

## HOWARDIAN HILLS AONB ACTION PROGRAMME

### 2014/15

The crosses indicate any specific periods during which the activity is likely to be undertaken.  
Targets that have an 'on-going' nature have no time period allocated.

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<b>ES1 Better understanding of the AONB's contribution to ecosystem services</b>						
ES1.1 Matrix of the habitats and Special Qualities of the AONB, plotted against the ecosystem services that they provide.	# Compile the matrix.		XXXXX	XXXXX		# No progress – transfer to 2015/16.
ES1.2 Matrix of generic types of 'project', plotted against the ecosystem services that the AONB provides.	# Compile the matrix.			XXXXX	XXXXX	# No progress – transfer to 2015/16.
<b>ES2 Promote sustainability and support appropriate projects</b>						
ES2.1 Assess Plans, policies and projects for compliance with the AONB Management Plan.	# On-going.					# Hambleton Settlement Hierarchy Interim Policy Guidance; Hambleton Revised Sustainable Development SPD; Minerals & Waste Joint Plan Additional Sites.
ES2.2 Ecosystems services assessment to guide consultation responses and assess projects.	# Use matrix prepared as part of ES1.2 above, once it has been compiled.			XXXXX	XXXXX	# No progress – transfer to 2015/16.
<b>ES3 Climate change trends / scenarios and monitor impacts on the AONB</b>						
ES3.1 Keep up-to-date on climate change information and scenarios.	# On-going.					# Not approached for any assistance this year.
ES3.2 Monitor the potential impacts of climate change on the AONB.	# On-going.					# Signed up to receive quarterly FC Plant Health e-Newsletter, which has some climate change-related topics.

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<b>NE1 Knowledge of the wildlife resources in the AONB</b> NE1.1 Rolling programme of monitoring surveys on SINC. NE1.2 Detailed surveys of specific BAP habitats or species. NE1.3 Encourage farmers, land managers and communities to monitor wildlife and report sightings. NE1.4 Commission NEYEDC to compile a report of the species records for the AONB.	# Assist with any surveys, as necessary. # Progress survey of Newburgh Park. # Feed actions achieved in the AONB in 2013/14 into BARS and BD2020 reporting mechanism. # Scope the options and costs of compiling a report.	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX		# Bill Thompson surveying for preparation of a HHAONB Flora. SINC are included if access is available. # Attended course at Duncombe Park, with a view to organising a volunteers task. # Now registered as Users for BARS2. Participated in an NE webinar. NEYEDC may be being contracted to enter SINC/other sites into BARS2. # No progress – transfer to 2015/16.
<b>NE2 Appropriate protection for best nature conservation sites</b> NE2.1 Register of key nature conservation sites. NE2.2 Effective protection (via designation) for the best nature conservation sites. NE2.3 Resist development proposals that may affect key nature conservation sites.	# Participate in discussions to support/develop data management and SINC systems within North Yorkshire. # Participate in discussions to develop a new Biodiversity Action Plan for the AONB, within a Ryedale & Scarborough BAP. # Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	# Participating in discussions on the future of the North Yorkshire SINC system and arrangements for panel meetings, surveys, hosting, etc. # Results compiled from March '14; follow-up individual habitat themes workshops being held. # No relevant planning applications.

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<p><b>NE3 Implementation of LBAP/BD2020/WFD targets for priority habitats</b></p> <p>NE3.1 Special Interest Road Verges and Natural Environment Priority Sites to be in 'favourable' or 'recovering' condition.</p> <p>NE3.2 Extension and buffering of sites identified as Natural Environment Priority Sites.</p> <p>NE3.3 Restoration of habitats that have declined in interest but still retain significant ecological potential.</p> <p>NE3.4 Creation of new habitat where appropriate, in particular the less-intensive management of farmland.</p> <p>NE3.5 Landscape-scale habitat corridors, particularly around the Derwent valley and linking into the NYMNP.</p>	<p># Continue rhododendron control works in/abutting Yearsley Moor Woodlands SINC.</p> <p># Continue to facilitate conservation management of grassland SINCs and other sites, by grazing or other means.</p> <p># Carry out management works on 45 SIRVs.</p> <p># Encourage via agri-environment scheme consultations and advice to farmers &amp; land managers.</p> <p># Encourage via agri-environment scheme consultations and advice to farmers &amp; land managers.</p> <p># Control bracken on area of species-rich grassland in Yearsley Moor Woodlands SINC.</p> <p># Encourage via agri-environment scheme consultations and advice to farmers &amp; land managers.</p> <p># Plant 25 new individual in-field and boundary trees.</p> <p># Begin discussions with the NYMNP, as part of the LNP Strategy.</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># 6 volunteer task-days clearing rhododendron in Park Wood.</p> <p># 7 sites grazed, at Coulton (3), Cawton (2), Terrington (2).</p> <p># Appleton-le-Street Churchyard SINC cut and raked.</p> <p># Bracken cut on grassland in Yearsley Moor Woodlands SINC.</p> <p># 45 SIRVs cut, Mar '15.</p> <p># Bulmer Mire SINC (HLS), Brandrith Wood SINC (HLS), Bulmer Hag SINC (HLS), Coulton Fen SINC (EWGS).</p> <p># Supported grassland restoration at Adj Sandlands Meadow SINC (HLS) and encouraged PAWS restoration at Toft Wood SINC (EWGS).</p> <p># Area cut in May, July &amp; Aug '14.</p> <p># Supported scheme at Scackleton (HLS).</p> <p># 37 individual trees planted: 30 as in-field trees; 7 black poplars along the Holbeck; and 0 as part of hedge planting schemes.</p> <p># River Rye/Derwent project ideas still under discussion. Now part of the Yorkshire Derwent Catchment Partnership – Strategy being prepared.</p>
<p><b>NE4 Implementation of LBAP/BD2020 targets for priority species</b></p> <p>NE4.1 Key sites for specific species to be in 'favourable' or 'recovering' condition.</p> <p>NE4.2 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># Manage grassland for knapweed broomrape at Amotherby &amp; Broughton Lane SINCs.</p> <p># Send location points of knapweed broomrape colonies to N &amp; E Yorkshire Ecological Datacentre.</p> <p># Encourage via agri-environment scheme consultations and advice to farmers &amp; land managers.</p> <p># Assess the options becoming available in the new agri-environment scheme for developing landscape-scale initiatives.</p>	<p></p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p># Amotherby Lane cut in autumn '14. Broughton Lane hedge cut in Jan '15.</p> <p># A very poor year in 2014 – only 1 spike recorded so re-survey not completed.</p> <p># No relevant schemes.</p> <p># A Facilitation Fund will be available under the new Countryside Stewardship Scheme but full details haven't been released yet.</p>

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<b>NE5 Implementation of LBAP/BD2020 targets for wildlife within villages</b> NE5.1 Wildlife within villages and assist communities with creating and managing community areas for biodiversity.	-					# Schemes at Amotherby churchyard and Westow Cricket Club assisted.
<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.	# Survey the River Rye from Helmsley to East Ness, to map the incidence of Himalayan balsam.  # Participate in the Revitalising the River Rye project, to survey and control Himalayan balsam in whole Rye catchment (see IM1.1). # Monitor condition of Yearsley Moor Woodlands SINC, following work to control rhododendron. # Re-cut the length of Wath Beck corridor that has been cut since 2009 (Himalayan balsam).  # Participate in the Revitalising the River Rye project, to survey and control Himalayan balsam in whole Rye catchment (see IM1.1). # See NE3.1 for actions to control rhododendron.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	# Survey via Bill Thompson & Rosy Eaton (landowner), and from PRoWs by volunteers. Some gaps due to lack of landowner permissions. # See IM1.1.  # Map sent to FC re regrowth on Piper Hill. Spraying at Park Wood Fishponds SINC appears to be working. # Achieved, Jul '14. 5.8km stretch cut. # Himalayan balsam cleared at Fairy Dell and Jeffrey Bog SINC; R Derwent SSSI at Crambeck assessed for work in 2015. # See IM1.1.  # See NE3.1.
<b>NE7 Important geodiversity sites and features</b> NE7.1 Develop a network of Regionally Important Geological Sites (RIGS).  NE7.2 Sites identified as RIGS to be in 'favourable' or 'recovering' condition. NE7.3 Resist development proposals that may affect key geodiversity sites.	# Assist with NEYGT and NYGP survey programmes, as necessary.  -  # Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.					# Attended Geodiversity Partnership meeting. Received map of sites after that but no further information. Bid submitted to NYCC for money for survey work in 2015/16.  -  # No relevant planning applications.

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<p><b>NE8 Assistance to farmers and land managers</b></p> <p>NE8.1 Assist farmers and land managers to enter key sites into appropriate agri-environment schemes.</p> <p>NE8.2 Flexible package of assistance to enable owners to identify, manage or enhance biodiversity on their land.</p>	<p># Encourage via agri-environment scheme consultations and advice to farmers &amp; land managers.</p> <p># Review the financial and technical support needed to assist owners, once details of the new agri-environment scheme become clearer.</p> <p># Support suitable projects, as appropriate.</p>		XXXXX	XXXXX		<p># See NE3 above.</p> <p># Full scheme details still not available, so unable to finalise what our role will be.</p> <p># Assisted landowners at Jeffrey Bog SINC and R. Derwent SSSI/Crambeck following requests.</p>
<p><b>NE9 Howardian Hills as a priority area for biodiversity, as part of the NY&amp;Y LNP</b></p> <p>NE9.1 Participate in the LNP, to identify opportunities for integrated projects.</p>	<p># Attend Board meetings and continue developing joint initiatives with other partners in the LNP or LEP areas.</p>					<p># Meetings attended. Yorkshire Derwent Catchment Partnership being developed.</p>
<p><b>HE1 Understanding of the historic environment and its significance</b></p> <p>HE1.1 Re-assess the archaeology of the AONB.</p> <p>HE1.2 Consider preparing a Statement of Significance for the AONB.</p> <p>HE1.3 Research projects to address identified gaps in knowledge.</p> <p>HE1.4 Regular surveys of built heritage.</p> <p>HE1.5 Promote the recording of local history and traditions.</p> <p>HE1.6 Encourage information to be recorded in the North Yorkshire Historic Environment Record.</p>	<p>–</p> <p>–</p> <p>–</p> <p>–</p> <p>–</p> <p># Pass information on 2013/14 projects to HER Officer.</p>		XXXXX			<p>–</p> <p>–</p> <p>–</p> <p>–</p> <p>–</p> <p># Supported Slingsby historic photos project with grant aid.</p> <p># Completed.</p>

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<p><b>HE2 Sustain and enhance the significance of 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 Consider introducing Article 4 Directions for Conservation Areas in the AONB.</p> <p>HE2.3 Establish a project to survey and manage Heritage at Risk in the AONB.</p> <p>HE2.4 Prepare conservation/management plans for all designed landscapes.</p> <p>HE2.5 Provide a flexible package of assistance to assist owners with understanding and conserving the historic environment.</p> <p>HE2.6 Encourage farmers and land managers to enter archaeological features and other historic assets into agri-environment schemes.</p> <p>HE2.7 Monitor developments in the understanding of potential climate change impacts on historic environment features.</p>	<p># Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p> <p>–</p> <p># Develop a list of priority sites. # Identify landowners. # Seek permission to carry out works.</p> <p># Implement works on at least 3 sites (excluding any specifically mentioned below). # Install kerbing to protect long barrow at Grimstone (subject to available funding).</p> <p>–</p> <p># Carry out management or repair works on at least 5 Historic Environment Priority Sites or historic features.</p> <p># Encourage via agri-environment scheme consultations and advice to farmers &amp; land managers.</p> <p># On-going.</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p># 5 cases. Comments submitted on 2 proposals; Objections or Serious Reservations with 2 proposals. 1 scheme Approved; 2 schemes Approved with suggested amendments/Conditions; 1 scheme Refused.</p> <p># Tree felling works on Castle Howard Avenue supported, as part of restoration works.</p> <p>–</p> <p># Completed. # Completed. # Awaiting possible grant from English Heritage for a major 4-year programme of survey and management works. # Bracken cut three times on round barrows at Hovingham (x2 sites). Rhododendron cleared from cross dyke at Newburgh. # Specification not agreed with Highway Authority; no funding available.</p> <p>–</p> <p># Work completed on Local Priority Sites at Skewsby, Newburgh, Wiganthorpe, Hovingham (x2 sites – see HE2.3 above), Newburgh (see HE2.3 above). Work on other sites/features at Bulmer, Crambe, Howsham, Firby, Oswaldkirk, Newburgh. # Advice provided to land manager at Yearsley. # Supported management of Castle Howard Parkland area at Bulmer under ELS+HLS and management of SM at Scackleton (HLS). # On-going</p>

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<b>HE3 Identify non-designated heritage assets and support the development of management strategies</b> HE3.1 Publish criteria and provide assistance to enable local communities to identify important non-designated heritage assets. HE3.2 Site-based management strategies to conserve and enhance important non-designated heritage assets.	–  –					–  –
<b>LC1 Assist local communities with identifying and implementing projects</b> LC1.1 Lobby Government on relevant national rural issues, via the NAAONB. LC1.2 Innovative projects for delivering services to local communities. LC1.3 Prepare/review Parish Plans for AONB villages. LC1.4 Implement projects contained in Parish Plans or identified by communities.	# Respond as necessary, via input to NAAONB consultations. # Continue to liaise with Development Officers in other organisations, to participate in new initiatives as appropriate. # Support RAY/RVA initiatives, as appropriate. –					# Achieved. Consultations monitored and responses submitted as appropriate. # Attended meetings. # Referred enquiry for Slingsby de-fibrillator purchase to other grant provider. # Plans being supported at Oswaldkirk, Terrington, Huttons Ambo, Swinton, Amotherby & Slingsby as part of SDF-supported RAY project. # Supported projects at Terrington and Coneysthorpe with grant aid.
<b>LC2 Voluntary and community engagement with the local natural and historic environment</b> LC2.1 Partnership action for identifying, monitoring, managing, raising awareness of, accessing and enjoying the natural and historic environment.	–					–

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<b>AG1 Government support mechanisms for farm and rural business development</b> AG1.1 Lobby Government to provide satisfactory rural support mechanisms and agri-environment schemes. AG1.2 Investigate Payment for Ecosystems Services schemes and assess their potential for the AONB. AG1.3 Howardian Hills AONB to remain a priority area for funding from Government agencies.	# Respond as necessary, via NAAONB consultations. In particular, monitor developments in new agri-environment scheme proposals. – # Ensure that the AONB is included as a Target Area within relevant strategies/Schemes.	XXXXX	XXXXX			# Participated in local NELMS verification process, and provided feedback to NAAONB. – # Participated in local NELMS verification process, to ensure that all information on species, habitats, heritage assets, etc was correctly identified.
<b>AG2 Provide 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 for landscape conservation projects.	# Provide advice to farmers & land managers, as appropriate. # Assist 3 landscape conservation projects with AONB funding.			XXXXX	XXXXX	# Advice provided to land managers at Crambeck. # Schemes completed at Brandsby (x2), Husthwaite, East Newton, Kirkham, Scackleton. 449m of new hedge/gaps replanted. 83m of stone wall restored.
<b>AG3 New farm buildings and infrastructure</b> AG3.1 Construction of new farm buildings and infrastructure to follow the principles of the AONB Farm Buildings Design Guidance.	# Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.					# 18 cases. Comments submitted on 6 proposals; Objections or Serious Reservations with 2 proposals. 1 scheme Withdrawn; 1 scheme Refused.
<b>FW1 Woodland felling, management and creation proposals</b> FW1.1 Continue the consultation procedure between the JAC and Forestry Commission.	# Maintain, and respond to JAC consultations as necessary.					# 13 specific woodland management/planting schemes scrutinised.

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<b>FW2 Multi-objective approach to woodland management</b> FW2.1 Encourage woodland owners to manage their woodlands in accordance with the UK Forestry Standard. FW2.2 Encourage woodland owners and managers to enter national grant schemes.	# On-going.  # As opportunities arise.					# Advice provided to land managers at Ampleforth.  –
<b>FW3 Pests and diseases</b> FW3.1 Keep up-to-date with information on invasive woodland pests and diseases. FW3.2 Encourage vigilance and reporting of suspected sightings. FW3.3 Carry out appropriate mitigation strategies to manage the impacts of pests and diseases.	# Monitor ash dieback disease situation and take appropriate action as necessary. – –					# Signed up to receive quarterly FC Plant Health e-Newsletter.  – –
<b>FW4 Known provenance trees and shrubs</b> FW4.1 Incorporation of natural regeneration into restocking plans. FW4.2 Use of appropriate provenance nursery stock when restocking. FW4.3 Work with local forest nurseries.	# Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.  # Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. –					# No relevant schemes.  # No relevant schemes.  # Castle Howard took black poplar cuttings to create stock trees within the nursery to provide future whips for planting out.
<b>FW5 New areas of woodland</b> FW5.1 Use forestry grant procedures to advise on the siting and design of new areas of woodland.	# Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.					# No relevant schemes.
<b>FW6 Markets for wood and timber</b> FW6.1 Support the development of a local woodfuel market.  FW6.2 Encourage the use of timber from the AONB in local industries.	# Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. # Develop strategy as part of joint Protected Landscapes engagement with the LEP. –					# No objection in 1 planning consultation response. # No progress this year.  –

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<p><b>FW7 Grant and advice mechanisms that achieve Management Plan objectives</b></p> <p>FW7.1 Lobby for grant incentives for priority work within the AONB to be included in the next Rural Development Programme.</p> <p>FW7.2 Support the continuation and evolution of the Native Woodland Development Project.</p>	<p># As necessary, via NAAONB and local consultations.</p> <p># Review current status and develop future options for continuation/development.</p>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX		<p># Monitored the development of the new Countryside Stewardship Scheme, to ensure that as many types of work as possible were included.</p> <p># Small meeting held in Nov '14 to contribute to the woodland/forestry section of the new LEADER LDS.</p> <p># NYMNP planning to hold a review meeting in Spring '15.</p>
<p><b>D1 New development</b></p> <p>D1.1 Relevant Plans, Strategies and Policies to recognise, protect and, where appropriate, enhance the Special Qualities of the AONB and its setting.</p> <p>D1.2 Maintain effective consultation arrangements between 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># Maintain, and respond as necessary to JAC consultations.</p>					<p># Relevant consultations scrutinised and comments submitted where appropriate.</p> <p># 90 consultations received from NYCC, RDC, HDC or external agencies/contractors.</p> <p># 7 cases of business-related development (exc. farming/estates). Comments submitted on 2 proposals; Objections or Serious Reservations with 1 proposal. 1 scheme Withdrawn.</p>
<p><b>D2 Design of new development and management of existing buildings/features</b></p> <p>D2.1 High-quality rural design standards to cover the whole AONB.</p> <p>D2.2 Encourage communities to prepare Village Design Statements.</p> <p>D2.3 Provide guidance on sustainable building restoration techniques.</p> <p>D2.4 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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<p><b>D3 Mitigation of intrusive features</b></p> <p>D3.1 Local enhancement works to mitigate the impact of visually intrusive developments.</p> <p>D3.2 Liaison arrangements with Northern Powergrid, to prioritise and implement the undergrounding of electricity cables.</p> <p>D3.3 Maintain links with BT Openreach, to encourage the undergrounding of telephone cables.</p> <p>D3.4 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 implementation of at least 1 scheme in the AONB - Bulmer.</p> <p># Continue to liaise with BT Openreach over burying cables, both at Dalby and for new electricity cable undergrounding schemes - Bulmer.</p> <p># Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</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>–</p> <p># Attended meetings in April '14, Oct '14 and Feb '15. Better mechanism &amp; NPG engagement proposed for new RIIO-ED1 period.</p> <p># Bulmer scheme due for completion by Spring '15.</p> <p># Submitted schemes at Crayke &amp; Husthwaite to National Grid for assessment as part of the EHV mitigation programme in RIIO-T1.</p> <p># Not achieved.</p> <p># Comments submitted in 1 relevant planning consultation response.</p>
<p><b>D4 Minerals-working proposals.</b></p> <p>D4.1 Resist any large-scale minerals-working operations which are not compatible with AONB objectives.</p> <p>D4.2 Support appropriate proposals for small-scale quarrying of stone.</p> <p>D4.3 Safeguard/obtain supplies of suitable local stone for drystone wall restoration.</p>	<p># Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p> <p># Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p> <p># Monitor development proposals and approach owners where appropriate in order to obtain suitable stone.</p>					<p># No relevant planning applications.</p> <p># Site visits with contractors during the seismic survey in autumn '14.</p> <p># Attended meetings and debates to learn more about fracking.</p> <p># No relevant planning applications.</p> <p># No relevant planning applications.</p> <p># Fresh stone extracted at Brandsby, for wall restoration on owner's land.</p>

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<b>D5 Renewable energy installations</b> D5.1 Advice and guidance on renewable energy technologies and installations. D5.2 Support appropriate proposals that follow the '4 Rights' – Technology, Scale, Place and Design. D5.3 Promote the benefits of appropriate renewable energy developments and demonstrate examples of 'best practice' projects.	# Provide advice to applicants and agents on suitability of proposals. # Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. –					# No requests for advice this year. # No objection to 4 projects in planning consultation responses. –
<b>D6 Rural business, local employment/training and farm diversification</b> D6.1 Provision and access to ICT, business and rural skills advice, courses, demonstrations, etc. D6.2 Encourage local businesses to develop appropriate new enterprises. D6.3 Maintain a positive approach to planning control for appropriate farm diversification projects. D6.4 Support appropriate proposals to re-use farm buildings, where their historic and wildlife value can be safeguarded. D6.5 Support appropriate proposals for developing new workspace within the AONB.	# Develop strategy as part of joint Protected Landscapes engagement with the LEP. # As appropriate. # Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. # Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. # Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX		# Dales & Moors Farmer Innovation Project established, with Skills funding. # Pop-up Business Advice Café held in Hovingham in Oct '14. # Hosted Newcastle University PhD student in Mar '15. # Allotments development and Yorkshire Arboretum development ideas referred to LEADER and LEP. # No Objection in 1 planning consultation response. # 4 cases. Comments submitted on 2 proposals; Objections or Serious Reservations with 1 proposal. 1 scheme Approved. # 1 case. Concerns raised in 1 relevant planning consultation response.
<b>D7 Modern telecommunications technology</b> D7.1 Support the provision of high-speed broadband and mobile phone installations that do not have adverse impacts on the Special Qualities of the AONB.	# Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.					# No objections to 2 relevant applications.

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<b>D8 Local-needs/affordable housing</b> D8.1 Maintain up-to-date information on housing needs within the AONB. D8.2 Promote the potential benefits of local-needs housing to AONB farmers, landowners and residents.	– –					– –
<b>RT1 Solutions to specific traffic routing issues in and around the AONB</b> RT1.1 Support appropriate proposals for a full-movement interchange at the A64/B1257 junction. RT1.2 Monitor freight issues in the AONB, to identify any patterns in HCV through-traffic. RT1.3 Encourage measures to address any issues raised during freight monitoring.	# Monitor associated development proposals and input as necessary. – –					# New developments proposed for old Malton Showfield but no junction alterations. – –
<b>RT2 Traffic and driver behaviour issues</b> RT2.1 Carry out speed-checks in identified problem locations, to investigate reported issues. RT2.2 Local events that examine and address traffic and driver behaviour issues, in identified problem locations.	# Obtain data on traffic speed monitoring carried out in AONB villages. –					# 3 temporary checks carried out – Braygate Street (Castle Howard Road, Malton), Oswaldkirk, Swinton; 1 permanent check (B1257, Broughton Road, Malton). –

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<b>RT3 Sustainable modes of transport</b> RT3.1 Identify transport service, infrastructure and accessibility improvements. RT3.2 Develop and implement identified measures as appropriate. RT3.3 Promote the availability of alternative transport services. RT3.4 Next Local Transport Plan for North Yorkshire to contribute to the implementation of AONB Management Plan Objectives.	# Monitor any new initiatives, and encourage via community development work. – – –					# Support partner in Local Sustainable Transport Fund bid for NY – Failed. – – –
<b>RT4 Rural character of the road network</b> RT4.1 Continue liaison arrangements between the Joint Advisory Committee and highway authority. RT4.2 Distribute the Howardian Hills Area Profile to relevant teams within the highway authority. RT4.3 Identify examples of road sign clutter and seek improvements. RT4.4 Specific locations of historic roadside furniture to be recorded on the National Street Gazetteer. RT4.5 Traditional direction signs, mileposts and other historic structures to be maintained and appropriately managed.	# Maintain, and respond to JAC consultations as necessary. # Distribute profile to appropriate teams. # Rationalise signs where possible as part of traditional direction sign restoration work. # Send grid references and descriptions of traditional direction signs to NYCC for recording in National Street Gazetteer. # Restore 2 traditional direction signs.	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX			# 9 consultations received (included in total shown in D1.2 above). # Completed Feb '15. # Modern signs removed from traditional direction signs at Bulmer, as part of restoration work. # Process scoped for removing redundant Farm Museum brown signs. # Completed Dec '14. # Signs restored at Bulmer, Crambe, Howsham & Firby. # Contact made with Highways Agency about sign at Barton Hill/A64.
<b>RT5 A64 trunk road</b> RT5.1 Improvements to the A64 to have regard to the Special Qualities of the AONB. RT5.2 Monitor future proposals and provide comments to the Highways Agency.	– # On-going, with involvement as and when necessary.					# Input to the Jacobs study on possible Welburn – Musley Bank dualling proposal. Good appreciation of constraints imposed by AONB designation. # See RT5.1 above.

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<b>RA1 Sustainable recreational activities</b> RA1.1 Support appropriate recreational business developments. RA1.2 Monitor the levels and sustainability of recreational activities within the AONB.	# Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. –					# No objections raised in 3 planning consultation responses. –
<b>RA2 Promote attractions and Special Qualities of the AONB</b> RA2.1 Promote sustainable tourism and recreational activities in the Howardian Hills. RA2.2 Initiatives to encourage Under-Represented Groups to enjoy the AONB.	# Continue input to joint initiatives with NYMNPA, Ryedale DC, Welcome to Yorkshire and Visit York. # Complete delivery of the schools twinning project between schools in the AONB and York/Hull. (see AP2.3).	XXXXX	XXXXX			# Castle Howard Hub leaflet designed and printed. # Great Outdoors leaflet updated and reprinted. # Financial contribution made to 2014/15 Visit York marketing initiative. # See AP2.3 below.

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<p><b>RA3 Condition and network of Public Rights of Way</b></p> <p>RA3.1 Maintenance and improvement of path furniture in the AONB, as appropriate.</p> <p>RA3.2 Rectify identified path condition problems, including seasonal overgrowth and ploughing/cropping.</p> <p>RA3.3 Path improvements, particularly via management measures such as ride-widening and the use of alternative routes.</p> <p>RA3.4 Correct identification of all Public Rights of Way routes on the Definitive Map by 2026.</p> <p>RA3.5 Bring 'missing routes' and 'route status inconsistencies' to the attention of the highway authority and lobby for action.</p> <p>RA3.6 Support appropriate Public Rights of Way diversion, creation and extinguishment orders/agreements.</p> <p>RA3.7 Creation of new access routes/areas.</p>	<p># Continue with minor improvement works as they are identified.</p> <p># Consider options for future management mechanisms.</p> <p># Bring issues to the attention of the NYCC Area Ranger, as necessary.</p> <p># Monitor the NYCC seasonal cutting programme and liaise with NYCC Area Ranger as necessary.</p> <p># Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p> <p>–</p> <p>–</p> <p># Complete work on bridleway route issues at Slingsby, as part of a wider package of rationalisations on the Castle Howard Estate.</p> <p># Progress route re-alignments/creations /extinguishments at Howsham, Ampleforth, Slingsby, Hovingham.</p> <p>–</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>			<p># Volunteer Task Leader &amp; Volunteers carried out improvement works on a variety of sites.</p> <p># Volunteers surveys carried out for walks leaflets routes highlighted some issues.</p> <p># NYCC considering training some Volunteers to lead simple tasks, in the current absence of Volunteer Task Leaders.</p> <p># Issues passed on, when received by AONB Unit.</p> <p># Achieved. No issues reported.</p> <p># Ride widening suggested in response to woodland management proposals nr Gilling Lakes.</p> <p># Rhododendron clearance has improved paths near Gilling Castle.</p> <p>–</p> <p>–</p> <p># Package suggested to go ahead minus one route where agreement not reached with British Horse Society.</p> <p># Missing link at Howsham being progressed as part of a whole-route package; no progress with Ampleforth issue; Slingsby &amp; Hovingham routes are part of the Castle Howard package.</p> <p># No comments submitted on path diversion schemes at Terrington &amp; Kirkham.</p> <p>–</p>

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<p><b>RA4 Recreational management measures</b></p> <p>RA4.1 Small-scale management works.</p> <p>RA4.2 Discourage unsustainable recreational use of the Derwent valley.</p> <p>RA4.3 Low-key countryside management works on Forestry Commission land.</p> <p>RA4.4 Development/use of designated village parking areas and toilet facilities by recreational visitors.</p> <p>RA4.5 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># Encourage management of parking area at Bell Bottom Wood, Coneysthorpe, to maximise space available.</p> <p># Ensure refurbished Kirkham Priory car park is appropriately maintained.</p> <p># Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p> <p># Monitor any FC consultation on future management of the public forest estate and input as appropriate.</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># Completed.</p> <p># Pursuing via Castle Howard Hub leaflet discussions, but not completed.</p> <p># Maintenance work by Parish Council being pushed.</p> <p># No relevant planning applications.</p> <p># No proposals published.</p> <p>–</p> <p># Completed, ending Feb '15.</p> <p># Incident at Grimston reported by local resident; reported incident at Nunnington.</p>
<p><b>RA5 Routes for different user groups and provide self-guided information</b></p> <p>RA5.1 Identify appropriate routes, linked to public transport where possible.</p> <p>RA5.2 Identify and develop easy-access paths.</p> <p>RA5.3 Publish guide leaflets and information.</p>	<p># Progress development of a 15km circular off-road cycle route around the eastern part of the AONB.</p> <p>–</p> <p># Publish and distribute/upload 1 further short cycle route leaflet.</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>			<p># Being progressed as part of discussions with Castle Howard about encouraging greater use of the wider estate.</p> <p># Yearsley Moor promoted for wheelchair access in Countryfile magazine article, Mar '15.</p> <p># Great Outdoors booklet updated and reprinted in partnership with NYMNP, Welcome to Yorkshire and Castle Howard.</p> <p># Coneysthorpe cycle routes being progressed in partnership with Castle Howard.</p> <p># Walks route based on Welburn leaflet being prepared for submission to Royal Geographic Society.</p> <p># Three Terrington routes being updated to new format, to make a uniform package of 12 pdf leaflets for the whole AONB.</p>

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<p><b>AP1 Awareness and understanding of the AONB designation, its importance and the role 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.</p> <p>AP1.3 Maintain a public profile in the local media and at appropriate local events/shows.</p>	<p># Ensure 'gateway sign' sites are adequately maintained.</p> <p># Investigate installing 'gateway signs' on the A64.</p> <p># Publish 2013/14 Annual Report.</p> <p># Publish AONB News 2014.</p> <p># Monitor extent and value of media mentions.</p> <p># Attend Ryedale Show.</p> <p># Install the 3 remaining 25th Anniversary log seats.</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># Achieved.</p> <p># Approached Highways Agency, Jan '15. Permission refused.</p> <p># Published and distributed, Dec '14.</p> <p># Published and distributed, Oct '14.</p> <p># 6 press mentions in period April/May 2014, after which NAAONB monitoring service was discontinued: walks &amp; ride routes, NEY Geology Trust project; Equivalent to £7,015 of advertising space.</p> <p># Achieved; RAY+ CAVCA and Howsham Mill sharing stand. A good stand layout, and very busy.</p> <p># Remaining 3 seats installed, July '14.</p>
<p><b>AP2 Awareness of the Special Qualities of the AONB</b></p> <p>AP2.1 Publish and distribute information about the AONB.</p> <p>AP2.2 Deliver guided walks, talks and demonstrations to explain the Special Qualities of the AONB and promote appropriate 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># Start preparation of a Geodiversity leaflet for the AONB.</p> <p># Ensure that AONB website is running properly and is updated each month.</p> <p># Use AONB display at 3 venues/events.</p> <p># Hold at least 3 Junior Ranger Club full-day sessions.</p> <p># Complete delivery of the schools twinning project between schools in the AONB and York/Hull.</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># Completed.</p> <p># Not achieved – consider options in 2015/16.</p> <p># Achieved. Interactive map directory also substantially updated, May '14.</p> <p># Options for a low-cost refresh of the whole website scoped.</p> <p># 48,201 Page Views on the website by 13,731 Users.</p> <p># Displays used at Schools Twinning day at Howsham Mill; Photo competition prize-giving.</p> <p># Talks given to: Oldstead Parish Meeting (30), Ampleforth Gardening Club (30). Attended Hovingham Ward Parishes Forum.</p> <p># April '14, May '14, October '14, Feb '15. (66 children).</p> <p># 6 x Round 4 visits completed.</p>

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<p><b>IM1 Funding and partnership mechanisms</b></p> <p>IM1.1 Seek appropriate sources of funding and assistance to implement Management Plan Objectives.</p> <p>IM1.2 Partnership arrangements with the North York Moors National Park Authority.</p>	<p># Lobby as necessary, via the NAAONB, to ensure that AONBs are adequately funded by Defra.</p> <p># Ensure full utilisation of Defra grant allocation.</p> <p># Monitor the development of the new agri-environment scheme targeting statements and input as necessary.</p> <p># Participate in the development of a new North York Moors, Coast and Hills LEADER initiative.</p> <p># Access additional resources from County &amp; District Councils, FC, EA, EH, etc for specific identified projects.</p> <p># Investigate the potential for accessing EH funding for Monuments at Risk.</p> <p># Continue to develop a major habitat enhancement project – Revitalising the River Rye project.</p> <p># Assist as necessary with Buglife’s SITA-funded B-Lines project.</p> <p># Continue input to the Moors &amp; More project and other similar tourism development initiatives.</p> <p># Monitor, and assist as appropriate, with new community Rural Broadband initiatives.</p> <p># Utilise Reserves appropriately, to supplement annual projects budget and to maintain AONB Officer staff resource.</p> <p># Review all AONB grant processes and assistance options once agri-environment scheme, LEP and LEADER programmes become clearer, in order to maintain effectiveness and efficiency.</p> <p># Continue to develop joint Protected Landscapes engagement with the LEP.</p> <p># Review current status and develop future options for continuation/development of the Native Woodland Development Project.</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># Averted threatened 1.9% in-year reduction.</p> <p># Achieved.</p> <p># Participated in local NELMS verification process, to ensure that all information on species, habitats, assets, etc was correctly identified.</p> <p># Involved in Transition Steering Group, preparing new Local Development Strategy.</p> <p># Funding for treeplanting schemes from EA Mitigation Fund; applied for NYCC funding for geodiversity survey work.</p> <p># Brief and programme developed with EH and submitted for consideration, Feb '15.</p> <p># Discussions continuing, with Yorkshire Derwent Catchment Partnership Strategy now being developed.</p> <p>–</p> <p># Attended Tourism Road map meeting, Sept '14. Monitoring other initiatives.</p> <p>–</p> <p># Reserves committed to support projects budgets; NYMNP secondee used to maintain 1 FTE AONB Officer resource for 7 months.</p> <p># JAC report, Nov '14 on review of administrative processes. Awaiting full details of Countryside Stewardship Scheme before able to review assistance options.</p> <p># Attended meetings to prepare a SEP Uplands Partnership Plan; Funding secured for Dales &amp; Moors Farmer Innovation Project.</p> <p># Small meeting held in Nov '14 to contribute to the woodland/forestry section of the new LEADER LDS.</p> <p># NYMNP planning to hold a review meeting in Spring '15.</p>

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IM1.3 Involve volunteers to assist with the delivery of appropriate tasks and activities.	# Complete at least 1 project per calendar quarter using volunteers.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	# Volunteers assisted with: Junior Ranger Club (April '14, May '14, Oct '14, Feb '15); Ryedale Show; Himalayan balsam clearance at Jeffrey Bog & Fairy Dell SINC; bracken control on Yearsley Moor SINC grassland (x3) and Hovingham round barrows (2 sites x 3); rhododendron clearance adjacent to Yearsley Moor Woodlands SINC (x6)& Newburgh cross dyke; grassland management at Appleton-le-Street Churchyard SINC & Dalby Bush Fen SSSI; PRoW maintenance; Rural:Urban Schools Twinning project; walks leaflets route checking. 25 projects or tasks, worth at least 193 days (£13,400 at SDF volunteering rates).
<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.	# Utilise Reserves appropriately, to supplement annual projects budget and maintain an AONB Unit resource commensurate with future work priorities and income. # Prepare annual Business Plan / Action Programme for JAC, March 2015.				XXXXX	# See IM1.1. # Achieved.
<b>MN1 Performance of the AONB partnership and AONB unit</b> MN1.1 Report annual progress on achievement of Management Plan Objectives. MN1.2 Monitor the performance of the AONB Partnership.	# Provide Annual Action Programme update to JAC, March 2015. # Continue to use NE Partnership Indicators to measure performance of JAC and AONB Partnership. # Continue to send out questionnaires to grant recipients.			XXXXX	XXXXX	# Achieved. # NE Partnership Indicators reported to JAC, Oct '14. # Discontinued, as part of review of grants administration processes.

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<b>MN2 Condition of the AONB</b> MN2.1 Develop a robust mechanism for assessing the Condition of non-designated Priority Sites.  MN2.2 Establish baseline data for the AONB Condition Indicators. MN2.3 Compile a 'State of the AONB' Report. MN2.4 Maintain a 'fixed-point photography' system for monitoring visual landscape change.	# Discuss newly developed assessment mechanisms with NYCC and English Heritage. # Use assessment mechanism to re-score condition of sites, if necessary. # Revise the table of data if necessary, following completion of MN2.1 tasks. - # Establish baseline photos for chosen set of locations.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	# No progress – transfer to 2015/16. # No progress – transfer to 2015/16. # No progress – transfer to 2015/16. - # Completed.
<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.					# Attended NAAONB AGM. Prepared material for Royal Geographical Society Guides; Monitored discussions on Basecamp and posted information/input to relevant ones. # Attended National Conference (Penrith); April '14 Northern Group meeting (Nidderdale AONB); Chairmen's seminar (London).
<b>AONB Management Plan</b> Review AONB Management Plan.	# Publish final public version of new 2014-2019 Management Plan.	XXXXX	XXXXX			# Completed.