consultations that the JAC had received during the current year and the AONB Manager's detailed responses to specific applications

The AONB Manager drew attention to the impact of Covid-19 on the work of the team this year. He made members aware of approaches to mixed use of contractors and volunteers on some projects, and the approach to volunteer work under social distancing guidelines.

Members raised a number of specific local issues, which the AONB Manager responded to, with further detail to be picked up outside the meeting if appropriate.

Members discussed raising public awareness about Himalayan Balsam and how members of the public can help. The AONB Officer advised that awareness raising work had been planned by Ryevitalise, but had been deferred due to Covid-19 restrictions on outdoor activity. It would be picked up again as soon as practicable.

Members commented that it was useful to see the responses to planning applications and gain an overview of the types of issues raised.

#### **Resolved**

That the report be noted.

#### **152. AONB Key Performance Indicators**

Members noted a report detailing performance against selected indicators used to measure AONB performance annually. The AONB Manager drew Members' attention to the welcome news that all AONBs had now reported against these indicators which would feed into the national annual report to Defra.

52.4 hectares of land had been conserved or enhanced; 40 heritage assets had been conserved or enhanced; 17 partnerships had been influenced and 359 people engaged with; 131 consultations appraised or developed by the team; and £341,952 worth of work delivered or secured through the AONB team.

**Resolved**

That the Performance Indicator results contained in Appendix 1 be noted.

**153. AONB Budget**

Members noted a report detailing final income and expenditure during 2019/20, setting out the current position with the 2020/21 budget and considering the anticipated budgetary requirement for 2021/22. The AONB Manager highlighted some of the current financial uncertainties arising from the Covid-19 situation.

**Resolved**

- (a) That details of JAC expenditure during 2019/20 be received for information.
- (b) Partner authorities be asked to make appropriate provision in their revenue budgets for the work of the JAC in 2021/22, in line with Appendix 2 and section 4 of the report.

**154. Glover Review of Protected Landscapes**

Members discussed a report giving details of the Protected Landscapes Review and its Proposals. Appendix 3 of the report contained the AONB Manager's thoughts on what each proposal might involve and its potential relevance/effect in relation to the Howardian Hills AONB and its partnership.

This report had previously been considered at the JAC meeting in November 2019, but detailed discussion had not been possible due to purdah in advance of the December 2019 General Election. The AONB Manager reported that there had been little significant progress on the main proposals since that time.

The JAC recognised the significance of the review as probably the most fundamental development for AONBs since the Countryside and Rights of Way Act in 2000 and awaited further detail on implementation.

**Resolved**

- (a) That the Proposals contained in the Landscapes Review be noted as still current.
- (b) The AONB Manager reports future progress and announcements to the Chairman and JAC when available.

**155. National Activity and Initiatives**

The Committee received an update on current national issues and the work of the National Association for AONBs (NAAONB) covering the following topics:

- Response to the Covid-19 pandemic
- The Glover Review
- Nature Recovery

- Unsuccessful NAAONB bid to the Green Recovery Challenge Fund
- Agriculture Act
- Environmental Land Management Scheme

A copy of the NAAONB Prospectus “An Offer to the Nation” was appended for members’ information.

**Resolved**

That the work being carried out on national initiatives be noted for information.

**156. Reports from Partner Organisations**

Members of the Committee shared the following information not already covered elsewhere on the agenda:

Forestry Commission – James Shallcross reported that there had been limited reporting of alleged illegal felling. He was also pleased to report that no sites had been identified as having diseased larch trees at the latest inspections.

Members generally thanked the AONB officers for the comprehensive reports to the Committee and the impressive work going on within the AONB area to look after the countryside.

**Resolved**

That the updates be noted.

**157. Date of next JAC Meetings**

**Resolved**

That the next meetings of the Joint Advisory Committee be held on Thursday 8 April and 11 November 2021 at 10 am. The venues of the next meetings are to be confirmed, subject to the possibility of reverting to face to face meetings by this time

The meeting concluded at 12.00.

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8 APRIL 2021**

**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 work that has been carried out by the AONB Manager and AONB Officers in the period 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020 to 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021. Appendix 2 gives full details of the wide range of projects that the AONB 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, with roadside wall and hedge restoration projects completed. A programme of inspection and scrub management works on old limekilns has also been completed.
- 2.3 The Monument Management Scheme has now formally ended, although activity on managing Scheduled Monuments will still continue. 74 of the AONB's 79 Scheduled Monuments were surveyed during the autumn, and the Final Report and Grant Claim have been submitted to Historic England. A small amount of bramble control work was also completed on 3 monuments in March.
- 2.4 Work on delivery of the Ryevitalise Landscape Partnership has inevitably been impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic but the following activities have been carried out – inputting into Steering Groups, planning 2021 INNS control work, supporting the local history elements of the project, site visits in the Ampleforth area (access, outreach and land management) and having a coordinating role in the Evaluation and Monitoring Group. Francesca Pert has been working with the Ryevitalise team and the National Trust to develop the 'Cause and Effect' themed river art exhibition planned for Nunnington Hall.
- 2.5 A project to manage plastic tree protection waste has continued, with links being established with other groups, suppliers and interested bodies such as the North York Moors National Park. A trial to remove PVC tree spirals from a newly planted hedge was planned for January but has been postponed until April due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- 2.6 The Environmental Land Management scheme Advocacy Project has been delivered on our behalf by an external contractor. 165 land managers have been contacted and advice given to farmers at Yearsley, Hovingham x 3, Coxwold, Ampleforth, Barton-le-Street, Cawton, Crayke, Wiganthorpe, Terrington, Stittenham, Gilling and Welburn.

- 2.7 Very little practical work by our Volunteers has been able to take place during the last six months, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, but preparations are being made to start tasks again in the spring.
- 2.8 Liz Bassindale has been working with the Community First Yorkshire Development Officer and a full list of the work carried out by the CFY officer in the AONB is attached as part of Appendix 1.
- 2.9 The Public Rights of Way Improvement Project, in partnership with NYCC's Countryside Access Service, has still been moving slowly due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Some work has however been possible – a set of steps at Stonegrave has been repaired, 2 stiles replaced with kissing gates at Hovingham, 3 stiles replaced with kissing gates at Oulston and the route of a path cleared at Newburgh.
- 2.10 Unfortunately no Junior Ranger Club activity sessions could be held at either Christmas or in the February half-term, due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- 2.11 Copies of the 19 planning responses made since the last meeting of the JAC are attached for information as part of Appendix 3.
- 2.12 Forward planning of the Turtle Doves survey work, Exmoor Ponies grazing project, Monument Management Scheme bracken control works, Himalayan balsam control and AONB Volunteers Work Plan has been carried out, subject to the Covid-19 lockdown restrictions continuing to ease in line with the Roadmap. Ryedale Show has been cancelled and Junior Ranger Club sessions, or similar family activities, are unlikely to re-start until at least the autumn.
- 2.13 NAAONB work has principally involved participating in on-line discussions on policy matters, information-sharing and promotional work. This has focused mainly on the Protected Landscapes Review (National Landscapes Service) and design of the Farming in Protected Landscapes programme.
- 2.14 The Joint Advisory Committee's budget for 2020/21 is projected to show an underspend of approximately £2,300 for the year. This is principally due to a number of projects not being completed during the last quarter of the year, primarily Volunteer tasks. Covid-19 restrictions have also impacted on several other areas of work. An unexpected repayment of a £10,000 grant from 2010/11, together with increased income from Historic England due to the extension of the Monument Management Scheme, mean that the balance of funds carried forward into 2021/22 is predicted to be approximately £72,000. A small amount of the 'Reserve Fund' has been allocated for use within the 2021/22 budget.
- 2.15 A grant allocation proposal and the agreed work programme for 2021/22 is expected to be submitted to Defra in April, once a formal grant offer letter has been received. The final claim for payment of the 2020/21 grant was submitted on schedule in early March.

### **3.0 RECOMMENDATION**

That the report be received for information.



## AONB MANAGER'S REPORT Paul Jackson

### NOVEMBER 2020 – MARCH 2021

Work during this period has principally consisted of:

- Planning application consultations scrutiny and responses
- Monitoring developments in the COVID-19 pandemic, restrictions, etc and the impacts on service delivery
- Keeping up-to-date with the latest developments in the Agriculture Transition Plan, Environment Bill and Glover Review of Protected Landscapes – in particular the Farming in Protected Landscapes programme
- Participating in AONB Network discussions about the proposed National Landscapes Service
- Delivery of Farmer Cluster/ELM Advocacy project funded as a one-off by Defra
- Preparation and submission of Final MMS grant claim to HE
- Preparation and submission of MMS Final Report to HE
- Condition Assessments of selected Local Geological Sites, old limekilns and other Historic Environment Priority Sites contained in the Management Plan
- Starting preparation of our Nature Recovery Plan map

Other work:

- Farmer Clusters & agri-environment schemes – regular catch-ups with NYMNPA staff
- Regular catch-ups with the JAC Chairman
- Maintaining up-to-date messaging on the AONB website for visitors in relation to COVID-19 restrictions
- Preparation and submission of Defra Claim 2
- Completing MMS surveys on selected Scheduled Monuments
- Delivering restoration projects for traditional village name signs
- Submission of the 2020 State Aids return

### MARCH – SEPTEMBER 2021

Work during this period will principally consist of:

- Planning application consultations scrutiny and responses
- Keeping up-to-date with the latest developments in the Agriculture Transition Plan, Environment Bill and Glover Review of Protected Landscapes
- Preparation and submission of the 2021/22 Grant Allocation proposal and Action Programme to Defra, which may include additional staff resources to run the Farming in Protected Landscapes programme
- Participating in AONB Network discussions about the proposed National Landscapes Service
- Making preparations to hand over the AONB Manager role to a new person when I retire in the summer – writing comprehensive hand-over notes
- Completing preparation of our Nature Recovery Plan map
- Condition Assessments of selected Local Geological Sites, old limekilns and other Historic Environment Priority Sites contained in the Management Plan
- Developing template letters for the formal designation of Local Geological Sites

Other work:

- Farmer Clusters & agri-environment schemes – regular catch-ups with NYMNPA staff
- Regular catch-ups with the JAC Chairman
- Delivering restoration projects for traditional village name signs and traditional direction signs
- Preparing the 2020/21 Annual Report
- Writing copy for the 2021 AONB Newsletter
- Carrying out management works on selected Scheduled Monuments
- Supporting development of outreach activities to under-served communities that might use the AONB more

# AONB OFFICER'S REPORT

## Liz Bassindale

### NOVEMBER 2020 - APRIL 2021

Work during this period has principally consisted of:

- Providing Project Fund applicants with application guidance, making grant offers, checking completed projects and making grant payments
- Ryevitalise – inputting into Steering Groups, planning INNS work, supporting local history elements of the project, site visits in the Ampleforth area (access, outreach and land management) and having a coordinating role in the Evaluation and Monitoring Group
- Monitoring developments in the COVID-19 pandemic, restrictions, etc and relating them to the AONB Volunteer activities. Setting up new Health and Safety procedures and identifying task sites suitable for socially distanced working. Organising some tasks prior to the latest lockdown. Starting to plan summer activities, intending to re-start the group late-April
- MMS – completing MMS surveys, uploading and cataloguing photos, gathering surveys from volunteers and AONB staff team and entering information into the Scheduled Monuments database
- Autism Plus –offering grants for conservation area cutting and a composting toilet. Grant offered for 2021/22 for a bird hide. Management advice for conservation plots including Turtle Dove area
- Turtle Dove Project – providing information for final NLHF report, inputting into Steering Group meetings, starting preparation of survey packs, liaising with landowners to agree access.
- Working with communities – working with NYCC Public Rights of Way on improvements to Love Lane in Crayke and have received very positive feedback from the Parish Council about the improvement this has brought for the residents. Supporting Terrington Primary School with ideas to improve their schools grounds for wildlife and vegetable growing (to be followed-up by a site visit to offer more detailed advice mid-April). Initial discussions with Hovingham and St Hilda's Primary Schools about our Project Fund. Grant offered to Community First Yorkshire to promote "Making Every Contact Count" in the AONB and neighbouring market towns and future possible work identified as a result.

Other work:

- AONB Newsletter – planning distribution dates and starting to decide on the content. Earlier distribution this year
- Conservation projects – advice re tree planting and pond restoration (including in relation to planning permissions and EIA), meeting with Environmental Smart about community tree planting, Himalayan balsam control and eDNA monitoring of watercourses. Attending River Derwent Catchment Partnership and LNP meetings
- Inputting into Cornfield Flowers Project Steering Groups and linking the Project Officer with communities and individuals interested in becoming involved. Starting a bid to GRCF to build on the success of the current project
- Northern Group AONB Volunteer Officers working group video calls – working our way through the rules, regulations and public perceptions together
- NAAONB workshops and online discussions - ELM and AONB/NP Management Plans, ELM Advocacy Project and Widening Diversity workshops

- Re-starting discussions with one landowner about pond restoration, links with Ryevitalise and access routes. Linked to Fraser Hugill for advice on national grants.
- Keeping in touch with delivery of the ELM Advocacy Project
- Early conversations with the Forest School and Community Project Leader at Gilling Castle about possible outreach/education and community activities
- Attending Ryedale area Communities, Volunteering and VCSE monthly meetings
- Assisting with finalising the 'Outdoors Guide' and 'Sit Back and Enjoy the Ride' leaflet
- Attending NAAONB Lead Officers' meeting

### APRIL 2021 – NOVEMBER 2021

Work during this period will principally consist of:

- Providing Project Fund applicants with application guidance, making grant offers, checking completed projects and making grant payments
- Maintaining contact with Community First Yorkshire about future community projects in the AONB. Investigating whether there is potential for a project linked to rural isolation
- Ongoing work with Gilling Castle relating to outreach work and establishing a Forest School
- Organising Turtle Dove surveys – finalising survey packs, running a volunteers evening (online), supporting volunteers through the survey season, feeding results back to the landowners who have requested them
- Re-starting the volunteers again when it becomes possible to do so and continuing to identify suitable tasks. Work likely to include tree shelter collection, Himalayan balsam clearance, conservation churchyard raking and then moving on to scrub management in the autumn
- Communication with St Benedict's and Terrington Primary Schools about enhancing their outdoor learning spaces.
- Organising Himalayan balsam control on SINC and SSSI sites ideally using a combination of local contractors and our volunteer team. Liaise with Ryevitalise to avoid issues relating to contractor availability
- Developing an eDNA citizen science project – watercourse monitoring with local volunteers to provide an open source data resource
- Ensuring a smooth transition when Paul retires in the summer

Other work:

- Ongoing work with Ampleforth Estate about involvement with Ryevitalise and walking routes.
- Supporting the Ryevitalise Team when required including coordinating the Evaluation and Monitoring Group
- Possible re-start for Junior Rangers depending on COVID-19 situation or investigating other options for engaging with families once outdoor events are possible again
- Supporting the preparation of the HHAONB Nature Recovery Plan
- Keeping up to date with the evolving Farming in Protected Landscapes information
- Attend NAAONB Advocacy/ELM webinar
- Attend LNP, Cornfield Flowers Project and River Derwent Partnership meetings
- Communities, Volunteering and VCSE meetings - monthly
- Possibly start to develop links with urban areas and/or Hovingham Primary School in Leeds depending on the COVID-19 situation

# AONB OFFICER'S REPORT

## Francesca Pert

### NOVEMBER 2020 – APRIL 2021

#### **Work during this period has principally consisted of:**

- Providing Project Fund applicants with application guidance, making grant offers, checking completed projects and making grant payments.
- Developing the strategy for reducing the amount of plastic tree protection waste in the HHAONB including collaborating with potential industry partners, considering volunteer task involvement and organising a trial spiral removal day with partners.
- Working with Ryevitalise & the National Trust (NT) to develop the 'Cause and Effect' themed river art exhibition planned for Nunnington Hall. Including: conducting a virtual tour of the River Rye for the artists and NT project manager; collaborating the planning of site visits; outlining the HHAONB's potential contributions and aspirations for the exhibition for the draft project brief.
- Providing 2 hour 'Basics of Fluvial Geomorphology' training to the Ryevitalise Project Team and the AONB Team via Microsoft Teams.
- Conducting MMS surveys.
- Attending regular NAAONB Comms Leads video calls, and reporting back to the team on national developments.

#### **Other work:**

- Booking the contractor to cut special interest road verges in the AONB.
- Invoicing landowners for summer 2020 Exmoor Pony Grazing.
- Writing up a brief for the NAAONB on the art project idea 'Sounds in the City'.
- Planning with LB and PJ new dates and content for the 2021 AONB Newsletter
- Updating the HHAONB website to ensure it is correct and up to date.
- Attending the NAAONB Art in the Landscape Training.
- Meetings with PJ and LB to discuss team tasks and new staffing.

### APRIL – NOVEMBER 2021

#### **Work during this period will principally consist of:**

- Continuing to develop a strategy for reducing the amount of plastic tree protection waste in the HHAONB including producing a new information leaflet and investigating a simple AONB-wide collection and recycling system.
- Developing thinking around linking with urban areas and outreach to under-served audiences.
- Providing Project Fund applicants with application guidance, making grant offers, checking completed projects and making grant payments.
- Organising Himalayan balsam control.
- Organising Exmoor Pony conservation grazing.
- Contributing to the writing and preparation of the AONB Newsletter.
- Assisting LB with organising volunteer tasks.
- Investigating updates required to the AONB website.
- Continuing to participate in the NAAONB comms' meetings.
- Assisting the new AONB manager where necessary.

## **Community First Yorkshire Report to Howardian Hills AONB Committee**

**1<sup>st</sup> October 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

- Attended Ryedale Charter group meeting remotely and provided support and information
- Attended Ryedale Development Officer meetings
- Represented Community First Yorkshire on Ryevitalise Board and on Evaluation and Monitoring Group
- Helped Jan Hagen (Tees University) to promote and engage residents in the Rye Reflections project
- Continued to update Asset Mapping information in AONB
- Attended weekly meetings (on-line) with RDC Community Support & Civil Enforcement Team
- Worked on a Community Engagement Toolkit that will be available shortly on-line for groups to use and with information to download
- Information and a survey via Survey Monkey e-mailed out to all Ryedale Parishes and HHAONB parishes in Hambleton regarding Parish Planning and Community engagement
- Assisted Colleen Allwood with on-line workshops for the Loneliness Project Toolkit and the Make Every Contact Count project (MECC). Continuing to support promotion on this
- Continued to have regular meetings with Liz Bassindale
- Explored ideas for events, workshops, face to face meetings etc when Covid-19 restrictions are lifted
- Continued to work with other NYCC Stronger Communities staff to help to identify HHAONB communities who would qualify and benefit from support & funding
- Responded to e-mails/telephone calls from residents/PCs/community groups in AONB as required

## AONB PROJECTS 2020/2021

1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

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

### AONB Enhancement – Natural Environment

APPLICANT/ (CONTRACTOR)	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME VALUE	JAC ASSISTANCE
Ryevitalise Partnership	Ryevitalise HLF bid area	Contribution to Project Implementation phase	-	NE3.5	c.£60,000	£7,500
Local Nature Partnership	York, North Yorkshire	Contribution to continuation of Co-ordinator post – 18 months		NE9.1	c.£11,500	£3,000
SHemingway	High Stittenham	Restoration of 1 pond	-	AG2.2, NE8.3	£3,620	£1,810
J Pilling	Grimston	Repair of 18m of roadside wall	Zone 1 Landscape	AG2.2	£2,880	£1,900
Castle Howard Estate Ltd	Coneysthorpe	Planting 12 individual in-field trees	Zone 5 Landscape	NE3.4	£2,500	£1,875 (75%)
J Martin	Terrington	Planting 212m of new hedge and 6 hedgerow trees	Zone 5 Landscape	AG2.2, NE3.4	£2,992	£1,764

APPLICANT/ (CONTRACTOR)	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME VALUE	JAC ASSISTANCE
(AONB Unit – P & A Gospel Landscapes)	Husthwaite	Grassland management – 3 cuts	-	NE3.1	£550	£450

(AONB Unit – Yorkshire Exmoor Pony Trust)	Cawton (2), Terrington (2), Coulton (2)	Conservation grazing of 6 SINC's or other important sites	Sites 1.41, 1.47, 1.66, 1.20, 1.59	NE3.1	£942	£522
(AONB Unit – P & A Gospel Landscapes)	Littledale SINC	Clearance of fallen tree across PRow to enable pony access to site	Site 1.20	NE3.1	£100	£100
(AONB Unit – P & A Gospel Landscapes)	Cawton (2), Terrington (2), Coulton (2)	Checking fencing on conservation grazing sites and repairing as necessary	Sites 1.41, 1.47, 1.66, 1.20, 1.59	NE3.1	£430	£430
(AONB Unit – 4Nature)	Pretty Wood SINC	Cutting/pulling Himalayan balsam	Site 1.52	NE6.2	£660	£660
(AONB Unit – 4Nature)	Mugdale & Barker Woods SINC	Cutting/pulling Himalayan balsam	Site 1.58	NE6.2	£495	£495
(AONB Unit – 4Nature)	River Derwent SSSI, Crambeck	Cutting/pulling Himalayan balsam	Site 1.73	NE3.1, NE6.2	£825	£825
(AONB Unit – Village volunteers)	River Derwent SSSI, Crambeck	Cutting/pulling Himalayan balsam	Site 1.73	NE3.1, NE6.2	£100	£0
(AONB Unit – The Conservation Volunteers)	Jeffry Bog SINC	Cutting/pulling Himalayan balsam	Sites 1.70 & 1.73	NE3.1, NE6.2	£1,200	£1,200
(AONB Unit – M Aconley)	River Derwent SSSI; Kirkham	Cutting/pulling Himalayan balsam	Site 1.73	NE3.1, NE6.2	£450	£450
(AONB Unit – P & A Gospel Landscapes & DMD Contracting)	Wath Beck	Cutting/pulling Himalayan balsam	Inc. Sites 1.33 & 1.65	NE3.1, NE6.2	£1,520	£1,520
(AONB Unit – 4Nature, P & A Gospel Landscapes + Volunteers)	Appleton-le-Street Churchyard SINC	Grassland management	-	NE3.1	£800	£650



<b>Amotherby Churchyard Conservation Group</b>	<b>Amotherby Churchyard</b>	<b>Habitat management</b>	-	<b>NE5.1</b>	<b>£180</b>	<b>£130</b>
<b>(AONB Unit – 4Nature + Volunteers)</b>	<b>Coulton Fen SINC</b>	<b>Coppicing/scrub clearance</b>	<b>Site 1.61</b>	<b>NE3.1</b>	<b>£755</b>	<b>£330</b>
<b>(AONB Unit – 4Nature + Volunteers)</b>	<b>Bulmer</b>	<b>Scrub management on semi-improved grassland</b>	-	<b>NE3.3, NE8.3</b>	<b>£1,120</b>	<b>£670</b>
(AONB Unit – P & A Gospel Landscapes)	Slingsby Quarry LGS	Clearance of scrub from rock faces	Site 1.88	NE7.2, NE8.3	c.£700	c.£700
(AONB Unit – J R Clifford & Sons)	Various	Management of 45 Special Interest Road Verges	-	NE3.1	c.£2,500	c.£2,500
Eaton & Hugill	River Rye SINC, Sproxton	Coppicing bankside alder trees	Site 1.16	NE3.1, NE8.3	£850	£600
Castle Howard Estate Ltd	Castle Howard	Erection of 50 swift boxes	-	NE5.1	£2,530	£1,250
Autism Plus	Gilling	Meadow management after Covid-19 shutdown	-	NE3.4	£894	£444
(AONB Unit – 4Nature + Volunteers)	Littledale SINC	Scrub management	Site 1.20	NE3.1	£1,085	£835
<b>(AONB Unit – P &amp; A Gospel Landscapes)</b>	<b>Littledale SINC</b>	<b>Fencing repairs and bridge modifications</b>	<b>Site 1.20</b>	<b>NE3.1</b>	<b>£170</b>	<b>£170</b>
AONB Unit – Eaton & Hugill	AONB	ELM and Farmer Clusters Advocacy Project	-	NE3.5, NE8.1, AG1.1	£7,202	£7,202
<b>Castle Howard Estate Ltd</b>	<b>Fryton/ Coneysthorpe</b>	<b>Re-cultivating 3 x Turtle Dove seed plots (2.25ha)</b>	-	<b>NE4.2, NE4.3</b>	<b>£1,150</b>	<b>£1,150</b>
Castle Howard Estate Ltd	Fryton/ Coneysthorpe	Turtle Dove seed plots – monitoring and advice	-	NE4.2, NE4.3	£385	£385
<b>(Volunteers)</b>	<b>AONB</b>	<b>New equipment, including COVID-19 PPE</b>	<b>Misc</b>	<b>IM1.3</b>	<b>£971</b>	<b>£971</b>

## AONB Enhancement - Historic Environment

APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME VALUE	JAC ASSISTANCE
(AONB Unit – P & A Gospel Landscapes)	City of Troy Maze, Dalby	Regular maintenance	Site 2.25	HE2.8	£300	£300
(AONB Unit – P & A Gospel Landscapes)	Mileposts	Regular maintenance	Site 2.63	HE2.8, RT4.5	£200	£200
Castle Howard Estate Ltd	Castle Howard	Reinstatement of 125m of parkland fencing	Zone 5 Landscape, Site 2.74	HE2.8	£25,000	£1,750
(AONB Unit – P & A Gospel Landscapes)	Maidensworth	Remove scrub from limekiln	Site 2.88	HE2.8	c.£75	c.£75
(AONB Unit – P & A Gospel Landscapes)	Cawton	Remove scrub from limekiln	Site 2.53	HE2.8	c.£150	c.£150
(AONB Unit – Cleveland Corrosion Control)	Gilling & Grimston	Restoration of 1 village name sign; recreation of 2 village name signs	-	HE2.8, LC1.4	£3,250	£3,250
(AONB Unit – Cleveland Corrosion Control)	Foston	Recreation of 1 village name sign	-	LC1.4	£1,000	£665
(AONB Unit – Cleveland Corrosion Control)	Gilling	Recreation of 2 village name signs	-	HE2.8, LC1.4	£3,300	£3,300
N Burrows	Coulton Mill	Repair of retaining walls, installation of French drain and repointing	Site 2.111	HE2.8	£11,643	£4,000

MONUMENT MANAGEMENT SCHEME						
<u>Historic England funded</u>						

<b><u>AONB funded</u></b>						
(AONB Unit – 4Nature)	Hovingham	Re-seeding part of 1 Scheduled Monument	Site 2.36	HE2.4	£295	£295
(AONB Unit – Mark Aconley)	Hovingham, Coneysthorpe	Spraying bramble on 4 Scheduled Monuments	Sites 2.36, 2.37, 2.40	HE2.4	£225	£225
AONB Unit	Maidensworth, Brandsby, Fryton	Crushing bracken on 3 Scheduled Monuments	Sites 2.3, 2.4, 2.39	HE2.4	-	-
(AONB Unit – TCV)	Oulston	Crushing bracken on 1 Scheduled Monument	Site 2.12	HE2.4	£800	£800
(AONB Unit – Mark Aconley)	Hovingham, Fryton, Coneysthorpe, Castle Howard, Stearsby	Spraying bramble on 10 Scheduled Monuments and bracken on 3 Scheduled Monuments	Sites 2.24, 2.36, 2.37, 2.39, 2.40, 2.69,	HE2.4	£860	£860
(AONB Unit – B& A Gospel Landscapes)	Hovingham	Re-treating stump regrowth on 1 Scheduled Monument; bramble removal by hand	Site 2.36	HE2.4	c.£75	c.£75
(AONB Unit – Mark Aconley)	Hovingham	Removing fallen tree from 1 Scheduled Monument; moving brash from 1 Scheduled Monument; bramble removal by hand	Sites 2.36, 2.37	HE2.4	£660	£660

### **AONB Enhancement – Sustainable Development & Rural Economy**

APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME VALUE	JAC ASSISTANCE
Rural Action Yorkshire	AONB	Sustainable Rural Communities project, working with communities on community planning	-	LC1.3, LC1.4	£18,788	£5,000

Scarborough BC	AONB, NYMNP, Vale of Pickering, Scarborough Borough	'Sit back and enjoy the ride' leaflet (walking routes accessed by bus)	-	RAT5.1	£6,135	£500
Castle Howard Estate Ltd	Castle Howard Estate	Natural Capital baseline evidence	-	NCES1.1	£17,625	£2,000
Castle Howard Estate Ltd	Coneysthorpe	New birdsmouth fencing to protect village green	-	HE2.8, LC1.5	£4,500	£1,000
H Mahoney	Welburn	Temporary Covid-19 outdoor arts exhibition	-	LC1.5	£1,602	£200
NYCC	Crayke	Surface improvements to Love Lane and PROW circular route	-	LC2.1, RAT3.3	£4,355	£1,428
Autism Plus	Gilling	Installation of 2 composting toilets	-	RAT2.2	£7,047	£2,547
Community First Yorkshire	AONB-wide	Community Connectors scheme	-	LC1.3	£1,500	£750
Hovingham Playground	Hovingham	Essential maintenance to enable facility to stay open	-	LC1.5	£4,085	£750
<b>Recreation</b>						
(AONB Unit – P Gospel)	Gateway signs	Strimming	-	AP1.1	£650	£650
(AONB Unit/NYCC Countryside Access Service)	AONB	PRoW Improvement Project – 29 replacement roadside fingerposts (Installation)	-	RAT3.1	£1,595	£0
(AONB Unit/NYCC Countryside Access Service)	Hovingham	PRoW Improvement Project – replacing 1 stile with a kissing gate; improving 2 kissing gates	-	RAT3.1	£1,500	£1,500
(AONB Unit – P & A Gospel Landscapes)	Stonegrave	Repairs to steps into churchyard	-	RAT3.1	£100	£100
(AONB Unit/NYCC Countryside Access Service)	Oulston/Crayke	PRoW Improvement Project – replacing 3 stiles with kissing gates	-	RAT3.1	£750	£300

(AONB Unit/NYCC Countryside Access Service)	Newburgh	PRoW Improvement Project – reinstating line of path to enable installation of kissing gate	-	RAT3.1	£100	£100
<b><u>Promotion/Rural Economy</u></b>						
(Scarborough BC)	AONB/National Park	Contribution to Outdoors Guide reprint	-	AP2.1, RAT2.1	£5,000	£1,000
<b><u>Volunteering</u></b>						
(AONB Volunteers)	Misc	Volunteer input – shows, Junior Ranger Club, etc	Various	Various	£0	-
(Yorkshire Wildlife Trust Tomorrow's Natural Leaders)	Misc	Junior Ranger Club	-	AP2.3	£0	-

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### **Young People's activities**

APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME VALUE	JAC ASSISTANCE
(AONB Unit)	Arboretum,	Junior Ranger Club x 2	-	AP2.3	£0	£0

## AONB CONSULTATIONS (SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS) 2020/2021

1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	DECISION
Ryedale District Council	Various	Weekly Lists of Planning Applications and Decisions	-	-	-
Hambleton District Council	Various	Weekly Lists of Planning Applications and Decisions	-	-	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Various	Weekly list of Planning Applications	-	-	-
North York Moors National Park Authority	Various	Weekly Lists of Planning Applications and Decisions	-	-	-
Forestry Commission	Various	Grants & Licences Public Register	-	-	-
Ryedale District Council	Bulmer	Planning Application (Erection of extension and triple garage - revised)	(Previously)	None	Granted
Ryedale District Council	Crambeck	Planning Application (Erection of replacement extension)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Hildenley	Agricultural Prior Notification (Erection of roof over muck store)	No	Roof sheets to be dark grey	Granted (Revised)
Forestry Commission	Newburgh	Woodland management proposals (4.29ha: 0.8ha conifer to mixed; 0.65 BL to NBL)	Yes	Include Open Ground on substitute re-stock site	-
Ryedale District Council	Low Hutton	Planning Application (Raising of roof height to create work room above garage)	Yes	Concern at visual impact on streetscene; delete big dormer and cupola	Refused
Ryedale District Council	Nunnington	Planning Application (Erection of extension)	No	Concern at porch extension	Refused

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	DECISION
Hambleton District Council	Yearsley	Planning application (Conversion of stableblock to annex)	Yes	Condition restricting separate sale	Granted (Condition attached)
Ryedale District Council	Low Hutton	Planning Application (Erection of replacement extensions)	Yes	Object (Height of proposed extension, extensive first floor glazing)	Withdrawn
Ryedale District Council	Firby	Planning Application (Erection of glasshouse)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Yearsley	Planning application (Conversion of barns to holiday cottages - revised)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Scackleton	Planning Application (Erection of garage with annexe - revised)	(Previously)	None	Granted
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth	Planning application (Erection of agricultural storage building - revised)	(Previously)	Significant concerns (raised ground levels; correction of factual errors; colour of roof sheets; lighting)	Granted (Conditions x 2 attached)
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning application (Demolition of garages and erection of dwelling)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Brandsby	Agricultural Prior Notification (Erection of roof over straw store)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Husthwaite	Planning Application (Erection of orangery and boot room)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Malton	Planning Application (Erection of industrial unit)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Skewsby	Planning Application (Erection of log store – revised design)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Oulston	Planning Application (Change of use of agricultural buildings to dog boarding kennels)	No	None	-

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	DECISION
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth	Planning Application (Erection of extension and garage)	Yes	Render colour and external lighting to be covered by Condition	Granted (Conditions attached)
Ryedale District Council	Cawton	Planning Application (Conversion of garage/store to residential annexe)	No	Condition restricting separate sale	Granted (Condition attached)
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning Application (Siting of mobile home for two years)	No	Object	Refused
Ryedale District Council	Swinton	Planning Application (Reserved Matters – construction of an agricultural workers dwelling)	(Previously)	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Terrington	Planning Application (Erection of summerhouse)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Swinton	Planning Application (Erection of two storey extension and double garage)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Howsham	Planning Application (Erection of care annexe - revised)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Agricultural Prior Notification (Erection of barn)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Terrington	Planning Application (Conversion of outbuildings to holiday let)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Brandsby	Discharge of Conditions (Rebuilding of drystone wall)	Yes	None	-
Woodland Trust	Brandsby	Consultation (2ha native broadleaves new planting)	No	Leave space around veteran and semi-mature oaks	Incorporated into CS agreement
Ryedale District Council	Castle Howard	Planning Application (Extension of water source heating system)	No	None	-
North York Moors National Park Authority	Oswaldkirk	Planning Application (Erection of extension and garden room; extension of terrace)	Yes	Concerns (decking area, extent of glass, raised steps, render colour, lighting)	Amended (See below)



CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	DECISION
Hambleton District Council	Skewsby	Planning Application (Installation of solar PV array)	Yes	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Nunnington	Planning Application (Erection of extension - revised)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	High Stittenham	Planning Application (Relocation and re-design of proposed garage)	(Previously)	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Malton	Planning Application (Erection of building containing 4 start-up business units)	No	Colour of roof sheets	Granted (Proposal amended)
Ryedale District Council	Malton	Planning Application (Erection of building containing 3 start-up business units)	No	Colour of roof sheets	Granted (Proposal amended)
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Agricultural Prior Notification (Erection of barn)	No	Concerns on siting	Withdrawn
Soil Association	Brandsby	Renewal of UKWAS Certification of woodlands	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Cawton	Planning Application (Change of use of paddock to domestic, erection of garage and construction of outdoor swimming pool)	Yes	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Low Hutton	Planning Application (Erection of extension and 4-bay garage)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Terrington	Planning Application (Erection of extension)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth	Planning Application (Erection of dwelling and change of use of agricultural barn – Para 79 house)	Yes	Doesn't meet criteria of significantly enhancing vicinity	Granted
North York Moors National Park Authority	Oswaldkirk	Planning Application (Erection of extension and garden room; extension of terrace - revised)	(Previously)	None	Granted (Condition attached)
Ryedale District Council	Sheriff Hutton	Planning Application (Erection of 16 holiday lodges)	No	None	-

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	DECISION
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning Application (Replacing boiler and oil tank with air source heat pump)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Stearsby	Planning Application (Insertion of gateway in garden wall)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Howsham	Planning Application (Erection of link extension and conversion of outbuildings)	No	None	-
Forestry Commission	Coneysthorpe	Woodland management proposals (0.05ha)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Terrington	Planning Application (Erection of extensions and conversion of outbuildings)	No	Object (Front extension inappropriate)	Partially Granted (front extension Refused)
Ryedale District Council	Terrington	Planning Application (Erection of extension)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth	Planning application (Erection of replacement dwelling)	(Previously)	Type of stone to be used; protection of existing trees; external lighting	Granted (3 x Conditions attached)
Hambleton District Council	Skewsby	Planning Application (Erection of extension)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Terrington	Planning Application (Erection of extension)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	East Ness	Agricultural Prior Notification (Erection of barn)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Bulmer	Planning Application (Erection of extension)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Welburn	Planning Application (Conversion of industrial buildings to 8 dwellings)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Oswaldkirk	Planning Application (Erection of side porch)	No	None	-
Environment Agency	Gilling	Renewal of Abstraction Licence (Taking of water from the Holbeck and Gilling Fishponds for agricultural irrigation)	No	Alder carr needs to be protected from low water levels	Granted (Conditions attached)
Ryedale District Council	Low Hutton	Planning Application (Erection of extension and 4-bay garage - revised)	No	None	-

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	DECISION
Hambleton District Council	Oulston	Planning Application (Erection of 9 dwellings – revised)	(Previously)	Restoration of hardstanding to pasture and rigg-and-furrow	Pending
Hambleton District Council	Brandsby	Planning Application (Erection of garden shed)	No	None	-
Forestry Commission	Brandsby	Consultation (2ha native broadleaves new planting)	No	(Previously)	-
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning Application (Erection of replacement lean-to extension and garage)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Planning Application (Extension to Golf Club car park)	Yes	Object – impact on Registered Park & Garden	Amended (See below)
Ryedale District Council	Appleton-le-Street	Agricultural Prior Notification (Erection of farm building)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Oswaldkirk	Planning Application (Demolition of barn and erection of dwelling)	Yes	Object – increased height, non-vernacular design	Amended (See below)
Ryedale District Council	Swinton	Discharge of Conditions (Conversion of farm buildings to dwellings)	No	Concerns – level of façade lighting proposed; species mix of hedges	Granted (amended)
Hambleton District Council	Brandsby	Planning Application (Erection of new section of wall)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Sproxton	Planning Application (Change of use of farm buildings to wedding venue)	Yes	Landscaping scheme needed for parking field	Amended (See below)
Ryedale District Council	Swinton	Planning Application (Erection of agricultural building)	No	Concerns – excessive size in relation to agricultural area	Approved (reduced height)
North York Moors National Park Authority	Ampleforth	Planning Application (Removal of 5 timber chalets and replacement with 10)	No	Lighting scheme to be strictly controlled	Granted (Conditions attached)

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	DECISION
Hambleton District Council	Brandsby	Planning Application (Erection of garden shed)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Nunnington	Planning Application (Erection of three dwellings)	No	Tree protection measures; Materials	Pending
FWAG	Oswaldkirk	Woodland planting proposals	No	Minor, re species	-
Ryedale District Council	Stittenham	Planning Application (Change of use of holiday let to domestic)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Bulmer	Planning Application (Installation of dormer)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Terrington	Planning Application (Erection of extensions)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Oswaldkirk	Planning Application (Demolition of barn and erection of dwelling - revised)	(Previously)	Object – increased height, non-vernacular design	Withdrawn
Ryedale District Council	High Hutton	Planning Application (Erection of extensions and dormer roof extension)	No	Object – over-development of site; inappropriate design	Amended (See below)
Ryedale District Council	Kirkham	Planning Application (Erection of glass roof and walls over pub terrace)	No	None	-
Forestry Commission	Howsham	Felling Licence (3.9ha Chalara-infected ash to native broadleaves)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	High Hutton	Planning Application (Erection of extensions and dormer roof extension - revised)	No	Significant concerns – ground floor extension	Amended (See below)
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth	Planning Application (Erection of extensions)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning Application (Erection of extension)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Hovingham	Agricultural Prior Notification (Erection of farm building)	No	Roof sheets to be dark grey	Prior Approval required
Ryedale District Council	Low Hutton	Planning Application (Raising of roof height)	No	Object – excessive height in relation to surrounding buildings	Amended (See below)
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth	Planning Application (Erection of extension)	No	None	-

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	DECISION
Ryedale District Council	Bulmer	Agricultural Prior Notification (Erection of farm building)	No	Roof sheets to be dark grey	Prior Approval required
Ryedale District Council	Yorkshire Arboretum	Planning Application (Revised layout plans and landscaping)	No	None	-
FWAG	Oswaldkirk	Woodland Management Plan	No	Minor, re pond restoration	-
Ryedale District Council	High Hutton	Planning Application (Erection of extensions and dormer roof extension – revised + formation of parking area)	Yes	Significant concerns – ground floor extension; landscaping of parking area	Granted (Conditions attached)
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Planning Application (Construction of 2 irrigation reservoirs)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Bulmer	Planning Application (Variation of Approved plans)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Brandsby	Planning Application (Erection of orangery)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Brandsby	Planning Application (Erection of extensions)	Yes	Object – size, scale and design of side extension	Withdrawn (prior to submission of comments)
Dunnewoods	Brandsby	Woodland Management Plan – Peel Wood SINC	No	Minor, re species	-
Hambleton District Council	Stearsby	Planning Application (Conversion of barns to dwelling)	No	Roof sheets to be dark grey; flue to be black	Pending
Forestry Commission	Oswaldkirk	Woodland planting proposals	No	(Previously)	-
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth	Planning Application (Erection of 3 camping pods)	No	Condition required re lighting	Pending
Ryedale District Council	Terrington	Planning Application (Erection of agricultural building)	No	None	-

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	DECISION
Ryedale District Council	Oswalkdirk	Planning Application (Conversion of swimming pool to holiday let; erection of a garage)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning Application (Erection of extension)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Planning Application (Extension to Golf Club car park - revised)	(Previously)	New area to be 'Overflow Only'	Pending
Ryedale District Council	Malton	Planning Application (Erection of raw materials and finished products buildings)	Yes	Significant concerns – height of buildings	Pending
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Planning Application (Erection of extensions)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Swinton	Planning Application (Erection of replacement dwelling)	No	(Previously, at PREAPP)	-
Ryedale District Council	Terrington	Planning Application (Erection of dwelling)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Skewsby	Planning Application (Erection of extension)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth	Agricultural Prior Notification (Construction of a pond)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Wiganthorpe	Planning Application (Erection of extension)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Hovingham	Planning Application (Erection replacement workshop and garage)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Welburn	Planning Application (Erection of and raising of garage roof height)	Yes	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Hovingham	Planning Application (Erection of extensions to Lodges)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth	Planning Application (Erection of extension)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth	Planning Application (Erection of extension - revised)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Sproxton	Planning Application (Change of use of farm buildings to wedding venue – additional information)	(Previously)	None	Pending
Hambleton District Council	Brandsby	Planning Application (Erection of extensions - revised)	(Previously)	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Oswaldkirk	Planning Application (Erection of extension)	No	None	-

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	DECISION
Ryedale District Council	Oswaldkirk	Planning Application (Erection of replacement outbuilding)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning Application (Formation of parking area)	Yes	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning Application (Erection of extension)	Yes	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning Application (Erection of agricultural building)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning Application (Erection of extension)	Yes	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Swinton	Planning Application (Conversion of 8 grain silos to dwelling)	(Previously, at PREAPP)	Minor	-
Ryedale District Council	Terrington	Planning Application (Sale of building as separate dwelling)	No	Local Needs Occupancy Condition to be imposed	Pending
Ryedale District Council	Scackleton	Agricultural Prior Notification (Erection of farm building)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Low Hutton	Planning Application (Raising of roof height - revised)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Welburn	Planning Application (Erection of greenhouse)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Hildenley	Agricultural Prior Notification (Erection of farm building)	No	?	?
North York Moors National Park Authority	Oswaldkirk	Planning Application (Formation of roof terrace)	Yes	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Planning Application (Erection of potato store)	No	Minor	-
Ryedale District Council	Hovingham	Planning Application (Alterations to garage)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Terrington	Planning Application (Erection of manager's dwelling)	No	None?	-

## AONB CONSULTATIONS & NOTIFICATIONS (STRATEGIES, ETC) 2020/2021

1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

ORGANISATION	AREA	DOCUMENT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Defra	England	Environmental Land Management Policy Discussion document	Hedge restoration to be included in Tier 1	Included
Defra	England	England Tree Strategy	Funding for lower density woodland within other habitat/land management types	Wood pasture option included in CS
MHCLG	England	Planning for the Future	Three Zone system too simplistic; Calculation of housing targets; public engagement compromised	Three Zone system dropped

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## Paul Jackson

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**From:** dm@ryedale.gov.uk  
**Sent:** 13 October 2020 11:27  
**To:** Paul Jackson  
**Subject:** Consultee Comments for Planning Application 20/00688/FUL

Mr Paul Jackson,

You have been sent this email because you or somebody else has submitted a consultee comment on a Planning Application to your local authority using your email address. A summary of your comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 11:26 AM on 13 Oct 2020 from Mr Paul Jackson (paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk) on behalf of Paul Jackson AONB Manager.

### Application Summary

**Reference:** 20/00688/FUL  
**Address:** St Gregorys Barn Main Street Oswaldkirk Helmsley YO62 5XT  
**Proposal:** Erection of 1no. four bedroom dwelling following demolition of existing barn with associated parking and landscaping  
**Case Officer:** Alan Goforth  
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### Comments Details

**Comments:** I have the following comments to make in relation to this proposal:

- 1) The currently Approved application for the conversion of the barn utilises the existing single storey vernacular building; this revised application involves the removal of that building and it's replacement with a considerably taller two storey structure.
- 2) The proposed design uses an 'Identikit' package of barn-type features, in a random pattern that has no local historical context but which is presented as 'vernacular'. The local vernacular for outbuildings on the southern side of the Main Street in Oswaldkirk is stone-built and generally single storey, as can be seen from a number of other examples visible from the public highway.
- 3) I therefore OBJECT to these proposals, which represent an unsympathetic over-development of the site using non-vernacular fenestration and materials, and which would have a detrimental visual impact on the Oswaldkirk Conservation area and Howardian Hills AONB.

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## Paul Jackson

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**From:** dm@ryedale.gov.uk  
**Sent:** 12 November 2020 15:26  
**To:** Paul Jackson  
**Subject:** Consultee Comments for Planning Application 20/00688/FUL

Mr Paul Jackson,

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Comments were submitted at 3:25 PM on 12 Nov 2020 from Mr Paul Jackson (paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk) on behalf of Paul Jackson AONB Manager.

### Application Summary

**Reference:** 20/00688/FUL

**Address:** St Gregorys Barn Main Street Oswaldkirk Helmsley YO62 5XT

**Proposal:** Erection of 1no. three bedroom dwelling following demolition of existing barn with associated parking and landscaping

**Case Officer:** Alan Goforth

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### Comments Details

I have the following comments to make in relation to the revised proposals:

1) Whilst the Structural Survey confirms that the existing building has defects and will require major dismantling and re-building to meet modern Building Regulations standards, this is hardly a surprise. It is clearly evident to anyone with even a modicum of building knowledge that significant work will be necessary to convert the building into a habitable dwelling.

2) Whilst the Structural Survey provides evidence of the condition of the building, and points to demolition and re-building as the most cost effective option, it does not provide any justification for the rebuilding as a significantly taller structure, with a random mix of 'barn-type' features. I would contend that the Structural Survey equally supports the correct approach of rebuilding the barn in it's exact current format, using reclaimed materials where feasible and matching new materials where necessary.

**Comments:**

3) I therefore wish to maintain my OBJECTION to the revised scheme on the grounds laid out in my previous response, namely adverse impact on the historic environment and visual amenity of the Oswaldkirk Conservation Area and Howardian Hills AONB.

4) During my previous site visit I noted that Application 19/00095/FUL, relating to the redevelopment of St Gregorys, has not been implemented in accordance with Approved Drawing 101/01 REV C and is therefore in contravention of that planning approval. The approved

drawing clearly shows 3 off-road parking spaces. None of these has been formed and brought into use, due to the significant and unauthorised extension of the decking area to the rear of the single storey cottage. The significantly extended decking area has an adverse visual impact on the Oswaldkirk Conservation Area, as does the on-street parking caused by the failure to form the parking areas in compliance with the Planning Approval issued. This issue should be the subject of Enforcement action to bring the development into line with the Approved plans.  
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## Paul Jackson

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**From:** dm@ryedale.gov.uk  
**Sent:** 13 October 2020 11:52  
**To:** Paul Jackson  
**Subject:** Consultee Comments for Planning Application 20/00821/COND

Mr Paul Jackson,

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Comments were submitted at 11:51 AM on 13 Oct 2020 from Mr Paul Jackson (paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk) on behalf of Paul Jackson AONB Manager.

### Application Summary

**Reference:** 20/00821/COND  
**Address:** Home Farm Braygate Street Swinton Malton YO17 6QT  
**Proposal:** Discharge of Conditions 07, 08, 09, 11 and 18 of approval 19/01550/MFUL dated 09.10.2019  
**Case Officer:** Alan Goforth  
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### Comments Details

**Comments:** I have the following comments to make in relation to the details submitted for the discharge of the relevant Conditions:

- 1) In relation to Condition 9, I would prefer the hawthorn hedging to be more mixed in character, with additional hazel and field maple to reflect the local vernacular. As the hedges in many instances form the boundaries of the domestic curtilages, I wouldn't recommend blackthorn due to its suckering nature.
- 2) In relation to Condition 11, I have significant concerns as to the level of general facade lighting proposed. In my view the number of wall lights is excessive, as are the soffit downlighters. Home Farm is situated in an open country location and the proposed lighting scheme will in effect floodlight the facades of all the buildings. This would create an unacceptable pool of light pollution in this location. Lighting should be restricted to over doorways and to light access routes, rather than 'floodlighting' the whole complex as currently proposed.  
Paul Jackson



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## Paul Jackson

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**From:** dm@ryedale.gov.uk  
**Sent:** 26 October 2020 16:19  
**To:** Paul Jackson  
**Subject:** Consultee Comments for Planning Application 20/00695/FUL

Mr Paul Jackson,

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Comments were submitted at 4:19 PM on 26 Oct 2020 from Mr Paul Jackson (paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk) on behalf of Paul Jackson AONB Manager.

### Application Summary

**Reference:** 20/00695/FUL

**Address:** Sproxton Hall Farm Main Street Sproxton Helmsley YO62 5EQ

**Proposal:** Change of use and alteration of farm buildings to form a mixed use events and venue barn ( wedding ceremonies and reception and small conferences etc..) with associated facilities, landscaping and parking

**Case Officer:** Alan Goforth

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### Comments Details

I have the following comments to make in relation to the proposal:

1) The alterations appear to be respecting and conserving the character of the Listed Buildings, and the LPA's Building Conservation Officer will be able to provide further assessment as to any impact on the designated heritage assets of both the farm buildings and Sproxton Hall itself.

2) Accommodating the number of cars likely to be visiting such a venue is always a challenge. In terms of the visual impact of a significant number of parked cars on the AONB landscape, from both close-range views from the Public Right of Way and also longer range views, I would have preferred the car parking area to be on the north side of the proposed wedding venue. I accept however that this venture is proposed to run alongside the main farming enterprise and therefore keeping the two operations separate is important. I note that a geogrid ground reinforcement system is proposed for the parking area, which in my view will be essential for at least the main access routes within the parking area. The system chosen should be one that maximises the area sown with grass and minimises the visual impact of the reinforcement grid. The immediate visual impact of the parking area could also be mitigated via a landscaping scheme involving full restoration of the drystone wall along the side of the track, together with supplementary

**Comments:**

planting of oak trees on both the eastern field boundary and within the field to the east. These measures would reinforce landscape character and improve the setting of the Hall and farm buildings and could be implemented via a Condition.

3) Although the location is separated from the main part of the village, noise is likely to travel readily in the quiet rural environment of Sproxton. An Approved application for a similar proposal at Howsham Hall contained detailed Conditions relating to noise levels, amplified music, cut-off hours and ancillary activities such as firework displays, etc. I would expect a similarly detailed set of Conditions to be developed should this application be Approved.

4) A significant number of respondents have commented on the unsuitability of the public highway access road and the traffic issues that this proposal might create. Given the situation of Sproxton and its facilities in relation to off-road parking and access to the Public Rights of Way network, I don't feel that the proposal would cause a significant adverse impact for visiting recreational users. For path users from the village itself, the impact is likely to be periodic (coinciding with access and egress 'tides') but nonetheless significant, whilst the length of path affected is relatively short (although again the impact during 'tidal' periods would be high). The impact of increased traffic flows on the public highway network will be a matter for North Yorkshire County Council to assess, and the LPA should assess this factor in relation to its policies on residential amenity.

5) I note that minimal lighting is proposed but would still wish to see a Condition imposed on any Approval, preventing the installation of any external lighting (particularly in the car parking area) without a further planning application being submitted.

Paul Jackson



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## Paul Jackson

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**To:** dm@ryedale.gov.uk  
**Subject:** 20/00695/FUL: Change of use and alteration of farm buildings to form a mixed use events and venue barn: Sproxton Hall

I've been reviewing my list of pending Planning Application decisions and, on checking the latest documentation relating to this proposal, have noted that the car parking area now appears to be located one field to the east of where I understood it to have been proposed originally.

In some senses this may draw it further back from the Public Right of Way, towards the mature trees as a backdrop, and increase the opportunity for landscaping.

My revised comments in relation to the parking area would therefore be:

1. All existing trees to be protected from damage during both construction and operational phases.
2. A scheme of landscaping for the two fields to the south side of the development (i.e. the proposed parking area and the paddock to the immediate west) to be required via Condition.
3. Any scheme of external lighting, on either the buildings and/or the parking area, to be subject to a separate application, secured via Condition.

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## Paul Jackson

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**From:** dm@ryedale.gov.uk  
**Sent:** 27 October 2020 11:16  
**To:** Paul Jackson  
**Subject:** Consultee Comments for Planning Application 20/00858/FUL

Mr Paul Jackson,

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Comments were submitted at 11:16 AM on 27 Oct 2020 from Mr Paul Jackson (paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk) on behalf of Paul Jackson AONB Manager.

### Application Summary

**Reference:** 20/00858/FUL  
**Address:** Trigger Castle Braygate Street Swinton Malton YO17 6QT  
**Proposal:** Erection of an agricultural building for the storage of agricultural produce and machinery in relation to the 8.9ha (22acres) of agricultural land  
**Case Officer:** Alan Goforth

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### Comments Details

**Comments:** I have the following comments to make in relation to this proposal:

- 1) No objection to the principle of erecting a storage building for crops and machinery.
- 2) The colours of the wall and roof materials are acceptable and conform to the AONB New Farm Building & Infrastructure Design Guide principles.
- 3) I do however feel that the size of the building is excessive in relation to the area of agricultural land that it serves. A reduction in width would lead to a reduction in height, whilst a shorter building would be more proportionate to the existing buildings on the site and the area of agricultural land served. Assuming that the principal crop from the land will be grass haylage and the building would be used for storing bales, I feel that it has been designed for over-capacity rather than for a more normal year and that a smaller building, with associated outdoor storage used in bumper crop years, would be more acceptable in the AONB landscape.

Paul Jackson



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## Paul Jackson

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**From:** dm@ryedale.gov.uk  
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**To:** Paul Jackson  
**Subject:** Consultee Comments for Planning Application 20/01059/FUL

Mr Paul Jackson,

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Comments were submitted at 4:07 PM on 16 Nov 2020 from Mr Paul Jackson (paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk) on behalf of Paul Jackson AONB Manager.

### Application Summary

**Reference:** 20/01059/FUL  
**Address:** Stone Trough Inn Badger Bank Road Westow Malton YO60 7JS  
**Proposal:** The erection of a canopy on the south side of the Inn with a retractable roof and glazed side panels that open  
**Case Officer:** Ellie Thompson  
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### Comments Details

**Comments:** I have the following comments to make in relation to this proposal:

- 1) The proposed canopy is on the front elevation of the building and is also south-facing, making it more visible from the public road and potentially increasing reflections on sunny days. The site is not significantly overlooked however, even in longer distance views, and when the weather is good it would be expected that the canopy will be retracted, thereby minimising reflections.
- 2) There is also the potential for an increase in light pollution during the winter, but given that the terrace is still effectively 'outside' I would not necessarily expect significant use during winter evenings. The LPA may however wish to control this by way of a Condition.
- 3) Maintaining the viability of vulnerable village services is also an Objective of the AONB Management Plan and therefore on balance I have no objection to the proposal.

Paul Jackson



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## Paul Jackson

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**From:** dm@ryedale.gov.uk  
**Sent:** 17 November 2020 17:49  
**To:** Paul Jackson  
**Subject:** Consultee Comments for Planning Application 20/00967/HOUSE

Mr Paul Jackson,

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Comments were submitted at 5:49 PM on 17 Nov 2020 from Mr Paul Jackson (paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk) on behalf of Paul Jackson AONB Manager.

### Application Summary

**Reference:** 20/00967/HOUSE  
**Address:** 5 Wold View Village Street High Hutton Malton YO60 7HL  
**Proposal:** Erection of part two storey/part single storey rear and side flat roofed extensions and formation of a flat roofed rear dormer at attic floor level to allow conversion to a bedroom  
**Case Officer:** Ellie Thompson  
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### Comments Details

I have the following comments to make in relation to these proposals:

- 1) Numbers 1-4 Wold View had two-storey extensions added in probably the 1970s, so it would be reasonable to allow a modest extension to Number 5 as it didn't benefit from these retro-fits.
- 2) Wold View is however visually prominent in the landscape, mainly in views from the lower ground to the north, including the public road from Low Hutton to the A64.
- 3) The proposed extensions are I feel a significant over-development of the site and should be much reduced in extent.
- 4) I would have no objection to the principle of a two-storey rear extension much as proposed, incorporating a modest single storey extension to the side elevation. The proposed single storey extension is however excessive in size and sits poorly with the proposed two storey extension to the rear.
- 5) The proposed roof dormer is of an incongruous and unsympathetic design and would be significantly visually intrusive in the AONB landscape. I therefore Object to this element of the scheme.
- 6) Although it will be for the Local Highway Authority to advise on this matter, I believe that the increase from 3 bedrooms to 4 bedrooms will require the formation of a third parking space. The property has two spaces available but no scope to be able to create a third one; this would lead to additional on-street parking in a

location where the roads are narrow and on-street provision is already limited.

Paul Jackson



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**From:** dm@ryedale.gov.uk  
**Sent:** 11 December 2020 17:22  
**To:** Paul Jackson  
**Subject:** Consultee Comments for Planning Application 20/00967/HOUSE

Mr Paul Jackson,

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Comments were submitted at 5:22 PM on 11 Dec 2020 from Mr Paul Jackson (paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk) on behalf of Paul Jackson AONB Manager.

### Application Summary

**Reference:** 20/00967/HOUSE  
**Address:** 5 Wold View Village Street High Hutton Malton YO60 7HL  
**Proposal:** Erection of part two storey/part single storey rear and side extension.  
**Case Officer:** Ellie Thompson  
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### Comments Details

I have the following comments to make on the revised proposals:

1) The proposed rear two storey extension, with a hipped roof, is a significant improvement on the previous layout of flat roofs and a dormer.

2) Although the shape of the ground floor extension on the western elevation has been changed, it's impact is in fact more significant when viewed from the north due to the fact that the wall façade now extends further into the garden than in the original design. When combined with the parapet wall feature, this creates a ground floor extension which is significant in terms of both extent and height.

3) In my view the extent and height of the proposed ground floor extension have not been reduced sufficiently to mitigate the adverse visual impact on the AONB landscape that would be presented by this proposal. Although an improvement, the revised design does not in my view adequately address points 3 and 4 of my previous response and I therefore continue to have Significant Concerns about the visual impact of the proposal.

Paul Jackson



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## Paul Jackson

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**From:** Paul Jackson  
**Sent:** 11 January 2021 15:23  
**To:** 'dm@ryedale.gov.uk'  
**Subject:** Planning Application 20/00967/HOUSE: 5 Wold View, High Hutton

I had the opportunity to visit the site today and have the following further comments to make in relation to the parking area:

- No objection to the principle of forming a parking area on the area of land proposed.
- I noted however that the ground preparations indicate that the finished ground level will be higher than the level of the current sub-base surfacing, meaning that vehicles will be more visible than the one I observed today. I therefore feel that some landscape mitigation would be appropriate, for example requiring the boundary hedges to be increased in height and the planting of a new native hawthorn hedge along the fenceline between the application site and the neighbouring the allotment area.
- The use of the site must be confined to residential only, with no storage of items used in connection with the applicant's commercial activities.
- My comments in relation to the proposed extensions remain as submitted in my responses dated 17<sup>th</sup> November and 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

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## Paul Jackson

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**From:** dm@ryedale.gov.uk  
**Sent:** 17 December 2020 12:56  
**To:** Paul Jackson  
**Subject:** Consultee Comments for Planning Application 20/01196/AGNOT

Mr Paul Jackson,

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Comments were submitted at 12:56 PM on 17 Dec 2020 from Mr Paul Jackson (paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk) on behalf of Paul Jackson AONB Manager.

### Application Summary

**Reference:** 20/01196/AGNOT  
**Address:** Home Farm Brookside Hovingham North Yorkshire YO62 4LG  
**Proposal:** Erection of general purpose agricultural building for the storage of farm produce, machinery and equipment  
**Case Officer:** Ellie Thompson

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### Comments Details

I have the following comments to make on this proposal:

- 1) The proposed building is set within an established farm yard area, adjacent to structures of a similar size and design.
- 2) The yard area has some screening from the nearby Public Footpaths to the north, which include the route of the Centenary Way long-distance path.
- 3) Notwithstanding the existing screening, the roof sheets should be a dark grey colour, approximating to RAL 7016 Anthracite Grey.

Paul Jackson



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## Paul Jackson

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**From:** dm@ryedale.gov.uk  
**Sent:** 21 December 2020 16:36  
**To:** Paul Jackson  
**Subject:** Consultee Comments for Planning Application 20/01226/AGNOT

Mr Paul Jackson,

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Comments were submitted at 4:35 PM on 21 Dec 2020 from Mr Paul Jackson (paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk) on behalf of Paul Jackson AONB Manager.

### Application Summary

**Reference:** 20/01226/AGNOT  
**Address:** Brandrith Farm Ganthorpe Malton YO60 7ET  
**Proposal:** Erection of agricultural building for the housing of livestock  
**Case Officer:** Ellie Thompson

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### Comments Details

I have the following comments to make in relation to this application:

- Comments:**
- 1) The new building will be located adjacent to a similar building put up several years ago. As there is a noticeable degree of separation between that building and the older parts of the farmstead, locating the new building at the southern side should help to better assimilate these newer buildings into the steading as a whole.
  - 2) The roof sheets should however be of a dark grey colour, approximating to RAL 7016 Anthracite Grey, to minimise the visual impact of the new roof, in particular when viewed from the south.
- Paul Jackson



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## Paul Jackson

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**From:** dm@ryedale.gov.uk  
**Sent:** 22 December 2020 11:45  
**To:** Paul Jackson  
**Subject:** Consultee Comments for Planning Application 20/01138/HOUSE

Mr Paul Jackson,

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Comments were submitted at 11:45 AM on 22 Dec 2020 from Mr Paul Jackson (paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk) on behalf of Paul Jackson AONB Manager.

### Application Summary

**Reference:** 20/01138/HOUSE  
**Address:** Holly Cottage The Green Low Hutton Malton YO60 7HF  
**Proposal:** Works to dwelling to include raising of eaves and ridge height to increase first and second floor accommodation  
**Case Officer:** Ellie Thompson

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### Comments Details

I have the following comments to make in relation to these proposals:

- 1) The two rows of vernacular cottages in this part of Low Hutton, comprising Club Cottages and Carr Cottages, are a distinctive feature of the village and should be considered as non-designated heritage assets.
- 2) Holly Cottage has been the subject of a number of alterations over the years, with the historic photos supplied indicating that its alignment was once at 90 degrees to Carr Cottages. It appears that when it was extended to the south the orientation of the roof was changed and the roof ridge height lowered slightly. It's unlikely that much vernacular material or character remains in Holly Cottage itself, but nonetheless it's location within the setting of the non-designated heritage asset of Carr Cottages needs to be taken into consideration.
- 3) As such I don't have any objection to the principle of raising the height of the ridge line, but I do have significant concerns in relation to the proposed new ridge height and the proposed fenestration.
- 4) In my view an upstand of 2m above the ridge line of Carr Cottages is unacceptably excessive. It creates a poorly proportioned eastern elevation, with small windows set within a large expanse of masonry. The high gable end, particularly when combined with the gable-end glazing, would have a significant adverse visual impact on Carr Cottages.
- 5) Allied to the excessive roof height, the inclusion of significant areas of gable-end glazing is unacceptable in terms of adverse visual impact and light pollution. The

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glazing proposed for the northern elevation should be removed, and the glazing in the southern elevation significantly reduced in scale.

6) I therefore OBJECT to the proposals in their current form but would be prepared to consider a more sympathetic scheme if this was put forward.

Paul Jackson



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## Paul Jackson

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**From:** Paul Jackson  
**Sent:** 21 January 2021 10:16  
**To:** 'planning@hambleton.gov.uk'  
**Subject:** RE: Consultation 20/02729/FUL

I have the following comments to make in relation to these proposals:

1. No objection to the principle of the conversion of the farm buildings to a dwelling. The LPA should assess the sustainability of the location against their Local Plan policies.
2. The proposed dwelling utilises existing buildings and is well screened, particularly from the west by a belt of mature trees.
3. Whilst having some reservations about the apex glazing, I note that this is north-facing and fronting the master bedroom. It should not therefore cause significant sunlight reflections, nor significant light pollution as would be the case if it fronted a main living space.
4. As the main proportion of the roof is agricultural profiled sheeting, this should be in a dark grey colour (approximating to Anthracite Grey RAL 7016) as would be expected for a new agricultural building in the AONB.
5. The log burner flue should have a black anodised finish, rather than stainless steel.

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From: planning@hambleton.gov.uk <planning@hambleton.gov.uk>  
Sent: 17 December 2020 12:18  
To: info@howardianhills.org.uk  
Subject: Consultation 20/02729/FUL

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## Paul Jackson

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**From:** dm@ryedale.gov.uk  
**Sent:** 28 January 2021 13:24  
**To:** Paul Jackson  
**Subject:** Consultee Comments for Planning Application 20/01214/FUL

Mr Paul Jackson,

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Comments were submitted at 1:23 PM on 28 Jan 2021 from Mr Paul Jackson (paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk) on behalf of Paul Jackson AONB Manager.

### Application Summary

**Reference:** 20/01214/FUL  
**Address:** Ashberry Grange Lowlands Farm Ampleforth YO62 4DE  
**Proposal:** Change of use of agricultural land to allow the siting of 3no. holiday letting camping pods with associated parking  
**Case Officer:** Niamh Bonner

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### Comments Details

**Comments:** I have the following comments to make in relation to this proposal:  
1) There are few camping pods available to visitors to the AONB and this development would add an additional dimension to Ampleforth's tourism offer. Local amenities are good and are within easy walking or cycling distance.  
2) The site is well-screened from surrounding public viewpoints, whilst offering panoramic views to the south.  
3) In order to minimise the risk of light pollution, and given that full details of a possible lighting scheme aren't available at this point, I would wish to see a Condition imposed requiring any lighting scheme to have separate approval.

Paul Jackson



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## Paul Jackson

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**From:** Paul Jackson  
**Sent:** 02 February 2021 14:11  
**To:** 'Niamh Bonner'  
**Subject:** RE: Land off Pottergate, Gilling East. 20-00829-FUL

Hi Niamh

Many thanks for re-consulting me on this case.

I have the following comments to make:

1. In my response of 3<sup>rd</sup> December I laid out a number of points that I would wish to see addressed if my objection was to be withdrawn. In my view all of the points I made have been addressed, and adherence to the proposed specification could be secured as suggested, by way of Condition(s) should Consent be granted.
2. I accept that a thin layer of stone over the soil infill of the cellular system will prevent material being taken out onto the road on vehicle tyres but this should be kept to a minimum, for both visual and tree health purposes. Experience last autumn shows that significant leaf-fall from deciduous trees will help to assimilate the new surface into the landscape of the Registered Park and Garden.
3. The suggestions from the Yorkshire Gardens Trust in relation to shrub species are useful. A proportion of holly would provide evergreen cover, and experience from adjacent areas of the Gilling Castle Park shows that holly is widespread and grows well in this locality.
4. Whilst the details of landscaping address my points of objection, my concern at the principle of extending out from the current club house/car park area, which doesn't intrude as significantly into the views of and into the park, still remains. Should the application be approved I would therefore wish to see this area of new parking designated as 'Overflow Only', to be used only when the main parking area was full (e.g. when larger events were being held). This would ensure a sequential use of the parking space available at the Golf Club, thereby reducing the number of occasions when vehicles might be using the new parking area and thus reducing the visual intrusion of parked cars. Such a requirement could again be secured by way of Condition.

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**Subject:** FW: Land off Pottergate, Gilling East. 20-00829-FUL

Hi Paul,

## Paul Jackson

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**From:** dm@ryedale.gov.uk  
**Sent:** 03 February 2021 16:33  
**To:** Paul Jackson  
**Subject:** Consultee Comments for Planning Application 20/01235/MFUL

Mr Paul Jackson,

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Comments were submitted at 4:32 PM on 03 Feb 2021 from Mr Paul Jackson (paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk) on behalf of Paul Jackson AONB Manager.

### Application Summary

**Reference:** 20/01235/MFUL  
**Address:** Pro-Pak Food Ltd Seven Street Malton YO17 6YA  
**Proposal:** Erection of raw materials and finished goods cold stores including product development offices and associated car parking, service yard and landscaping  
**Case Officer:** Alan Goforth  
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### Comments Details

I have the following comments to make in relation to this proposal:

1) Although outside the boundary of the AONB, the Malton Road Industrial Estate is visually prominent in the setting of the AONB and therefore potential impact on the nationally protected landscape needs to be considered. This relates to both views out from the AONB but also those into the AONB, in this instance most significantly from the York-Scarborough railway line.

2) The Malton Road Industrial Estate has developed over a number of years and in a variety of phases and hence different styles. Following the first phase near to the sewage works, comprising rows of small 'starter' units typical of the era, the site has expanded with larger 'warehouse' type buildings and car showrooms.

**Comments:** 3) Given that development probably started before the designation of the Howardian Hills AONB in 1987, and the variety of styles/sizes of buildings described above, visual coherence across the whole estate has not been strong. Different styles of buildings, with different colour schemes, have presented little visual unity. The main unifying element however has been the height of the units, which in general terms has meant that the estate sits relatively low in the landscape.

4) The recent development of the Malton Enterprise Park at Cherry Farm Close presented an opportunity to implement a coherent design and colour palette on the western part of the industrial estate. This is carried across a wide range of building styles, which can therefore cater for a variety of businesses. The design and colour palette

has been followed as the MEP develops, so that the western part of the industrial estate is of a more sympathetic appearance.

5) I consider that the LVIA has omitted to assess the impact from two important viewpoints, namely the A64 at Golden Hill and the York-Scarborough railway line. From the top of Golden Hill, the Malton Road Industrial Estate aligns exactly with the A64, drawing road users' attention immediately to the collection of pale-coloured but uniform roofs. Although these Receptors would be classed in the Medium category of sensitivity, the road alignment elevates their importance in this particular instance. The railway line is a particularly important public viewpoint of the AONB, providing views of some of its most secluded areas not accessible even by Public Footpath. On the approach/departure from Malton station the Malton Road Industrial Estate is visually detached from the town of Malton, making it the first part of the town that west-bound rail travellers see. This visual detachment, combined with the rising ground of the AONB behind, indicate that visual impact from this direction should be assessed.


6) In conclusion, I have significant concerns that the size and scale of the two proposed warehouses. They will be at odds with the current uniformity of roof heights across the western part of the industrial estate, presenting dominant features which would create a discordant visual impact within the setting of the AONB.

Paul Jackson



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## Paul Jackson

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**From:** dm@ryedale.gov.uk  
**Sent:** 04 February 2021 09:45  
**To:** Paul Jackson  
**Subject:** Consultee Comments for Planning Application 20/01261/FUL

Mr Paul Jackson,

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Comments were submitted at 9:44 AM on 04 Feb 2021 from Mr Paul Jackson (paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk) on behalf of Paul Jackson AONB Manager.

### Application Summary

**Reference:** 20/01261/FUL

**Address:** Trigger Castle Braygate Street Swinton Malton North  
Yorkshire YO17 6QT

**Proposal:** Erection of replacement dwelling with attached residential accommodation for short term use by visitors and workers and meeting/training rooms following demolition of existing dwelling and attached outbuildings with associated parking and landscaping

**Case Officer:** Alan Goforth

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### Comments Details

**Comments:** I have the following comments to make in relation to this proposal:  
1) The points that I made in my PREAPP response have been taken on board, with changed fenestration on the two most publicly visible elevations (east and north). I feel that this design maintains existing vernacular features and the contrast between the residential and 'commercial' sections of the building.  
2) As other parts of this development site have been completed to a high standard, I anticipate that the new dwelling and training/accommodation building will be delivered in the same vein, ensuring the future of this unusual building within the AONB landscape.  
Paul Jackson



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## Paul Jackson

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**From:** dm@ryedale.gov.uk  
**Sent:** 24 March 2021 17:04  
**To:** Paul Jackson  
**Subject:** Consultee Comments for Planning Application 21/00231/FUL

## Consultee comments

Dear Mr Paul Jackson,

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Comments were submitted at 24/03/2021 5:03 PM from Mr Paul Jackson (paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk) on behalf of Paul Jackson AONB Manager.

### Application Summary

Reference: 21/00231/FUL

Address: Home Farm Braygate Street Swinton Malton YO17 6QT

Proposal: Change of use and conversion of 8no. grain silos to form 1no. two bedroom detached dwelling to include the erection of a single storey extension between silos as link structure and change of use of land within red line to form domestic boundary with associated parking and landscaping

Case Officer: Alan Goforth

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### Comments Details

Comments: I have the following comments to make on this proposal:  
1) Minor suggestions made in my PREAPP comments have been taken on board in places, in relation to glazed links between the bins, and the additional landscaping will help to integrate the existing substantial screening.  
2) The retention and re-use of original material can sometimes be difficult, as it wasn't designed for a more substantial purpose or for dismantling and re-use. Should some of the site-original material not be re-useable then comparable materials should be sourced from salvage to ensure that the design ethos of the conversion is maintained.  
Paul Jackson

Kind regards



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**DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE AONB**

**1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To receive details of planning applications determined within the AONB during 2020.

**2.0 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 At the spring meeting, the JAC receives an annual report on the number and type of planning applications determined within the AONB during the previous year. This procedure was started for the first time in 1998 and gives an impression of the degree of development pressure within the AONB.

**3.0 DEVELOPMENT DURING 2020**

- 3.1 A summary of planning applications determined during 2020 appears in Appendix 1. Details have been included of all applications within the period which were Granted or Refused by the two principal local planning authorities – Hambleton and Ryedale District Councils. Details have not been included of applications which were withdrawn or where a decision was still pending at the end of the year.
- 3.2 It is important not to read too much into this information. Nothing can be deduced about the scale of development or its visual impact. Nevertheless the following appear to be the most significant conclusions:
- The AONB is still under relatively little development pressure, certainly when compared with many other AONBs and particularly those in the south of England. The number of applications in 2020 was higher than the 5-year average, particularly in relation to applications associated with Agriculture, so the Covid-19 pandemic appears to have had little effect.
  - 90% of applications determined were Granted, a figure that is fairly consistent with the 5-year average of 92%. Planning control in the AONB is still allowing the overwhelming majority of applications to proceed, whilst also preventing those that are not of the highest quality necessary to be permitted within an AONB.
  - Development continues to be spread across nearly all villages, but with higher numbers of applications generally being seen in the larger villages. Activity in most of the larger Ryedale villages in 2020 was above the 5-year average. In the Hambleton villages the number of

applications was 20% down on the previous year and also lower than the 5-year average.

- Most proposals were small-scale householder applications e.g. residential extensions. Substantial extensions to modest and often vernacular dwellings, generally in modern designs and materials, are a growing trend and can be particularly insensitive and intrusive.
- The AONB continues to be under relatively little tourism and recreational development pressure.
- Quite a number of significant applications and cases were seen in the financial year 2020/21. Ones that can be highlighted include – the erection of a new ‘country house’ dwelling at Ampleforth and the erection of substantial extensions at Low Hutton (x 2), High Hutton, Brandsby, Oswaldkirk and Terrington; the erection of a large extension to the Pro-Pak factory in the setting of the AONB at Malton.

3.3 In the financial year 2020/21, which of course does not precisely overlap with the calendar year 2020, 128 planning application consultations were scrutinised, having either been referred in accordance with the agreed consultation procedure or called-up by the AONB Manager. These involved 115 individual cases, with 13 ‘repeat’ consultations in cases where comments had been submitted previously and proposals were amended and re-consulted as a consequence:

- The AONB Manager submitted comments in 35 instances. Of these, 11 proposals were granted Consent after the suggested amendments had been implemented, or appropriate Conditions were attached.
- Objections/Significant Concerns were lodged in 16 of the responses. Of these: Approved 2 schemes; Approved 2 schemes following suggested amendments, Refused 2 schemes; 3 schemes Withdrawn; 2 cases are still pending a Decision.
- This year saw a very similar number of consultations to the previous year.

In many cases the comments submitted were relatively minor in nature, but nonetheless important in order to ensure that the AONB landscape, wildlife and historic heritage is conserved appropriately. Many of the comments made relate to the colour of materials and wall/roof finishes. Although a Condition is often placed on the development by the District Council, it is only once the development takes place that we can see whether our comments have truly been successful or not. Members should note that we have very little control over the workload generated by this area of our work, as it is dependent upon the number and type of applications submitted.

#### 4.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received for information.

<b>Howardian Hills AONB</b>						
<b>Applications Determined by Parish</b>						
						<b>5yr Average</b>
<b><u>Ryedale Parishes</u></b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2016-2020</b>
Ampleforth	5	6	5	8	10	7
Bulmer	2	2	4	3	4	3
Cawton	0	0	0	0	2	0
Coneysthorpe	0	0	0	0	0	0
Coulton	2	3	1	2	1	2
Crambe	0	0	3	1	2	1
Gilling East	2	8	6	7	3	5
Grimstone	0	0	1	0	0	0
Henderskelfe	0	0	2	1	2	1
Hovingham	7	8	6	5	3	6
Howsham	1	1	3	4	1	2
Huttons Ambo	9	3	4	4	10	6
Nunnington	0	6	2	3	4	3
Oswaldkirk	5	5	5	5	1	4
Scackleton	4	1	1	2	6	3
Sheriff Hutton (High Stittenham)	0	0	4	0	1	1
Sproxton	3	0	0	2	1	1
Stonegrave	0	3	2	3	0	2
Swinton	0	0	7	11	12	6
Terrington	3	13	9	7	10	8
Welburn	9	9	4	4	6	6
Westow	0	0	2	7	5	3
Whitwell-on-the Hill	0	1	1	1	0	1
Street villages	~	2	~	~	1	2
<b>Total Ryedale</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>72</b>
<b><u>Hambleton Parishes</u></b>						
Brandsby-cum-Stearsby	5	5	10	6	6	6
Coxwold	0	2	1	0	0	1
Crayke	5	3	14	6	9	7
Dalby-cum-Skewsby	0	3	4	7	3	3
Husthwaite	1	0	4	1	2	2
Newburgh	0	1	0	0	0	0
Oulston	1	1	2	3	0	1
Thornton-on-the-Hill	2	0	3	1	0	1
Whenby	1	0	0	0	0	0
Yearsley	7	6	2	4	2	4
<b>Total Hambleton</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>TOTAL HOWARDIAN HILLS AONB</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>99</b>

<b>Howardian Hills AONB</b>										
<b>Applications Determined by</b>										
<b>Type of Development</b>										
(Number of applications and % approved)										
										<b>5yr Average</b>
<b>Ryedale Parishes</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2016-2020</b>				
Residential - New Build	3	7	2	7	7					<b>5</b>
	100%	100%	100%	57%	86%					
Residential - Conversions	4	7	1	8	2					<b>4</b>
	100%	71%	0%	87%	100%					
Holiday - Conversions	0	0	0	5	1					<b>1</b>
	~	~	~	100%	100%					
Householder	25	37	33	32	38					<b>33</b>
	88%	97%	94%	100%	95%					
Retail	0	1	0	0	0					<b>0</b>
	~	100%	~	~	~					
Business & Commercial	3	4	3	12	6					<b>6</b>
	100%	100%	100%	92%	100%					
Minerals & Waste	0	0	0	0	0					<b>0</b>
	~	~	~	~	~					
Tourism & Recreation	2	1	3	2	0					<b>2</b>
	100%	100%	100%	100%	~					
Community Facilities	1	0	0	0	0					<b>0</b>
	100%	~	~	~	~					
Agriculture	5	4	4	4	9					<b>5</b>
	80%	100%	100%	100%	100%					
Agricultural Prior Notifications	4	1	7	3	8					<b>5</b>
Other	8	9	18	5	13					<b>11</b>
	100%	100%	94%	80%	92%					
Equestrian	1	0	1	2	1					<b>1</b>
	100%	~	100%	100%	100%					
<b>Total Ryedale</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>85</b>					<b>73</b>
	<b>92%</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>95%</b>					
<b>Hambleton Parishes</b>										
Residential - New Build	4	2	5	0	1					<b>2</b>
	75%	50%	80%	~	100%					
Residential - Conversions	2	1	3	0	1					<b>1</b>
	100%	0%	100%	~	100%					
Holiday - Conversions	0	0	1	0	0					<b>0</b>
	~	~	100%	~	~					
Householder	12	11	17	16	13					<b>14</b>
	100%	100%	88%	100%	92%					
Retail	0	0	0	0	0					<b>0</b>
	~	~	~	~	~					
Business & Commercial	1	3	3	4	1					<b>2</b>
	0%	100%	100%	100%	100%					
Minerals & Waste	0	0	0	0	0					<b>0</b>
	~	~	~	~	~					
Tourism & Recreation	0	1	2	0	1					<b>1</b>
	~	0%	100%	~	100%					
Community Facilities	0	0	0	0	0					<b>0</b>
	~	~	~	~	~					
Agriculture	3	0	6	5	0					<b>3</b>
	67%	~	83%	100%	~					
Agricultural Prior Notifications	3	3	3	3	3					<b>3</b>
Other	0	0	0	0	2					<b>0</b>
	~	~	~	~	50%					
<b>Total Hambleton</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>22</b>					<b>27</b>
	<b>86%</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>89%</b>					
<b>TOTAL HOWARDIAN HILLS AONB</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>107</b>					<b>100</b>
	<b>90%</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>90%</b>					<b>92%</b>

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**AONB ACTION PROGRAMME 2020/21**

**1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To receive details of progress made on implementing the AONB Management Plan during 2020/21. The Action Programme for 2021/22, incorporating business planning requirements, is covered under a separate Report on this agenda.

**2.0 INTRODUCTION**

- 2.1 The Action Programme table contains full details of the progress made.
- 2.2 A detailed Red/Amber/Green system is used to monitor progress against targets throughout the course of the year. Analysis shows that 78% of the specific targets were fully achieved, 10% were 25-75% achieved, 7% were less than 25% achieved and 5% were not progressed at all.
- 2.3 Statistically this is a lower performance than the previous year and is primarily due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Activity in some areas of work, such as the Junior Ranger Club sessions and volunteer tasks, was severely curtailed. Many areas of work progressed reasonably well during the summer and autumn periods and we would have expected to have fully completed these if it hadn't been for the post-Christmas lockdown. This is shown most clearly in the figure of 10% of actions that were partially completed (25-75%) – in a normal year this would be around 3%.
- 2.4 The principal targets that we had hoped to achieve more progress on were the restoration of a couple of traditional direction signs and examining the package of Public Rights of Way Diversions and Creations on the Castle Howard Estate to see if any of them could be publicly funded.

**3.0 THE ECOSYSTEM APPROACH**

- 3.1 Achievements this year included:
- Participating in and contributing to NAAONB, LEP and LNP initiatives to evaluate natural capital.
  - Starting preparation of a 'nature recovery map' as part of the AONB Network's delivery of the Colchester Declaration, to show where land management changes could help with biodiversity recovery, climate change adaptation and future farm business resilience.

**4.0 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT**

- 4.1 Achievements this year included:
- Carrying out 4 workdays with volunteers on 4 sites.
  - Carrying out management work on a total of 13 grassland sites (all SSSI/SINC bar four).

- Managing 45 Special Interest Road Verges.
- Carrying out Himalayan balsam control works at Pretty Wood and Mugdale & Barker Woods SINC, River Derwent SSSI and along Wath Beck.
- Carrying out scrub removal/management works on Coulton Fen SINC, Slingsby Quarry LGS and a grassland site at Bulmer.
- Visiting Thorpe Grange SINC and Hovingham Park Quarry LGS in order to monitor condition.
- Carrying out a thorough survey at all known sites for knapweed broomrape.
- Delivering the ELM Advocacy Project, funded by Defra. 165 land managers contacted and advice given to farmers at Yearsley, Hovingham x 3, Coxwold, Ampleforth, Barton-le-Street, Cawton, Crayke, Wiganthorpe, Terrington, Stittenham, Gilling and Welburn.
- Delivery of the NLHF-funded Ryevitalise Project, although this was seriously affected by Covid-19. Contributed to development of the Evaluation & Monitoring framework and put Ryevitalise staff in touch with landowners and other useful contacts; delivered geomorphology training to Ryevitalise and AONB staff.
- Contributing significantly to the delivery of the NLHF-funded Turtle Doves Project within the AONB, with the Spring 2020 surveys (monitoring visits to previous squares) completed; early-flowering seed plots maintained at Fryton and Coneysthorpe; paperwork prepared for the Year 4 survey.
- Providing funding for managing community nature areas at Autism Plus (Gilling), Appleton-le-Street, Amotherby and Husthwaite; supporting provision of 50 swift boxes at Castle Howard and Coneysthorpe.
- Attending meetings of the North Yorkshire & York Local Nature Partnership.

## **5.0 HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT**

### **5.1 Achievements this year included:**

- Completing work on 5 Local Priority Sites, and 1 other site/feature.
- Restoring traditional village name signs in Foston, Grimston and Gilling with the refurbishment of 1 old sign and the erection of 5 new replicas.
- Visiting limekilns at New Piece Moor, Maidensworth Farm and Hovingham Spa to assess condition. Scrub removal works carried out on limekilns at Hovingham Spa and Maidensworth.
- Visiting the moated site at Wath, Swinton Grange Park and Low Gaterley bone-grinding mill & outbuildings to assess condition.
- Completing Year 6 of the Monument Management Scheme, which was principally funded by Historic England. Bramble sprayed on 12 SMs; bracken crushed on 5 SMs; bracken sprayed on 6 SMs; brash cleared from 1 SM; 2 SMs re-seeded. 76 SMs surveyed by volunteers or AONB Team. Final Report and Grant Claim prepared and submitted.

## **6.0 LOCAL COMMUNITIES**

### **6.1 Achievements this year included:**

- 5 community projects funded in 5 villages.
- Community First Yorkshire project supported with grant aid (see separate report for work achieved by the CFY project officer).
- Continued liaison with the principal organisations involved in community work in the AONB, via the regular Community Development Officers' meetings.

- Promoting a series of events to address Loneliness issues.
- Participating in the Rural Watch Initiative in the Howardian Hills.

## **7.0 AGRICULTURE**

### 7.1 Achievements this year included:

- Contacting 165 land managers and giving advice to farmers at Yearsley, Hovingham x 3, Coxwold, Ampleforth, Barton-le-Street, Cawton, Crayke, Wiganthorpe, Terrington, Stittenham, Gilling and Welburn as part of ELM Advocacy Project.
- Completing 4 landscape enhancement schemes at Stittenham, Grimston, Coneysthorpe and Terrington: 1 pond restored; 212m of new hedge/gaps replanted; 18m of roadside wall restored; 18 new individual trees planted.
- Developing a waste plastic tree protection project, to identify collection and recycling options for redundant tree tubes and spiral guards.
- Inputting to NAAONB discussions on Brexit issues, the Agriculture Bill and Glover Review of Protected Landscapes. Discussing these issues in regular meetings with NYMNP staff.
- Scrutinising planning consultations for 12 new agricultural buildings or items of infrastructure.

## **8.0 FORESTRY AND WOODLAND**

### 8.1 Achievements this year included:

- Scrutinising 5 Forestry Commission Felling Licence consultations and 5 Woodland Management Plans.
- Monitoring the situation with tree diseases, particularly in relation to Yearsley Woods and Phytophthora ramorum.

## **9.0 DEVELOPMENT & THE RURAL ECONOMY**

### 9.1 Achievements this year included:

- Monitoring and inputting as necessary to national policy consultations and requests for information received by the NAAONB.
- Inputting to important national and local plans to assess conformity with the AONB Management Plan, including the Environmental Land Management Policy Discussion paper, England Tree Strategy and MHCLG consultation on Planning for the Future.
- Scrutinising a total of 128 development control consultations across all categories – full details of Development statistics for the AONB in 2020 are given in a separate Report on the agenda.
- Continuing liaison with Northern Powergrid on overhead electricity cable undergrounding. Schemes completed at Grimstone Top and Oswaldkirk.
- Scrutinising 13 planning consultations relating to small business (non-farm) development in the AONB.

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

### 10.1 Work this year included:

- Trying to progress the restoration of traditional direction signs.

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

### 11.1 Achievements this year included:

- Scrutinising 11 relevant development control consultations.
- Monitoring on-going issues: trail-building in Yearsley Moor woodlands by mountain bikers; verge damage by parking at the top of Fryton Lane. Issues exacerbated by Covid-19 and increased levels of activity following releases of lockdown restrictions.
- Contributing funding towards the reprint of the North York Moors area Outdoor Guide and Sit Back & Enjoy The Ride leaflet.
- Considering an idea for working more closely with the St Nicholas Fields project in York, possibly in relation to recycling of plastic tree protection waste.
- Developing an idea for a 'Sounds in the City' project, for possible implementation at Monks Cross Shopping Centre, to appeal to under-represented audiences who may not have experience of the AONB.
- Continuing a project to assist NYCC with resolving Public Rights of Way issues in the AONB:
  - Photographing 30 new/replacement roadside fingerposts.
  - Popular village loop path at Crayke re-surfaced.
  - Steps repaired at Stonegrave.
  - 2 stiles replaced with kissing gates at Hovingham.
  - 3 stiles replaced with kissing gates at Oulston.
  - Route cleared at Newburgh.

## **12.0 AWARENESS AND PROMOTION**

### 12.1 Achievements this year included:

- Maintaining a neat appearance around the AONB gateway signs.
- Publishing AONB News and our Annual Report for 2019/20.
- Maintaining the AONB website, particularly with information in relation to visiting the AONB during the Covid-19 pandemic and after lockdowns.
- Maintaining a presence on Twitter, publicising the practical work being carried out in the AONB and re-Tweeting as appropriate.
- Countryfile Live cancelled due to lack of trade stand bookings; Ryedale Show cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic.
- All Junior Ranger Club sessions cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic; emailed a 12-page activities booklet, linking to activities being delivered by other organisations.

## **13.0 IMPLEMENTATION**

### 13.1 Achievements this year included:

- Inputting to NAAONB discussions on Brexit issues, the Agriculture Bill, Environment Bill and Glover Review of Protected Landscapes.
- Joint working on: Native Woodland Partnership; Dark Skies Reserve status; delivery of the Ryevitalise Landscape Partnership Scheme; NLHF Turtle Doves Project; developing a NLHF bid for a Farmland Birds project; post-Brexit agri-environment scheme development.
- Part-time AONB Project Officer post to be made Permanent, at 7.5krs/week, from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021.
- No reserves used in 2020/21; £10k grant from 2010/11 returned as a condition of Renewable Heat Incentive application.



- An additional £4,300 received from Historic England due to extension of the Monument Management Scheme as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Moorswork ceased to operate due to the Covid-19 pandemic; 4Nature engaged as replacement leaders for volunteer tasks; mobile hand-washing kit purchased.
- Achieving volunteer assistance with 5 projects or tasks, worth at least 70 days (£6,200 at HLF volunteering rates). Severely reduced due to Covid-19 pandemic. 16 days-worth on site management tasks; 0 days on Junior Ranger Club, shows, etc; 54 days-worth on Turtle Dove surveying.

#### **14.0 MONITORING**

- No activity this year.

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

##### 15.1 Achievements this year included:

- Inputting to NAAONB discussions on Brexit issues, the Agriculture Bill, Environment Bill and Glover Review of Protected Landscapes.
- Participating in peer-to-peer and on-line collaborative working initiatives, to share and receive knowledge around the AONB Network, including attending a Lead Officers' meeting.
- Reporting on AONB Network Key Performance Indicators.
- The Northern Group meetings, national Conference, Chairmen's Conference and Lead Officers' meeting were all cancelled as face-to-face meetings due to the Covid-19 pandemic. A Northern Group Lead Officers' meeting, project officers' meetings and the national Lead Officers' meeting took place by video conference.

#### **16.0 MANAGEMENT PLAN**

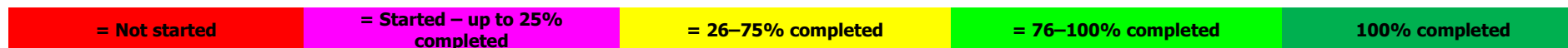
- No work this year.

#### **17.0 RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the achievements against Targets for 2020/21 be noted.

# HOWARDIAN HILLS AONB ACTION PROGRAMME

**2020/21**















































144 separate Targets/Actions (N.B. some Targets may be duplicated under different Objectives – N/A is used where applicable to minimise double-counting)













































Q1 – **19 (13%)** Not Started; **115 (80%)** Started – up to 25% completed; **10 (7%)** 26–75% Completed; **0 (0%)** 76–100% Completed; **0 (0%)** 100% Completed **0 (0%)** Unknown  
 Q2 – **9 (9%)** Not Started; **18 (12%)** Started – up to 25% completed; **101 (72%)** 26–75% Completed; **14 (4%)** 76–100% Completed; **2 (3%)** 100% Completed **0 (0%)** Unknown  
 Q3 – **8 (5%)** Not Started; **15 (11%)** Started – up to 25% completed; **105 (73%)** 26–75% Completed; **5 (3%)** 76–100% Completed; **11 (8%)** 100% Completed; **0 (0%)** Unknown  
 Q4 – **7 (5%)** Not Started; **10 (7%)** Started – up to 25% completed; **14 (10%)** 26–75% Completed; **2 (1%)** 76–100% Completed; **111 (77%)** 100% Completed; **0 (0%)** Unknown





























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<b>NCES1 The AONB's natural capital assets and their relative roles/significance in the provision of ecosystem services</b>						
NCES1.1 Monitor and engage in development of the natural capital approach, both nationally and within the AONB.	# Participate and contribute to initiatives initiated by the NAAONB, the LEP and LNP.					# Natural Capital handbook now published by Natural England. # Grant provided to Castle Howard Estate for natural capital mapping project.
NCES1.2 Develop/adapt condition assessment techniques to gain a better understanding of the quality of the AONB's natural capital assets.	# Evaluate the various mechanisms developed by NE, to assess suitability for HHAONB circumstances.					# Attended NAAONB webinar on the species recovery element of the Colchester Declaration # Favourable Condition assessments of selected species and habitats published by Natural England.
NCES1.3 Produce a matrix of generic types of 'project' plotted against the natural capital assets and ecosystem services that the AONB provides.	# Produce the matrix.					# No progress
NCES1.4 Produce an 'opportunity map' to illustrate how the Howardian Hills AONB landscape might become more resilient to future challenges.	# Produce the 'opportunity map' as part of the AONB Network's delivery of the Colchester Declaration.					# Methodology established and map production started – c.5% completed. Move to 2021/22.













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<p><b>NCES2 Sustainability and projects that benefit the AONB's natural capital, ecosystem services and Special Qualities</b></p> <p>NCES2.1 Ensure that any Plan, policy or project that could impact on the AONB, whether positively or negatively, is assessed for compliance with the AONB Management Plan.</p> <p>NCES2.2 Use matrix referred to in NCES1.3 above to guide consultation responses and assess projects that receive assistance from the JAC.</p> <p>NCES2.3 Ensure that the post-Brexit environmental land management scheme can be used to conserve and enhance the AONB's natural capital assets and ecosystem services.</p>	<p># On-going.</p> <p>–</p> <p># Input to continuing development of the new scheme, both locally and nationally as appropriate.</p>	          	          	          	          	<p># Defra: Environmental Land Management Policy Discussion; England Tree Strategy. MHCLG: Planning for the Future.</p> <p># 133 planning/development proposals scrutinised (see DRE1.2).</p> <p>–</p> <p># Policy announcements and scheme progress monitored and evaluated.</p> <p># Held regular update and discussion meetings with North York Moors National Park staff on scheme development.</p> <p># Submitted comments to NAAONB discussions on Tests &amp; Trials and development of Farming in Protected Landscapes programme.</p>
<p><b>NCES3 Climate change trends/scenarios and potential future impacts on the AONB</b></p> <p>NCES3.1 Keep up-to-date with climate change information and scenarios.</p> <p>NCES3.2 Monitor the potential impacts of climate change on the AONB's natural capital and ecosystem services.</p>	<p># On-going.</p> <p># On-going.</p>	          	          	          	          	<p># Continual evaluation of events and predictions to inform possible future scenarios.</p> <p># Continued observation of impact of weather events and climate change on habitats, species, land-based industries and communities.</p>

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<b>NE1 Knowledge of the biodiversity resources of the AONB</b> NE1.1 Carry out monitoring surveys on Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINCs). NE1.2 Carry out detailed surveys of specific Priority Habitats and Priority Species as necessary, to fill identified gaps in knowledge.  NE1.3 Encourage farmers, land managers and communities to monitor wildlife and report sightings. NE1.4 Gain a better understanding of the Priority Habitat area and Priority Species populations in the AONB, and their trends.	–  # Support 2020 survey of Turtle Doves within the AONB (Covid-19 dependent). # Continue to support development of successor 'Birds on the Edge' NLHF bid.  –  # Use knowledge gained from researching data availability as part of developing an 'opportunity map' (NCES1.4).	–     	–     	–     	–     	–  # Carried out 2 rounds of monitoring visits using a small group of volunteers working in a Covid-secure way. Surveyed the same squares as in 2020 as well as several new squares. # Survey packs prepared for 2021 monitoring visits. # Early flowering seed plots re-sown at Castle Howard. # Birds on the Edge bid to be submitted by North York Moors Trust when NLHF application window re-opens after Covid-19.  –  # See NCES1.4.
<b>NE2 Appropriate protection for the best nature conservation sites</b> NE2.1 Maintain and regularly update a register of key nature conservation sites.  NE2.2 Ensure effective protection (via designation) for the best nature conservation sites. NE2.3 Resist development proposals that may adversely affect key nature conservation sites.	# Continue involvement in supporting/developing data management and SINC designation/monitoring systems within North Yorkshire. # Continue involvement in the Local Biodiversity Action Partnership covering the AONB. # Check for inclusion of Special Interest Road Verges data on the National Street Gazetteer. # Comment as necessary, via JAC consultations.	      	      	      	      	# No input required this year.  # eInfo bulletin being published occasionally, including information provided by AONB Team.  # Not completed.  # 2 relevant planning applications.

















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<b>NE3 Targets for Priority Habitats in the AONB</b>						
NE3.1 Ensure that all the AONB's Natural Environment Priority Sites and Special Interest Road Verges are in 'favourable' or 'recovering' condition.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Continue to facilitate conservation management of grassland SINCs and other sites, by grazing or other means.</li> <li># Encourage new management agreement for grassland in Mowthorpe Dale.</li> <li># Encourage grassland management works at Stearsby Hagg Grassland.</li> <li># Carry out management works on 45 SIRVs.</li> <li># Re-visit Thorpe Grange, Rose Cottage Farm Meadow and Grassland adjoining Swinsey Carr SINCs to assess current condition.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> <li></li> <li></li> <li></li> <li></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> <li></li> <li></li> <li></li> <li></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> <li></li> <li></li> <li></li> <li></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> <li></li> <li></li> <li></li> <li></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># 6 sites grazed by Exmoor Ponies at Cawton (2), Coulton (2), Terrington (2); species-rich grassland on Hushwaite Village Green managed; Appleton-le-Street Churchyard cut &amp; raked.</li> <li># Scrub management carried out at Coulton Fen and Littledale SINCs; scrub management continued at Bulmer Bank (curtailed by Covid-19).</li> <li># Site visit postponed to summer 2021 due to Covid-19.</li> <li># 45 SIRVs cut, Feb &amp; March '21.</li> <li># Re-visited Thorpe Grange SINC.</li> <li># Rose Cottage Farm Meadow SINC and Grassland adjacent to Swinsey Carr SINC evaluated as part of Countryside Stewardship application and Ryevitalise Agreement.</li> </ul>
NE3.2 Encourage the buffering and extension of the AONB's Natural Environment Priority Sites.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Encourage via Countryside Stewardship Scheme involvement and advice to farmers &amp; land managers.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Landowner of Foxfoot Hay SINC given advice as part of ELM Advocacy project.</li> </ul>
NE3.3 Encourage the restoration of habitats that have declined in interest but still retain significant ecological potential, particularly Plantations on Ancient Woodland Sites, rivers and water bodies not in Good Ecological Status and some/parts of the AONB's Natural Environment Priority Sites.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Encourage via Countryside Stewardship Scheme involvement and advice to farmers &amp; land managers.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Scrub removed from grassland site at Bulmer.</li> </ul>
NE3.4 Encourage the creation of new habitat where appropriate, in particular the less-intensive management of farmland, to create a wider network of complementary semi-natural habitats.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Encourage via Countryside Stewardship Scheme involvement and advice to farmers &amp; land managers.</li> <li># Maintain an involvement in the Castle Howard Conservation Steering Group.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> <li></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> <li></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> <li></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> <li></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># 212m of new hedge/gaps replanted; 18 new individual trees planted; 2.25ha of Turtle Dove seed plots re-established at Fryton and Coneysthorpe.</li> <li># Some contact during Covid-19 but YWT staff preparing report were furloughed.</li> </ul>
NE3.5 Develop and support the creation of landscape-scale habitat corridors, particularly around the Derwent valley and linking into the NYMNP.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Continue involvement in the Yorkshire Derwent Catchment Partnership.</li> <li># Contribute to delivery of 2020/21 Ryevitalise projects as appropriate.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> <li></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> <li></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> <li></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> <li></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Attended Steering Group meetings and sent data on Invasive Non-Native Species control works.</li> <li># Delivery seriously affected by Covid-19. Arts meeting at Nunnington, followed by a virtual site meeting – exhibition being planned for February 2022; contributed to development of the Evaluation &amp; Monitoring framework; put Ryevitalise staff in touch with landowners and other useful contacts; delivered geomorphology training to Ryevitalise and AONB staff.</li> </ul>





























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<p><b>NE4 Targets for Priority Species for which the AONB is important</b></p> <p>NE4.1 Ensure that key sites for specific species are in 'favourable' or 'recovering' condition.</p> <p>NE4.2 Encourage restoration or creation of sites where significant ecological potential exists.</p> <p>NE4.3 Identify local Target Areas and encourage co-ordinated management measures.</p>	<p># Monitor and/or manage grassland for knapweed broomrape at Amotherby Lane SINC and on Swinton Lane.</p> <p># Encourage via Countryside Stewardship Scheme involvement and advice to farmers &amp; land managers.</p> <p># See NE1.2 – Turtle Doves project.</p> <p># Continue to support development of successor 'Birds on the Edge' NLHF bid.</p> <p># Input to Cornfield Flowers &amp; Yorkshire Farm Flora Project activities.</p> <p># See NE3.5 – Ryevitalise.</p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p> <p></p> <p>N/A</p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p>	<p># Verges left uncut on Swinton Lane via request to landowner; grazed by gypsy ponies so no spikes.</p> <p># Broughton Lane SINC, Amotherby Lane SINC and Swinton Lane surveyed for dead flower spikes.</p> <p># 2.25ha of Turtle Dove seed plots re-established at Fryton and Coneysthorpe.</p> <p># See NE1.2.</p> <p># Bid to be submitted by North York Moors Trust when NLHF application window re-opens after Covid-19.</p> <p># Activities severely affected by Covid-19. Cornfield Flowers Project linked to Gilling Church; seeding promoted at Autism Plus in 2021 – grant for yellow rattle seeding to be provided in 2021. Promoted a series of walks held by Yorkshire Farm Flora Project.</p> <p># See NE3.5.</p>
<p><b>NE5 Targets for wildlife within villages</b></p> <p>NE5.1 Raise awareness of wildlife within villages and assist communities with creating, managing and enhancing biodiversity within and adjacent to settlements.</p>	<p># Assist with linking the Turtle Dove Project Officer to community groups.</p> <p># Assist with delivery of identified habitat enhancement projects, e.g. Kendrew Green at Husthwaite, Autism Plus at Gilling, Crayke village.</p>	<p></p> <p></p>	<p></p> <p></p>	<p></p> <p></p>	<p></p> <p></p>	<p># Events cancelled due to Covid-19. Some school assemblies attended during summer 2020.</p> <p># Kendrew Green moved onto 3 cuts per year; rescue cut at Autism Plus after first Covid-19 lockdown; Crayke village activities postponed due to Covid-19.</p>
<p><b>NE6 Invasive non-native species</b></p> <p>NE6.1 Monitor the location and abundance of invasive non-native species.</p> <p>NE6.2 Carry out targeted partnership action to manage invasive non-native species where appropriate.</p>	<p># Deliver as part of Ryevitalise Project.</p> <p># Control Himalayan balsam at Wath Beck, River Derwent SSSI; Jeffry Bog, Fairy Dell and Mugdale &amp; Barker Woods SINCS.</p> <p># See NE3.5 above (River Rye, Himalayan balsam).</p> <p># Control rhododendron on appropriate sites where biodiversity would be enhanced.</p>	<p>N/A</p> <p></p> <p>N/A</p> <p></p>	<p></p> <p></p>	<p></p> <p></p>	<p></p> <p></p>	<p># See NE3.5.</p> <p># Himalayan balsam cleared at Wath Beck; River Derwent SSSI at Crambeck and Kirkham Picnic Field; Jeffry Bog, Mugdale &amp; Barker Woods and Pretty Wood SINCS.</p> <p># See NE3.5.</p> <p># Coulton Moor checked and info about regrowth passed to FE for action.</p>





























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<p><b>NE7 Important geodiversity sites and features</b></p> <p>NE7.1 Develop a network of Local Geological Sites (LGS).</p> <p>NE7.2 Ensure that sites identified as LGS are in 'favourable' or 'recovering' condition.</p> <p>NE7.3 Resist development proposals that may adversely affect sites designated as LGS.</p>	<p>–</p> <p># Visit Hildenley Heights Quarry, Hildenley Wood Quarry, Park Quarry and Hovingham Park Quarry to assess condition and scope for management works.</p> <p># Carry out management works to improve the condition of 1 LGS. Priority sites potentially include Hildenley Heights Quarry, Hovingham Park Quarry and Slingsby Quarry.</p> <p># Comment as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p>	<p># Visited Hovingham Park Quarry – no management works needed. Visits to remaining sites scheduled for April '21.</p> <p># Overhanging scrub cleared at Slingsby Quarry.</p> <p># No comments submitted on 1 relevant planning application.</p>
<p><b>NE8 Assistance to farmers and land managers, to help them manage their land sympathetically</b></p> <p>NE8.1 Assist farmers and land managers to enter key sites (particularly the AONB's Natural Environment Priority Sites) and other farmed land into appropriate options in the current Countryside Stewardship scheme.</p> <p>NE8.2 Ensure that the post-Brexit environmental land management scheme can be used to conserve and enhance the AONB's habitats and landscape character.</p> <p>NE8.3 Provide a flexible package of assistance including advice, grant aid, direct works and management agreements, as appropriate, to assist land managers with identifying, conserving, enhancing and increasing understanding and enjoyment of biodiversity and geodiversity features on their land, particularly the AONB's Natural Environment Priority Sites.</p>	<p># Encourage via Countryside Stewardship Scheme involvement and advice to farmers &amp; land managers.</p> <p># Input to continued development of the new scheme, both locally and nationally as appropriate.</p> <p># Support suitable projects, as appropriate.</p>	<p></p> <p>N/A</p> <p></p>	<p></p> <p></p>	<p></p> <p></p>	<p></p> <p></p>	<p># Advice given to farmers at Yearsley, Hovingham x 3, Coxwold, Ampleforth, Barton-le-Street, Cawton, Crayke, Wiganthorpe, Terrington, Stittenham, Gilling and Welburn as part of ELM Advocacy Project.</p> <p># Policy announcements and scheme progress monitored and evaluated – see NCES2.3.</p> <p># Advice provided on scrub management, pond restoration and woodland planting at Stittenham; 50 swift boxes erected at Castle Howard &amp; Coneysthorpe; coppicing/scrub management carried out at Coulton Fen SINC and at a site at Bulmer; scrub cleared from quarry face at Slingsby Quarry LGS.</p>

























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<b>NE9 Recognition of the Howardian Hills as a priority area for biodiversity</b> NE9.1 Participate in the Local Nature Partnership, to identify and develop opportunities for integrated projects that achieve LNP and AONB Management Plan objectives.	# Attend Board meetings and continue developing joint initiatives with other partners in the LNP or LEP areas.					# Attended Board meetings and input to online discussions on LNP initiatives.
<b>HE1 Understanding of the AONB's historic environment and its significance</b> HE1.1 Re-assess the archaeology of the AONB to create an up-to-date evidence base, better understand significant sites and inform a research agenda. HE1.2 Consider preparing a Statement of Significance for the AONB. HE1.3 Carry out research projects to address identified gaps in knowledge, including: rural industries, prehistoric burials, patterns of medieval settlement & farming, historic parklands. HE1.4 Carry out regular surveys of built heritage to identify important or distinctive building groups, individual structures, architectural features and Buildings at Risk. HE1.5 Promote the recording of local history and traditions. HE1.6 Encourage information to be recorded in the North Yorkshire Historic Environment Record.	- - - - # Deliver as part of Ryevitalise Project. # Pass information on 2019/20 projects to NYCC Historic Environment Record Officer.	- - - -  	- - - -  	- - - -  	- - - -  	- - - - # Articles placed in village Newsletters and promoted via Twitter. Community First Yorkshire assisting with delivery of the Paradise Initiative element. # Completed.















































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<b>HE2 Significance of the AONB's historic environment</b> HE2.1 Resist development proposals that would be likely to harm the significance of the AONB's heritage assets. HE2.2 Support appropriate Enabling Development where this would conserve and enhance the AONB's most significant heritage assets. HE2.3 Consider introducing Article 4 Directions for Conservation Areas in the AONB, to preserve historic character and prevent incremental damaging change. HE2.4 Continue the Monument Management Scheme, to consolidate improvements to Scheduled Monument condition and remove Monuments from the Heritage at Risk Register.	# Comment as necessary, via JAC consultations.  # Comment as necessary, via JAC consultations.  -  # Implement final year of the Monument Management Scheme, organising and implementing programme of follow-up surveys and management work on prioritised sites.  # Carry out extensive scrub management works on 1 SM - moated site at Low Hutton.	      	      	      	      	# 21 cases. Comments submitted on 3 proposals: 1 modified. Objections or Significant Concerns with 6 proposals: 1 Refused; 2 Withdrawn; 2 pending.  # No relevant cases.  -  # Historic England extended project deadline to 31/3/21. Bramble sprayed on 12 SMs; bracken crushed on 5 SMs; bracken sprayed on 6 SMs; brush cleared from 1 SM; 2 SMs re-seeded. 76 SMs surveyed by volunteers or AONB Team. Final Report and Grant Claim prepared and submitted. # Not achieved.









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HE2.5 Prepare conservation/management plans for all designed landscapes.	-					-
HE2.6 Assist farmers and land managers to enter key archaeological features (particularly the AONB's Historic Environment Priority Sites) and other heritage assets into appropriate options in the current Countryside Stewardship scheme.	# Encourage via Countryside Stewardship Scheme involvement and advice to farmers & land managers.					-
HE2.7 Ensure that the post-Brexit environmental land management scheme can be used to conserve and enhance the AONB's historic environment features and landscapes.	# Input to continued development of the new scheme, both locally and nationally as appropriate.					# Policy announcements and scheme progress monitored and evaluated – see NCES2.3.
HE2.8 Provide a flexible package of assistance including advice, grant aid, direct works and management agreements, as appropriate, to assist land managers with identifying, conserving, enhancing and increasing understanding and enjoyment of historic environment features on their land, particularly the AONB's Historic Environment Priority Sites.	# Carry out management or repair works on at least 3 Historic Environment Priority Sites or historic features (exc. sites covered by HE2.4 above).					# Work completed on 5 Local Priority Sites, at Dalby, Coulton, Gilling, Cawton, Maidensworth.
	# Re-visit Limekilns at New Piece Moor, High Wood (Brandsby), Maidensworth Farm, Hildenley Wood, Hovingham Spa and Limekiln Plantation (Nunnington) to assess current condition.					# Visited New Piece Moor, Maidensworth Farm, Hovingham Spa. Visits to remaining sites scheduled for April '21. Scrub clearance work completed at Maidensworth Farm and Hovingham Spa.
	# Visit boundary banks at Brick Kiln Plantation and Cum Hag Wood; moated site at Wath; Swinton Grange parkland; bone-grinding mill & outbuildings at Low Gaterley; field system at Hildenley to assess current condition.					# Visited moated site at Wath, Swinton Grange Park, Low Gaterley bone-grinding mill & outbuildings. Visits to remaining sites scheduled for April '21.
	# Re-visit Mill in Todd Wood to assess condition following work carried out winter 2019/20.					# Completed. Regrowth treatment needed; Estate to carry out.
HE2.9 Monitor developments in the understanding of potential climate change impacts on historic environment features.	# On-going.					# Achieved.

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<b>HE3 Non-designated heritage assets and development of management strategies</b> HE3.1 Publish criteria and provide assistance to enable local communities to identify the non-designated heritage assets which contribute to the character of their area. HE3.2 Support the development of site-based management strategies to conserve and enhance important non-designated heritage assets identified by local communities.	– –					– –
<b>LC1 Retention of village services and implementation of projects</b> LC1.1 Make representations to Government on relevant national rural issues, via the NAAONB. LC1.2 Resist policy or development proposals that may adversely affect key village services. LC1.3 Work as appropriate with partner organisations to develop innovative projects for delivering services to local communities. LC1.4 Support communities in developing beneficial projects, e.g. via new or reviewed Parish Plans. LC1.5 Implement projects that support the character, sustainability, economy or sense of community of villages.	# As necessary, via input to NAAONB consultations. # Comment as necessary, via JAC consultations. # Continue to liaise with Development Officers in other organisations, and participate in new initiatives as appropriate. # Continue involvement in community energy use reduction/sustainability projects, working with RDC and CFY. # Support CFY/District Council/Stronger Communities initiatives, as appropriate. # Input to Derwent Villages Natural Flood Management Project, to reduce flooding impact on Gilling and Hovingham villages. # Support the Rural Watch Scheme which covers the AONB.	      	      	      	      	# Consultations monitored and input to NAAONB responses submitted as appropriate. # 1 relevant planning application. # Activity severely affected by Covid-19. Briefing session on Lottery grants held as part of a large forum event, Jan '21. – # Promoted Loneliness events, Feb/Mar '21. # Sent details to landowner at Gilling. # Discussed potential AONB funding for barriers. Posted to WhatsApp group about AONB grants for hedges. # Nunnington Village Hall Committee referred to Ryedale DC for potential funding for secondary glazing. # Worked with St Benedict's Ampleforth on Forest School idea.

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<b>LC2 Voluntary and community engagement with the local natural and historic environment of the AONB</b>  LC2.1 Work with communities, local groups, businesses and land managers to encourage partnership action for identifying, monitoring, managing, raising awareness of, accessing and enjoying the natural and historic environment.	# Support the continued development and delivery of a wildlife-focussed project in Crayke. # Support delivery of the Ryevitalise Education, Paradise Initiative and Citizen Science projects, as appropriate.	  	  	  	  	# Postponed due to Covid-19.  # Activities severely affected by Covid-19 but River Flylife training and some surveys completed. Paradise Initiative proceeding well.
<b>AG1 Government support mechanisms that promote sustainable farm and rural business development</b>  AG1.1 Assist farmers and land managers to enter key sites (particularly the AONB's Natural and Historic Environment Priority Sites) and other farmed land into appropriate options in the current Countryside Stewardship scheme.  AG1.2 Make representations to Government, either individually and/or via the NAAONB, to ensure that a far-sighted and integrated rural support mechanism and environmental land management scheme emerges from the Brexit process.  AG1.3 Make representations to ensure that the Howardian Hills AONB remains a priority area for funding from Government agencies.  AG1.4 Consider bidding for a Pilot of the new environmental land management scheme to run in the AONB, possibly in partnership with the North York Moors National Park.	# Encourage via Countryside Stewardship Scheme involvement and advice to farmers & land managers.  # Participate via the NAAONB in work to develop new mechanisms for land management and rural business support post-Brexit.  # Ensure that the AONB is included as a Target Area within any relevant new/updated strategies/Schemes.  # Continue dialogue with the North York Moors National Park Authority on potential joint working opportunities, e.g. Farmer Clusters, Environmental Land Management scheme design & delivery, etc.	      	      	      	      	# 165 land managers contacted and advice given to farmers at Yearsley, Hovingham x 3, Coxwold, Ampleforth, Barton-le-Street, Cawton, Crayke, Wiganthorpe, Terrington, Stittenham, Gilling and Welburn as part of ELM Advocacy Project.  # Policy announcements and scheme progress monitored and evaluated. # Submitted comments to NAAONB discussions on Tests & Trials and development of Farming in Protected Landscapes programme.  # No action required this year.  # Regular update meetings held every 6-8 weeks with National Park staff. # Delivered ELM Advocacy project funded by Defra. # Participated in discussions to develop the Farming in Protected Landscapes programme.































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<b>AG2 Advice and appropriate assistance</b> AG2.1 Provide specialist advice and 'sign-posting' on conservation grants and countryside management within the AONB.  AG2.2 Provide a flexible package of assistance including advice, grant aid, direct works and management agreements, as appropriate, to assist land managers with identifying, conserving, enhancing and increasing understanding and enjoyment of landscape features on their land.	# Provide advice to farmers & land managers, as appropriate.  # Subject to a successful application to NLHF, promote the 'Birds on the Edge' grant scheme and Officer advice. # Assist as appropriate with promotion of the Ryevitalise grants programme. # Assist 3 landscape conservation projects with AONB funding.	      	      	      	      	# Advice given to farmers at Yearsley, Hovingham x 3, Coxwold, Ampleforth, Barton-le-Street, Cawton, Crayke, Wiganthorpe, Terrington, Stittenham, Gilling and Welburn as part of ELM Advocacy Project. # Grant application delayed by Covid-19.  # Landowner contacts and specialist local advice provided as required. # Schemes completed at Stittenham, Grimston, Coneysthorpe and Terrington. 1 pond restored; 212m of new hedge/gaps replanted; 18m of roadside wall restored; 18 new individual trees planted. # Plastic tree protection project developed, to identify collection and recycling options for redundant tree tubes and spiral guards.
<b>AG3 Design and siting of new farm buildings and infrastructure</b> AG3.1 Support the construction of new farm buildings and infrastructure where these follow the principles set out in the AONB New Farm Buildings & Infrastructure Design Guidance.	# Comment as necessary, via JAC consultations.					# 12 cases. Comments submitted on 3 proposals: 3 Granted with suggested amendments/Conditions. Objections or Significant Concerns with 1 proposal: 1 Withdrawn.
<b>FW1 Woodland felling, management and creation proposals</b> FW1.1 Ensure that all proposals take account of the Special Qualities of the AONB. FW1.2 Use consultation procedures to ensure that all proposals are in accordance with Management Plan Objectives.	# Comment as necessary, via the FC Public Register. # Comment as necessary, via the FC Public Register.	 	 	 	 	# 5 specific woodland management/planting schemes and 5 Woodland Management Plans scrutinised. -
<b>FW2 Multi-objective approach to woodland management</b> FW2.1 Encourage owners and managers to prepare FC-approved Woodland Management Plans for their woodlands.	-					-





































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<b>FW3 Incidence and impacts of pests and diseases</b> FW3.1 Keep up-to-date with information on invasive woodland pests and diseases, in particular H. fraxineus, P. ramorum and muntjac deer. FW3.2 Encourage vigilance and reporting of suspected sightings. FW3.3 Deliver appropriate mitigation strategies to manage the impacts of pests and diseases.	# Monitor Chalara Ash Dieback and P. ramorum disease situations and respond as necessary. – –					# Increase in Chalara Ash Dieback not as significant as noted in 2019/20. No P.ramorum noted at Gilling Woods during fly-over surveys. – –
<b>FW4 Trees and shrubs of climate-appropriate provenance when planting or restocking</b> FW4.1 Promote the incorporation of natural regeneration of appropriate native tree and shrub species into restocking plans. FW4.2 Promote the use of climate-appropriate provenance nursery plants when restocking. FW4.3 Encourage local forest nurseries to make adequate quantities of local provenance material available.	# Promote as appropriate, via the FC Public Register. # Promote as appropriate, via the FC Public Register. –	 	 	 	 	# No relevant schemes. # No relevant schemes. –
<b>FW5 New areas of woodland</b> FW5.1 Use consultation procedures to advise on the siting and design of new areas of woodland, within the guidance provided by the Landscape Management & Priority Sites section of the AONB Management Plan.	# Comment as necessary, via the FC Public Register.					# 3 cases. 7.8ha total woodland creation.
<b>FW6 Local and regional markets for timber and woodland products</b> FW6.1 Encourage the use of timber from the AONB in local industries, e.g. furniture making, traditional building restoration, etc.	–					–









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<b>FW7 Grant and advice mechanisms that achieve AONB Management Plan objectives for woodland management and creation</b> FW7.1 Assist owners and managers to enter their woodlands into appropriate options in the current Countryside Stewardship scheme. FW7.2 Ensure that the post-Brexit environmental land management scheme can be used to assist with priority woodland management work within the AONB. FW7.3 Provide a flexible package of assistance including advice, grant aid, direct works and management agreements, as appropriate, to assist land managers with identifying, conserving, enhancing and increasing understanding and enjoyment of landscape features on their land. FW7.4 Support the continuation of the Native Woodland Project.	# Encourage via Countryside Stewardship Scheme involvement and advice to farmers & land managers.  # Input to continued development of the new scheme, both locally and nationally as appropriate.  -  # Continue attendance at Partnership meetings.	  N/A  	  	  	  	# Advice provided to land manager at Wiganthorpe as part of ELM Advocacy project.  # Policy announcements and scheme progress monitored and evaluated – see NCES2.3.  -  # May '20 meeting cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic. Attended Dec '20 meeting.





















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<p><b>DRE1 New development</b></p> <p>DRE1.1 Ensure that all relevant Plans, Strategies and Policies recognise, protect and, where appropriate, enhance the Special Qualities of the AONB and its setting.</p> <p>DRE1.2 Maintain effective consultation arrangements between the Local Planning Authorities and the Joint Advisory Committee.</p>	<p># Monitor all new Policies and Strategies, submitting comments individually or via the NAAONB as appropriate, to ensure that the national significance of the AONB is safeguarded.</p> <p># Input to the Ryedale and Hambleton Local Plan Strategies processes as applicable.</p> <p># Input to the North Yorkshire Minerals &amp; Waste Joint Plan as applicable.</p> <p># Maintain relationships and respond to JAC consultations as necessary and within specified time frames.</p>	<p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p>	<p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p>	<p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p>	<p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p>	<p># Consultations monitored and responses submitted as appropriate. Environmental Land Management Policy Discussion paper; England Tree Strategy; Planning for the Future.</p> <p># No inputs required.</p> <p>–</p> <p># 128 consultations received from NYCC, RDC, HDC or external agencies/contractors. Comments submitted on 19 proposals: 11 Granted with suggested amendments/Conditions. Objections or Significant Concerns with 16 proposals: 2 Granted, 2 Granted with suggested amendment/Condition, 2 Refused, 3 Withdrawn, 2 Decisions pending.</p>
<p><b>DRE2 Standards in design of new development and the management of existing buildings/features</b></p> <p>DRE2.1 Ensure consistent high-quality rural design standards covering the whole AONB, including building design, materials and green infrastructure.</p> <p>DRE2.2 Encourage communities to prepare Village Design Statements, to guide the design of future development.</p> <p>DRE2.3 Provide guidance on sustainable building restoration techniques, including energy conservation measures.</p> <p>DRE2.4 Consider undertaking appraisals to enable the designation of new Conservation Areas and the enhancement of existing ones.</p>	<p>–</p> <p>–</p> <p>–</p> <p>–</p>					<p>–</p> <p>–</p> <p>–</p> <p>–</p>































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<b>DRE3 Mitigation of intrusive features</b> DRE3.1 Encourage local enhancement works to mitigate the impact of existing visually intrusive developments. DRE3.2 Continue liaison arrangements with Northern Powergrid, to prioritise and implement the undergrounding of electricity cables in prominent locations. DRE3.3 Encourage Openreach to underground telephone cables in prominent locations, primarily in conjunction with electricity cable undergrounding. DRE3.4 Resist developments that increase the impact of light or noise pollution on the AONB or its setting.	–  # Continue to attend Liaison Group meetings. # Encourage implementation of at least 1 new scheme in the AONB – Grimstone Top and Oswaldkirk schemes due to commence.  # Continue to liaise with BT Openreach over burying cables, at Oswaldkirk and any other electricity cable undergrounding schemes as necessary. # Comment as necessary, via JAC consultations.	–       	–        	–        	–       	–  # No meetings held due to Covid-19. Catch-up phone call – confirmed next schemes. # Grimstone Top fully completed; Oswaldkirk underground network completed. Submitted extra scheme in case any windfall ED1 funding becomes available. # No response to request to discuss options for Oswaldkirk.  # 9 relevant cases. Comments made on 4 proposals; 4 Granted with suggested amendments/Conditions; Objections or Significant Concerns with 3 proposals: 2 Granted with suggested amendment/Condition, 1 Withdrawn.
<b>DRE4 Minerals-working proposals</b> DRE4.1 Resist any minerals exploration or production proposals which are not compatible with AONB Purposes of Designation or Management Plan Objectives. DRE4.2 Support appropriate proposals for small-scale quarrying of stone for local uses and to assist with repairs to heritage assets. DRE4.3 Safeguard/obtain supplies of suitable local stone for drystone wall restoration.	# Comment as necessary, via JAC consultations. # Monitor the situation relating to hydraulic fracturing, both at Kirby Misperton and in the southern part of the AONB in relation to potential seismic surveying. # Comment as necessary, via JAC consultations.  –	–     	–     	–     	–     	# No relevant planning applications.  # No developments since Government moratorium imposed.  # No relevant planning applications.  –


















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<b>DRE5 Renewable energy installations</b> DRE5.1 Provide advice and guidance on the type of renewable energy technologies and installations likely to be appropriate in the AONB. DRE5.2 Support appropriate proposals that follow the 'Four Rights' – Technology, Scale, Place and Design. DRE5.3 Promote the benefits of appropriate renewable energy developments and demonstrate examples of 'best practice' projects.	# Provide advice and guidance, as required.  # Comment as necessary, via JAC consultations.  –	  	  	  	  	# Provided advice to landowner at Whitwell.  # 3 relevant planning applications.  –
<b>DRE6 Rural business, local employment, training &amp; skills and farm diversification activities</b> DRE6.1 Promote the provision of accessible ICT, business and rural skills advice, training, courses, demonstrations, etc. DRE6.2 Encourage businesses to develop appropriate new enterprises within or close to the AONB. DRE6.3 Maintain a positive approach to planning control for appropriate farm diversification and rural employment projects. DRE6.4 Support appropriate proposals to re-use traditional and modern farm buildings, where their historic and wildlife value can be safeguarded or the AONB landscape enhanced. DRE6.5 Support appropriate proposals for developing new workspace within the AONB.	# Continue to promote as part of LEADER and YNY&ER LEP initiatives as applicable, in particular the GROW Yorkshire initiative. # Continue to promote as part of LEADER and YNY&ER LEP initiatives as applicable. # Continue involvement in tourism development initiatives.  # Comment as necessary, via JAC consultations.  # Comment as necessary, via JAC consultations.  # Comment as necessary, via JAC consultations.	         	         	         	         	# 5G and fixed line broadband meeting with NYCC and other NY AONBs. # Delivered ELM Advocacy project funded by Defra.  # LEP concentrating on post-Covid-19 recovery this year.  # Promotion of businesses for post-Covid-19 recovery; contributed to reprint of North York Moors area Outdoor Guide and Sit Back & Enjoy The Ride leaflet. # No Objection in 2 planning application responses.  # No Objection in 7 planning application responses.  # 4 relevant cases. Comments made on 2 proposals; 2 Granted with suggested amendments/Conditions; Objections or Significant Concerns with 1 proposal: 1 Decision pending. # 1 Objection in 13 planning application responses to all non-farm business-related development.
<b>DRE7 Modern telecommunications infrastructure</b> DRE7.1 Support the provision of high-speed broadband and mobile phone infrastructure that does not have adverse impacts on the Special Qualities of the AONB.	# Comment as necessary, via JAC consultations.					# No relevant planning applications.

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<b>DRE8 Provision of local needs/ affordable housing</b> DRE8.1 Maintain up-to-date information on housing needs within the AONB. DRE8.2 Promote the potential benefits of local needs housing to AONB farmers, landowners and local communities.	– –					– # 11 cases of new housing development: 27 Open Market units, 0 Affordable units, 1 x Para 79 house. Comments submitted on 6 proposals. Objections or Significant Concerns with 2 proposals: 1 Withdrawn.
<b>RTT1 Solutions to traffic routing issues in and around the AONB</b> RTT1.1 Support appropriate proposals for full-movement interchange arrangements at the A64/B1257 junction. RTT1.2 Monitor freight movement issues in the AONB, to identify any patterns in HGV usage. RTT1.3 Encourage measures to address any issues raised during freight monitoring.	# Monitor associated development proposals and input as necessary. – –					# No relevant schemes. # Communities continue to raise issues around HGV movements in the Coulton and Hovingham area. –
<b>RTT2 Traffic and driver behaviour issues</b> RTT2.1 In line with the Road Safety Partnership speed management protocol, carry out speed-checks in identified locations to investigate reported issues. RTT2.2 Support local events that examine and address traffic and driver behaviour issues, in identified problem locations.	# Monitor information provided via traffic speed surveys carried out in AONB villages. –					# Unable to access data; 2 permanent checks – B1257 Broughton Road Malton, A170 Sproxtun. # Hovingham Action Group carrying out community speed monitoring. –
<b>RTT3 Sustainable modes of transport</b> RTT3.1 Identify transport service, infrastructure and accessibility improvements. RTT3.2 Develop and implement identified measures as appropriate. RTT3.3 Promote the availability of alternative transport services in AONB literature, in local villages and at visitor attractions. RTT3.4 Ensure that implementation of the Local Transport Plan 4 for North Yorkshire contributes to the implementation of AONB Management Plan Objectives, where appropriate.	– – – –					– – – –

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<b>RTT4 Rural character of the road network</b> RTT4.1 Continue liaison arrangements between the Joint Advisory Committee and local highway authority (and its agents) for all proposals in the AONB. RTT4.2 Promote the usage of the Howardian Hills Area Profile by relevant teams within the local highway authority. RTT4.3 Identify examples of road sign clutter and seek improvements. RTT4.4 Ensure that the specific locations of historic roadside furniture are recorded on the NYCC Highway Asset Management System. RTT4.5 Ensure that traditional direction signs, mileposts and other historic structures within and adjacent to the highway are appropriately maintained and managed.	# Maintain, and comment as necessary via JAC consultations.  # Check for inclusion of Special Interest Road Verges data on the National Street Gazetteer. – # Check for inclusion of traditional direction signs on the National Street Gazetteer  # Progress restoration of 1 traditional direction sign (Brandsby).	  N/A  N/A  	    	    	    	# No relevant schemes.  # Not completed.  –  # Not completed.  # Approached NYCC Area Office to confirm methodology but no response received.
<b>RTT5 A64 Trunk Road</b> RTT5.1 Ensure that improvements to the A64 (to enhance road safety, accessibility and journey-time reliability) have regard to the Purposes of Designation and Special Qualities of the AONB. RTT5.2 Monitor future proposals and provide comments to Highways England, North Yorkshire County Council and Ryedale District Council.	# Monitor progress of the proposed dualling of the route through the AONB via RIS2 and the activity of the A64 Partnership.  # Respond as necessary, should any new studies be proposed.	  	  	  	  	# Little activity this year.  # No relevant schemes.
<b>RAT1 Sustainable recreational activities</b> RAT1.1 Use planning policies to support appropriate recreational business developments. RAT1.2 Monitor the levels and sustainability of recreational activities within the AONB.	# Comment as necessary, via JAC consultations.  –					# 5 relevant cases. Comments made on 1 proposal; 1 Granted with suggested amendments/Conditions; 1 Decision pending. # On-going issues being monitored: trail-building in Yearsley Moor woodlands by mountain bikers; verge damage by parking at the top of Fryton Lane. Issues exacerbated by Covid-19 and increased levels of activity following releases of lockdown restrictions.









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<p><b>RAT2 Promotion of the attractions and Special Qualities of the AONB</b></p> <p>RAT2.1 Work with local partner organisations to promote sustainable tourism and recreational activities in the Howardian Hills.</p> <p>RAT2.2 Develop and implement initiatives to encourage Under-Represented Groups to enjoy the AONB.</p>	<p># Continue input to joint initiatives with NYMNPA, YDNPA/Nidderdale AONB, Ryedale DC, Welcome to Yorkshire, Visit York and YNY&amp;ER LEP.</p> <p># Comment as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p> <p># Continue work with Autism Plus, to promote joint conservation tasks with Moorswork.</p>	<p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p>	<p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p>	<p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p>	<p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p>	<p># Contributed to reprint of North York Moors area Outdoor Guide and Sit Back &amp; Enjoy The Ride leaflet; 'Sounds in the City' idea being developed from NAAONB Arts Project.</p> <p># 6 relevant cases. Comments made on 1 proposal; 1 Granted with suggested amendments/Conditions; Objections or Significant Concerns with 1 proposal: 2 Decisions pending.</p> <p># Grants provided for managing post-Covid-19 vegetation in summer '20 and for installation of composting toilets.</p> <p># Discussions by NAAONB Communications Officers Group on initiatives to involve BAME groups better.</p> <p># Considering an idea of working more closely with St Nicholas Fields project in York, possibly in relation to recycling of plastic tree protection waste.</p> <p># Developed an idea for a 'Sounds in the City' project, for possible implementation at Monks Cross Shopping Centre.</p>
<p><b>RAT3 Condition and network of Public Rights of Way</b></p> <p>RAT3.1 Ensure that path furniture in the AONB is appropriately maintained and improved.</p> <p>RAT3.2 Liaise with local landowners to quickly rectify identified path condition problems, including seasonal overgrowth and ploughing/cropping.</p> <p>RAT3.3 Implement path improvements, particularly via management measures such as ride-widening and the use of alternative routes.</p>	<p># Continue to address reported issues.</p> <p># Continue project with NYCC to repair and upgrade path furniture within grouped Parishes/priority areas (Covid-19 dependent).</p> <p># Take record photos of wording on all new roadside fingerposts.</p> <p># Bring individual and seasonal cutting issues to the attention of NYCC PROW staff, as necessary.</p> <p># Promote as appropriate, via JAC consultations.</p>	<p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p>	<p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>XXXX</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p>	<p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>XXXX</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p>	<p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>XXXX</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p>	<p># NYCC maintenance budget frozen due to summer '20 flooding in west of the County.</p> <p># Popular village loop path at Crayke re-surfaced; Steps repaired at Stonegrave; 2 stiles replaced with kissing gates at Hovingham; 3 stiles replaced by kissing gates at Oulston; route cleared at Newburgh.</p> <p># Photos taken and awaiting cataloguing.</p> <p># Issues identified or reported to the AONB Team forwarded to NYCC.</p> <p># No relevant consultations.</p>


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RAT3.4 Ensure the correct identification of all Public Rights of Way routes in the AONB on the Definitive Map by 2026.	-					-
RAT3.5 Bring 'missing routes' and 'route status inconsistencies' to the attention of the local highway authority and lobby for action.	-					-
RAT3.6 Support appropriate Public Rights of Way diversion, creation and extinguishment orders/agreements in response to particular local issues or to improve the local network.	# Assess the package of rationalisations proposed for the Castle Howard Estate and identify ones that could be publicly funded. # Progress identified individual schemes, potentially at Slingsby & Hovingham.					# No further progress. NYCC now looking at the package again. Transfer target to 2021/22.
RAT3.7 Encourage the creation of new access routes/areas where the Public Rights of Way network is less developed.	-					# No progress.
<b>RAT4 Recreational management measures</b>						
RAT4.1 Carry out small-scale management works as necessary, particularly on sites used for car parking and at the AONB's Recreation Priority Sites.	# Continue grass cutting regime at Badger Bank. # Monitor and manage overhanging trees at Bell Bottom Wood, Coneysthorpe, to maximise space available. # Ensure Kirkham Priory car park is appropriately maintained.					# Completed.
RAT4.2 Use planning and other policy controls to discourage unsustainable recreational use of the Derwent valley.	# Comment as necessary, via JAC consultations.					# Completed.
RAT4.3 Support low-key countryside management works to improve recreation management on Forestry Commission land.	-					# Chemical treatment in Apr '20.
RAT4.4 Encourage the development/use of designated village parking areas and toilet facilities by recreational visitors.	-					# No relevant planning applications.
RAT4.5 Monitor the levels of litter and fly-tipping within the AONB and take action as appropriate.	# Continue programme of litter clearance at car parks throughout the AONB. # Report fly-tipping incidents to the District Councils, as necessary.					# Cancelled due to Covid-19. Moorswork organisation folded and future of the group is uncertain. # No incidents noted by AONB Team (but site visits within/through the AONB severely curtailed by Covid-19).













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<p><b>RAT5 Routes for different user groups and provide self-guided information</b></p> <p>RAT5.1 Identify appropriate routes, linked to public transport where possible.</p> <p>RAT5.2 Publish guide leaflets and information in a variety of formats as appropriate, to encourage usage.</p>	<p>–</p> <p>–</p>					<p>–</p> <p>–</p>
<p><b>AP1 Awareness and understanding of the AONB designation, its importance and the role and work of the Joint Advisory Committee</b></p> <p>AP1.1 Maintain the existing 'gateway signs' on roads entering the AONB and seek to install signs on the A64.</p> <p>AP1.2 Provide information on the work of the JAC via various publicity mechanisms, as appropriate.</p> <p>AP1.3 Maintain a public profile in the local media and at appropriate local events/shows.</p>	<p># Ensure the AONB 'gateway sign' sites are adequately maintained.</p> <p># Promote installation of 'gateway signs' on the A64 if opportunities arise.</p> <p># Publish 2019/20 Annual Report.</p> <p># Publish AONB News 2020.</p> <p># Continue publicising the AONB and initiatives/projects via Twitter.</p> <p># Ryedale Show – cancelled due to Covid-19 outbreak.</p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p>N/A</p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p>	<p># Achieved.</p> <p># No opportunities have arisen.</p> <p># Published and distributed, Sept '20.</p> <p># Published and distributed, Oct '20.</p> <p># Achieved, including posts on safe use of the countryside following Covid-19 lockdowns.</p> <p># Countryfile Live cancelled due to lack of trade stand bookings; Ryedale Show cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic.</p>

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<p><b>AP2 Awareness of the Special Qualities of the AONB</b></p> <p>AP2.1 Publish and distribute information about the AONB and its Special Qualities, for example at popular visitor destinations, in community buildings, in visitor accommodation and on the AONB website.</p> <p>AP2.2 Deliver guided walks, talks and demonstrations as appropriate to explain the Special Qualities of the AONB and promote sustainable management techniques.</p> <p>AP2.3 Continue a programme of activities with local schools, young people and communities.</p>	<p># Ensure that TICs and local accommodation providers, shops, etc have adequate supplies of relevant AONB leaflets.</p> <p># Ensure that the AONB website is running properly and is updated appropriately.</p> <p># Use AONB display at 3 venues/events.</p> <p>-</p> <p># Hold at least 2 Junior Ranger Club full-day sessions (Covid-19 dependent).</p> <p># Assist with delivery of the schools element of the Ryevitalise project, as appropriate.</p>	<p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p>	<p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p>	<p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p>	<p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p>	<p># Website information kept up-to-date; Tweeting information about visiting the countryside after lockdowns; Simon Armitage poetry leaflet sent to cafes.</p> <p># Achieved; no statistics on usage available at present.</p> <p># Accessibility legislation compatibility being assessed.</p> <p># Banners used at Gilling Church Heritage weekend.</p> <p>-</p> <p># All physical sessions cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic.</p> <p># Emailed a 12-page activities booklet, linking to activities being delivered by other organisations.</p> <p># Ryevitalise planning a March event for Nat Poetry Day.</p>



<b>IM1 Funding and partnership mechanisms to achieve Management Plan objectives</b>						
IM1.1 Seek appropriate sources of funding and assistance to implement Management Plan Objectives.	<p># Participate via the NAAONB in work to ensure the future of AONB funding, in particular in follow-up to the Glover Review of Protected Landscapes.</p> <p># Participate via the NAAONB in work to help develop new mechanisms for land management and rural business support post-Brexit.</p> <p># Access additional resources from County &amp; District Councils, FC, EA, HE, etc for specific identified projects.</p> <p># Deliver the final year of the HE-funded Monument Management Scheme for Scheduled Monuments (see HE2.4).</p> <p># Continue involvement in the Yorkshire Derwent Catchment Partnership (See NE3.5).</p> <p># Contribute to delivery of 2020/21 Ryevitalise projects as appropriate (See NE3.5).</p> <p># Continue involvement in tourism development initiatives (See DRE6.2).</p> <p># Utilise Reserves appropriately, to supplement annual projects budget.</p> <p># Keep AONB grant processes and assistance options under review as the Government grant incentive schemes evolve, in order to maintain effectiveness and efficiency.</p>	<p></p> <p>N/A</p> <p></p> <p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p> <p></p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p>	<p># Input made to NAAONB liaison/feedback to Defra on their proposals for implementation of Recommendations contained in the Glover review.</p> <p># Policy announcements and scheme progress monitored and evaluated; input made to NAAONB responses as appropriate.</p> <p># No appropriate additional funding opportunities identified.</p> <p># Additional £4,300 received from Historic England due to extension of Monument Management Scheme as a result of Covid-19 pandemic.</p> <p># Historic England extended project deadline to 31/3/21. Bramble sprayed on 12 SMS; bracken crushed on 5 SMS; bracken sprayed on 6 SMS; brash cleared from 1 SM; 2 SMS re-seeded. 76 SMS surveyed by volunteers or AONB Team. Final Report and Grant Claim prepared and submitted.</p> <p># Attended Officer Development Group meetings. Made input to River Derwent Villages Natural Flood Management Project.</p> <p># Delivery seriously affected by Covid-19. Arts meeting at Nunnington, followed by a virtual site meeting – exhibition being planned for February 2022; contributed to development of the Evaluation &amp; Monitoring framework; put Ryevitalise staff in touch with landowners and other useful contacts; delivered geomorphology training to Ryevitalise and AONB staff.</p> <p># Promotion of businesses for post-Covid-19 recovery; contributed to reprint of North York Moors area Outdoor Guide and Sit Back &amp; Enjoy The Ride leaflet.</p> <p># No reserves used in 20/21; £10k grant from 2010/11 returned as a condition of Renewable Heat Incentive application.</p> <p># Situation kept under review.</p>
IM1.2 Continue and expand partnership arrangements with the North York Moors National Park Authority, as appropriate.	<p># Continue dialogue on potential joint working opportunities, e.g. Farmer Clusters, environmental land management scheme design &amp; delivery, etc.</p>	<p></p>	<p></p>	<p></p>	<p></p>	<p># Joint working on: Native Woodland Partnership; Dark Skies Reserve status; delivery of the Ryevitalise Landscape Partnership Scheme; NLHF Turtle Doves Project; developing a NLHF bid for a Farmland Birds project; post-Brexit agri-environment scheme development.</p>

IM1.3	Involve volunteers wherever possible, to assist with the delivery of appropriate tasks and activities.	# Complete at least 1 project per calendar quarter using volunteers (Covid-19 dependent).					# Moorswork ceased to operate due to the Covid-19 pandemic; 4Nature engaged as replacement leaders for volunteer tasks; mobile hand-washing kit purchased. # Volunteers assisted with: scrub management at Coulton Fen SINC, Littledale SINC, grassland at Bulmer; grassland management at Appleton-le-Street Churchyard SINC. # 5 projects or tasks, worth at least 70 days (£6,200 at HLF volunteering rates). Severely reduced due to Covid-19 pandemic. # 16 days-worth on site management tasks; 0 days on Junior Ranger Club, shows, etc; 54 days-worth on Turtle Dove surveying.
<b>IM2 Business model</b>							
IM2.1	Monitor the business requirements and model of the AONB partnership and identify improvements as appropriate.	# Utilise Reserves appropriately, to supplement annual projects budget and maintain an AONB Unit staff resource commensurate with future work priorities and income.					# No reserves used in 20/21; £10k grant from 2010/11 returned as a condition of Renewable Heat Incentive application.
IM2.2	Incorporate suggested improvements into the annual Action Programme and Budget approval processes.	# Evaluate the current AONB Unit staff structure and Partnership composition and operation, if required in response to any budget and function changes introduced as a result of the Glover Review. # Prepare annual Business Plan/Action Programme for JAC.					# Part-time AONB Project Officer post to be made Permanent, at 7.5krs/week, from 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021.  # Completed.
<b>MN1 Performance of the AONB partnership and AONB unit</b>							
MN1.1	Report annual progress on achievement of Management Plan Objectives to the JAC, AONB Partnership and public.	# Report Annual Action Programme achievements to JAC.					# Completed.
MN1.2	Monitor the performance of the AONB Partnership using the Defra/NAAONB Key Performance Indicators.	# Report data on Key Performance Indicators of JAC and AONB Partnership.					# Completed.

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<b>MN2 Monitor the condition of the AONB</b> MN2.1 Develop a robust mechanism for assessing the Condition of the locally designated and non-designated Priority Sites identified in the Management Plan. MN2.2 Update the data for the AONB Condition Indicators during Management Plan review in 2023. MN2.3 Update the 'State of the AONB' Report during Management Plan review in 2023. MN2.4 Repeat the 'fixed-point photography' monitoring of visual landscape change.	# Test Natural England methodologies on favourable conservation status, to assess the condition of non-designated biodiversity Priority Sites. - - -					# No progress. - - -
<b>National Association for AONBs</b> Maintain input into NAAONB Board and Association activities.  Keep up-to-date with knowledge and skills in relation to AONB management.	# Continue to participate in NAAONB initiatives.  # Attend training seminars, Northern Group meetings, Conferences, etc as appropriate.	  	  	  	  	# Monitored discussions on Basecamp and posted information/input to relevant ones. # Participated in Arts in the Landscape project; Communications Officers' Group; ELM Advocacy project. # Reported on AONB Network Key Performance Indicators. # National Conference and Northern AONBs Group meetings cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic. # 1 x Northern Group Lead Officers' meeting held via video call. # National Lead Officers' Meeting held via video call. # Northern Group project officers' discussions on Volunteer management during Covid-19 pandemic.
<b>AONB Management Plan</b> Review AONB Management Plan.	-					-

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**HOWARDIAN HILLS  
AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY  
JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
8 APRIL 2021**

**AONB BUSINESS PLAN AND ACTION PROGRAMME 2021/22**

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To agree details of proposed activity to implement the AONB Management Plan during 2021/22.

## **2.0 SUMMARY**

- 2.1 The AONB Management Plan contains a detailed Action Programme that lists each Objective and Action and identifies a suggested lead agency and partner organisations for implementation. This Report details work proposed for 2021/22.

- 2.2 Key activities for this year are:

- Completing the transition to a new AONB Manager, following Paul Jackson's retirement in the autumn.
- Developing and implementing the first year of the Farming in Protected Landscapes programme, once full details of its operation are available from Defra.
- Responding to and starting to implement any changes announced by Defra in relation to changing to a National Landscapes Service model of delivery.

## **3.0 NATURAL CAPITAL & ECOSYSTEM SERVICES**

- 3.1 Principal activities for the year include:

- Participating in and contributing to national and local initiatives to evaluate and deliver natural capital improvements.
- Completing a 'nature recovery map' as part of the AONB Network's delivery of the Colchester Declaration, to show where land management changes could help with biodiversity recovery and climate change adaptation. This will also provide a useful resource for AONB land managers and advisers as we move towards the Environmental Land Management system of payments.
- Inputting to the design of the Environmental Land Management system, both locally and via the NAAONB.

## **4.0 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT**

- 4.1 The proposed budget for landscape and biodiversity works is £30,000, although there would also be further additional funds available from Reserves if necessary. It is unclear at present how much money might be available from the Farming in Protected Landscapes programme and what impact this will have on budget allocations. Projects to be funded include:

- Hedge restoration schemes (subject to integration with grants available under Countryside Stewardship or Farming in Protected Landscapes).

- Continuing control of Himalayan balsam along Wath Beck and the River Derwent SSSI, as well as at Jeffry Bog, Pretty Wood and Mugdale & Barker Woods SINCs. This is a particularly suitable task for the AONB Volunteers and we hope that Covid-19 restrictions will permit them to do the works this year.
- Scrub management works on various sites.
- A financial contribution to the third year of delivery of the Ryevitalise project.
- Continuing in the partnership concentrating on turtle doves, and launching a new Farmland Birds project if NLHF funding is confirmed.

#### 4.2 Other activities for the year include:

- Inputting to the on-going design of the Environmental Land Management scheme, both locally and via the NAAONB.
- Supporting the turtle doves survey work being carried out in the AONB in spring and summer 2021.
- Checking that the Special Interest Road Verges dataset has been uploaded to the National Street Gazetteer.
- Continuing our programmes of Exmoor pony grazing, SINC management and Special Interest Road Verge management.
- Visiting some of the new Local Geological Sites, to assess their current condition and any management work needed.
- Supporting village and community wildlife projects.
- Carrying out targeted control of Himalayan balsam, rhododendron and bracken on various SINC and other sites.
- Continuing our participation in the River Derwent and particularly River Rye partnerships.
- Continuing to participate in the North Yorkshire & York Local Nature Partnership (LNP).
- Responding to planning applications potentially affecting important wildlife sites, as appropriate.

## 5.0 HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT

### 5.1 The proposed budget for works to conserve and enhance historic environment features is currently £13,000, although there would also be further additional funds available from Reserves if necessary. Potential projects to be funded include:

- Carrying out management works on Scheduled Monuments. Although the Monument Management Scheme financially supported by Historic England has ended, continuation works are needed on a number of sites to ensure that progress to date is not lost.
- Continuing our programme of village name sign and traditional direction sign restoration.

### 5.2 Other activities for the year include:

- Re-visiting lime kiln sites at Brandsby, Hildenley and Nunnington to assess their current condition and any management work needed.
- Visiting Priority Sites at Castle Howard and Hildenley to assess their current condition and any management work needed.
- Inputting to the on-going design of the Environmental Land Management scheme, both locally and via the NAAONB.
- Promoting the Countryside Stewardship Scheme to farmers and land managers and identifying new opportunities and methods for assisting them with conservation works.

- Responding to planning applications potentially affecting important heritage sites, as appropriate.

## **6.0 LOCAL COMMUNITIES**

- 6.1 The budget for small-scale works in local villages is included within the £20,000 earmarked for projects supporting Sustainable Development and the Rural Economy. Potential projects to be funded include:
- Continuation of a Development Officer at Community First Yorkshire.
  - Replacement windows for Nunnington village hall.
- 6.2 Other activities for the year include:
- Continued liaison with the principal organisations involved in community work in the AONB, via the regular Community Development Officers' meetings.
  - Liaison and assistance to communities with post-Covid and other community projects.
  - Continued involvement with the Helmsley Mobile Rural Watch initiative.

## **7.0 AGRICULTURE**

- 7.1 The proposed budget for landscape and biodiversity works is £30,000, although there would also be further additional funds available from Reserves if necessary. It is unclear at present how much money might be available from the Farming in Protected Landscapes programme and what impact this will have on budget allocations. See paragraph 4.1 above for current project ideas.
- 7.2 Other activities for the year include:
- Inputting to the on-going design of the Environmental Land Management scheme, both locally and via the NAAONB.
  - Continuing dialogue with the North York Moors National Park Authority on potential joint working opportunities, e.g. Farmer Clusters, Environmental Land Management scheme design & delivery, etc.
  - Promoting the Ryevitalise and (if approved) Birds on the Edge National Lottery Heritage Fund projects to farmers and land managers, to encourage participation.
  - Continuing development and delivery of mechanisms to collect and re-use/recycle plastic tree protection products.
  - Responding to consultations and requests for advice, as appropriate.

## **8.0 FORESTRY AND WOODLAND**

- 8.1 Principal activities for the year include:
- Promoting the Ryevitalise National Lottery Heritage Fund project to woodland owners and managers, to encourage participation.
  - Inputting to the on-going design of the Environmental Land Management scheme, both locally and via the NAAONB.
  - Monitoring the incidence of Chalara Ash Dieback Disease and other plant health issues.
  - Continuing participation in the North York Moors Native Woodland Partnership.
  - Continuing to provide advice and, where appropriate, financial assistance to woodland managers.
  - Responding to consultations and requests for advice, as appropriate.

## **9.0 DEVELOPMENT & THE RURAL ECONOMY**

### 9.1 Principal activities for the year include:

- Monitoring and inputting as necessary to national policy consultations received by the NAAONB.
- Responding to consultations received from the Local Planning Authorities and other bodies on development proposals. The amount of work arising from planning consultations is impossible to predict, as our input is entirely reactive, but this is an important area of work and is a high priority.
- Inputting to the development of the next Ryedale Local Plan Strategy, as applicable.
- Inputting to the continuing development of the North Yorkshire Minerals & Waste Joint Plan, as applicable.
- Continuing liaison with Northern Powergrid on overhead electricity cable undergrounding, to ensure continued sustained progress during the RIIO-ED1 period. Schemes have been submitted to use any surplus ED1 money regionally, and the design of the ED2 projects is being progressed.
- Continuing to take opportunities to support jobs, skills and sustainable economic growth locally, as part of LEP and other initiatives as applicable.

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

### 10.1 Principal activities for the year include:

- Responding to consultations received from the Local Highway Authority on works within the carriageway that might have biodiversity, historic environment or landscape implications.
- Checking that the Special Interest Road Verges and traditional direction signs datasets have been uploaded to the National Street Gazetteer.
- Progressing the restoration of one traditional direction sign.

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

11.1 The budget for recreation and access works is included within the £20,000 earmarked for projects supporting Sustainable Development and the Rural Economy.

### 11.2 Principal activities for the year include:

- Providing advice and assistance as appropriate as Covid-19 restrictions ease and visitors return to the AONB.
- Continuing work with Autism Plus at Gilling, to enable trainees to interact with the natural environment in the horticulture and wildlife areas of the site. Also exploring options for Autism Plus students to work off-site with AONB/National Park Volunteers and other groups.
- Continued delivery of a joint project with the NYCC Countryside Access Service to carry out co-ordinated path furniture repairs.
- Re-engaging with the Public Rights of Way route creation/diversion package proposed for Castle Howard, to identify individual elements that might potentially be funded fully by NYCC/AONB. Routes at Slingsby Quarry and on the Centenary Way at Wath Wood are likely to be high priorities.
- Continuing to maintain selected informal car parking areas, control litter at 'hot-spots' and report fly-tipping incidents.



## **12.0 AWARENESS & PROMOTION**

12.1 The budget for awareness and promotion work is included within the £20,000 earmarked for projects supporting Sustainable Development and the Rural Economy.

12.2 Principal activities for the year include:

- Ensuring that the gateway signs are maintained and that outlets are supplied with copies of our leaflets when requested.
- Publishing our 2020/21 Annual Report and AONB News 2021.
- Maintaining our website and distributing information/ promoting the AONB via Twitter. Ryedale Show 2021 has also been cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic
- Holding at least 2 Family Activity days, using mechanisms for delivery that maintain standards but minimise the input required from AONB Unit staff.
- Helping to deliver education and art-based activities within the AONB as part of the Ryevitalise Project.

## **13.0 IMPLEMENTATION**

13.1 Principal initiatives this year include:

- Participating in work needed to promote the importance of AONB management and ensure the continuation/maximisation of grant support from Defra, in particular via the Glover Review of Protected Landscapes.
- Participating via the NAAONB in work to develop new models for agricultural, conservation and rural support post-Brexit.
- Delivering the first year of the Farming in Protected Landscapes programme, when details are announced.
- Continuing our participation in the River Derwent and particularly River Rye partnerships. Also contributing to the partnerships concentrating on turtle doves and cornfield flowers.
- Utilising Reserves appropriately, to supplement the annual projects budget and maintain an AONB Unit resource commensurate with future work priorities and income.
- Continuing participation in the North York Moors Native Woodland Partnership.
- Using volunteers to help deliver AONB Management Plan Objectives wherever possible and appropriate.
- Keeping delivery mechanisms under review and making changes/improvements where applicable.
- Part-time AONB Officer post to be contracted for 12 hours/week in 2021/22.
- Ensuring a smooth transition to a new AONB Manager, following Paul Jackson's retirement.

## **14.0 MONITORING**

14.1 Principal activities for the year include:

- Scoping new Natural England methodologies on favourable conservation status to assess the condition of non-designated biodiversity Priority Sites.
- Using the NAAONB/Defra Key Performance Indicators to record work completed by the AONB Team.

## **15.0 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR AONBs**

15.1 Principal activities for the year include:

- Continuing to represent the conservation interests of the Howardian Hills AONB in relation to national initiatives and consultation responses, and participating in peer-to-peer learning projects, sharing of information, etc.
- Attending seminars, Northern Group meetings, AONB technical events, etc.

## **16.0 RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Targets for 2021/22, as contained in the Action Programme, be approved.

## HOWARDIAN HILLS AONB ACTION PROGRAMME

2021/22

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<p><b>NCES1 The AONB's natural capital assets and their relative roles/significance in the provision of ecosystem services</b></p> <p>NCES1.1 Monitor and engage in development of the natural capital approach, both nationally and within the AONB.</p> <p>NCES1.2 Develop/adopt condition assessment techniques to gain a better understanding of the quality of the AONB's natural capital assets.</p> <p>NCES1.3 Produce a matrix of generic types of 'project' plotted against the natural capital assets and ecosystem services that the AONB provides.</p> <p>NCES1.4 Produce an 'opportunity map' to illustrate how the Howardian Hills AONB landscape might become more resilient to future challenges.</p>	<p># Participate and contribute to initiatives initiated by the NAAONB, the LEP and LNP.</p> <p># Evaluate the various mechanisms developed by NE, to assess suitability for HHAONB circumstances.</p> <p># Produce the matrix.</p> <p># Complete production of a 'nature recovery map' as part of the AONB Network's delivery of the Colchester Declaration.</p>					

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<p><b>NCES2 Sustainability and projects that benefit the AONB's natural capital, ecosystem services and Special Qualities</b></p> <p>NCES2.1 Ensure that any Plan, policy or project that could impact on the AONB, whether positively or negatively, is assessed for compliance with the AONB Management Plan.</p> <p>NCES2.2 Use matrix referred to in NCES1.3 above to guide consultation responses and assess projects that receive assistance from the JAC.</p> <p>NCES2.3 Ensure that the post-Brexit environmental land management scheme can be used to conserve and enhance the AONB's natural capital assets and ecosystem services.</p>	<p># On-going.</p> <p>–</p> <p># Input to continuing development of the new scheme, both locally and nationally as appropriate.</p>					
<p><b>NCES3 Climate change trends/scenarios and potential future impacts on the AONB</b></p> <p>NCES3.1 Keep up-to-date with climate change information and scenarios.</p> <p>NCES3.2 Monitor the potential impacts of climate change on the AONB's natural capital and ecosystem services.</p>	<p># On-going.</p> <p># On-going.</p>					
<p><b>NE1 Knowledge of the biodiversity resources of the AONB</b></p> <p>NE1.1 Carry out monitoring surveys on Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINCs).</p> <p>NE1.2 Carry out detailed surveys of specific Priority Habitats and Priority Species as necessary, to fill identified gaps in knowledge.</p> <p>NE1.3 Encourage farmers, land managers and communities to monitor wildlife and report sightings.</p> <p>NE1.4 Gain a better understanding of the Priority Habitat area and Priority Species populations in the AONB, and their trends.</p>	<p>–</p> <p># Support 2021 survey of Turtle Doves within the AONB.</p> <p># Continue to support development of successor 'Birds on the Edge' NLHF bid.</p> <p>–</p> <p>–</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>			

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<p><b>NE2 Appropriate protection for the best nature conservation sites</b></p> <p>NE2.1 Maintain and regularly update a register of key nature conservation sites.</p> <p>NE2.2 Ensure effective protection (via designation) for the best nature conservation sites.</p> <p>NE2.3 Resist development proposals that may adversely affect key nature conservation sites.</p>	<p># Continue involvement in supporting/developing data management and SINC designation/monitoring systems within North Yorkshire.</p> <p># Check for inclusion of Special Interest Road Verges data on the National Street Gazetteer.</p> <p># Comment as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p>	XXXXX	XXXXX			
<p><b>NE3 Targets for Priority Habitats in the AONB</b></p> <p>NE3.1 Ensure that all the AONB's Natural Environment Priority Sites and Special Interest Road Verges are in 'favourable' or 'recovering' condition.</p> <p>NE3.2 Encourage the buffering and extension of the AONB's Natural Environment Priority Sites.</p> <p>NE3.3 Encourage the restoration of habitats that have declined in interest but still retain significant ecological potential, particularly Plantations on Ancient Woodland Sites, rivers and water bodies not in Good Ecological Status and some/parts of the AONB's Natural Environment Priority Sites.</p>	<p># Continue to facilitate conservation management of grassland SINCs and other sites, by grazing or other means.</p> <p># Carry out grassland management works at Stearsby Hagg Grassland.</p> <p># Carry out management works on 45 SIRVs.</p> <p># Encourage via Countryside Stewardship Scheme/Farming in Protected Landscapes involvement and advice to farmers &amp; land managers.</p> <p># Encourage via Countryside Stewardship Scheme/Farming in Protected Landscapes/Ryevitalise involvement and advice to farmers &amp; land managers.</p>	XXXXX  XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX  XXXXX	XXXXX  XXXXX  XXXXX	

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NE3.4 Encourage the creation of new habitat where appropriate, in particular the less-intensive management of farmland, to create a wider network of complementary semi-natural habitats.  NE3.5 Develop and support the creation of landscape-scale habitat corridors, particularly around the Derwent valley and linking into the NYMNP.	# Encourage via Countryside Stewardship Scheme/Farming in Protected Landscapes/Ryevitalise involvement and advice to farmers & land managers.  # Maintain an involvement in the Castle Howard Conservation Steering Group. # Continue involvement in the Yorkshire Derwent Catchment Partnership. # Contribute to delivery of 2021/22 Ryevitalise projects as appropriate.					
<b>NE4 Targets for Priority Species for which the AONB is important</b>  NE4.1 Ensure that key sites for specific species are in 'favourable' or 'recovering' condition.  NE4.2 Encourage restoration or creation of sites where significant ecological potential exists.  NE4.3 Identify local Target Areas and encourage co-ordinated management measures.	# Monitor and/or manage grassland for knapweed broomrape at Amotherby Lane SINC and on Swinton Lane.  # Encourage via Countryside Stewardship Scheme/Farming in Protected Landscapes involvement and advice to farmers & land managers.  # See NE1.2 – Turtle Doves project. # Continue to support development of successor 'Birds on the Edge' NLHF bid. # Support the emerging farmer cluster in the Coxwold/Gilling valley. # Input to Cornfield Flowers & Yorkshire Farm Flora Project activities. # See NE3.5 – Ryevitalise.	XXXXX			XXXXX	
<b>NE5 Targets for wildlife within villages</b>  NE5.1 Raise awareness of wildlife within villages and assist communities with creating, managing and enhancing biodiversity within and adjacent to settlements.	# Assist with delivery of identified habitat enhancement projects, e.g. Kendrew Green at Husthwaite, Autism Plus at Gilling, Crayke village.		XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
<b>NE6 Invasive non-native species</b>  NE6.1 Monitor the location and abundance of invasive non-native species.  NE6.2 Carry out targeted partnership action to manage invasive non-native species where appropriate.	# Deliver as part of Ryevitalise Project. # Control Himalayan balsam at Wath Beck, River Derwent SSSI, Pretty Wood, Jeffry Bog and Mugdale & Barker Woods SINC. # See NE3.5 above (River Rye, Himalayan balsam). # Control rhododendron on appropriate sites where biodiversity would be enhanced.	XXXXX	XXXXX		XXXXX	XXXXX

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<p><b>NE7 Important geodiversity sites and features</b></p> <p>NE7.1 Develop a network of Local Geological Sites (LGS).</p> <p>NE7.2 Ensure that sites identified as LGS are in 'favourable' or 'recovering' condition.</p> <p>NE7.3 Resist development proposals that may adversely affect sites designated as LGS.</p>	<p>–</p> <p># Visit Hildenley Heights Quarry, Hildenley Wood Quarry and Park Quarry to assess condition and need for any management works.</p> <p># Carry out management works to improve the condition of 1 LGS, if appropriate. Priority sites potentially include Hildenley Heights Quarry and Park Quarry.</p> <p># Comment as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p>	XXXXX		XXXXX	XXXXX	
<p><b>NE8 Assistance to farmers and land managers, to help them manage their land sympathetically</b></p> <p>NE8.1 Assist farmers and land managers to enter key sites (particularly the AONB's Natural Environment Priority Sites) and other farmed land into appropriate options in the current Countryside Stewardship scheme.</p> <p>NE8.2 Ensure that the post-Brexit environmental land management scheme can be used to conserve and enhance the AONB's habitats and landscape character.</p> <p>NE8.3 Provide a flexible package of assistance including advice, grant aid, direct works and management agreements, as appropriate, to assist land managers with identifying, conserving, enhancing and increasing understanding and enjoyment of biodiversity and geodiversity features on their land, particularly the AONB's Natural Environment Priority Sites.</p>	<p># Encourage via Countryside Stewardship Scheme/Farming in Protected Landscapes involvement and advice to farmers &amp; land managers.</p> <p># Input to continuing development of the new scheme, both locally and nationally as appropriate.</p> <p># Support suitable projects, as appropriate.</p>					

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<b>NE9 Recognition of the Howardian Hills as a priority area for biodiversity</b> NE9.1 Participate in the Local Nature Partnership, to identify and develop opportunities for integrated projects that achieve LNP and AONB Management Plan objectives.	# Attend Board meetings and continue developing joint initiatives with other partners in the LNP or LEP areas.					
<b>HE1 Understanding of the AONB's historic environment and its significance</b> HE1.1 Re-assess the archaeology of the AONB to create an up-to-date evidence base, better understand significant sites and inform a research agenda. HE1.2 Consider preparing a Statement of Significance for the AONB. HE1.3 Carry out research projects to address identified gaps in knowledge, including: rural industries, prehistoric burials, patterns of medieval settlement & farming, historic parklands. HE1.4 Carry out regular surveys of built heritage to identify important or distinctive building groups, individual structures, architectural features and Buildings at Risk. HE1.5 Promote the recording of local history and traditions. HE1.6 Encourage information to be recorded in the North Yorkshire Historic Environment Record.	– – – – # Deliver as part of Ryevitalise Project. # Pass information on 2020/21 projects to NYCC Historic Environment Record Officer.	XXXXX				



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<p><b>HE2 Significance of the AONB's historic environment</b></p> <p>HE2.1 Resist development proposals that would be likely to harm the significance of the AONB's heritage assets.</p> <p>HE2.2 Support appropriate Enabling Development where this would conserve and enhance the AONB's most significant heritage assets.</p> <p>HE2.3 Consider introducing Article 4 Directions for Conservation Areas in the AONB, to preserve historic character and prevent incremental damaging change.</p> <p>HE2.4 Continue the Monument Management Scheme, to consolidate improvements to Scheduled Monument condition and remove Monuments from the Heritage at Risk Register.</p> <p>HE2.5 Prepare conservation/management plans for all designed landscapes.</p> <p>HE2.6 Assist farmers and land managers to enter key archaeological features (particularly the AONB's Historic Environment Priority Sites) and other heritage assets into appropriate options in the current Countryside Stewardship scheme.</p> <p>HE2.7 Ensure that the post-Brexit environmental land management scheme can be used to conserve and enhance the AONB's historic environment features and landscapes.</p>	<p># Comment as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p> <p># Comment as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p> <p>–</p> <p># Carry out bramble, bracken and scrub control on selected SMs, to continue and consolidate work started under the MMS Programme.</p> <p># Carry out scrub management works on 1 SM - moated site at Low Hutton.</p> <p># Report work completed to Historic England, for input to the HAR Register.</p> <p>–</p> <p># Encourage via Countryside Stewardship Scheme/Farming in Protected Landscapes involvement and advice to farmers &amp; land managers.</p> <p># Input to continuing development of the new scheme, both locally and nationally as appropriate.</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	

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<p>HE2.8 Provide a flexible package of assistance including advice, grant aid, direct works and management agreements, as appropriate, to assist land managers with identifying, conserving, enhancing and increasing understanding and enjoyment of historic environment features on their land, particularly the AONB's Historic Environment Priority Sites.</p> <p>HE2.9 Monitor developments in the understanding of potential climate change impacts on historic environment features.</p>	<p># Carry out management or repair works on at least 3 Historic Environment Priority Sites or historic features (exc. sites covered by HE2.4 above).</p> <p># Re-visit Limekilns at High Wood (Brandsby), Hildenley Wood and Limekiln Plantation (Nunnington) to assess current condition.</p> <p># Visit boundary banks at Brick Kiln Plantation and Cum Hag Wood; field system at Hildenley to assess current condition.</p> <p># On-going.</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	
<p><b>HE3 Non-designated heritage assets and development of management strategies</b></p> <p>HE3.1 Publish criteria and provide assistance to enable local communities to identify the non-designated heritage assets which contribute to the character of their area.</p> <p>HE3.2 Support the development of site-based management strategies to conserve and enhance important non-designated heritage assets identified by local communities.</p>	<p>–</p> <p>–</p>					

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<p><b>LC1 Retention of village services and implementation of projects</b></p> <p>LC1.1 Make representations to Government on relevant national rural issues, via the NAAONB.</p> <p>LC1.2 Resist policy or development proposals that may adversely affect key village services.</p> <p>LC1.3 Work as appropriate with partner organisations to develop innovative projects for delivering services to local communities.</p> <p>LC1.4 Support communities in developing beneficial projects, e.g. via new or reviewed Parish Plans.</p> <p>LC1.5 Implement projects that support the character, sustainability, economy or sense of community of villages.</p>	<p># As necessary, via input to NAAONB consultations.</p> <p># Comment as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p> <p># Continue to liaise with Development Officers in other organisations, and participate in new initiatives as appropriate.</p> <p># Continue involvement in community energy use reduction/sustainability projects, working with RDC/CFY/NYCC.</p> <p># Support CFY/District Council/Stronger Communities initiatives, as appropriate.</p> <p># Support the Rural Watch Scheme that covers the AONB.</p>					
<p><b>LC2 Voluntary and community engagement with the local natural and historic environment of the AONB</b></p> <p>LC2.1 Work with communities, local groups, businesses and land managers to encourage partnership action for identifying, monitoring, managing, raising awareness of, accessing and enjoying the natural and historic environment.</p>	<p># Support the ongoing wildlife-focused project in Crayke.</p> <p># Support delivery of the Ryevitalise Education, Paradise Initiative and Citizen Science projects, as appropriate.</p> <p># Provide advice to at least one school grounds habitat improvement or outdoor learning area project.</p>					

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<p><b>AG1 Government support mechanisms that promote sustainable farm and rural business development</b></p> <p>AG1.1 Assist farmers and land managers to enter key sites (particularly the AONB's Natural and Historic Environment Priority Sites) and other farmed land into appropriate options in the current Countryside Stewardship scheme.</p> <p>AG1.2 Make representations to Government, either individually and/or via the NAAONB, to ensure that a far-sighted and integrated rural support mechanism and environmental land management scheme emerges from the Brexit process.</p> <p>AG1.3 Make representations to ensure that the Howardian Hills AONB remains a priority area for funding from Government agencies.</p> <p>AG1.4 Consider bidding for a Pilot of the new environmental land management scheme to run in the AONB, possibly in partnership with the North York Moors National Park.</p>	<p># Encourage via Countryside Stewardship Scheme/Farming in Protected Landscapes involvement and advice to farmers &amp; land managers.</p> <p># Participate via the NAAONB in work to develop the new mechanisms for land management and rural business support.</p> <p># Ensure that the AONB is included as a Target Area within any relevant new/updated strategies/Schemes.</p> <p># Continue dialogue with the North York Moors National Park Authority on potential joint working opportunities, e.g. Farmer Clusters, Environmental Land Management scheme design &amp; delivery, etc.</p>					
<p><b>AG2 Advice and appropriate assistance</b></p> <p>AG2.1 Provide specialist advice and 'sign-posting' on conservation grants and countryside management within the AONB.</p> <p>AG2.2 Provide a flexible package of assistance including advice, grant aid, direct works and management agreements, as appropriate, to assist land managers with identifying, conserving, enhancing and increasing understanding and enjoyment of landscape features on their land.</p>	<p># Provide advice to farmers &amp; land managers, as appropriate.</p> <p># Subject to a successful application to NLHF, promote the 'Birds on the Edge' grant scheme and Officer advice.</p> <p># Assist as appropriate with promotion of the Ryevitalise grants programme.</p> <p># Assist 3 landscape conservation projects with AONB funding.</p> <p># Continue development and delivery of mechanisms to collect and re-use/recycle plastic tree protection products.</p>					

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<b>AG3 Design and siting of new farm buildings and infrastructure</b> AG3.1 Support the construction of new farm buildings and infrastructure where these follow the principles set out in the AONB New Farm Buildings & Infrastructure Design Guidance.	# Comment as necessary, via JAC consultations.					
<b>FW1 Woodland felling, management and creation proposals</b> FW1.1 Ensure that all proposals take account of the Special Qualities of the AONB. FW1.2 Use consultation procedures to ensure that all proposals are in accordance with Management Plan Objectives.	# Comment as necessary, via the FC Public Register. # Comment as necessary, via the FC Public Register.					
<b>FW2 Multi-objective approach to woodland management</b> FW2.1 Encourage owners and managers to prepare FC-approved Woodland Management Plans for their woodlands.	-					
<b>FW3 Incidence and impacts of pests and diseases</b> FW3.1 Keep up-to-date with information on invasive woodland pests and diseases, in particular H. fraxineus, P. ramorum and muntjac deer. FW3.2 Encourage vigilance and reporting of suspected sightings. FW3.3 Deliver appropriate mitigation strategies to manage the impacts of pests and diseases.	# Monitor Chalara Ash Dieback and P. ramorum disease situations and respond as necessary. - -					
<b>FW4 Trees and shrubs of climate-appropriate provenance when planting or restocking</b> FW4.1 Promote the incorporation of natural regeneration of appropriate native tree and shrub species into restocking plans. FW4.2 Promote the use of climate-appropriate provenance nursery plants when restocking. FW4.3 Encourage local forest nurseries to make adequate quantities of local provenance material available.	# Promote as appropriate, via the FC Public Register. # Promote as appropriate, via the FC Public Register. -					

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<b>FW5 New areas of woodland</b> FW5.1 Use consultation procedures to advise on the siting and design of new areas of woodland, within the guidance provided by the Landscape Management & Priority Sites section of the AONB Management Plan.	# Comment as necessary, via the FC Public Register.					
<b>FW6 Local and regional markets for timber and woodland products</b> FW6.1 Encourage the use of timber from the AONB in local industries, e.g. furniture making, traditional building restoration, etc.	-					
<b>FW7 Grant and advice mechanisms that achieve AONB Management Plan objectives for woodland management and creation</b> FW7.1 Assist owners and managers to enter their woodlands into appropriate options in the current Countryside Stewardship scheme. FW7.2 Ensure that the post-Brexit environmental land management scheme can be used to assist with priority woodland management work within the AONB. FW7.3 Provide a flexible package of assistance including advice, grant aid, direct works and management agreements, as appropriate, to assist land managers with identifying, conserving, enhancing and increasing understanding and enjoyment of landscape features on their land. FW7.4 Support the continuation of the Native Woodland Project.	# Encourage via Countryside Stewardship Scheme/Farming in Protected Landscapes involvement and advice to farmers & land managers.  # Input to continuing development of the new scheme, both locally and nationally as appropriate.  -  # Continue attendance at Partnership meetings.					

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<p><b>DRE1 New development</b></p> <p>DRE1.1 Ensure that all relevant Plans, Strategies and Policies recognise, protect and, where appropriate, enhance the Special Qualities of the AONB and its setting.</p> <p>DRE1.2 Maintain effective consultation arrangements between the Local Planning Authorities and the Joint Advisory Committee.</p>	<p># Monitor all new Policies and Strategies, submitting comments individually or via the NAAONB as appropriate, to ensure that the national significance of the AONB is safeguarded.</p> <p># Input to the Ryedale Local Plan Strategy process as applicable.</p> <p># Input to the North Yorkshire Minerals &amp; Waste Joint Plan as applicable.</p> <p># Maintain relationships and respond to JAC consultations as necessary and within specified time frames.</p>					
<p><b>DRE2 Standards in design of new development and the management of existing buildings/features</b></p> <p>DRE2.1 Ensure consistent high-quality rural design standards covering the whole AONB, including building design, materials and green infrastructure.</p> <p>DRE2.2 Encourage communities to prepare Village Design Statements, to guide the design of future development.</p> <p>DRE2.3 Provide guidance on sustainable building restoration techniques, including energy conservation measures.</p> <p>DRE2.4 Consider undertaking appraisals to enable the designation of new Conservation Areas and the enhancement of existing ones.</p>	<p>–</p> <p>–</p> <p>–</p> <p>–</p>					

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<p><b>DRE3 Mitigation of intrusive features</b></p> <p>DRE3.1 Encourage local enhancement works to mitigate the impact of existing visually intrusive developments.</p> <p>DRE3.2 Continue liaison arrangements with Northern Powergrid, to prioritise and implement the undergrounding of electricity cables in prominent locations.</p> <p>DRE3.3 Encourage Openreach to underground telephone cables in prominent locations, primarily in conjunction with electricity cable undergrounding.</p> <p>DRE3.4 Resist developments that increase the impact of light or noise pollution on the AONB or its setting.</p>	<p>–</p> <p># Continue to attend Liaison Group meetings.</p> <p># Encourage delivery of additional scheme in the Howardian Hills if spare funding becomes available – Yearsley.</p> <p># Continue to liaise with BT Openreach over burying cables.</p> <p># Comment as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p>		XXXXX		XXXXX	
<p><b>DRE4 Minerals-working proposals</b></p> <p>DRE4.1 Resist any minerals exploration or production proposals which are not compatible with AONB Purposes of Designation or Management Plan Objectives.</p> <p>DRE4.2 Support appropriate proposals for small-scale quarrying of stone for local uses and to assist with repairs to heritage assets.</p> <p>DRE4.3 Safeguard/obtain supplies of suitable local stone for drystone wall restoration.</p>	<p># Comment as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p> <p># Comment as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p> <p>–</p>					
<p><b>DRE5 Renewable energy installations</b></p> <p>DRE5.1 Provide advice and guidance on the type of renewable energy technologies and installations likely to be appropriate in the AONB.</p> <p>DRE5.2 Support appropriate proposals that follow the 'Four Rights' – Technology, Scale, Place and Design.</p> <p>DRE5.3 Promote the benefits of appropriate renewable energy developments and demonstrate examples of 'best practice' projects.</p>	<p># Provide advice and guidance, as required.</p> <p># Comment as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p> <p>–</p>					



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<p><b>DRE6 Rural business, local employment, training &amp; skills and farm diversification activities</b></p> <p>DRE6.1 Promote the provision of accessible ICT, business and rural skills advice, training, courses, demonstrations, etc.</p> <p>DRE6.2 Encourage businesses to develop appropriate new enterprises within or close to the AONB.</p> <p>DRE6.3 Maintain a positive approach to planning control for appropriate farm diversification and rural employment projects.</p> <p>DRE6.4 Support appropriate proposals to re-use traditional and modern farm buildings, where their historic and wildlife value can be safeguarded or the AONB landscape enhanced.</p> <p>DRE6.5 Support appropriate proposals for developing new workspace within the AONB.</p>	<p># Continue to promote via other partnerships, as applicable.</p> <p># Continue involvement in tourism development initiatives.</p> <p># Comment as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p> <p># Comment as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p> <p># Comment as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p>					
<p><b>DRE7 Modern telecommunications infrastructure</b></p> <p>DRE7.1 Support the provision of high-speed broadband and mobile phone infrastructure that does not have adverse impacts on the Special Qualities of the AONB.</p>	<p># Comment as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p>					
<p><b>DRE8 Provision of local needs/ affordable housing</b></p> <p>DRE8.1 Maintain up-to-date information on housing needs within the AONB.</p> <p>DRE8.2 Promote the potential benefits of local needs housing to AONB farmers, landowners and local communities.</p>	<p>–</p> <p>–</p>					

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<b>RTT1 Solutions to traffic routing issues in and around the AONB</b> RTT1.1 Support appropriate proposals for full-movement interchange arrangements at the A64/B1257 junction. RTT1.2 Monitor freight movement issues in the AONB, to identify any patterns in HGV usage. RTT1.3 Encourage measures to address any issues raised during freight monitoring.	# Monitor associated development proposals and input as necessary. – –					
<b>RTT2 Traffic and driver behaviour issues</b> RTT2.1 In line with the Road Safety Partnership speed management protocol, carry out speed-checks in identified locations to investigate reported issues. RTT2.2 Support local events that examine and address traffic and driver behaviour issues, in identified problem locations.	# Monitor information provided via traffic speed surveys carried out in AONB villages. –				XXXXX	
<b>RTT3 Sustainable modes of transport</b> RTT3.1 Identify transport service, infrastructure and accessibility improvements. RTT3.2 Develop and implement identified measures as appropriate. RTT3.3 Promote the availability of alternative transport services in AONB literature, in local villages and at visitor attractions. RTT3.4 Ensure that implementation of the Local Transport Plan 4 for North Yorkshire contributes to the implementation of AONB Management Plan Objectives, where appropriate.	– – – –					

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<p><b>RTT4 Rural character of the road network</b></p> <p>RTT4.1 Continue liaison arrangements between the Joint Advisory Committee and local highway authority (and its agents) for all proposals in the AONB.</p> <p>RTT4.2 Promote the usage of the Howardian Hills Area Profile by relevant teams within the local highway authority.</p> <p>RTT4.3 Identify examples of road sign clutter and seek improvements.</p> <p>RTT4.4 Ensure that the specific locations of historic roadside furniture are recorded on the NYCC Highway Asset Management System.</p> <p>RTT4.5 Ensure that traditional direction signs, mileposts and other historic structures within and adjacent to the highway are appropriately maintained and managed.</p>	<p># Maintain, and comment as necessary via JAC consultations.</p> <p># Check for inclusion of Special Interest Road Verges data on the National Street Gazetteer.</p> <p>–</p> <p># Check for inclusion of traditional direction signs on the National Street Gazetteer</p> <p># Progress restoration of 1 traditional direction sign (Oulston).</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><b>RTT5 A64 Trunk Road</b></p> <p>RTT5.1 Ensure that improvements to the A64 (to enhance road safety, accessibility and journey-time reliability) have regard to the Purposes of Designation and Special Qualities of the AONB.</p> <p>RTT5.2 Monitor future proposals and provide comments to Highways England, North Yorkshire County Council and Ryedale District Council.</p>	<p># Comment as necessary via JAC consultations.</p> <p># Respond as necessary, should any new studies be proposed.</p>					
<p><b>RAT1 Sustainable recreational activities</b></p> <p>RAT1.1 Use planning policies to support appropriate recreational business developments.</p> <p>RAT1.2 Monitor the levels and sustainability of recreational activities within the AONB.</p>	<p># Comment as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p> <p>–</p>					

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<b>RAT2 Promotion of the attractions and Special Qualities of the AONB</b> RAT2.1 Work with local partner organisations to promote sustainable tourism and recreational activities in the Howardian Hills. RAT2.2 Develop and implement initiatives to encourage Under-Represented Groups to enjoy the AONB.	# Continue input to joint initiatives with partner organisations. # Comment as necessary, via JAC consultations. # Continue work with Autism Plus, to promote joint conservation tasks with other local groups.					
<b>RAT3 Condition and network of Public Rights of Way</b> RAT3.1 Ensure that path furniture in the AONB is appropriately maintained and improved. RAT3.2 Liaise with local landowners to quickly rectify identified path condition problems, including seasonal overgrowth and ploughing/cropping. RAT3.3 Implement path improvements, particularly via management measures such as ride-widening and the use of alternative routes. RAT3.4 Ensure the correct identification of all Public Rights of Way routes in the AONB on the Definitive Map by 2026. RAT3.5 Bring 'missing routes' and 'route status inconsistencies' to the attention of the local highway authority and lobby for action.	# Continue to address reported issues. # Continue project with NYCC to repair and upgrade path furniture. # Bring individual and seasonal cutting issues to the attention of NYCC PROW staff, as necessary. # Promote as appropriate, via JAC consultations. - -	XXXXX	XXXXX			
RAT3.6 Support appropriate Public Rights of Way diversion, creation and extinguishment orders/agreements in response to particular local issues or to improve the local network. RAT3.7 Encourage the creation of new access routes/areas where the Public Rights of Way network is less developed.	# Assess the package of rationalisations proposed for the Castle Howard Estate and identify ones that could be publicly funded. # Progress identified individual schemes, potentially at Slingsby & Hovingham. -	XXXXX	XXXXX  XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	

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<p><b>RAT4 Recreational management measures</b></p> <p>RAT4.1 Carry out small-scale management works as necessary, particularly on sites used for car parking and at the AONB's Recreation Priority Sites.</p> <p>RAT4.2 Use planning and other policy controls to discourage unsustainable recreational use of the Derwent valley.</p> <p>RAT4.3 Support low-key countryside management works to improve recreation management on Forestry Commission land.</p> <p>RAT4.4 Encourage the development/use of designated village parking areas and toilet facilities by recreational visitors.</p> <p>RAT4.5 Monitor the levels of litter and fly-tipping within the AONB and take action as appropriate.</p>	<p># Continue grass cutting regime at Badger Bank.</p> <p># Monitor and manage overhanging trees at Bell Bottom Wood, Coneysthorpe, to maximise space available.</p> <p># Ensure Kirkham Priory car park is appropriately maintained.</p> <p># Provide advice and assistance as appropriate as Covid-19 restrictions ease and visitors return to the AONB.</p> <p># Comment as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p> <p>–</p> <p>–</p> <p># Continue programme of litter clearance at car parks throughout the AONB.</p> <p># Report fly-tipping incidents to the District Councils, as necessary.</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><b>RAT5 Routes for different user groups and provide self-guided information</b></p> <p>RAT5.1 Identify appropriate routes, linked to public transport where possible.</p> <p>RAT5.2 Publish guide leaflets and information in a variety of formats as appropriate, to encourage usage.</p>	<p>–</p> <p>–</p>					

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<p><b>AP1 Awareness and understanding of the AONB designation, its importance and the role and work of the Joint Advisory Committee</b></p> <p>AP1.1 Maintain the existing 'gateway signs' on roads entering the AONB and seek to install signs on the A64.</p> <p>AP1.2 Provide information on the work of the JAC via various publicity mechanisms, as appropriate.</p> <p>AP1.3 Maintain a public profile in the local media and at appropriate local events/shows.</p>	<p># Ensure the AONB 'gateway sign' sites are adequately maintained.</p> <p># Promote installation of 'gateway signs' on the A64 if opportunities arise.</p> <p># Publish 2020/21 Annual Report.</p> <p># Publish AONB News 2021.</p> <p># Continue publicising the AONB and initiatives/projects via Twitter.</p> <p># Ryedale Show – cancelled due to Covid-19.</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>		
<p><b>AP2 Awareness of the Special Qualities of the AONB</b></p> <p>AP2.1 Publish and distribute information about the AONB and its Special Qualities, for example at popular visitor destinations, in community buildings, in visitor accommodation and on the AONB website.</p> <p>AP2.2 Deliver guided walks, talks and demonstrations as appropriate to explain the Special Qualities of the AONB and promote sustainable management techniques.</p> <p>AP2.3 Continue a programme of activities with local schools, young people and communities.</p>	<p># Ensure that TICs and local accommodation providers, shops, etc have adequate supplies of relevant AONB leaflets.</p> <p># Ensure that the AONB website is running properly and is updated appropriately.</p> <p># Use AONB display at 3 venues/events.</p> <p>–</p> <p># Hold at least 2 family activity sessions (Covid-19 dependent).</p> <p># Assist with delivery of the schools element of the Ryevitalise project, as appropriate.</p>		<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	

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<p><b>IM1 Funding and partnership mechanisms to achieve Management Plan objectives</b></p> <p>IM1.1 Seek appropriate sources of funding and assistance to implement Management Plan Objectives.</p> <p>IM1.2 Continue and expand partnership arrangements with the North York Moors National Park Authority, as appropriate.</p> <p>IM1.3 Involve volunteers wherever possible, to assist with the delivery of appropriate tasks and activities.</p>	<p># Participate via the NAAONB in work to ensure the future of AONB funding, in particular in follow-up to the Glover Review of Protected Landscapes.</p> <p># Participate via the NAAONB in work to help develop the new mechanisms for land management and rural business support.</p> <p># Access additional resources from Defra, County &amp; District Councils, FC, EA, HE, etc for specific identified projects – Farming in Protected Landscapes programme is main objective.</p> <p># Continue involvement in the Yorkshire Derwent Catchment Partnership (See NE3.5).</p> <p># Contribute to delivery of 2021/22 Ryevitalise projects as appropriate (See NE3.5).</p> <p># Continue involvement in tourism development initiatives (See DRE6.2).</p> <p># Utilise Reserves appropriately, to supplement annual projects budget.</p> <p># Keep AONB grant processes and assistance options under review as Government grant incentive schemes evolve, in order to maintain effectiveness and efficiency.</p> <p># Continue dialogue on potential joint working opportunities, e.g. Farmer Clusters, environmental land management scheme design &amp; delivery, Farming in Protected Landscapes Programme, etc.</p> <p># Complete at least 1 project per calendar quarter using volunteers (Covid-19 dependent).</p>	XXXXX	XXXXX			

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<b>IM2 Business model</b> IM2.1 Monitor the business requirements and model of the AONB Partnership and identify improvements as appropriate.  IM2.2 Incorporate suggested improvements into the annual Action Programme and Budget approval processes.	# Ensure a smooth succession process for the AONB Manager post. # Evaluate the current AONB Unit staff structure and Partnership composition/operation, if required, in response to any budget, function or operational business model changes proposed/introduced as part of the Government response to the Glover Review, Farming in Protected Landscapes Programme, AONB Manager succession, etc. # Utilise Reserves appropriately, to supplement annual projects budget and maintain an AONB Unit staff resource commensurate with future work priorities and income. # Prepare annual Business Plan/Action Programme for JAC.	XXXXX	XXXXX  XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX          XXXXX	
<b>MN1 Performance of the AONB partnership and AONB unit</b> MN1.1 Report annual progress on achievement of Management Plan Objectives to the JAC, AONB Partnership and public. MN1.2 Monitor the performance of the AONB Partnership using the Defra/NAAONB Key Performance Indicators.	# Report Annual Action Programme achievements to JAC.  # Report data on Key Performance Indicators of JAC and AONB Partnership.		XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
<b>MN2 Monitor the condition of the AONB</b> MN2.1 Develop a robust mechanism for assessing the Condition of the locally designated and non-designated Priority Sites identified in the Management Plan. MN2.2 Update the data for the AONB Condition Indicators during Management Plan review in 2023. MN2.3 Update the 'State of the AONB' Report during Management Plan review in 2023. MN2.4 Repeat the 'fixed-point photography' monitoring of visual landscape change.	# Test Natural England methodologies on favourable conservation status, to assess the condition of non-designated biodiversity Priority Sites.  -  -  -			XXXXX	XXXXX	



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<b>National Association for AONBs</b> Maintain input into NAAONB Board and Association activities.  Keep up-to-date with knowledge and skills in relation to AONB management.	# Continue to participate in NAAONB initiatives.  # Attend training seminars, Northern Group meetings, Conferences, etc as appropriate.					
<b>AONB Management Plan</b> Review AONB Management Plan.	-					

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**HOWARDIAN HILLS  
AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY  
JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
8 APRIL 2021**

**NATIONAL/NAAONB ACTIVITY**

**1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To receive details of current national issues and the work of the National Association for AONBs (NAAONB).

**2.0 OVERVIEW**

- 2.1 The past year has been extremely busy for the NAAONB, with not only Covid-19-related issues generating significant work but also a number of significant initiatives being launched by Defra and requiring AONB Network liaison. This report touches on several of the more important areas.

**3.0 FARMING IN PROTECTED LANDSCAPES**

- 3.1 The Agriculture Transition Plan, published in November 2020, contained a proposal for a Farming in Protected Landscapes scheme. Defra started discussions with representatives from AONBs and National Parks in early 2021 and these are still on-going.
- 3.2 The Farming in Protected Landscapes scheme is included as Appendix 1 and contains two principal strands – supporting land managers to carry out environmental enhancement works; and working with land managers and other groups to support and encourage greater enjoyment and understanding of the countryside.
- 3.3 Discussions are moving at a fast pace and any further information will be reported orally at the meeting.

**4.0 THE NATIONAL LANDSCAPES SERVICE**

- 4.1 One of the key Recommendations running through the Glover Review of Protected Landscapes published in 2019 was the proposal to create a National Landscapes Service (NLS). It was suggested that this would help to raise the profile of the Protected Landscapes (the AONBs and National Parks) as well as creating economies of scale to boost delivery of nature recovery and public engagement with nature.
- 4.2 Defra officials have been asked by Government to test a model that would bring AONB and National Park staff into a single Arms-Length Body, with local structures to deliver activity in each Protected Landscape. There is no clarity yet on the composition and detailed functions of an NLS under this model, or how it would relate to current local Partnerships and Local Authority hosting.

- 4.3 It is unlikely that substantial detail will emerge until later this year, as Defra wants to engage with AONB and National Park staff, as well as with local authorities and other stakeholders, to discuss the extent to which this is workable and desirable as a way to improve the management of AONBs and National Parks.
- 4.4 A group of AONB and National Park staff is working with Defra to help shape thinking on this matter and is keeping Lead Officers informed. Any further available information will be reported orally at the meeting.

## **5.0 ENVIRONMENTAL LAND MANAGEMENT**

- 5.1 The AONB Network's Test & Trial of Environmental Land Management (ELM) has been progressing, although activity has been severely hampered by the Covid-19 pandemic. Almost all the 11 sub-projects had reached the stage last spring where they planned to carry out farmer meetings, but these had to be switched to online webinars. The results are however starting to come through and this will provide a useful learning resource for not only Defra but also the AONB Network. The need to switch to online working has meant that many more AONB staff have been able to participate in webinars and web-based learning.
- 5.2 Defra made a sum of money available to each AONB and National Park last autumn, to carry out advocacy work with farmers and land managers to encourage entry into the current Countryside Stewardship Scheme and also to prepare for ELM. In the Howardian Hills we contracted an independent advisor (Fraser Hugill), who also farms in the AONB, to deliver the project on our behalf. A number of resources and webinars were prepared nationally, whilst Fraser has also been doing a number of one-to-one farm visits. A short report will be produced at the end of the project and this will be circulated to Members later in April when it becomes available.

## **6.0 ART IN THE LANDSCAPE**

- 6.1 In 2019 the NAAONB supported the development of an arts strategy with grant support from Arts Council England (ACE) and voluntary contributions from the AONB Network. A national steering group was set up and Activate Performing Arts were commissioned to:
- Consult with AONB teams with different levels of experience in delivering arts and culture projects, importantly hearing from those who have not yet delivered major projects.
  - Research good practice from the three land guardians: National Trust, Forestry England and Canal & Rivers Trust who have Memorandums of Understanding with Arts Council England.
  - Consult with senior officers from Arts Council England and other agencies.

- Deliver a training programme for the AONB members to offer insight into working with the arts sector and develop confidence in the teams.
- Produce the Arts in the Landscape Strategy to provide direction for the NAAONB and AONB Network.

- 6.2 The Art in The Landscape Strategy was formally adopted at the NAAONB Annual General Meeting in November 2020 and all AONBs have been invited to adopt the Strategy and participate in coordinated national and local action resulting from it. The Strategy helps the AONB Network achieve its Colchester Declaration aims, and those of Julian Glover’s National Landscapes Review around:
- Engaging with a wider and more diverse audience.
  - Helping people to create deeper connections to nature, place and landscape.
  - Inspiring pro-environmental behaviour to tackle the conjoined ecological and climate emergency.

A summary of the Strategy is attached as Appendix 2.

- 6.3 The Howardian Hills AONB has been involved in a small number of arts projects over the years, ranging from a community-based programme delivered by Rural Arts North Yorkshire in 2002/03 as part of the preparation process for the first Statutory AONB Management Plan, to grant aiding various individual community and school-based art installations since then. Lack of staff resources and experience has meant that little attention could be given to this area of work in the past, but Francesca Pert has considerable arts experience and has been involved in delivery of the arts-based elements of the Ryevitalise Project within the AONB, as well as developing an idea for a ‘Sounds in the City’ project for an edge-of-town shopping centre in York.

- 6.4 Contributions to the national project would be requested by the NAAONB on a voluntary basis, as with initiatives in other areas of work. It is envisaged that any arts project developed in/by the AONB would be the subject of funding bids to deliver it.

## **7.0 OTHER NATIONAL NEWS/ACTIVITY**

- 7.1 Howard Davies, who has been the CEO of the NAAONB since autumn 2009, will be stepping down from his role at the end of September. The recruitment process for his successor is in train and it is understood that there will a substantial hand-over period is planned in order to ensure service continuity.

## **8.0 RECOMMENDATION**

It is Recommended that:

- a) the work being carried out on national initiatives be noted for information.
- b) The Art in the Landscape Strategy be endorsed, to enable enhanced partnership working with Arts Council England.

## **B.6 Farming in Protected Landscapes**

**We want: To support farmers and other land managers in Protected Landscapes, to help them diversify their income streams and lay the groundwork for our Environmental Land Management offer.**

**We will: Provide support to farmers, via National Park Authorities and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty bodies, to help grow businesses, create green jobs, enhance biodiversity and invest in infrastructure to attract more diverse visitors to support local economies.**

Farmers in Protected Landscapes operate in challenging agricultural conditions and are often very reliant on Direct Payments. At the same time, they provide huge environmental, social and cultural benefits.

In addition to the other policies laid out here, we are proposing a specific and time limited package to help farmers adapt during the transition. This programme will support farmers and land managers so they can work with Protected Landscapes to deliver environmental outcomes, lay the groundwork for our Environmental Land Management offer, and contribute towards the delivery of recommendations in the Glover Review of National Landscapes.

### **Scheme description**

The scheme will deliver funding through the Protected Landscapes<sup>6</sup> bodies to support farmers, particularly upland farmers (75% of whom live and work in Protected Landscapes) to make improvements to the natural environment, cultural heritage and public access on their land.

### **Eligibility**

Farmers and other land managers in Protected Landscapes will have the opportunity to work with their National Park or Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. More information will be provided on this scheme in early 2021.

### **Payments**

The scheme will use existing delivery mechanisms through Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and National Park Authorities, who have existing infrastructure and relationships across Protected Landscapes.

The spend each year would support delivery against two complementary areas: (A) farm level projects and (B) wider infrastructure and projects on farmland.

### **Farmers and other land managers will benefit from:**

(A) Farm level projects to diversify incomes, prepare for our Environmental Land Management offer and create more green jobs.

- Support for farmers for delivering environment/landscape outcomes. Examples might include peat restoration, planting woodland, hay meadow restoration, creation of heathland and scrub, moorland management, enhancement of wetlands, and dry-stone wall repairs
- Support to farmers on areas such as carbon capture, business planning, and skills development including apprenticeships

(B) Wider infrastructure investment and projects supporting farmers and rural economies

- Infrastructure, such as better access, clearer and simpler signage, dedicated cycling/electric bike access – to attract more diverse groups of visitors (to farm businesses, camping barns, etc.) as well as creating jobs (e.g. expansion of landscape rangers supporting farmers and visitors)
- Strengthened public engagement with landscapes to attract more, and more diverse, visitors, improving mental health outcomes and better disabled access; walking routes to better connect landscapes.

**Timings**

We will be providing more information about the scheme in early 2021.

<sup>6</sup> The 44 Protected Landscapes include 10 National Parks and 34 Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty

## 1. Background

A national strategy has been created by the National Association for AONBs (NAAONB) to galvanise action that enables people to experience a deeper connection to the natural beauty of the landscape through the arts.

The Art in The Landscape Strategy was formally adopted at the NAAONB Annual General Meeting in November 2020 and all AONBs are invited to adopt the Strategy and participate in coordinated national and local action resulting from it. The Strategy helps the AONB Network achieve its Colchester Declaration aims, and those of Glover's National Landscape Review around:

- Engaging with a wider and more diverse audience
- Helping people to create deeper connections to nature, place and landscape
- Inspiring pro-environmental behaviour to tackle the conjoined ecological and climate emergency

The Art in the Landscape Strategy helps focus future delivery of art activity, collectively within the AONB family as well as locally. It also shows Arts Council England and other funders that the NAAONB and the AONB Network are committing to broaden and deepen our work with arts and culture in order to better connect people to nature.

## 2. Art in the Landscape Strategy Development

The 'National Moment' in 2019, supported by Poet Laureate Simon Armitage with '[Fugitives](#)', presented the NAAONB with a high-profile stage to make an ambitious '[Art in the Landscape Statement of Intent](#)' - a commitment to engaging people with nature through the arts.

In this statement, Howard Davies (Chief Exec, NAAONB) states, "The creative exploration of place, through music, painting, poetry, and dance opens up the experience of landscape beyond the world of science and policy and helps us better understand our place in the world. With better understanding comes better stewardship; the basis of a more sustainable future."

On the back of the statement of intent, NAAONB resourced the development of the strategy with grant support from Arts Council England (ACE) and contributions from the AONB network. A national steering group was set up and Activate Performing Arts were commissioned to:

- Consult with AONB teams with different levels of experience in delivering arts and culture projects, importantly hearing from those who have not yet delivered major projects.
- Research good practice from the three land guardians: National Trust, Forestry England and Canal & Rivers Trust who have Memorandums of Understanding with Arts Council England.
- Consult with senior officers from Arts Council England and other agencies.
- Deliver a training programme for the AONB members to offer insight into working with the arts and develop confidence in the teams.
- Produce the Arts in the Landscape Strategy to provide direction for the NAAONB and AONB Network.

A summary of the Aims and Recommendations of the Strategy are detailed below, the full Strategy can be found [on the NAAONB website](#).



### 3. Art in the Landscape Strategy: Vision and Aims

People experience a deeper connection to the natural beauty of the landscape through the arts.

1. **To connect** people to nature and the natural beauty of the AONBs – increasing creativity, wellbeing and pro-environmental behaviour.
2. **To challenge** perceptions of access to the landscape in order to diversify engagement.
3. **To broker** new trusted relationships with the arts and cultural sector to co- create new programmes.
4. **To celebrate** the existing creativity in the AONB teams and the local community.
5. **To work with** arts and culture to understand and directly address the climate emergency and nature recovery.
6. **To welcome** provocations and questions in exploring ways that arts can change perceptions.
7. **To inspire** ambition by sharing exemplary projects of all scales.
8. **To capture** the public’s imagination through engaging them in creative responses to the landscape.
9. **To raise** the profile of the landscape and the AONBs and the purpose of the AONB teams.
10. **To lever in** resources and relationships at all levels for an ambitious programme.

### 4. Art in the Landscape Strategy: Summary of Recommendations

#### 1. Adopt the National Arts Strategy

*The process of developing the Strategy was grounded in the consultation across the network. A nationally and locally endorsed strategy will have strong currency in discussions with external agencies, both national agencies such as government and funders and locally with partners, arts and cultural organisations.*

#### Recommendations:

- NAAONB adopt and endorse the Strategy and report at the Annual Chairs meeting;
- following on from this each AONB circulates the Strategy to all AONB staff and members of AONB partnership boards;
- time is dedicated at full team meetings of each AONB and at partnership board for presentation and discussion of the Strategy;
- the Strategy is adopted by each AONB partnership board who agree an in-principle commitment to invest in the proposed National resource;
- a five-year national action plan should then be drawn up (relating to Recommendation 8), endorsed by the National Steering Group and adopted by the NAAONB;
- recognising the unique sense of place each AONB has, each creates a local action plan of how the strategy can be implemented in their area within their Management Plan and relating to the National plan.

## 2. Deliver a National Creative Projects Programme

*Research responses also strongly advocated for national creative projects to be clustered around specific themes, e.g., dark skies, coasts, ceremonial landscapes and hill forts. Crucially the national creative projects need a simple artistic provocation at the centre. Further ideas will be created by inviting experienced artists from diverse backgrounds into the AONBs and allowing their thinking to imagine new possibilities*

### Recommendation:

- That national creative projects, of different forms, are adopted as a powerful activity in line with the aims for the AONBs. They can offer the opportunity:
  - for all AONBs to be involved;
  - to be planned to share good practice and encourage peer to peer support;
  - to be scalable so can be variation of delivery dependent upon local partners and resource – it is important to note that small budgets can be used resourcefully with artists;
  - to create stories, images, film that can be used for gaining profile and inspiration for future projects;
  - to take place over a specified period, such as Spring, or at the same time across the country such as building on the existing national Landscapes for Life Week in late September each year;
  - for collaboration with other national organisations, for example Culture Declares Emergency.

## 3. Widen the welcome

*The NAAONB and many individual AONBs want to take positive action to set about broadening the reach of the work, which will result in far more people feeling connected to nature and wanting to be proactive in their tendency to nature conservation. Arts and culture are an excellent way to do this.*

### Recommendations:

- The AONBs work through arts and culture programmes to establish meaningful links, connections and visits with communities with higher levels of people from diverse cultural and socio-economic backgrounds.
- A target for new arts and culture projects that at least 50% of the commissioned lead artists are from D/deaf and disabled, BAME and lower socio-economic backgrounds. Equally, this should also be reflected in the teams brought in to work on the project and those participating in the work.
- The Steering Group and National lead will support the identifying of a cohort of interested artists that AONBs could then work with on creative projects.

## 4. Develop the Governance

*There is a relatively low level of membership by representatives from cultural organisations on AONB Management or Stakeholder groups and in partnership working.*

### Recommendations:

- that the positive recruitment of at least one person from the culture sector to become a member of these Governance groups with a specific brief to help both the board and staff team to develop their engagement with the arts and to adopt the Strategy.

- that relationships with artists, arts and cultural organisations that either are located in or near the AONBs are developed.

## **5. Advocate continually**

*Arts and culture should be integrated in delivering conservation and enhancement of natural beauty in the same way that 'outreach' or 'education' currently are.*

### Recommendations:

- the NAAONB, the Steering Group and individual AONBs continue to advocate for the work through an existing and ongoing programme of conferences, regular information briefings and presentations and through the dissemination of case studies, evaluation and research findings and any generated external coverage into the enhanced arts programme.
- a dedicated area of the NAAONB's website to be created to showcase the arts programme and house the links to individual projects across the country.

## **6. Sustain and expand the National Arts and Culture Steering Group**

*This current research programme has been guided by a steering group, comprised of representatives from the NAAONB and individual AONBs, bringing a range of viewpoints, regional perspectives and represents differing levels of existing engagement across the membership.*

### Recommendation:

The Steering Group is extended to become an ongoing steering group and that its membership is widened either by co-option or invitation to include places for representatives from artists, arts and culture organisations and that diversity is considered and reimbursement for time is offered.

## **7. Develop an understanding between NAAONB, AONBs and Arts Council England**

*This funded research process has seen a continuing and developing dialogue at strategic level between NAAONB, AONBs and ACE.*

### Recommendations:

- the NAAONB continue these discussions with ACE and develop an agreement based around their shared priorities. This agreement should look to the coming five years, as a trial period for joint working to increase arts and culture engagement within AONBs, with artists and organisations for people based both within and without them. The agreement should be monitored annually by senior ACE officers and the NAAONB and the Steering Group.
- that as ACE refreshes its Rural Stakeholders group, it invites a representative from the Steering group to the bi-annual meeting considering issues relating to arts and culture and rural communities and sends officer/s to the NAAONB annual conference to understand the developing AONB context.

## **8. Create a Core National Resource**

*Research and consultation identified the benefit and catalysing impact of a core national resource would have - encouraging, inspiring, supporting and advocating for arts and culture within the sector and beyond.*

### Recommendation

Create a new national role (with some administrative support) based within the NAAONB to bring expertise and additional capacity to deliver the strategy's aim and vision. This should be resourced for a medium-term period of five years, with a delivery budget.

## **9. Create a Training and Professional Development Programme**

*AONBs and their staff have an identified need for specific training and capacity building and continuing professional development programmes in working with the arts.*

### Recommendations:

- Training & capacity building is developed in a number of ways and managed by the national Arts and Culture Development Manager:
  - Inspirational – making detailed case studies of projects available, commissioning online video interviews with AONB officers and artists on their work together and live presentations at future national conferences.
  - Practical – building on from the training delivered in this programme developing access to a set of bespoke resources e.g. project toolkit including planning guidance, suggested processes, timelines, budgeting advice, budget template, marketing and audience development; evaluation frameworks.
  - Mutual Learning and Support – cluster support and networking groups could emerge either from AONBs Taking The Lead programme, the Communications Group or areas of interest such as Dark Skies. These groups would develop a term of reference for a specific period to offer mutual support, explore themes together, develop potential group collaboration and share artist information.

NB: the full Strategy can be found [on the NAAONB website](#).