

HOWARDIAN HILLS AONB ACTION PROGRAMME**2008/09**

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

OBJECTIVE	SPECIFIC TARGET 08/09	APRIL - JUNE	JULY - SEPT	OCT - DEC	JAN - MAR	ACHIEVEMENTS 08/09
NB1.1 Rolling programme of SINC surveys.	> Assist with NYCC monitoring survey, as necessary.	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX			> No requests received. > Supplied site access info for surveys due in summer '09. > Completed Aug '08. > Cawton Bank, Cawton Fens SINC, Caulkleys Bank SINC & Caulkleys Wood SINC also surveyed May-Aug '08. > 3 tetrads in AONB surveyed. > Phase I grassland survey information digitised for Ryedale area. > 2007/08 actions still to be sent to NYCC Biodiversity Officer. Delayed due to Management Plan work.
NB1.2 Detailed surveys of specific habitats or species.	> Use volunteer to update survey of Appleton-le-Street churchyard SINC.		XXXXXXXXXX			
NB1.3 Assist farmers, land managers and communities with monitoring wildlife.	–					
NB1.4 Service Level Agreement with the Ecological Data Centre.	> Feed actions achieved in the AONB into BARS.	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX			
NB1.5 Biodiversity Audit and Action Plan for the AONB.	–					
NB2.1 Maintain a register of key sites.	> Work with NYCC to establish the Condition of all SINC's in the AONB, as part of the LAA process. > Continue with work with NYMNP on Heritage Trees.	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	> Completed July '08. > No progress.
NB2.2 Protect best sites through designation.	–					> No cases of proposed development within SINC's. > Site visit with new owner of Dale Wood SINC, summer '08.
NB2.3 Local Planning Authority policies that prevent development in Ancient Woodland.	–					
NB2.4 Monitor development proposals.	> Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.					
NB2.5 Ensure farmers and landowners are aware of the existence of sites.	–					

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NB3.1 Local involvement with monitoring and management of wildlife.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > 6 school visits to important wildlife site, as part of AONB Discovery Project. > Work with 1 PCC on churchyard management. 	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Completed, June & July '08. > Management advice given to Terrington PCC – monitor result of revised '08 cutting regime in '09. > SDF grant to Amotherby Churchyard Conservation Group for habitat management. > SDF assistance provided to Hushwaite Orchards Group. > SDF assistance to produce Ampleforth Abbey apple recipe book. > Specialist volunteer ecological surveyor working in the AONB May-Aug '08.
NB4.1 Management of Local Priority sites (woodland). NB4.2 Restoration of Plantations on Ancient Woodland Sites. NB4.3 Creation of new native woodland. NB4.4 Creation of wet woodland and marshy grassland along riparian corridors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – > Encourage via EWGS consultations and advice of Native Woodland Development Officer. > Encourage via EWGS consultations and advice of Native Woodland Development Officer. > Create new area of wood pasture at Brandsby, to link to veteran tree. > Plant 20 new individual in-field and hedgerow trees. > Encourage via EWGS consultations and advice of Native Woodland Development Officer. 			XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > 1.0 ha restored in Bulmer Hagg SINC. > Spraying of brambles/sycamore regrowth in Scar Wood SINC. > Volunteers clearing Western hemlock regeneration in Park Wood, Gilling Feb '09. > No applications this year. > No further response from landowner. > Veteran oak tree fenced-off from livestock. > 56 new individual/hedgerow trees planted + 2 wood pasture groups of shrubs. > No schemes this year

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NB5.1 Management of Local Priority Sites (grassland). NB5.2 Special Interest Road Verges. NB5.3 Restoration of grassland and lowland heath. NB5.4 Creation of new grassland habitats.	> Continue scrub clearance works at Little Dale SINC and re-introduce grassland management. > Continue grazing sites with Exmoor ponies. > Carry out management works on 35 SIRVs. > Evaluate scope of installing grit bins on more SIRVs. > Input into Grimston & Gilling FC Forest Design Plan revision. -	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	> Bramble cuttings burnt-up; water supply installed (pasture pump). Site grazed by Exmoor ponies summer '08. > 8 sites grazed, at Cawton (2), Coulton (3), Terrington (2) & Bulmer. > Old fencing removed at Bull Ings SINC and handling pen erected at Cawton Bank. > Amotherby Lane & Appleton Churchyard SINC's managed. > Gorse cleared at Peel Wood & Grassland SINC. > 43 SIRVs cut in Mar '09. Himalayan balsam removed from 1 verge. > Discussions held with NYCC to install bins at Nunnington & Coulton. > Design Plan examined, no comments made. > Agreement reached to prepare Conservation Management Plan for Gilling Castle RPG.
NB6.1 Management of Local Priority sites (wetlands & fen). NB6.2 Restoration of sites that have declined in interest. NB6.3 Creation of new habitat.	> Support coppicing of alders along River Rye SINC. > Manage birch at Terrington Carr. > Continue willow control work at Adjacent to Sandlands Meadow SINC. > Carry out management work to peat bog area on Yearsley Moor. > Restore dewpond at Cawton. -	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	> Work completed with SDF grant aid at East Newton in Winter '08/'09. > Coppicing of one third of site completed March '09. > No further work required. > Himalayan balsam along Wath Beck strimmed/pulled (c.3.5km). > Volunteer task scheduled for May '09. > No further response from landowner.
NB7.1 Local Target Areas and co-ordinated management measures. NB7.2 Management of key sites for specific species.	> Run BTCV bumblebees workshop in 3 AONB schools. > Grassland management for knapweed broomrape, at Amotherby Lane SINC. > Take cuttings to propagate black poplar. > Plant 10 cuttings of propagated black poplar material. > Monitor use of the 15 barn owl boxes erected in '07/08. > Organise 1 grey partridge event.	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	> Not completed. > Site cut and raked Nov '08. > 10 cuttings taken Mar '09. > 11 cuttings planted out and protected, Feb-Mar '09. > No information received as yet. > Attended Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust workshop on Wild Game at Castle Howard in June '08. Not considered to be scope to organise an AONB event.

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NB8.1 The Entry Level Environmental Stewardship Scheme. NB8.2 The Higher Level Environmental Stewardship Scheme.	> Provide advice to farmers and landowners, as necessary. > Provide advice to farmers and landowners, as necessary. > Complete 1 FEP for land in the AONB.	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	> See AG2.1. > See AG2.1. > No FEPs requested by landowners.
NB9.1 FWAG Whole Farm Plans. NB9.2 Applications to grant schemes. NB9.3 Flexible package of assistance. NB9.4 Demonstrate 'best practice'.	> Support FWAG Whole Farm Carbon Audits via SDF-funded project. > See NB8 above. > Carry out fencing works to protect veteran tree at Brandsby. -	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	> Project supported. 10 audits and 2 events completed. > See NB8 above. > Completed Mar '09.
CH1.1 Historic Landscape Characterisation survey. CH1.2 Further thematic research. CH1.3 Regular surveys of built heritage. CH1.4 Studies of individual historic parks and gardens. CH1.5 Recording local history and traditions.	> Assist with survey work in AONB, as necessary. > Start project on Yearsley Moor, as part of CAN DO HLF Lime & Ice Project. - - > Start project on Yearsley Moor, as part of CAN DO HLF Lime & Ice Project.	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	> No assistance requested. > Preparations made for launch of project in May '09. > Agreement reached to prepare Conservation Management Plan for Gilling Castle RPG. > See CH 1.2 above. > 2 oral history interviews arranged for Brandsby area. > Preparation of local history event planned for June '09 as part of Lime & Ice project. > Research carried out by community group on orchards in Husthwaite, Feb '09.
CH2.1 Provide survey information to English Heritage and local authorities.	> As necessary.					> No new sites found.
CH3.1 Local involvement in monitoring and management of cultural heritage features.	> Start project on Yearsley Moor, as part of CAN DO HLF Lime & Ice Project (CH1.2).	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	> See CH1.2 above. > SDF grant aid for Orchards Restoration day, run by FWAG. > Grant aid to Husthwaite community group for orchard restoration and planting advice, Feb '09.

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<p>CH4.1 Historic landscape conservation and management advice.</p> <p>CH4.2 Encourage entry into agri-environment schemes.</p> <p>CH4.3 Conservation Plans for SAMs and other important sites.</p> <p>CH4.4 Management plans for historic parks and gardens.</p> <p>CH4.5 Flexible package of assistance.</p> <p>CH4.6 Grant aid scheme for repair and restoration of Buildings at Risk.</p> <p>CH4.7 Demonstrate 'best practice'.</p>	<p>> On-going</p> <p>> See NB8 above.</p> <p>> Address management issues arising from the EH Scheduled Monuments at Risk Survey on 5 SAMs.</p> <p>> Continue input to Castle Howard Conservation Management Plan, as necessary.</p> <p>> Carry out management or repair works on 8 Local Priority Sites or historic features.</p> <p>> Use AONB resources in partnership with NYCC/RDC to carry out works on 1 Listed Building at Risk.</p> <p>-</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>> Advice provided at East Newton & Barton-le-Street.</p> <p>> See AG2.1.</p> <p>> Management issues at individual monuments incorporated into revised Management Plan.</p> <p>> Initial ideas developed on management action to tackle specific problems, e.g. bracken.</p> <p>> No further input requested.</p> <p>> Agreement reached to prepare Conservation Management Plan for Gilling Castle RPG.</p> <p>> Work completed on Local Priority Sites at Dalby, Howsham & Wiganthorpe (2). Work on other sites/features at Whitwell, Stonegrave, Gilling, Scackleton & Terrington.</p> <p>> Re-roofing scheme completed on threshing barn at Hovingham.</p> <p>> Specification prepared and application approved for repairs to limekiln at Cawton to be carried out summer '09.</p>
<p>LC1.1 Pass information from AONB consultation events to the relevant organisation /agency.</p> <p>LC1.2 Lobby Government on relevant national rural issues.</p> <p>LC1.3 Encourage Village Appraisals.</p> <p>LC1.4 Implementation of identified projects.</p> <p>LC1.5 AONB Village Forum.</p>	<p>> Pass on information as necessary, following Parish Planning events.</p> <p>> As necessary, via the NAAONB.</p> <p>> Run 4 Parish Planning events.</p> <p>> Advise and assist as appropriate.</p> <p>> Continue to invite Parish Councils to AONB Partnership Group.</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>> Summary report & supporting appendices sent to relevant organisations/agencies, Jul '08.</p> <p>> Monitoring and input to various NAAONB consultation responses.</p> <p>> Events held at Hovingham, Ampleforth, Barton-le-Street & Welburn (119 people).</p> <p>> Continued input to LEADER Local Action Group, to ensure availability of future funding.</p> <p>> Grant aid provided for refurbishment of village name sign at Sproxton.</p> <p>> SDF grant for eco-renovation survey of Gilling Village Hall.</p> <p>> Parish Councils invited to AONB Partnership Group meeting April '09.</p> <p>> SDF grant approved for Rural Action Yorkshire to organise Forum in '09 & '10, as part of a larger community project.</p>

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AG1.1 Lobby on development of new rural support mechanisms and agri-environment schemes. AG1.2 Funding for the Howardian Hills AONB. AG1.3 Promote rural support mechanisms to farmers and landowners.	> As necessary, via NAAONB. > Continue to support the Environmental Stewardship scheme and lobby for targeting that allows AONB farmers to participate. -					> Attended NAAONB meeting on CAP reform, Sept '08. > AONB is a Target Area for HLS. 1 targeting meeting attended. 1 update meeting attended. > Environmental Stewardship promoted at Farmers and Landowners meeting, Nov '08.
AG2.1 Provide specialist advice within the AONB. AG2.2 Flexible package of assistance for small-scale conservation projects. AG2.3 Demonstrate 'best practice'.	> Provide advice, guidance and information to assist farmers applying for ES scheme. > Assist 8 landscape conservation projects with AONB funding. > Restore dewpond at Cawton. -	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	> HLS/ELS advice provided to farmers at Brandsby, Yearsley, Barton-le-Street, Crambe & Scackleton. > Schemes completed at Firby, Scackleton, Yearsley, East Newton & Barton-le-Street. 256m of new hedging; 1,245m of gaps. 330m of wall overhauled. 640 trees planted in 2 woodland belts. > No further response from landowner.
AG3.1 Positive approach to planning control for farm diversification projects. AG3.2 Lobby Government on incentives for biofuel and industrial crop production.	> Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. > As necessary, via NAAONB.					> No objections to 3 projects in planning consultation responses, at Brandsby, Coulton & Scackleton.
AG4.1 High standards of design, siting and landscaping measures for new farm buildings.	> Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. > Provide expanded guidance within the revised AONB Management Plan.				XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	> Comments submitted on proposals subsequently: Approved at Scackleton, Bulmer, Oswaldkirk (2), Skewsby, Cawton (3) & Terrington. > New Objective written into Management Plan.
FW1.1 Effective Felling Licence control. FW1.2 Consultation procedure between JAC and Forestry Commission. FW1.3 'Group felling', shelterwood' and 'selection' systems.	- > Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. > Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.					> On-going, via consultations. > 5 consultations on specific woodland management/planting schemes received. > Responded to Forestry Commission Forest Design Plan for Gilling Block.

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FW2.1 Management in accordance with the UK Forestry Standard. FW2.2 Use of the (English) Woodland Grant Scheme and Environmental Stewardship Scheme. FW2.3 Woodland management plans. FW2.4 Encouragement to achieve UKWAS certification.	- > As opportunities arise. - -					> Advice provided for schemes at Sproxtton, Coulton & Hovingham, East Newton. > Condition Assessment completed for eastern end of Scar Wood SINC.
FW3.1 Promote the use of natural regeneration. FW3.2 Co-ordinated control of pest species. FW3.3 Promote the use of local provenance nursery stock. FW3.4 Work with local forest nurseries.	> Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. - > Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. > Use Thirsk Community Woodland Group to take and propagate black poplar cuttings.				XXXXXXXXXX	> No applicable schemes this year. > A requirement for PAWS restoration schemes (1 scheme (1.0ha) applied for this year). > 11 cuttings planted at Cawton, Ness, Terrington & Hovingham.
FW4.1 Support small-scale wood fuel heating systems. FW4.2 Use of timber in the local furniture industry. FW4.3 Demonstrate on-site processing equipment.	> Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. > Encourage schemes arising from the Yorwoods Biomass Development Service project. - -					> No applicable schemes this year. > No applicable schemes this year.
FW5.1 Use forestry grant procedures to advise on siting and design. FW5.2 Promote the availability of advice and grant aid schemes.	> Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. > As opportunities arise, using Native Woodland Development Officer as appropriate.					> No requests received this year. > Supported Native Woodland Development Officer post and utilised for woodland advice.

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FW6.1 Grant incentives for basic annual woodland management tasks. FW6.2 Grant incentives for PAWS restoration. FW6.3 Grant incentives for specific priority work, in line with the Regional Forestry Framework. FW6.4 'Scoring system' for new woodland. FW6.5 Flexible package of assistance for small-scale conservation projects.	- - > Monitor the prioritisation of regional funding, to maximise opportunities for projects in the AONB. - > Carry out management work to peat bog area on Yearsley Moor.		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX		> Attended 1 Regional Woodland Forum meeting. > Volunteer task organised and scheduled for May '09.
FW7.1 Local demonstration sites/events. FW7.2 Skills Audit and/or Training Needs Analysis. FW7.3 Promote woodland training courses.	- - > As necessary.					
D1.1 Appropriate policies in Development Plans. D1.2 Consultation arrangements with the JAC.	- > Respond to JAC consultations, as necessary.	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	> 53 consultations received from NYCC, RDC, HDC or external contractors.
D2.1 Rural Design Guidance. D2.2 Encourage Village Design Statements. D2.3 Guidance on building restoration techniques. D2.4 Conservation Areas. D2.5 Assist with works identified in Conservation Area appraisals.	- > Promote at the 4 Parish Planning events. - - -	XXXXXXXXXX				> Completed.
D3.1 Local landscape works. D3.2 Liaison arrangements with public utility companies. D3.3 Resist increases in aircraft noise.	> Contact Yorkshire Water, to discuss possible landscape enhancement measures at sewage works. > Continue work with NEDL, in relation to undergrounding cables within the AONB. > Achieve undergrounding for at least 1 scheme in the AONB. > Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	> Not completed. > No contact with NEDL this year. > No schemes completed. > No relevant applications.

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D4.1 Closer liaison between Local Planning Authorities and the DAPA Project. D4.2 Explore mechanisms to continue service.	- -					
D5.1 Support appropriate proposals to re-use farm buildings.	> Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations or HLS/FEP advice.					> No objections to 8 relevant applications.
D6.1 Applications for broadband and mobile phone installations. D6.2 Identify suitable sites for masts and site/mast sharing opportunities.	> Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. -					> No relevant applications.
D7.1 Local Housing Needs Surveys. D7.2 District Councils to further develop and adopt measures.	- -					
RT1.1 Full-movement interchange at the A64/B1257 junction. RT1.2 Weight restriction on the Castle Howard Avenue. RT1.3 Monitor freight traffic in the AONB, to identify patterns in HCV through-traffic. RT1.4 Address any issues raised during monitoring.	- - - -					> Watching brief maintained. > Watching brief maintained.
RT2.1 Regular NYCC monitoring of traffic speeds. RT2.2 Regular programme of police speed-checks. RT2.3 Events in local villages.	> Monitoring of traffic speeds in 4 AONB villages. > Speed checks in 4 AONB villages. -	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	> Monitoring carried out in Hovingham (3 sites), Scackleton, Broughton & Swinton. > Mobile speed matrix deployed in Hovingham, Amotherby & Welburn. > Input made to '09 monitoring programme.

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RT3.1 Consultation arrangements between the JAC and highway authority.	> Continue to maintain good links with 2 Area Offices, to ensure continuation of informal arrangements. > Improve contacts with Area Team at Thirsk. > Participate in NYCC policy group.	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	> 11 consultations received (included in total shown in D1.2 above). > Attended 1 NYCC/NYMNP/HHAONB Liaison meeting. > Meeting attended Dec '08.
RT3.2 Design protocol for road signage, etc.	-					
RT3.3 Visually prominent road signage.	-					
RT3.4 Inventory of historic 'roadside furniture'.	> Contact NYCC Area Offices, to ascertain whether they have an Inventory of 'roadside furniture'.	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	> Completed – NYCC don't have an inventory. Possible NYCC survey method identified. > RDC/NYCC survey of mileposts being carried out by Milestone Society volunteers.
RT3.5 Maintenance and restoration of historic 'roadside furniture'.	> Restore/repair 4 traditional direction signs. > Repaint 2 mileposts.	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	> Signs repainted/repaired with SDF grant aid by NYCC at Stonegrave, Gilling, Scackleton & Terrington (2). > Not achieved. 2 broken mileposts recovered for repair from Stonegrave & Oswaldkirk.
RT4.1 Monitor future proposals and seek early discussions (A64).	> Involvement as and when necessary.					> Watching brief maintained.
RT5.1 Identify public and community transport service improvements.	-					
RT5.2 Encourage implementation of identified measures.	-					
RT5.3 Promote the availability of alternative transport services.	> Include details in the next Local Information & Walks leaflet.					> Will be included when Nunnington leaflet is printed.
RT5.4 Green Travel Plans.	> Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.					> No relevant applications this year.
RA1.1 Use planning policies to encourage appropriate recreational developments.	> Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.					> No objection to 3 schemes received as planning consultations. 1 scheme pending at Hovingham.

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RA2.1 Provide information for use in Tourism Guides and at TICs.	> Ensure that TICs and local accommodation providers, shops, etc have adequate supplies of relevant AONB leaflets. > Ensure that Hovingham & Welburn outlets are stocked with Local Information & Walks leaflets.	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	> Regular monitoring and replenishment of supplies.
RA2.2 Forum of local tourism providers.	-	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	> Regular monitoring and replenishment of supplies.
RA3.1 Small-scale recreation management works.	> As opportunities arise.					> Litter picking – see RA11.1 below. > Bollards installed by NYCC/PC at Welburn to control visitor parking/prevent blocking agricultural accesses. > Progress of project being monitored.
RA3.2 Investigate scope for additional public toilet facilities.	> Maintain contact with Gilling Village Hall group, to explore possibilities.					
RA4.1 Complete Rights of Way survey and improvement programme.	> Continue with minor improvement works as they are identified. > Ensure that any new/diverted paths are completed to the same standard as rest of network.	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	> On-going. > On-going.
RA4.2 Monitor path condition.	> Complete a full Condition Survey of the AONB, utilising AONB Volunteers.	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	> Not achieved. > Maps for checking seasonal upgrowth sent out Mar '09.
RA4.3 Rectify identified problems.	> Consider providing machinery to assist with cutting of seasonal upgrowth.	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX			> On-going scoping of machinery and storage options.
RA4.4 Community involvement in path management.	> Use AONB/NYCC volunteers to tackle identified problems.	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	> Volunteers have been working with NYCC Ranger each week.
RA5.1 Complete Definitive Map review for the Ryedale District.	-					
RA5.2 Identify existing route anomalies and rectify.	> Continue discussions with landowners at Ampleforth, with regard to upgrading footpath to bridleway.					> No further progress.
RA6.1 Encourage creation of new access routes/areas.	> As opportunities arise. > Upgrade footpath between Gilling and Ampleforth Station to bridleway status.					> See RA5.2 above.
RA6.2 Support appropriate Public Rights of Way route alterations.	> Complete route re-alignments/creations /extinguishments at Howsham, Slingsby, Westow & Hovingham.	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	> No further progress.

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RA7.1 Encourage path improvements. RA7.2 Monitor illegal use of footpaths. RA7.3 Make advisory signage available.	> Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. – > As requested.					> No relevant consultations this year. > No requests received this year.
RA8.1 Encourage low-key works on freehold Forestry Commission land. RA8.2 Assist in negotiations on leasehold sites as appropriate.	> Resolve gate issue at eastern end of Grimston Moor. > As necessary.	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX		> No improvements to be carried out, due to land ownership complications and neighbour relations.
RA9.1 Identify appropriate circular routes. RA9.2 Publish and distribute guide leaflets.	> See AP2.1 > Re-appraise missing routes hindering the establishment of a major route around the AONB. > Re-appraise the possibility of circular cycle routes, in light of the recent establishment of national networks in the area. > See AP2.1.	XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX	> No further progress. > No progress. > First draft of Nunnington leaflet completed.
RA10.1 Explore options to extend leisure bus network. RA10.2 Implement identified improvements. RA10.3 Investigate provision of facilities for transporting bicycles.	– – –					
RA11.1 Carry out appropriate improvement works to informal carparks. RA11.2 Assess measures to improve parking facilities at Kirkham Priory. RA11.3 Investigate the use of Village Hall facilities by recreational visitors.	> Continue grass cutting regime at Badger Bank. > Litter clearance at car parks throughout the AONB. > Continue involvement in discussions between English Heritage, landowner and PC. –	XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX	> Completed. > At least 5 regular litter picks carried out by Basics Plus, throughout the spring /summer /autumn. > Responded to EH request for a meeting, but nothing further heard.

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RA12.1 Use planning controls to discourage recreational use of the River Derwent. RA12.2 Countryside management measures to resolve local issues.	> Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. > Litter clearance throughout the AONB, as necessary.		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX		> No relevant applications this year. > At least 5 regular litter picks carried out by Basics Plus, throughout the spring /summer /autumn.
RA13.1 Expand membership of existing Recreation and Access Forum. RA13.2 Hold regular meetings of the new Forum as necessary.	- -					> No formal meeting held, but Recreation and Access Topic Group meeting held as part of Management Plan review process.
AP1.1 Install 'gateway signs' on roads leading into the AONB. AP1.2 Establish AONB information points. AP1.3 General information leaflet about the AONB. AP1.4 Provide information via the Annual Report, Newsletter and website. AP1.5 Maintain a high public profile in the local media and at events/shows. AP1.6 Consider establishing a Trail around the AONB. AP1.7 Consider a major event to celebrate the anniversary of the AONB designation.	> Ensure 'gateway sign' sites are adequately maintained. > Investigate installing 'gateway signs' on the A64. - > Ensure that TICs and local accommodation providers, shops, etc have adequate supplies of relevant AONB leaflets. > Publish and distribute AONB News 2008. > Publish and distribute 2007/08 Annual Report. > Ensure that AONB website is running properly and is updated each month. > Obtain at least 30 media mentions > Attend Ryedale Show. > Use AONB display at 3 venues/events. - > 21 st Anniversary year – respond opportunistically if appropriate.	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	> Successful cutting & cleaning regime implemented. > Contact name obtained at Highways Agency. > Regular monitoring and replenishment of supplies. > Achieved, Oct '08. > Achieved, July '08. > Achieved. 70,000 visits to website. > 27 press mentions (Local Produce Guide, parish planning events, Lime & Ice project, Selina Scott employment tribunal(!), Welburn Walks leaflet, Junior Ranger Club); Equivalent to £21,100 of advertising space. > Achieved. > Used displays at 4x Parish Plan events, Castle Howard Walk for Nepal; NYCC Natural Environment & Historic Environment Days. > No opportunities identified.

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<p>AP2.1 Information leaflets for individual AONB villages.</p> <p>AP2.2 Guided walks on local farms.</p> <p>AP2.3 Install information boards at suitable sites.</p> <p>AP2.4 Annual programme of guided walks and talks.</p> <p>AP2.5 Programme of activities with local schools.</p>	<p>> Publish and distribute next Local Information & Walks leaflet.</p> <p>> Identify fourth village for Local Information & Walks leaflet.</p> <p>> Demonstrate environmentally responsible farming on 1 guided walk.</p> <p>> Progress work on a board at Kirkham Priory or Nunnington.</p> <p>> Hold at least 3 guided walks or talks.</p> <p>> Complete Year 5 of the AONB Discovery Project.</p> <p>> Run a pilot project, twinning schools in Hull and Welburn.</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>> See RA9.2 above.</p> <p>> Terrington.</p> <p>> On Castle Howard bat walk, Aug '08.</p> <p>> Nunnington idea changed to Local Information & Walks leaflet.</p> <p>> Small information boards about Exmoor Pony grazing project erected at Terrington Moor and Littledale SINC's.</p> <p>> Information board about SDF-funded solar hot water panels at Howsham Mill.</p> <p>> Bat Walk, Castle Howard (Aug '08) (41); Evening Talks for Stillington Gardening Club (April '08) (50) & Terrington Gardening Club (Oct '08) (30).</p> <p>> Completed. 6 schools in Jun & July '08 (159 children); 4 Ranger Club sessions in May '08; 2 in Aug '08; 4 in Oct '08; 4 in Dec '08 (302 children).</p> <p>> Completed. 67 children from Welburn and Neasden schools involved.</p>
<p>AP3.1 Establish a 'Friends of the Howardian Hills AONB' group.</p>	<p>> Complete at least 1 project per calendar quarter using volunteers.</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>> Assisting at AONB Partnership Group meeting (Apr '08); bramble clearance at Littledale SINC (Apr '08); assisting at Parish Planning events (May '08); putting up Exmoor pony grazing information signs (June '08); removal of Western hemlock saplings (Feb '09); gorse cutting (Mar '09); assisting with Junior Ranger Club (May, Aug, Oct, Dec '08); assisting at Ryedale Show, bat walk & Walk for Nepal; PROW surveying (Mar '09); PROW Maintenance with NYCC Ranger; surveying SINC's. 13 projects or tasks, worth at least 97 days.</p>
<p>AP4.1 Review of the AONB Interpretation Strategy.</p>	<p>> Incorporate findings from MSc project into revised AONB Management Plan.</p>		<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>			<p>> Completed.</p>

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IM1.1 Seek funding to implement projects. IM1.2 Annual meetings of Topic Groups. IM1.3 Partnership arrangements with the North York Moors National Park Authority.	> As necessary, via NAAONB, to ensure that AONBs are adequately funded by Natural England. > Ensure full utilisation of SDF allocation. > Assist with implementation of CAN DO HLF Lime and Ice Project. > Participate in the LEADER partnership, to achieve Stage 2 success and subsequent delivery of projects. > Explore funding options for the next 5-yr programme of work with schools. > Obtain additional resources from County & District Councils, FC, EA & CAN DO for specific identified projects. > Use Topic Groups in Management Plan review process. > Continue to use the National Park to provide specialist advice to help deliver the AONB SDF programme. > Continue partnership arrangement to employ Native Woodland Development Officer to cover National Park & AONB. > Continue to participate in the CAN DO partnership.	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	> £61.6k received. £57.7k allocated. > Attendance at meetings. See also CH1.2/3.1. > Stage 2 bid successful; £3m over 5 years for North York Moors, Coast & Hills LEADER Local Action Group. > Heritage Lottery Fund identified. Developing project in partnership with Yorkshire Wildlife Trust. > Resources secured from NYCC & CAN DO for specific projects. 8 Topic Groups held (May-Jun '08). > Arrangements continuing. > Contributed to costs of post and making use of expertise. > 4 meetings attended.
IM2.1 Assess achievements of 2001 Business Plan and agree a review strategy. IM2.2 Subsequent assessments and reviews.	– > Annual Business Plan / Action Programme agreed by JAC in March 2009.				XXXXXXXXXX	> Annual Business Plan / Action Plan agreed.
IM3.1 Measure customer satisfaction via regular questionnaires. IM3.2 Undertake an annual EFQM assessment.	– –					> Questionnaires continuing to be sent out to grant recipients.
MN1.1 Develop a full set of AONB Condition Indicators. MN1.2 Develop a full set of AONB Unit/JAC Performance Indicators. MN1.3 Establish baseline April 2004 data.	> Continue work on the GIS database of all work assisted by the JAC. > Use NE Performance Indicators to measure performance of JAC. > Collect baseline data for Condition Indicators.	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	> No further progress. > Results compiled for NE grant claim. > No progress – Indicators updated and incorporated into revised AONB Management Plan.

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MN2.1 Information on Condition Indicators on a 5-yearly cycle. MN1.2 Information on Performance Indicators on an annual cycle.	– > Report 2007/08 NE Performance Indicator figures to JAC in October 2008.			XXXXXXXXXX		> Completed.
<u>National Association for AONBs</u> Maintain input into NAAONB Board and Association activities. Keep up-to-date with knowledge and skills in relation to AONB management. Assist with organisation of 2008 NAAONB Conference.	> Attend NAAONB Board meetings. > Write 1 article for 'Outstanding' magazine. > Continue to participate in the national Communications Officers' Group. > Attend training seminars, Northern Group meetings and Conferences, as appropriate. > Well-organised and professional Conference.	XXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXX	> 4 Board meetings attended. 2 Chairman's Governance Review Group meetings. 1 Chairmen's meeting. NE Chief Executive meeting. > 2 articles, on Littledale SINC and PAWS restoration/volunteers at Gilling. > Attended 1 meeting and 1 seminar on branding of AONB family. > 3 seminars/events attended, including AONB Conference. 1 Northern Group meeting attended. > Conference completed; good feedback from delegates. > Northern Group AONBs 2009 calendar. > Attended CLA Game Fair Jul '08. > Achieved Jul '08.
<u>AONB Management Plan</u> Review AONB Management Plan.	> Attend NAAONB/NE seminars, to keep up-to-date with current thinking. > Assist Policy Officer at NYCC with SEA process. > Hold Topic Group meetings. > Hold community events. > Hold event for farmers and land managers. > Public consultation period. > Revised Management Plan adopted. (Printing/publication of final Plan in July 2009).	XXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXX	> None held this year. > SEA completed and approved by NE. > 8 Topic Group meetings held May-Jun '08. > 4 Parish Planning events held May-Jun '08. > Event held Nov '08. > Nov 10 – Dec 19 '08. > Sent to Local Authorities for adoption 8 Mar '09.