

**HOWARDIAN HILLS AONB ACTION PROGRAMME****2009/10**

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

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<b>AONB's contribution to climate change adaptation/mitigation, and impacts of climate change</b> SF1.1 Carbon balance of land use activity in the AONB. SF1.2 Map of green infrastructure.  SF1.3 Gather information on the impacts of climate change on the AONB's Special Qualities.	–  ~ Continue to enter grant-aided schemes onto GIS map layers, as resources allow. ~ Contact the FC, to obtain information on the resilience of AONB woodland habitats.	  XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	
<b>Promote sustainability, and support projects</b> SF2.1 Ecosystem approach to guide consultation responses and assess projects. SF2.2 Publicise tips on sustainable living. SF2.3 Demonstrate examples of good sustainability. SF2.4 Support projects using Sustainable Development Fund (SDF). SF2.5 Environmental policy for the JAC's own activities.	~ Set up a matrix table of ecosystem services, to enable assessment of projects. ~ Set up a page on the AONB website, with tips and links to other appropriate websites. ~ Highlight 1 case study in the 2009 edition of AONB News. ~ Continue to operate the SDF as a separate funding pot, to support innovative and best practice projects. ~ Gather information from other AONBs, to begin formulation of a policy.	  XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXXXX	

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<p><b>Knowledge of wildlife resources and possible climate change impacts</b></p> <p>NE1.1 Rolling programme of SINC monitoring.</p> <p>NE1.2 Detailed surveys of specific habitats or species.</p> <p>NE1.3 Assist farmers, land managers and communities with monitoring wildlife.</p> <p>NE1.4 Research climate change resilience of key AONB habitats.</p> <p>NE1.5 Digitise Phase 1 maps of the AONB.</p>	<p>~ Assist with NYCC monitoring survey, as necessary.</p> <p>~ Survey 6 potential SINC's that were missed in 2007 survey.</p> <p>~ Feed actions achieved in the AONB into BARS.</p> <p>~ Contact the FC, to obtain information on the resilience of AONB woodland habitats.</p> <p>~ Complete, via RDC and CAN DO.</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><b>Key nature conservation sites</b></p> <p>NE2.1 Maintain and update a register of key sites.</p> <p>NE2.2 Protect best sites through designation.</p> <p>NE2.3 Monitor and resist development proposals that may affect key sites.</p> <p>NE2.4 Ensure farmers and landowners are aware of the existence of sites.</p>	<p>~ Continue with work with NYMNP and RDC on Heritage Trees.</p> <p>-</p> <p>~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p> <p>-</p>			<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	
<p><b>Local participation in nature conservation sites</b></p> <p>NE3.1 Local involvement with monitoring and management of wildlife.</p>	<p>~ Carry out management works with volunteers on 2 SINC's.</p> <p>~ Work with 1 PCC on churchyard management.</p>		<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	

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<p><b>Implementation of Local BAP targets for woodland habitats</b></p> <p>NE4.1 Management of Local Priority Sites.</p> <p>NE4.2 Extension and buffering of Local Priority Sites.</p> <p>NE4.3 Restoration of Plantations on Ancient Woodland Sites.</p> <p>NE4.4 Creation of new native woodland/wood pasture/species-rich hedges/individual trees.</p> <p>NE4.5 Creation of wet woodland and marshy grassland.</p>	<p>~ Control Himalayan balsam in Barker &amp; Mugdale Woods SINC</p> <p>~ Encourage via EWGS/ESS consultations and advice of Native Woodland Development Officer.</p> <p>~ Encourage via EWGS consultations and advice of Native Woodland Development Officer.</p> <p>~ Continue to encourage creation of a new area of wood pasture at Brandsby, to link to veteran tree.</p> <p>~ Plant 20 new individual in-field and hedgerow trees.</p> <p>~ Encourage via EWGS consultations and advice of Native Woodland Development Officer.</p>		XXXXXXXXXX		<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	
<p><b>Implementation of Local BAP targets for grassland habitats</b></p> <p>NE5.1 Management of Local Priority Sites.</p> <p>NE5.2 Extension and buffering of Local Priority Sites.</p> <p>NE5.3 Special Interest Road Verges.</p> <p>NE5.4 Restoration of grassland and lowland heath.</p> <p>NE5.5 Creation of new grassland habitats.</p>	<p>~ Continue grazing SINC's and other sites with Exmoor ponies.</p> <p>~ Encourage via ESS consultations and advice to farmers.</p> <p>~ Carry out management works on 35 SIRVs.</p> <p>~ Send prioritised list of SIRVs to Area Offices, for installation of grit bins.</p> <p>~ Continue restoration management works at Litledale SINC.</p> <p>~ Encourage via ESS consultations and advice to farmers.</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><b>Implementation of Local BAP targets for wetland habitats</b></p> <p>NE6.1 Management of Local Priority Sites.</p> <p>NE6.2 Extension and buffering of Local Priority Sites.</p> <p>NE6.3 Restoration of sites that have declined in interest.</p> <p>NE6.4 Creation of new habitat.</p>	<p>~ Support further coppicing of alders along River Rye SINC.</p> <p>~ Manage birch at Terrington Carr SINC.</p> <p>~ Continue willow control work at Adjacent to Sandlands Meadow SINC.</p> <p>~ Encourage via ESS consultations and advice to farmers.</p> <p>~ Encourage via ESS consultations and advice to farmers.</p>			<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	

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<p><b>Implementation of Local BAP targets for important species</b></p> <p>NE7.1 Management of key sites for specific species.</p> <p>NE7.2 Restoration or creation of sites.</p> <p>NE7.3 Local Target Areas and co-ordinated management measures.</p>	<p>~ Grassland management for knapweed broomrape at Amotherby Lane and Broughton Lane SINC.</p> <p>~ Take cuttings to propagate black poplar.</p> <p>~ Plant 10 cuttings of propagated black poplar material.</p> <p>~ Encourage via ESS consultations and advice to farmers.</p> <p>~ Monitor use of the 15 barn owl boxes erected in '07/08.</p> <p>~ Investigate potential for a joint Ryedale &amp; Hambleton LBAP initiative on Farmland Birds</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><b>Invasive non-native species</b></p> <p>NE8.1 Monitor location and abundance.</p> <p>NE8.2 Targeted management efforts.</p>	<p>~ Monitor condition of Wath Beck corridor, following 2008 work to control Himalayan balsam.</p> <p>~ Monitor condition of Piper Hill Plantation SINC, following 2007 work to control rhododendron.</p> <p>~ Re-cut the length of Wath Beck corridor that was cut in 2008.</p> <p>~ Cut a further stretch of the Wath Beck corridor, working downstream.</p> <p>~ Control Himalayan balsam in Barker &amp; Mugdale Woods SINC.</p> <p>~ Consider carrying out further control of rhododendron areas in Piper Hill Plantation SINC.</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><b>More sympathetic management of farmland</b></p> <p>NE9.1 Target sites for entry into the Higher Level Stewardship Scheme.</p> <p>NE9.2 Encourage participation in the Entry Level Stewardship Scheme.</p>	<p>~ Provide advice to farmers and landowners, as necessary.</p> <p>~ Complete 1 FEP for land in the AONB.</p> <p>~ Carry out targeted promotional initiative/event, in partnership with Natural England.</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	
<p><b>Implementation of Local BAP targets for wildlife within villages</b></p> <p>NE10.1 Raise awareness and assist communities with creating and managing areas for wildlife.</p>	<p>-</p>					

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<b>Important geodiversity sites</b> NE11.1 Develop a network of RIGS. NE11.2 Manage sites identified as RIGS. NE11.3 Monitor and resist development proposals.	~ Contact NEYGT and NYGP to obtain more details on survey programmes - ~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	
<b>Assistance to farmers and land managers</b> NE12.1 Assist with applications to grant schemes. NE12.2 Flexible package of assistance. NE12.3 Demonstrate 'best practice'. NE12.4 Skills training initiatives.	~ See NE9 and FW2. ~ See appropriate Objectives above. - -					
<b>Knowledge of the cultural heritage of AONB</b> HE1.1 Historic Landscape Characterisation survey. HE1.2 Revise the Local Landscape Priorities, after HLC survey. HE1.3 Research projects. HE1.4 Regular surveys of built heritage. HE1.5 Recording local history and traditions and passing information to the HER. HE1.6 Annual forum to discuss research and priorities.	~ Assist with work relating to the AONB, as necessary. - ~ See HE3.2. - ~ See HE3.2. ~ Record oral histories from Brandsby, as part of CAN DO project. -	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	
<b>Statutory protection</b> HE2.1 Input to Heritage Protection Review.	~ As necessary.					
<b>Local participation in cultural heritage sites</b> HE3.1 Local involvement in monitoring and management of cultural heritage features. HE3.2 CAN DO 'Lime and Ice' Project.	~ Carry out management works with volunteers on 2 sites. ~ Start project on Yearsley Moor. ~ Participate in other Lime and Ice initiatives being delivered in the AONB.	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	

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<p><b>Preserve AONB's historic heritage</b></p> <p>HE4.1 Historic landscape conservation and management advice.</p> <p>HE4.2 Encourage entry into agri-environment schemes.</p> <p>HE4.3 Heritage Partnership Agreements.</p> <p>HE4.4 Conservation/management plans for Historic Parks and Gardens.</p> <p>HE4.5 Flexible package of assistance.</p> <p>HE4.6 Demonstrate 'best practice'.</p> <p>HE4.7 Skills training initiatives.</p>	<p>~ On-going</p> <p>~ See NE9 above.</p> <p>~ Address management issues on 5 SMs at High or Medium Risk.</p> <p>~ Assist with preparation of a Conservation Management Plan for Gilling Castle.</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>-</p>	<p></p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p></p>	<p></p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p></p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p></p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	
<p><b>Assist local communities with projects</b></p> <p>LC1.1 Lobby Government on rural issues.</p> <p>LC1.2 Pass information from community/consultation events to the relevant organisation/agency.</p> <p>LC1.3 Innovative service delivery mechanisms.</p> <p>LC1.4 Encourage Parish Plans.</p> <p>LC1.5 Implementation of identified projects.</p> <p>LC1.6 Link communities to advice on funding.</p> <p>LC1.7 AONB Village Forum.</p>	<p>~ As necessary</p> <p>~ Pass on information as necessary, as part of RAY Community Engagement Project.</p> <p>-</p> <p>~ SDF support for RAY Community Engagement Project.</p> <p>~ As part of RAY Community Engagement Project.</p> <p>~ As part of RAY Community Engagement Project.</p> <p>~ As part of RAY Community Engagement Project.</p> <p>~ Continue to invite Parish Councils to AONB Partnership Group.</p>	<p></p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p></p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p></p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p></p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	

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<p><b>Government support mechanisms for sustainable farm and rural business development</b></p> <p>AG1.1 Lobby on the development of rural support mechanisms and agri-environment schemes.</p> <p>AG1.2 Funding for the Howardian Hills AONB.</p> <p>AG1.3 Promote rural support mechanisms to farmers and landowners.</p>	<p>~ As necessary, via NAAONB.</p> <p>-</p> <p>~ As opportunities arise. See also NE9 above.</p>					
<p><b>Conservation advice and assistance</b></p> <p>AG2.1 Provide specialist advice within the AONB.</p> <p>AG2.2 Flexible package of assistance for small-scale conservation projects.</p> <p>AG2.3 Demonstrate 'best practice'.</p> <p>AG2.4 Skills training initiatives.</p>	<p>~ On-going.</p> <p>~ Assist 8 landscape conservation projects with AONB funding.</p> <p>~ Restore dewpond at Sproxtton.</p> <p>-</p> <p>~ Promote the Landskills programme in AONB News 2009.</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	
<p><b>Sustainable alternative farm enterprises</b></p> <p>AG3.1 Positive approach to planning control.</p> <p>AG3.2 Participation in regional climate change mitigation schemes.</p> <p>AG3.3 Local climate change adaptation schemes.</p>	<p>~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p> <p>~ Encourage, as opportunities arise.</p> <p>~ Promote the proposed new FC Floodplain Woodland Creation grant package in AONB News 2009.</p>		<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>		
<p><b>New farm buildings and infrastructure</b></p> <p>AG4.1 High standards of design, siting and landscaping measures.</p> <p>AG4.2 Produce basic design guidance.</p>	<p>~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p> <p>~ Gather information from other AONBs, to begin formulation of guidance.</p>		<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	

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<b>Woodland management proposals</b> FW1.1 Consultation procedure between JAC and Forestry Commission. FW1.2 Encourage 'continuous cover' schemes.	~ Maintain, and respond to JAC consultations as necessary. ~ As appropriate, via JAC consultations.					
<b>Multi-objective approach to woodland management</b> 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 Encouragement to achieve UKWAS certification.	~ On-going. ~ As opportunities arise. -					
<b>Local provenance trees and shrubs</b> FW3.1 Susceptibility of native trees and shrub species to climate change. FW3.2 Planting stock of appropriate provenance. FW3.3 Incorporation of natural regeneration. FW3.4 Work with local forest nurseries.	~ Contact the FC, to obtain information on the resilience of AONB woodland habitats. (SF1.3) ~ 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	XXXXXXXXXX	
<b>Alternative markets for timber products</b> FW4.1 Encourage small-scale woodfuel heating systems and develop a woodfuel market. FW4.2 Use of timber in local industries. FW4.3 Demonstrate on-site processing equipment.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. ~ Work with FC Woodfuel Officer, to promote appropriate work in under-managed woods. ~ Promote the Greenbeams website in AONB News 2009. -		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX		

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<b>New woodland</b> 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. ~ Promote the proposed new FC Floodplain Woodland Creation grant package in AONB News 2009.		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX		
<b>Grant incentives to achieve Management Plan Objectives</b> FW6.1 Grant incentives for annual PAWS restoration tasks. FW6.2 Grant incentives for specific priority work, in line with the Regional Forestry Strategy. FW6.3 'Scoring system' for new woodland. FW6.4 Flexible package of assistance for small-scale conservation projects. FW6.5 Continue Native Woodland Development Project.	-  ~ Monitor the prioritisation of regional funding, to maximise opportunities for AONB land managers.  -  ~ Carry out management work to control western hemlock on PAWS sites on FC land. ~ Continue financial support for Project, ensuring satisfactory input to AONB initiatives.	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX    XXXXXXXXXX	
<b>Demonstrate best practice/ skilled workforce</b> FW7.1 Local demonstration sites/events. FW7.2 List of local contractors. FW7.3 Promote woodland training courses and apprenticeships.	~ Encourage attendance at Woodland Trust event at Sproxton.  -  ~ Promote the Landskills programme in AONB News 2009.		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX		
<b>New development</b> D1.1 Appropriate policies in all relevant Plans and Strategies. D1.2 Consultation arrangements.	~ Input to development of the Ryedale LDF Core Strategy, as necessary.  ~ Maintain, and respond to JAC consultations as necessary.		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	

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<b>Design of new development/ management of existing buildings</b> D2.1 Rural Design standards. D2.2 Village Design Statements. D2.3 Guidance on sustainable building restoration techniques. D2.4 Conservation Area appraisals. D2.5 Assist with works identified in Conservation Area appraisals.	~ Input to development of the Ryedale LDF Core Strategy, as necessary. ~ Promote as part of the RAY Community Engagement Project. - - -		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	
<b>Mitigation of intrusive features</b> D3.1 Local enhancement works to mitigate intrusive features. D3.2 Undergrounding of electricity cables. D3.3 Undergrounding telephone cables. D3.4 Resist increases in light or noise pollution. D3.5 Litter and fly-tipping.	~ Continue evaluating landscape or biodiversity enhancement measures at sewage works, etc. ~ Re-establish contacts with NEDL, in relation to undergrounding cables within the AONB. ~ Encourage undergrounding of at least 1 scheme in the AONB. ~ Contact BT Openreach to liaise over burying cables, as part of D3.2 above. ~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. ~ Continue litter clearance at car parks throughout the AONB. ~ Report fly-tipping incidents to the Local Authorities, as necessary.	XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX	
<b>Small-scale quarrying for local uses</b> D4.1 Support appropriate planning applications. D4.2 Supplies of suitable stone for drystone wall restoration.	~ As appropriate, via JAC consultations. ~ Contact owner of Grimston Grange, re stone excavated as part of development works.	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX			

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<b>Renewable energy installations</b> D5.1 Advice and guidance on appropriate technology and installations. D5.2 Support appropriate proposals. D5.3 Promote benefits of appropriate renewable energy and demonstrate examples of 'best practice'.	~ Input to development of the Ryedale LDF Core Strategy, as necessary. ~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. -		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	
<b>Business and diversification opportunities</b> D6.1 Signposting to Business Link. D6.2 Encourage local businesses via the CAN DO Partnership.	~ As appropriate. ~ Support development of the Herriot Tourism website.	XXXXXXXXXX				
<b>Re-use of redundant farm buildings</b> D7.1 Support appropriate proposals to re-use farm buildings.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.					
<b>Modern communications technology</b> D8.1 Broadband and mobile phone installations. D8.2 Liaise with Local Authorities and network operators.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. ~ Obtain annual roll-out plans from District Councils.	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX			
<b>Local needs/affordable housing</b> D9.1 Local Housing Needs Surveys. D9.2 Further develop and adopt measures. D9.3 Promote potential benefits of Local Needs housing.	- - -					
<b>Solutions to traffic routing problems</b> RT1.1 Full-movement interchange at the A64/B1257 junction. RT1.2 Weight restriction on the Castle Howard Avenue. RT1.3 Investigate freight traffic issues in the AONB. RT1.4 Freight Quality Partnerships, to address any issues identified.	~ Monitor proposals and input as necessary. - - -					

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<b>Traffic and driver behaviour issues</b> RT2.1 Gather information on traffic speeds. RT2.2 Regular programme of speed-checks in problem locations. RT2.3 Local events to examine and address issues.	~ Monitoring of traffic speeds in 4 AONB villages. ~ Speed checks in 2 AONB villages. -	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	
<b>Sustainable modes of transport</b> RT3.1 Identify transport service, infrastructure and accessibility improvements. RT3.2 Implementation of identified measures via SCTSs. RT3.3 Promote the availability of alternative transport services. RT3.4 Workplace Travel Plans. RT3.5 Development of next Local Transport Plan.	~ Input to development of SCTS for Malton, as appropriate. ~ Monitor progress of local initiative to improve path from Broughton to Malton. ~ Publicise RYECAT services in AONB News 2009. ~ Ensure that the Malton-Hovingham bus corridor has well-maintained infrastructure and timetables. ~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. ~ Input as necessary.		XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	
<b>Maintain character of rural road network</b> RT4.1 Liaison arrangements between the JAC and highway authority. RT4.2 Design guidance for road signage, etc in the AONB. RT4.3 Identify and reduce road sign 'clutter'. RT4.4 Inventory of historic 'roadside furniture'. RT4.5 Maintenance and restoration of historic 'roadside furniture'.	~ Maintain, and respond to JAC consultations as necessary. ~ Contribute to development of NYCC Construction Manual. - ~ Evaluate methods for recording of features by NYCC. ~ Restore/repair 4 traditional direction signs. ~ Repaint 2 mileposts.	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	
<b>A64 Trunk Road</b> RT5.1 Monitor future proposals and provide comments.	~ On-going, with involvement as and when necessary.					

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<b>Sustainable recreation activities</b> RA1.1 Monitor sustainability of recreational activities in the AONB. RA1.2 Use planning policies to encourage appropriate recreational developments.	–  ~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.					
<b>Promote AONB in a sustainable way</b> RA2.1 Gather information on visitor numbers, activity, etc. RA2.2 Work with Area Tourism Partnership to provide information for visitors. RA2.3 Work with local Tourism Associations. RA2.4 Initiatives to enable Under-Represented Groups to enjoy the AONB. RA2.5 Initiatives to promote health benefits of outdoor recreation in the AONB.	~ Obtain final results of YTB visitors' survey. ~ Establish contacts and methods of distribution, etc.  ~ Support development of the Herriot Tourism website. ~ Further develop a schools twinning project with schools in York and Hull.  ~ Establish further links with local doctors' surgeries, to use Local Information & Walks leaflets.	XXXXXXXXXXXX   XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX   XXXXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX   XXXXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX   XXXXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXXXX	
<b>Recreational management measures</b> RA3.1 Small-scale recreation management works.	~ As necessary.					
<b>Management of the PRow network</b> RA4.1 Maintenance of path furniture.  RA4.2 Regularly monitor path condition. RA4.3 Rectify identified problems, including seasonal overgrowth and ploughing/cropping. RA4.4 Prioritised programme for cutting seasonal undergrowth. RA4.5 Community involvement in path monitoring and maintenance.	~ Continue with minor improvement works as they are identified. ~ Ensure that any new/diverted paths are completed to the same standard as rest of network. ~ Begin a full Condition Survey of the AONB, utilising AONB Volunteers. ~ Bring issues to the attention of the NYCC Ranger, as necessary.  ~ Develop a prioritised list of paths to be cut, utilising AONB machinery where necessary. ~ Train volunteers in path Condition surveying. ~ Use AONB/NYCC volunteers to tackle identified maintenance issues.	XXXXXXXXXXXX    XXXXXXXXXXXX   XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX   XXXXXXXXXXXX   XXXXXXXXXXXX  XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX   XXXXXXXXXXXX   XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX   XXXXXXXXXXXX   XXXXXXXXXXXX	

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<b>Definitive Map</b> RA5.1 Definitive Map review for the Ryedale District. RA5.2 Identify existing route and status anomalies and lobby for action.	– ~ Participate in possible joint initiative with NYCC and Nidderdale AONB, to increase staff resources to tackle issues. ~ Continue with process of achieving an upgrade of footpath to bridleway at Ampleforth.		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	
<b>Improvements to PRoW network</b> RA6.1 Encourage creation of new access routes/areas. RA6.2 Support appropriate Public Rights of Way route alterations.	~ As opportunities arise. ~ Participate in possible joint initiative with NYCC and Nidderdale AONB, to increase staff resources to tackle issues. ~ Upgrade footpath between Gilling and Ampleforth Station to bridleway status. ~ Complete route re-alignments/creations /extinguishments at Howsham, Slingsby, Westow, Hovingham & Ampleforth.			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	
<b>Path usage issues</b> RA7.1 Encourage path improvements via management measures. RA7.2 Monitor use of footpaths by horse riders, cyclists, etc. RA7.3 Make advisory signage available for control of dogs, shutting gates, etc.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. – ~ As requested.					
<b>Open Access in FC woodland</b> RA8.1 Low-key works on freehold Forestry Commission land. RA8.2 Dedication of leasehold Forestry Commission land. RA8.3 Assist in negotiations on leasehold sites as appropriate.	– – ~ As necessary.					

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<p><b>Guided routes</b> RA9.1 Identify appropriate routes.</p> <p>RA9.2 Identify linkages via road verges and encourage appropriate cutting regimes.</p> <p>RA9.3 Publish and distribute guide leaflets.</p>	<p>~ See AP2.1</p> <p>~ Re-appraise missing routes hindering the establishment of a major route around the AONB.</p> <p>~ Re-appraise the possibility of circular cycle routes, in light of the recent establishment of national networks in the area.</p> <p>~ Carry out a map-based appraisal of possible linkages.</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><b>Bus routes and other transport services</b> RA10.1 Enhancements to public/community transport and Moorsbus networks.</p> <p>RA10.2 Explore options for park-and-ride at larger tourist attractions.</p>	<p>–</p> <p>–</p>					
<p><b>Informal car parking facilities</b> RA11.1 Carry out appropriate management works.</p> <p>RA11.2 Continue discussions to improve parking facilities at Kirkham Priory.</p> <p>RA11.3 Investigate the use of village car park and toilet facilities by recreational visitors.</p>	<p>~ Continue grass cutting regime at Badger Bank.</p> <p>~ Litter clearance at car parks throughout the AONB.</p> <p>~ Re-establish contacts with English Heritage, landowner and PC.</p> <p>~ As opportunities arise.</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><b>Water recreation on the Derwent</b> RA12.1 Use planning and other policy controls to discourage recreational use.</p> <p>RA12.2 Countryside management measures to resolve local recreational issues.</p>	<p>~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p> <p>~ As necessary.</p>					





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<p><b>Business development of AONB Partnership</b></p> <p>IM2.1 Monitor business development needs and identify improvements.</p> <p>IM2.2 Incorporate improvements into annual Action Programme and Budget approval processes.</p>	<p>~ Complete the signing of a new Memorandum of Understanding between Natural England and the 3 constituent Local Authorities.</p> <p>~ Prepare annual Business Plan / Action Programme for JAC, March 2010.</p>	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX	
<p><b>Monitor performance of AONB Partnership and AONB Unit</b></p> <p>MN1.1 Report annual progress on achievement of Management Plan Objectives.</p> <p>MN1.2 Monitor Partnership performance using Natural England Indicators.</p> <p>MN1.3 Measure customer satisfaction with AONB Unit via regular questionnaires.</p>	<p>~ Annual Action Programme update to JAC, March 2010.</p> <p>~ Continue to enter grant-aided schemes onto GIS map layers, as resources allow.</p> <p>~ Use NE Partnership Indicators to measure performance of JAC and AONB Partnership.</p> <p>~ Continue to send out questionnaires to grant recipients.</p>	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	
<p><b>Monitor Condition of AONB</b></p> <p>MN2.1 Develop a mechanism to assess the Condition of non-Statutory Local Priority Sites.</p> <p>MN2.2 Consider developing a 'fixed point photography' monitoring system.</p> <p>MN2.3 Establish baseline data for AONB Condition Indicators.</p> <p>MN2.4 Information on Condition Indicators on a 5-yearly cycle.</p> <p>MN2.5 Provide information to assist the Countryside Quality Counts programme and monitor the results.</p>	<p>~ Discuss possible assessment mechanisms with NYCC and English Heritage.</p> <p>~ Investigate the potential to use volunteers.</p> <p>~ Develop a list of locations for 'fixed point' monitoring.</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>~ As necessary.</p>		XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	

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<p><b>National Association for AONBs</b> Maintain input into NAAONB Board and Association activities.</p> <p>Keep up-to-date with knowledge and skills in relation to AONB management.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Attend NAAONB Board meetings.</li> <li>~ Complete NAAONB Governance Review and appoint new CEO.</li> <li>~ Continue to pursue the issue of 'roll-over' of funding with Natural England.</li> <li>~ Invite Helen Phillips (CEO, Natural England) to visit the Howardian Hills.</li> <li>~ Write 1 article for 'Outstanding' magazine.</li> <li>~ Celebrate 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of National Parks &amp; Access to the Countryside Act by incorporating logo into publicity material as appropriate.</li> <li>~ Continue to participate in NAAONB initiatives.</li> <li>~ Attend training seminars, Northern Group meetings, Conferences, etc as appropriate.</li> </ul>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p></p> <p></p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p></p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>	
<p><b>AONB Management Plan</b> Review AONB Management Plan.</p>	<p>~ Printing, publication and launch of final Plan.</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>				