

HOWARDIAN HILLS AONB ACTION PROGRAMME**2015/16**

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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ES1 Better understanding of the AONB's contribution to ecosystem services ES1.1 Matrix of the habitats and Special Qualities of the AONB, plotted against the ecosystem services that they provide. ES1.2 Matrix of generic types of 'project', plotted against the ecosystem services that the AONB provides.	# Compile the matrix. # Compile the matrix.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX		# Draft matrix compiled and sent to NYCC Environmental Policy Officer for comment. # Monitored emerging work on Natural Capital as an alternative methodology. # No progress – transfer to 2016/17.
ES2 Promote sustainability and support appropriate projects ES2.1 Assess Plans, policies and projects for compliance with the AONB Management Plan. ES2.2 Ecosystems services assessment to guide consultation responses and assess projects that receive assistance from the JAC.	# On-going. # Use matrix prepared as part of ES1.2 above, once it has been compiled.			XXXXX	XXXXX	# NYCC Local Transport Plan 4; Ryedale Local Plan Strategy Sites Allocation; Draft Minerals & Waste Joint Plan; Hambleton Local Plan Issues & Options. # 128 planning/development consultations (see D1.2) # No progress – transfer to 2016/17.

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ES3 Climate change trends / scenarios and monitor impacts on the AONB ES3.1 Keep up-to-date on climate change information and scenarios. ES3.2 Monitor the potential impacts of climate change on the AONB.	# On-going. # On-going.					# Continual evaluation of events and predictions to inform possible future scenarios. # Continued observation of impact of weather events on habitats, land-based industries and communities. # Seeking to include Slowing the Flow-type debris dams in selected catchments as part of River Rye project HLF bid (see NE3.5).
NE1 Knowledge of the wildlife resources in the AONB 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.	– # Progress survey of Newburgh Park. # Feed actions achieved in the AONB in 2013/14 & 14/15 into BARS and BD2020 reporting mechanisms. # Scope the options and costs of compiling a report.	XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	# Ecological surveyor visiting land independently for preparation of a HHAONB Flora. SINC are included if access is available. # Basic assessment to be made by ecological surveyor as part of survey for preparation of an AONB Flora. # Completed. Many SINC boundaries now entered onto BARS so future recording will be easier. # Deferred, for consideration as part of the next review of the AONB Management Plan.
NE2 Appropriate protection for best nature conservation sites 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	# N & EY Ecological Datacentre holding regular stakeholder meetings but not been able to attend any. # Biodiversity Partnership developing as a 'facilitating group' rather than to prepare a formal document. Has a Twitter feed and Facebook page. 3 Partnership events held. # No relevant planning applications.

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<p>NE3 Implementation of LBAP/BD2020/WFD targets for priority habitats</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 Countryside Stewardship Scheme consultations and advice to farmers & land managers.</p> <p># Encourage via Countryside Stewardship Scheme consultations and advice to farmers & land managers.</p> <p># Control bracken on area of species-rich grassland in Yearsley Moor Woodlands SINC.</p> <p># Encourage via Countryside Stewardship Scheme consultations and advice to farmers & land managers.</p> <p># Plant 20 new individual in-field and boundary trees.</p> <p># Deliver Year 1 projects as part of the Yorkshire Derwent Catchment Partnership 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># Major works completed by FC and landowner following outbreak of Phytophthora ramorum.</p> <p># 6 sites grazed, at Coulton (2), Cawton (2), Terrington (2).</p> <p># Appleton-le-Street Churchyard SINC cut and raked.</p> <p># Rhododendron cleared at Grimston Moor SINC.</p> <p># Birch coppicing carried out at Terrington Carr SINC.</p> <p># Scrub management carried out at Cawton Fen SINC.</p> <p># 45 SIRVs cut, Feb '16.</p> <p># No consultations received for sites entered into Higher Tier Stewardship.</p> <p># No consultations received for sites entered into Higher Tier Stewardship.</p> <p># Funded PAWS restoration at Toft Wood SINC.</p> <p># Area cut in July '15.</p> <p># No consultations received for sites entered into Higher Tier Stewardship.</p> <p># 2 individual trees planted: 2 as part of hedge planting schemes.</p> <p># River Derwent project ideas still under discussion. Area groups and structures developing and Partnership Co-ordinator appointed.</p> <p># River Rye sub-catchment group progressing a HLF bid.</p>

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<p>NE4 Implementation of LBAP/BD2020 targets for priority species</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 & Broughton Lane SINCs.</p> <p># Send location points of knapweed broomrape colonies to NEYEDC.</p> <p># Encourage via Countryside Stewardship Scheme consultations and advice to farmers & land managers.</p> <p># Assess the options becoming available in the new Countryside Stewardship Scheme for developing landscape-scale initiatives.</p>		XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<p># Amotherby Lane SINC cut in autumn '14.</p> <p># A very poor year again in 2015 – only 1 spike recorded at Broughton Lane SINC so re-survey not completed. Two possible spikes reported at Amotherby Lane SINC.</p> <p># No consultations received for sites entered into Higher Tier Stewardship.</p> <p># Evaluated scheme and Conditions and decided that farmer networks not developed enough in the AONB as yet.</p>
<p>NE5 Implementation of LBAP/BD2020 targets for wildlife within villages</p> <p>NE5.1 Wildlife within villages and assist communities with creating and managing community areas for biodiversity.</p>	-					<p># Scheme at Amotherby churchyard assisted.</p>
<p>NE6 Invasive non-native species</p> <p>NE6.1 Monitor the location and abundance of invasive non-native species.</p> <p>NE6.2 Carry out targeted partnership action to manage invasive non-native species where appropriate.</p>	<p># Survey Wath Beck and Mugdale & Barker Woods SINC, to map the incidence of Himalayan balsam.</p> <p># Participate in the Revitalising the River Rye project, to survey and control Himalayan balsam in whole Rye catchment (see IM1.1).</p> <p># Monitor condition of Yearsley Moor Woodlands SINC, following work to control rhododendron.</p> <p># Continue to manage the length of Wath Beck corridor that has been cut since 2009 (Himalayan balsam).</p> <p># Participate in the Revitalising the River Rye project, to survey and control Himalayan balsam in whole Rye catchment (see IM1.1).</p> <p># Control Himalayan balsam at River Derwent SSSI; Jeffry Bog, Fairy Dell and Mugdale & Barker Woods SINC.</p> <p># See NE3.1 for actions to control rhododendron.</p>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX		<p># Wath Beck surveyed by volunteers, Maidensworth Wood by AONB staff & owner; survey/control in Mugdale & Barker Woods SINC.</p> <p># Rye sub-catchment group progressing a HLF bid (see NE3.5).</p> <p># FC reminded about regrowth on Piper Hill.</p> <p># Future control likely to be rigorous following outbreak of Phytophthora ramorum and subsequent control works.</p> <p># Survey-only completed in 2015, to assess current levels.</p> <p># Rye sub-catchment group progressing a HLF bid (see NE3.5).</p> <p># Himalayan balsam cleared at River Derwent SSSI at Crambeck; Jeffry Bog, Fairy Dell and Mugdale & Barker Woods SINC.</p> <p># See NE3.1.</p>

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<p>NE7 Important geodiversity sites and features</p> <p>NE7.1 Develop a network of Regionally Important Geological Sites (RIGS).</p> <p>NE7.2 Sites identified as RIGS to be in 'favourable' or 'recovering' condition.</p> <p>NE7.3 Resist development proposals that may affect key geodiversity sites.</p>	<p># Progress Local Geological Site assessment and designation, via the NYLGS Partnership.</p> <p>–</p> <p># Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p>					<p># Digital files of 14 Candidate sites within AONB received. To be matched against land ownership information in order to progress detailed site surveys in 2016/17.</p> <p>–</p> <p># No relevant planning applications.</p>
<p>NE8 Assistance to farmers and land managers</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 Countryside Stewardship Scheme consultations and advice to farmers & land managers.</p> <p># Review the financial and technical support needed to assist owners, once details of the new Countryside Stewardship Scheme become clearer.</p> <p># Support suitable projects, as appropriate.</p>	XXXXX				<p># Advice provided to assist entry of Mugdale & Barker Woods SINC into CS.</p> <p># Full scheme details released in a piecemeal fashion. Advisory role for AONB Unit still unclear.</p> <p># No relevant projects.</p>
<p>NE9 Howardian Hills as a priority area for biodiversity, as part of the NY&Y LNP</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># No meetings held in '15/16, as partnership rather dormant during staff re-structure at NYCC. Yorkshire Derwent Catchment Partnership being developed.</p>

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HE1 Understanding of the historic environment and its significance HE1.1 Re-assess the archaeology of the AONB. HE1.2 Consider preparing a Statement of Significance for the AONB. HE1.3 Research projects to address identified gaps in knowledge. HE1.4 Regular surveys of built heritage. HE1.5 Promote the recording of local history and traditions. HE1.6 Encourage information to be recorded in the North Yorkshire Historic Environment Record.	– – – – – # Pass information on 2014/15 projects to NYCC Historic Environment Record.		XXXXX			– – – – # Supported Hovingham & Ampleforth inter-generational project with grant aid. # Completed.

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<p>HE2 Sustain and enhance the significance of historic environment</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># Implement first year of project, organising and delivering volunteer training, a survey of all sites and management work on identified Year 1 sites.</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 Countryside Stewardship Scheme consultations and advice to farmers & land managers.</p> <p># On-going.</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p># 14 cases. Comments submitted on 2 proposals; Objections or Serious Reservations with 7 proposals. 5 schemes Approved; 3 schemes Approved with suggested amendments/Conditions; 6 schemes Refused/Withdrawn.</p> <p>–</p> <p># Volunteer training completed; 74 of the 79 Scheduled Monuments in the AONB surveyed; bracken cut on 2 SMs at Hovingham; brash/scrub cleared on 4 SMs at Newburgh.</p> <p>–</p> <p># Work completed on Local Priority Sites at Skewsby, Hovingham (x 2 sites – see HE2.3), Newburgh (x 3 sites – see HE2.3). Work on other sites/features at Low Hutton, Barton Hill, West Ness, Terrington.</p> <p># No consultations received for sites entered into Higher Tier Stewardship.</p> <p># On-going.</p>

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HE3 Identify non-designated heritage assets and support the development of management strategies 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.	– –					– –
LC1 Assist local communities with identifying and implementing projects 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/CAVCA initiatives, as appropriate. –					# Consultations monitored and responses submitted as appropriate. # Attended regular meetings. # Promoted Volunteering event in Helmsley, Sept '15 # Analysis of projects in Parish Plans with RAY, to identify targets. # Huttons Ambo Village Hall referred to NYCC Stronger Communities Team re sustainable heating.
LC2 Voluntary and community engagement with the local natural and historic environment LC2.1 Partnership action for identifying, monitoring, managing, raising awareness of, accessing and enjoying the natural and historic environment.	–					–

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AG1 Government support mechanisms for farm and rural business development 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. # Participate in any joint initiative developed by the LEP Uplands Partnership. # Ensure that the AONB is included as a Target Area within relevant strategies/Schemes.	XXXXX	XXXXX			# Consultations monitored and responses submitted as appropriate. – # Consultations monitored and responses submitted as appropriate.
AG2 Provide advice and appropriate assistance 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 Yearsley; Barton-le-Street; Ganthorpe; Coulton; Crayke. # Schemes completed at East Newton, Grimston, Bulmer, Kirkham, Brandsby, Gilling. 765m of new hedge/gaps replanted. 242m of stone wall restored.
AG3 New farm buildings and infrastructure AG3.1 Construction of new farm buildings and infrastructure to follow the principles of the AONB Farm Buildings Design Guidance.	# Circulate the Design Guidance to local farm building construction companies. # Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.	XXXXX				# Not achieved – transfer to 2106/17. # 24 cases. Comments submitted on 10 proposals; Objections or Serious Reservations with 5 proposals. 17 schemes Approved; 2 schemes Approved with suggested amendments/Conditions; 5 schemes Refused/Withdrawn.
FW1 Woodland felling, management and creation proposals FW1.1 Continue the consultation procedure between the JAC and Forestry Commission.	# Maintain, and respond to JAC consultations as necessary.					# 4 specific woodland management/planting schemes and 1 Woodland Management Plan scrutinised.

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FW2 Multi-objective approach to woodland management 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.					- # No relevant schemes.
FW3 Pests and diseases 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. - -					# Phytophthora ramorum outbreak in Gilling/Yearsley Woods. - # Publicised Phytophthora ramorum outbreak and biosecurity measures.
FW4 Known provenance trees and shrubs 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. -					# Incorporated into PAWS reversion scheme at Toft Wood SINC. # No relevant schemes. -
FW5 New areas of woodland 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.
FW6 Markets for wood and timber 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 the LEP Uplands Partnership. -					# No relevant schemes. # Potential project included in Protected Landscapes Rural Growth Plan. -

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FW7 Grant and advice mechanisms that achieve Management Plan objectives FW7.1 Lobby for grant incentives for priority work within the AONB to be included in the next Rural Development Programme. FW7.2 Support the continuation and evolution of the Native Woodland Development Project.	# As necessary, via NAAONB and local consultations. # Review current status and develop future options for continuation/development.	XXXXX	XXXXX			# Consultations monitored and responses submitted as appropriate. # North York Moors Native Woodland Partnership re-established by the National Park and attended 3 meetings.
D1 New development D1.1 Relevant Plans, Strategies and Policies to recognise, protect and, where appropriate, enhance the Special Qualities of the AONB and its setting. D1.2 Maintain effective consultation arrangements between Local Planning Authorities and the Joint Advisory Committee.	# 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. # Maintain, and respond as necessary to JAC consultations.					# Relevant consultations scrutinised and comments submitted where appropriate. # Led on the NAAONB response to the Surface Development Restrictions consultation in Dec '15. # 134 consultations received from NYCC, RDC, HDC or external agencies/contractors.
D2 Design of new development and management of existing buildings/features D2.1 High-quality rural design standards to cover the whole AONB. D2.2 Encourage communities to prepare Village Design Statements. D2.3 Provide guidance on sustainable building restoration techniques. D2.4 Appraisals to enable the designation of new Conservation Areas and the enhancement of existing ones.	- - - -					- - - -

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D3 Mitigation of intrusive features D3.1 Local enhancement works to mitigate the impact of visually intrusive developments. D3.2 Liaison arrangements with Northern Powergrid, to prioritise and implement the undergrounding of electricity cables. D3.3 Maintain links with BT Openreach, to encourage the undergrounding of telephone cables. D3.4 Resist developments that increase the impact of light or noise pollution on the AONB or its setting.	– # Continue to attend Liaison Group meetings. # Start implementation of at least 1 scheme in the AONB. # Continue to liaise with BT Openreach over burying cables, both at Dalby and for new electricity cable undergrounding schemes. # Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.		XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	– # Attended meetings and conference calls as appropriate. # 11 schemes surveyed/developed and submitted for action. 7 taken forward within budget allocation. 2 at advanced stage and work expected Summer 2016. # Northern PowerGrid now have better communication with BT so progress expected via new schemes, e.g. at Nunnington. # Comments submitted in 7 relevant planning consultation responses.
D4 Minerals-working proposals. D4.1 Resist any large-scale minerals-working operations which are not compatible with AONB objectives. D4.2 Support appropriate proposals for small-scale quarrying of stone. D4.3 Safeguard/obtain supplies of suitable local stone for drystone wall restoration.	# Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. # Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. # Monitor development proposals and approach owners where appropriate in order to obtain suitable stone.					# Comments submitted in 1 relevant planning consultation response. # No relevant planning applications. # No relevant planning applications. # Fresh stone extracted at Grimston, for wall restoration on owner's land.

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<p>D5 Renewable energy installations</p> <p>D5.1 Advice and guidance on renewable energy technologies and installations.</p> <p>D5.2 Support appropriate proposals that follow the '4 Rights' – Technology, Scale, Place and Design.</p> <p>D5.3 Promote the benefits of appropriate renewable energy developments and demonstrate examples of 'best practice' projects.</p>	<p># Provide advice to applicants and agents on suitability of proposals.</p> <p># Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p> <p>–</p>					<p># Advice given to NYCC Stronger Communities Team re schemes at Huttons Ambo & Barton-le-Willows Village Halls.</p> <p># 8 cases. Comments submitted on 6 proposals; Objections or Serious Reservations with 1 proposal. 4 schemes Approved; 1 scheme Approved with suggested amendments/Conditions; 2 schemes Refused/Withdrawn. 1 Decision pending.</p> <p>–</p>
<p>D6 Rural business, local employment/training and farm diversification</p> <p>D6.1 Provision and access to ICT, business and rural skills advice, courses, demonstrations, etc.</p> <p>D6.2 Encourage local businesses to develop appropriate new enterprises.</p> <p>D6.3 Maintain a positive approach to planning control for appropriate farm diversification projects.</p> <p>D6.4 Support appropriate proposals to re-use farm buildings, where their historic and wildlife value can be safeguarded.</p> <p>D6.5 Support appropriate proposals for developing new workspace within the AONB.</p>	<p># Develop strategy as part of LEADER and LEP Uplands Partnership.</p> <p># Host Newcastle University PhD student. # As appropriate.</p> <p># Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p> <p># Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p> <p># Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>		<p># Protected Landscapes' Dales & Moors Farm Innovation Project completed, with Skills funding.</p> <p># New initiatives proposed in Protected Landscapes Rural Growth Plan.</p> <p># Social Media event held by Connecting for Nature partnership.</p> <p># Hosted Newcastle University PhD student in Apr '15.</p> <p># Signposted Yorkshire Arboretum to business advice.</p> <p># Attended Ryedale Markets Towns Workshops.</p> <p># No Objection in 2 planning consultation responses.</p> <p># 3 cases. Comments submitted on 0 proposals. 3 schemes Approved.</p> <p># 3 cases. 3 schemes Approved.</p> <p># 13 cases of business-related development (exc. farming/estates). Comments submitted on 2 proposals; Objections or Serious Reservations with 2 proposals. 11 schemes Approved; 2 schemes Refused/Withdrawn.</p>

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D7 Modern telecommunications technology 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 1 relevant application.
D8 Local-needs/ affordable housing 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.	- -					- -
RT1 Solutions to specific traffic routing issues in and around the AONB 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. - -					# No relevant schemes. - -
RT2 Traffic and driver behaviour issues 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.	# Monitor information provided via traffic speed surveys carried out in AONB villages. -					# 0 temporary checks carried out; 1 permanent check (B1257, Broughton Road, Malton). -

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RT3 Sustainable modes of transport 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. - - # Participate in the review of Local Transport Plan.					# Responded to NYCC bus services consultation. # Supported proposed Sustrans cycle link from York. # Participated in Ryedale DC bid for electric bikes project - unsuccessful. # Participated in wider NY area partnership bid on cycle networks, as part of wider Tourism Networks project. - - # Comments submitted – include Area Profiles for Protected Landscapes.
RT4 Rural character of the road network 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. - # Rationalise signs where possible as part of traditional direction sign restoration work. - # Restore 2 traditional direction signs.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	# 7 consultations received (included in total shown in D1.2). # Promoted for inclusion in LTP4 (see RT3.4). # Modern signs removed from traditional direction sign at West Ness, as part of restoration work. # Signs restored at Barton Hill, Low Hutton, Terrington and West Ness.

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RT5 A64 trunk road 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.	# Participate in Jacobs Study to ensure that proposals respect the AONB status. # On-going, as part of Jacobs Study and further development of dualling proposal.					# Amendments to draft Report incorporated. # Highways England Environment Designated Fund information passed to NYCC and RDC. # Situation monitored - no further activity.
RA1 Sustainable recreational activities 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 5 planning consultation responses. -
RA2 Promote attractions and Special Qualities of the AONB 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. -					# Joint schemes developed with the Protected Landscapes' Rural Growth Plan. # HHAONB route leaflets now available on NYMNPA website. # On-going discussions about a leaflet covering the wider area of the whole Castle Howard Estate, possibly focussing on wildlife. # Phase Two (2015/16) Visit York marketing initiative being progressed, with commissioning of 7 'Theme/Route itineraries'. # Ideas for Easy Access route guides discussed with Open Country. # Further discussions held with Sight Support Ryedale re potential project.

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RA3 Condition and network of Public Rights of Way RA3.1 Maintenance and improvement of path furniture in the AONB, as appropriate. RA3.2 Rectify identified path condition problems, including seasonal overgrowth and ploughing/cropping. RA3.3 Path improvements, particularly via management measures such as ride-widening and the use of alternative routes. RA3.4 Correct identification of all Public Rights of Way routes on the Definitive Map by 2026. RA3.5 Bring 'missing routes' and 'route status inconsistencies' to the attention of the highway authority and lobby for action. RA3.6 Support appropriate Public Rights of Way diversion, creation and extinguishment orders/agreements. RA3.7 Creation of new access routes/areas.	# Continue with minor improvement works as they are identified. # Participate in discussions on options for future management mechanisms. # Bring issues to the attention of NYCC PROW staff, as necessary. # Monitor the NYCC seasonal cutting programme and liaise with NYCC PROW staff as necessary. # Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. - - # Complete work on bridleway route issues at Slingsby, as part of a wider package of rationalisations on the Castle Howard Estate. # Progress route re-alignments/creations /extinguishments at Howsham, Ampleforth, Slingsby, Hovingham. -	 XXXXX	 XXXXX	 	 	# Focus principally on maintenance and Issues during period of NYCC re-structure. # AONB Unit staff looking to assist with quicker/more efficient resolution of Issues by utilising local knowledge and contacts. # Issues passed on, when received by AONB Unit. # Achieved. # Rhododendron clearance for plant health reasons has significantly improved woodland paths near Gilling Castle. - - # Package now going ahead minus one route where agreement not reached with British Horse Society. # Missing link at Howsham being progressed as part of a whole-route package; no progress with Ampleforth issue; Slingsby & Hovingham routes are part of the Castle Howard package. -

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RA4 Recreational management measures RA4.1 Small-scale management works. RA4.2 Discourage unsustainable recreational use of the Derwent valley. RA4.3 Low-key countryside management works on Forestry Commission land. RA4.4 Development/ use of designated village parking areas and toilet facilities by recreational visitors. RA4.5 Monitor the levels of litter and fly-tipping within the AONB and take action as appropriate.	# Continue grass cutting regime at Badger Bank. # Encourage management of parking area at Bell Bottom Wood, Coneysthorpe, to maximise space available. # Ensure Kirkham Priory car park is appropriately maintained. # Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. # Install an FC badge to create a more welcoming entrance at the eastern access to Grimston Moor. - # Continue programme of litter clearance at car parks throughout the AONB. # Report fly-tipping incidents to the District Councils, as necessary.	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX		# Completed. # Some cleared as part of adjacent woodland management works. Maybe some minor extra work needed by volunteers. # Maintenance work by Parish Council being pushed. # No relevant planning applications. # Raised with FC but issue over land ownership that needs to be investigated by FC land agent first. - # Completed, ending Feb '16. # Completed. New reporting mechanism now available via .GOV.
RA5 Routes for different user groups and provide self-guided information RA5.1 Identify appropriate routes, linked to public transport where possible. RA5.2 Identify and develop easy-access paths. RA5.3 Publish guide leaflets and information.	- - # Investigate locations/routes for 1 further short cycle route leaflet.		XXXXX	XXXXX		# Leaflet being progressed as part of discussions with Castle Howard about encouraging greater use of the wider estate. # Meeting held with Open Country and Easy Access routes being planned. # Coneysthorpe cycle route leaflet prepared as a pdf. # 3 Terrington walk routes updated to new format, to make a uniform package of 12 pdf leaflets for the whole AONB. # BHS encouraged to submit ideas for circular horse riding routes.

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<p>AP1 Awareness and understanding of the AONB designation, its importance and the role of the Joint Advisory Committee</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># Progress installing 'gateway signs' on the A64.</p> <p># Publish 2014/15 Annual Report.</p> <p># Publish AONB News 2015.</p> <p># Continue publicising the AONB and initiatives/projects via Twitter.</p> <p># Monitor media mentions.</p> <p># Attend Ryedale Show.</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># No progress with Highways Agency.</p> <p># Idea included in Protected Landscapes' Rural Growth Plan.</p> <p># Published and distributed, Sept '15.</p> <p># Published and distributed, Oct '15.</p> <p># Achieved.</p> <p># Wikipedia entry amended to bring text into line with Management Plan, website, etc.</p> <p># Nature Notes article in Ramblers' Sept magazine.</p> <p># Radio York & BBC Look North interviews re fracking regulations consultation.</p> <p># Unable to do as easily since loss of NAAONB service.</p> <p># Achieved; RAY+NYCC Emergency Planning and the Yorkshire Arboretum sharing our stand.</p>
<p>AP2 Awareness of the Special Qualities of the AONB</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># Scope options for the preparation of a Geodiversity leaflet for the AONB.</p> <p># Ensure that AONB website is running properly and is updated appropriately.</p> <p># Use AONB display at 3 venues/events.</p> <p># Hold at least 3 Junior Ranger Club full-day sessions.</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># Meeting with possible consultant arranged for Apr '16.</p> <p># Achieved.</p> <p># Refreshed website went live Oct '15.</p> <p># 25,694 Page Views on the website by 7,947 Users.</p> <p># Displays used at Social Media workshop.</p> <p># No evening talks given.</p> <p># Attended Hovingham Ward Parishes Forum x 2.</p> <p># April '15, October '15, Feb '16, March '16. (68 children).</p>

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<p>IM1 Funding and partnership mechanisms</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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Lobby as necessary, via the NAAONB, to ensure that AONBs are adequately funded by Defra. # Ensure full utilisation of Defra grant allocation. # Participate in the new North York Moors, Coast and Hills LEADER programme. # Access additional resources from County & District Councils, FC, EA, HE, etc for specific identified projects. # Deliver the first year of the HE-funded Monument Management Scheme for Scheduled Monuments. # Deliver Year 1 projects as part of the Yorkshire Derwent Catchment Partnership Strategy. # Continue input to the Moors & More project and other similar tourism development initiatives. # Utilise Reserves appropriately, to supplement annual projects budget. # Keep AONB grant processes and assistance options under review as the Countryside Stewardship Scheme, LEP and LEADER programmes develop, in order to maintain effectiveness and efficiency. # Continue to develop joint Protected Landscapes engagement with the LEP via the LEP Uplands Partnership. # Review current status and develop future options for continuation/development of the Native Woodland Development Project. 	<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # So Much More than the View booklet produced Jun '15. # 4-year Protected settlement announced in Autumn '15 Comprehensive Spending review. # Achieved. # Involved in Transition Steering Group, preparing to launch new Local Development Strategy once Defra approval received. # No other funding streams accessed this year. # Volunteer training completed; survey organised and completed. Bracken cut on 2 SMS at Hovingham; brash/scrub cleared on 4 SMS at Newburgh. # River Derwent project ideas still under discussion. Area groups and structures developing and Partnership Co-ordinator appointed. # River Rye sub-catchment group progressing a HLF bid. # Project development included in Protected Landscapes' Rural Growth Plan. # No draw-down on Reserves in 2015/16. # Full scheme details released in a piecemeal fashion. Advisory role for AONB Unit still unclear. # Attended meetings to prepare Protected Landscapes' Rural Growth Fund. # North York Moors Native Woodland Partnership re-established by the National Park and 3 meetings held.

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IM1.3 Involve volunteers wherever possible, to assist with the delivery of appropriate tasks and activities.	# Complete at least 1 project per calendar quarter using volunteers.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	# Volunteers assisted with: Junior Ranger Club (April '15, Oct '15, Feb '16, Mar '16); Ryedale Show; Himalayan balsam clearance at Fairy Dell SINC and River Derwent SSSI; bracken control on Yearsley Moor Woodlands SINC grassland; scrub clearance at Nunnington Cutting & Quarries SSSI and Cawton Fens SINC; birch management at Terrington Carr SINC (x 2); rhododendron clearance at Grimston Moor SINC (x 2); grassland management at Appleton-le-Street Churchyard SINC. Hedgelaying training course, Coulton. MMS tasks: bracken control on Hovingham round barrows (2 sites x 2); removing scrub and brash from 5 round barrows at Yearsley (x 2); removing brash from cross dyke at Oulston. Office move. 25 projects or tasks, worth at least 136 days (£8,425 at SDF volunteering rates). 115 days on site management tasks; 21 days on Junior Ranger Club, shows, misc.
IM2 Business model 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. # Move the AONB Unit office to the NYMNPA premises in Helmsley. # Prepare annual Business Plan / Action Programme for JAC, March 2016.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	# See IM1.1. # Completed. # Completed.
MN1 Performance of the AONB partnership and AONB unit 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 2016. # Continue to use NE Partnership Indicators to measure performance of JAC and AONB Partnership.			XXXXX	XXXXX	# Completed. # Amended NE Partnership Indicators and reported to JAC, Oct '15.

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<p>MN2 Condition of the AONB</p> <p>MN2.1 Develop a robust mechanism for assessing the Condition of non-designated Priority Sites.</p> <p>MN2.2 Establish baseline data for the AONB Condition Indicators.</p> <p>MN2.3 Compile a 'State of the AONB' Report.</p> <p>MN2.4 Maintain a 'fixed-point photography' system for monitoring visual landscape change.</p>	<p># Discuss assessment mechanisms with NYCC and Historic England.</p> <p># Use assessment mechanism to re-score condition of sites, if necessary.</p> <p># Revise the table of data if necessary, following completion of MN2.1 tasks.</p> <p>–</p> <p>–</p>		XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	<p># Consider using MMS volunteers to do survey visits in preparation for next review of AONB Management Plan.</p> <p># No progress – defer until next Management Plan review.</p> <p># No progress – defer until next Management Plan review.</p> <p>–</p> <p># Map of monitoring points completed.</p>
<p>National Association for AONBs</p> <p>Maintain input into NAAONB Board and Association activities.</p> <p>Keep up-to-date with knowledge and skills in relation to AONB management.</p>	<p># Continue to participate in NAAONB initiatives.</p> <p># Attend training seminars, Northern Group meetings, Conferences, etc as appropriate.</p>					<p># Attended Chairmen's seminar & NAAONB AGM (London). Monitored discussions on Basecamp and posted information/input to relevant ones; Participated in Communications Officers' phone-ins, preparation of So Much More Than the View booklet, Outstanding Week, launch of Joint Accord with National Parks.</p> <p># Attended National Conference (Winchester); Northern AONBs Lead Officer & Group meeting (Northumberland Coast AONB) May '15.</p>
<p>AONB Management Plan</p> <p>Review AONB Management Plan.</p>	–					–