

HOWARDIAN HILLS AONB ACTION PROGRAMME**2017/18**

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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.	# Refine the matrix, in consultation with the NYCC Environmental Policy Officer. # Compile the matrix.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	# Decided to amend the matrix as part of the AONB Management Plan review process, to show the Natural Capital assets present in the Howardian Hills and the ecosystem services they provide. # See ES1.1.
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 completed. # Complete Defra Ecosystem Approach Score Card for BD2020 Outcome 1C (external assessment), if required.		XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	# Ryedale Local Plan: Local Sites Consultation; Hambleton Local Plan: Easingwold Area Plan Alternative Sites & Local Green Spaces; Minerals & Waste Joint Plan: Addendum of Proposed Changes. # 98 planning/development consultations scrutinised (see D1.2). # See ES1.1. # External assessment not requested by Natural England. # Seeking to include Slowing the Flow-type debris dams in selected catchments as part of the Ryevitalise project. # Hovingham and Gilling included in grant application to Defra for a Natural Flood Management project. Bid successful and initial walk-over surveys completed. Data collation and modelling now progressing.

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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 and climate change on habitats, species, land-based industries and communities. # Observing that bramble growth not checked by cold winters anymore – more regular cutting will be required on Scheduled Monuments to keep them clear and allow more benign vegetation to establish.
NE1 Knowledge of the wildlife resources in the AONB NE1.1 Rolling programme of monitoring surveys on SINCs. 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.	– # Carry out survey of veteran trees in Newburgh Park. # Support development of NYM Turtle Dove project. # Commission report, to provide evidence/data to assist with Management Plan review in 2018/19.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	– # Promoted for inclusion within the Ryevitalise Project Stage 2 document. # Involved in recruitment of project officer; reports of sightings passed on; publicity included in AONB News, on Twitter and on AONB website. Attended steering group meetings and site visits, and organised volunteer surveyor training. Identified opportunities for education & out-reach works; arranged JRC session for May '18; contacted schools; advised on creation of wildflower plots at Ampleforth and Gilling. # Discussed with NYCC Ecologist. Not as comprehensive as a full Biodiversity Audit, as journals and records from specialist Societies ought to be searched as well if a full picture is required. Also issue with changing status of species as more sites are surveyed, i.e. 'rarer' species become less rare. No further action taken.

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<p>NE2 Appropriate protection for best nature conservation sites</p> <p>NE2.1 Register of key nature conservation sites.</p> <p>NE2.2 Effective protection (via designation) for the best nature conservation sites.</p> <p>NE2.3 Resist development proposals that may affect key nature conservation sites.</p>	<p># Continue participation in supporting/developing data management and SINC designation/ monitoring systems within North Yorkshire.</p> <p># Continue participation in the Biodiversity Action Partnership covering the AONB.</p> <p># Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p>					<p># Hambleton SINC re-survey commissioned by HDC. SINC Panel confirmed designations following surveys. Pond Head Reservoir SINC extended to include more of the adjacent species-rich grassland. Management work recommended on 2 sites in AONB: work completed at Peel Wood & Grassland, and promoted with landowner at Pond Head Reservoir.</p> <p># Facebook page doing well; RDC working on bringing the text of the Ryedale BAP up to date with a new Foreword; LNP Officer looking at potential links with the LNP strategy, and attending meetings; quarterly eInfo bulletin being published, including information provided by AONB Team.</p> <p># No relevant planning applications.</p>

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NE3 Implementation of LBAP/BD2020/WFD targets for priority habitats						
NE3.1 Special Interest Road Verges and Natural Environment Priority Sites to be in 'favourable' or 'recovering' condition.	# Continue to facilitate conservation management of grassland SINCs and other sites, by grazing or other means.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	# 4 sites grazed by Exmoor Ponies, at Cawton (2) & Terrington (2); grassland at Husthwaite managed; Appleton-le-Street Churchyard SINC cut and raked. # Scrub control carried out at Amotherby Lane SINC, Littledale SINC, Peel Wood & Grassland SINC, Cawton Fens SINC. # Birch coppicing carried out at Terrington Carr SINC.
NE3.2 Extension and buffering of sites identified as Natural Environment Priority Sites.	# Carry out management works on 45 SIRVs. # Continue rhododendron control works in/abutting Grimston Moor SINC. # Encourage via Countryside Stewardship Scheme consultations and advice to farmers & land managers.			XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	# 45 SIRVs cut, Feb and March '18. # Rhododendron removed within broadleaved woodland areas on Coulton Moor. # Advice given to landowner at Coulton.
NE3.3 Restoration of habitats that have declined in interest but still retain significant ecological potential.	# Encourage via Countryside Stewardship Scheme consultations and advice to farmers & land managers.					# Advice given to landowner at Swinton.
NE3.4 Creation of new habitat where appropriate, in particular the less-intensive management of farmland.	# Monitor/control bracken on area of species-rich grassland in Yearsley Moor Woodlands SINC. # Encourage via Countryside Stewardship Scheme consultations and advice to farmers & land managers. # Plant 20 new individual in-field and boundary trees.	XXXXX	XXXXX		XXXXX	# 2 Felling Licence schemes to restore PAWS to native broadleaves: 2 ha in single operations. # Area cut by Volunteers Jul '17. # No consultations received.
NE3.5 Landscape-scale habitat corridors, particularly around the Derwent valley and linking into the NYMNP.	# Continue participation in the Yorkshire Derwent Catchment Partnership. # Continue participation in the Development phase of RYEvitalise HLF Landscape Partnership Scheme.					# 4 individual trees planted: 0 in-field and 4 as part of hedge planting scheme at Bulmer. # Beating-up of previous schemes carried out, to ensure trees mature in the landscape. # Attended Officer Development Group meetings. Officer in post from Jun '17. # Assisted with development of main programme documents (ecological surveys, data mapping, LCAP) and individual projects: Wooded Wonders, Education, Citizen Science, Walking routes, farmer champions, volunteering, Paradise Initiative, Trout in the Classroom. # Considered Facilitation Fund again – maybe a thematic approach with scattered farms in the future?

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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 and Broughton Lane SINC.</p> <p># Encourage via Countryside Stewardship Scheme consultations and advice to farmers & land managers.</p> <p># Participate in NYM Turtle Dove project.</p> <p># Contribute to development of future Cornfield Flowers Project activities.</p> <p># See NE3.5 – RYEvitalise.</p>		XXXXX		XXXXX	<p># Hedge along Broughton Lane SINC heavily cut back by new owner, autumn '17. Amotherby Lane SINC grassland and overhanging scrub cut in Mar '18.</p> <p># No consultations received.</p> <p># RSPB advice provided to land managers at Ampleforth re seed plots for Turtle Doves.</p> <p># See NE1.3.</p> <p># Development grant offered for project officer to provide advice. Natural England Facilitation Fund application supported and was successful.</p> <p># See NE3.5.</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># Contribute to development and delivery of activities in Amotherby Conservation Churchyard as part of Ward Planning.</p>	XXXXX	XXXXX			<p># Funded grassland management at Amotherby churchyard.</p> <p># Funded Amotherby School project to survey plants and minibeasts and put up bug hotel in churchyard.</p> <p># Grant support provided for development of Nature Area at Slingsby School.</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>–</p> <p># Control Himalayan balsam at Wath Beck, River Derwent SSSI; Jeffrey Bog, Fairy Dell and Mugdale & Barker Woods SINC.</p> <p># See NE3.5 above (River Rye, Himalayan balsam).</p> <p># See NE3.1 for actions to control rhododendron.</p>	XXXXX	XXXXX			<p># Himalayan balsam cleared at Wath Beck; River Derwent SSSI at Crambeck; Jeffrey Bog, Fairy Dell and Mugdale & Barker Woods SINC Jul/Aug '17.</p> <p># Himalayan balsam control included in Ryevitalise project (see NE3.5).</p> <p># See NE3.1.</p>
<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 mapping and assessment, via the NYLGS Partnership and NEYGT HLF project.</p> <p># Carry out management works to improve the condition of 1 site.</p> <p># Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	<p># Survey commissioned, running summer '17 to summer '18 and feeding into Management Plan review. Site surveys started Jan '18 and progressing.</p> <p># Awaiting results of surveys.</p> <p># No relevant planning applications.</p>

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NE8 Assistance to farmers and land managers NE8.1 Assist farmers and land managers to enter key sites into appropriate agri-environment schemes. NE8.2 Flexible package of assistance to enable owners to identify, manage or enhance biodiversity on their land.	# Encourage via Countryside Stewardship Scheme consultations and advice to farmers & land managers. # Support suitable projects, as appropriate.					# No consultations received. # Organised Farmers' Update event in Jul '17. See AG2.1. # See AG2.2 for farm conservation projects supported by AONB grant funding.
NE9 Howardian Hills as a priority area for biodiversity, as part of the NY&Y LNP NE9.1 Participate in the LNP, to identify opportunities for integrated projects.	# Attend Board meetings and continue developing joint initiatives with other partners in the LNP or LEP areas.					# Attended Board meetings. # LNP Co-ordinator working with Next Steps, potentially linking with Cornfield Flowers Project. # Continuation funding package agreed, with AONB contribution.
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.	– # Commission report, to provide evidence/data to assist with Management Plan review in 2018/19. – – – # Pass information on 2016/17 projects to NYCC Historic Environment Record.		XXXXX XXXXX	 XXXXX 	 XXXXX 	– # Discussed with NYCC Archaeologist. This would be a major piece of work, requiring significant community involvement and costing c.£11k. Decision made to re-evaluate as part of Management Plan review. – – – # 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 Year 3 of the Monument Management Scheme, organising and implementing management work on prioritised sites.</p> <p>–</p> <p># Carry out management or repair works on at least 5 Historic Environment Priority Sites or historic features (exc. sites covered by HE2.3 above).</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># 18 cases. Comments submitted on 4 proposals: 3 modified. Objections or Significant Concerns with 5 proposals: 2 Granted; 1 Granted with suggested amendments/Conditions; 1 Refused; 1 Decision pending.</p> <p>–</p> <p># Bracken sprayed on 14 SMS; bramble/brash/scrub regrowth checked on 8 SMS.</p> <p>–</p> <p># Work completed on 2 Local Priority Sites, at Dalby and Castle Howard. Work completed on 7 other sites/features at Coulton, Brandsby, Stearsby, Skewsby.</p> <p># No consultations received.</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.	# As necessary, via input to NAAONB consultations. # Continue to liaise with Development Officers in other organisations, to participate in new initiatives as appropriate. # Continue participation in the Amotherby Ward project and possible extension to another AONB Ward. # Support RAY/CAVCA initiatives, as appropriate. –	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	# Consultations monitored and responses submitted as appropriate. # Attended regular meetings. # Extension into Hovingham Ward. Community Projects Funding and Health event held Oct '17 – really successful. Now extending into Ampleforth Ward. # Discussion held with NY Police about setting up a Rural Watch scheme in the Howardian Hills. Community meeting proposed for April '18.
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.	–					# Funded minibeast hotel at Amotherby School, Hovingham Village Hall wall repairs, nature area at Slingsby School. # Provided advice on village pond at Cawton, environmental garden at Dutch House café Crayke and installation of owl box in Terrington village.

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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.	# Participate via the NAAONB in work to develop new models for agricultural and rural support post-Brexit. # See AG1.1 above. # Ensure that the AONB is included as a Target Area within any relevant new strategies/ Schemes.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	# Input made to NAAONB discussions on Brexit issues. # Reports, news & opinions from other organisations monitored and evaluated. # Involvement in NAAONB/Defra working groups; promoting our Management Plan approach, etc. - # 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. # Organise an 'update' meeting for farmers with speakers covering Catchment Sensitive Farming, Brexit and the RYE vitalise project. # Assist 3 landscape conservation projects with AONB funding.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	# Advice provided to land managers at Cawton, Coulton, Swinton, Dalby. # Farmers' Update event held in Helmsley Jul '17. CSF and RYE vitalise presentations; also NFU and FAS. 85 attendees; 30% of them Young Farmers; c.30% from HHAONB. # Schemes completed at Bulmer, Coulton (2), Grimston (2), Ganthorpe. 500m of new hedge/gaps replanted; 100m of hedge laid; 324m of roadside wall restored; 1 copse planted.
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				# Completed, Jun '17. Also sent to other companies erecting buildings in the AONB, as we became aware of them. # 13 cases. Comments submitted on 6 proposals: 1 Granted with suggested amendments/Conditions. Objections or Significant Concerns with 1 proposal: 1 Refused.
FW1 Woodland felling, management and creation proposals FW1.1 Continue the consultation procedure between the JAC and Forestry Commission.	# Respond as necessary to schemes on the FC Public Register.					# 5 specific woodland management/planting schemes and 1 Woodland Management Plan scrutinised. Minor comments submitted on 2 proposals.

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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.					- # Advice provided to landowner at Coulton.
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 and P. ramorum disease situations and take appropriate action as necessary. - -					# Photo locations of big ash trees put forward for inclusion in Ash book. # Chalara dieback endemic in natural regeneration in woods in the AONB now. # PAWS restoration & rhododendron clearance promoted at Gilling as part of phase 2 felling work. # Rhododendron removed within broadleaved woodland areas on Coulton Moor. - -
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.	# Promote as appropriate, via JAC consultations. # Promote as appropriate, via JAC consultations. -					# 3ha of SSSI ASNW woodland at Kirkham restocked via natural regeneration. # 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.	# As necessary, via JAC consultations. -					# No relevant schemes. -

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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.	# See AG1.1 (development of post-Brexit schemes). # Continue participation in the North York Moors Native Woodland Partnership.					# See AG1.1. # Attended meetings in May & Nov '17.
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. # Input to the Ryedale and Hambleton Local Plan Strategies processes as applicable. # Input to the North Yorkshire Minerals & Waste Joint Plan as applicable. # Maintain, and respond as necessary to JAC consultations.					# Consultations monitored and responses submitted as appropriate. # Ryedale Local Plan: Local Sites Consultation; Hambleton Local Plan: Easingwold Area Plan Alternative Sites & Local Green Spaces. # Minerals & Waste Joint Plan: Addendum of Proposed Changes. # 98 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.	<p>–</p> <p># Continue to attend Liaison Group meetings. # Start implementation of at least 2 new schemes in the AONB. # Evaluate any options for using the National Grid VIP funding, following analysis of the survey work. # Submit an Expression of Interest to the VIP Fund, if applicable.</p> <p># Continue to liaise with BT Openreach over burying cables, at Nunnington and Oswaldkirk and for new electricity cable undergrounding schemes.</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># All Liaison Group meetings attended. # Completion of Nunnington (West) with removal of poles; Ganthorpe completed. # No new opportunities identified.</p> <p># N/A.</p> <p># New liaison arrangements between BT and Northern PowerGrid should lead to much better joint working on new schemes. # Retrospective scheme initiated at Cawton and awaiting implementation at Nunnington (West). # 2 relevant planning consultations. Comments made on 2 proposals.</p>
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.	<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># No relevant planning applications.</p> <p># No relevant planning applications.</p>

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D5 Renewable energy installations 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 and guidance, as required. # Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. –					# No requests. # 1 relevant planning application. –
D6 Rural business, local employment/training and farm diversification 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.	# Continue to promote as part of LEADER and the LEP Uplands Partnership. # Continue to promote as part of LEADER and the LEP Uplands Partnership. # Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. # Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. # Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.					# Promoted rural broadband via Beeline presentation at Hovingham community event. # Attended first meeting of Ryevitalise Lowland Farmer Cluster, looking at training needs. # Advised owner of new Lavender soap business at Ganthorpe; Farming & rural tourism ideas, Terrington referred to LEADER; participated in Tourism Business Network. # No Objection in 3 planning consultation responses. # No Objection in 9 planning consultation responses. # No Objection in 2 planning consultation responses. # No Objection in 5 planning consultation responses to business-related development.
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 Objection in 3 relevant planning consultations.

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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.	– –					– # 7 cases of new housing development: 18 Open Market units, 1 Local Needs Occupancy unit. Objections or Significant Concerns with 3 proposals: 1 Refused; 2 Decisions pending.
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. –					# 3 temporary checks carried out – Gilling, B1257 Wath, Swinton Lane; 2 permanent checks (A170 Sproxton; 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.	# Identify opportunities as part of Amotherby Ward project. - - -					# No projects identified. - - -
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. # Amend existing design guidance and encourage adoption by the highway authority. - # Rationalise signs where possible as part of traditional direction sign restoration work. - # Restore 2 traditional direction signs.	XXXXX	XXXXX			# 1 consultation received (included in total shown in D1.2). # Updated guidance document sent to NYCC Assistant Director to agree adoption. Presentation to Heads of Service meeting Jan '18. - # Promoted removal of redundant Farming Flashback signs. - # New mechanism established for working in the Hambleton area but no signs restored. # Monitored junction alteration works at A64 Barton Hill, to allow restored sign to be re-erected in due course.
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.	- # Respond as necessary, should any new studies be proposed. # Start discussions on wording for a new 2019-2024 AONB Management Plan Objective.					- # Situation monitored. # Work on Barton Hill junction started Dec '17. # Only minor progress made.

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<p>RA1 Sustainable recreational activities</p> <p>RA1.1 Support appropriate recreational business developments.</p> <p>RA1.2 Monitor the levels and sustainability of recreational activities within the AONB.</p>	<p># Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p> <p># Record anecdotal evidence to assist with Management Plan review in 2018/19.</p>					<p># No Objection in 3 planning consultation responses.</p> <p># Evening use of Yearsley Moor by mountain bikers, radio mast entrance; Dalby Maze; road cycling events from Sheriff Hutton; trail running groups from York; mountain bike orienteers; mountain bike issues in Gilling Woods; Nordic Walking; Coneysthorpe Crossroads parking following closure of Fishermans' Car park; parking on Cawton 'village green'.</p>
<p>RA2 Promote attractions and Special Qualities of the AONB</p> <p>RA2.1 Promote sustainable tourism and recreational activities in the Howardian Hills.</p> <p>RA2.2 Initiatives to encourage Under-Represented Groups to enjoy the AONB.</p>	<p># Continue input to joint initiatives with NYMNP, YDNPA/Nidderdale AONB, Ryedale DC, Welcome to Yorkshire, Visit York and YNY&ER LEP.</p> <p># Obtain STEAM data cut to the AONB's boundaries.</p> <p># Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p> <p># See RA5.2.</p>					<p># Attended Steering Group meetings for Local Growth Fund project for Tourism Business Networks.</p> <p># Dark Skies event held at Yorkshire Arboretum, as part of National Parks' Dark Skies Week.</p> <p># Meeting held with Castle Howard Estate on nature tourism, dark skies, bikes.</p> <p># Minor progress made.</p> <p># See RA1.1.</p> <p># See RA5.2.</p> <p># Walks leaflets supplied to Addiction Recovery project in West Yorkshire.</p> <p># Easy Countryside Trails promoted to local walking group which includes less-able participants.</p>

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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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Continue to address reported issues. # Record destination/distance information for all fingerposts located where paths leave a public road. 					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # NYCC focus is principally on maintenance and resolving reported Issues. # Over 99% of signs photographed, with vegetation also cut back as necessary. # 24 new/replacement roadside signposts installed, to replace broken or missing ones. # 18 more new/replacement signs made following rolling programme of survey. # Issues identified or reported to the AONB Team forwarded to NYCC.
RA3.2 Rectify identified path condition problems, including seasonal overgrowth and ploughing/cropping.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Bring individual and seasonal cutting issues to the attention of NYCC PROW staff, as necessary. # Continue co-ordination project to assist with resolution of PRoW issues within the AONB. 	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Packages of work completed by NYMNP Modern Apprentices Team at Bulmer and Welburn. Works to River Derwent path at Crambe scheduled for late Spring, when ground conditions allow. # No relevant consultations. # Bridge improvements agreed at Terrington, as part of improved access to Exmoor pony grazing site.
RA3.3 Path improvements, particularly via management measures such as ride-widening and the use of alternative routes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Promote as appropriate, via JAC consultations. 					
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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Complete bridleway diversion at Slingsby, as part of wider package of rationalisations on the Castle Howard Estate. # Progress route re-alignments/creations /extinguishments at Howsham, Ampleforth, Slingsby, Hovingham. 					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # No further progress, due to staff changes at NYCC Definitive Map Team. # Missing link at Howsham being progressed as part of a whole-route package through to Badger Bank; no progress with Ampleforth issue; Slingsby & Hovingham routes are part of the Castle Howard package.
RA3.7 Creation of new access routes/areas.	-					-

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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. # Monitor and manage overhanging trees at Bell Bottom Wood, Coneysthorpe, to maximise space available. # Ensure Kirkham Priory car park is appropriately maintained. # Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. - - # 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		# Completed. # Completed. # Sprayed with Round-up but late in season. # No relevant planning applications. - - # Completed, ending Mar '18 prior to Easter. # 1 incident at Nunnington reported and cleared.
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.	- # Publicise new Easy Countryside Trail routes and leaflets. # Work with Castle Howard Estate to promote/develop use of the wider estate.	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX			- # Routes uploaded to the AONB website Apr '17. Listing placed on the Ryedale Mumbler website Jun '17, to promote routes to parents with young children. Blog post on AONB website; article in AONB News 2017; article in Gazette & Herald; promoted to Open Country organisation. # Grant support provided to Sight Support Ryedale, to use and provide reviews of Trails. # Meeting with Castle Howard Estate on nature tourism, dark skies, bikes.

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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># Promote installation of 'gateway signs' on the A64 if opportunities arise.</p> <p># Publish 2016/17 Annual Report.</p> <p># Publish AONB News 2017.</p> <p># Continue publicising the AONB and initiatives/projects via Twitter.</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># Achieved.</p> <p># No opportunities arisen.</p> <p># Published and distributed, Sept '17.</p> <p># Published and distributed, Oct '17.</p> <p># Achieved.</p> <p># Achieved; Ryevitalise and CFY sharing the AONB stand; information from NYCC Emergency Planning, Turtle Doves Project & LEADER also incorporated.</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># Initiate new delivery mechanism to ensure that TICs and local accommodation providers, shops, etc have adequate supplies of relevant AONB leaflets.</p> <p># Progress the preparation of a Geodiversity leaflet for the AONB.</p> <p># Ensure that AONB website is running properly and is updated appropriately.</p> <p># Produce new display banners.</p> <p># Use AONB display at 3 venues/events.</p> <p># Explore options for holding a guided walk to promote one of the Easy Countryside Trail routes.</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>XXXXX</p>	<p># Investigated providers but none willing to take on what is a small job for them.</p> <p># Collated list of accommodation providers and leaflets mailed out Mar '18.</p> <p># Postponed until completion of Geodiversity Audit, which will provide important information to include in the leaflet.</p> <p># Layout issues corrected, pages updated and regular seasonal blogs written.</p> <p># No statistics on usage available at present.</p> <p># Production of 7 new banners completed, Oct '17.</p> <p># Banners used at Hovingham Communities event.</p> <p># Utilised Sight Support Ryedale walks programme – photo shoot cancelled due to continued bad weather, but group road-tested all the routes.</p> <p># Talks given to York Ornithological Club (35); Welburn Gardening Club (25).</p> <p># April '17, May '17, Oct '17, Feb '18. (94 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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Lobby as necessary, via the NAAONB, to ensure that Defra continues priority funding for AONBs. # Ensure full utilisation of Defra grant allocation. # Participate via the NAAONB in work to develop new models for agricultural and rural support post-BREXIT. # Participate in the North York Moors, Coast and Hills LEADER programme. # Access additional resources from County & District Councils, FC, EA, HE, etc for specific identified projects. # Deliver Year 3 of the HE-funded Monument Management Scheme for Scheduled Monuments (see HE2.3). # Continue participation in the Yorkshire Derwent Catchment Partnership. # Continue participation in the Development phase of the RYE vitalise HLF Landscape Partnership Scheme. # Submit an Expression of Interest to the National Grid VIP Fund, if applicable. # Continue participation in the Destination Partnerships 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. 					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Input made to consultation responses and forum discussions; provided data for AONB Family Annual Report. # Achieved. # Represented the NAONB Family at a Defra meeting in London, Nov '17; input to discussions on web forum and at Lead Officers' meeting. # On-going. # £3k secured from HDC & RDC as contribution to Geodiversity Audit. # £50k secured from Defra by River Derwent Partnership for Natural Flood Management project, with 2 of the 4 villages involved being in the AONB. # Successful application written for LNP funding, to enable Moorswork to buy a fen mower. # Input made to HLF Strategic Plan revision workshop and consultation. # Bracken sprayed on 14 SMS; bramble/brush/scrub regrowth checked on 8 SMS. # Attended Officer Development Group meetings. Officer in post from Jun '17. # Assisted with development of main programme documents (ecological surveys, data mapping, LCAP) and individual projects: Wooded Wonders, Education, Citizen Science, Walking routes, farmer champions, volunteering, Paradise Initiative, Trout in the Classroom. # Not applicable. # Attended Steering Group meetings; liaison on potential initiatives at Castle Howard. # £4k of reserves earmarked for use in 17/18 but not needed. # Situation kept under review. # Applicants advised of new Countryside Stewardship options.

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IM1.2 Partnership arrangements with the North York Moors National Park Authority. IM1.3 Involve volunteers wherever possible, to assist with the delivery of appropriate tasks and activities.	# Continue to develop joint Protected Landscapes engagement with the LEP via the LEP Uplands Partnership. # Complete at least 1 project per calendar quarter using volunteers.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	# Joint working on: Native Woodland Partnership; Dark Skies Week; developing the RYEvitalise project for Stage 2 HLF Landscape Partnership funding; HLF Turtle Doves Project; Cornfield Flowers Project; technical help with the AONB Monument Management Scheme; post-Brexit agri-environment scheme development. # Volunteers assisted with: Junior Ranger Club (x4); Ryedale Show; Himalayan balsam clearance at Fairy Dell SINC and River Derwent SSSI; scrub management at Littledale SINC (x2), Cawton Fens SINC, Peel Wood & Grasslands SINC (x3); birch management at Terrington Carr SINC; grassland management at Appleton-le-Street Churchyard SINC & Kendrew Green Husthwaite; rhododendron control Coulton Moor (x3). # 17 projects or tasks, worth at least 139 days (£7,870 at SDF volunteering rates). 124 days on site management tasks; 15 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. # Continue new ways of working based on more 'commissioning' of discrete projects. # Prepare annual Business Plan / Action Programme for JAC, April 2018.				XXXXX	# £4k of reserves earmarked for use in 17/18 but not needed. # Successful out-sourcing of work to carry out Geodiversity Audit. # Assistance to HLF Ryevitalise Project, HLF Turtle Doves Project, Cornfield Flowers Project, to draw-down significant external funding. # 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, April 2018. # Report NE Partnership Indicators measuring performance of JAC and AONB Partnership.			XXXXX	XXXXX	# Completed. # Completed.

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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># Evaluate options/commission report, to provide evidence/data to assist with Management Plan review in 2018/19.</p> <p>–</p> <p>–</p> <p>–</p>		XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<p># Decided to re-evaluate this Objective as part of the Management Plan review process.</p> <p>–</p> <p>–</p> <p>–</p>
<p>National Association for AONBs 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) and Lead Officers' meeting (Birmingham).</p> <p># Monitored discussions on Basecamp and posted information/input to relevant ones.</p> <p># Participated in Communications Officers' phone-ins, Outstanding Week, #outstandinghour, development & reporting of AONB Family Key Performance Indicators, preparation of AONB Family Annual Report.</p> <p># Represented AONB Family at Defra Performance Indicators & Agri-environment Development Groups.</p> <p># Attended National Conference (Hampshire); Northern Group AONBs meetings – North Pennines (May), Lincolnshire Wolds (October).</p>
<p>AONB Management Plan Review AONB Management Plan.</p>	<p># Prepare schedule of tasks and deadlines for Management Plan review.</p> <p># Consider options for consultation process/mechanisms.</p> <p># Organise meeting dates for 7 Topic Groups.</p>					<p># Schedule approved by JAC, Nov '17.</p> <p># Considered as part of programme development.</p> <p># Not achieved. Programme altered – initial drafting to be followed by Topic Group meetings as necessary, dependent upon feedback received from stakeholders.</p>