

Introduction sections

What's changed for 2019?

- A new chapter on the policy and legal framework underpinning the AONB designation
- An expanded summary of the physical characteristics of the AONB
- Updated statistics on the number of designated sites
- Updated wording on threats, to include the latest situation regarding fracking and the dualling of the A64
- Minor updates of 'The Vision', to be more explicit on some points and also introduce the concept of 'resilience'

Natural Capital & Ecosystem Services

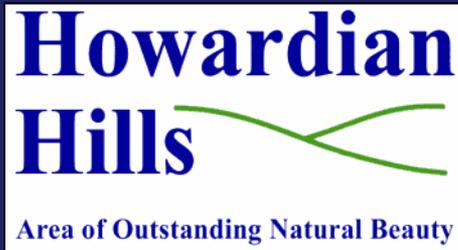
Objectives relating to:

- Improving our knowledge of the AONB's natural capital assets and their role in providing ecosystems services
- Supporting projects that benefit natural capital & ecosystem services
- Monitoring climate change trends and evaluating possible future impacts on the AONB

Natural Capital & Ecosystem Services

What's changed for 2019?

- Inclusion of the concept of 'natural capital'
- Recognition that improved soil health is one of the best multi-win advances we could make
- Introduction of the concept of the 'resilience' of the landscape
- A table showing the natural capital assets present in the AONB and the ecosystem services they provide



Natural Environment

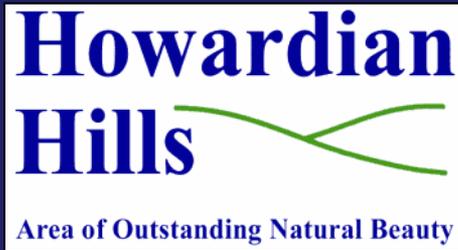
Objectives relating to:

- Continually improving our knowledge of the AONB's biodiversity resources
- Protecting, managing & restoring those resources
- Providing advice/assistance to land managers
- Supporting control of invasive non-native species
- Conserving & managing important geodiversity sites

Natural Environment

What's changed for 2019?

- Inclusion of the natural capital assets and ecosystem services that the AONB's Natural Environment provides
- Updated the situation regarding tree diseases and non-native species
- Recognition of the likely significant but as yet unknown effect of the Brexit process on both trade and agricultural support payments, and the possible knock-on effects on land management and the resilience of farm businesses



Historic Environment

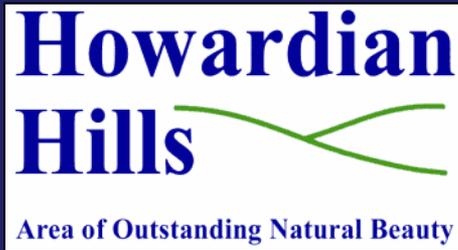
Objectives relating to:

- Continually improving our knowledge of the AONB's historic resources
- Protecting, managing & restoring those resources
- Providing advice/assistance to land managers
- Helping local communities to identify and manage non-designated heritage assets

Historic Environment

What's changed for 2019?

- Updated the description of the historic evolution of the Howardian Hills
- Inclusion of the manufactured capital assets and ecosystem services that the AONB's Historic Environment provides
- A more specific reference to Enabling Development
- Recognition of the likely significant but as yet unknown effect of the Brexit process on both trade and agricultural support payments, and the possible knock-on effects on land management and the resilience of farm businesses



Communities

Objectives relating to:

- Supporting the retention of village services
- Supporting projects that enhance village character, sustainability, economy and sense of community
- Encouraging community involvement in the local natural and historic environment

Communities

What's changed for 2019?

- Updated the list of issues that are most commonly raised during community consultation
- Updated the text relating to broadband & mobile phone connectivity, crime and loss of community services/facilities
- Much more cross-referencing to Objectives in other chapters of the Plan

Agriculture

Objectives relating to:

- The development and uptake of Government support mechanisms for environmental land management and rural business development
- Providing advice/assistance to land managers
- Ensuring high standards of design for new farm buildings and infrastructure

Agriculture

What's changed for 2019?

- ❑ Updated statistics on farm type and uptake of environmental land management schemes
- ❑ Inclusion of the natural capital assets and ecosystem services that the AONB's farming sector provides
- ❑ Recognition of the likely significant but as yet unknown effect of the Brexit process on both trade and agricultural support payments, and the possible knock-on effects on land management and the resilience of farm businesses

Forestry & Woodland

Objectives relating to:

- Ensuring that woodland management and creation proposals are appropriate
- The development and uptake of Government support mechanisms for woodland management and creation
- Monitoring and mitigating the impact of pests and diseases
- Providing advice/assistance to land managers

Forestry & Woodland

What's changed for 2019?

- Inclusion of the natural capital assets and ecosystem services that the AONB's forestry and woodland management sector provides
- Updated information on pests and diseases, including their potential future impacts and options for improving resilience
- Recognition of the likely significant but as yet unknown effect of the Brexit process on both trade and agricultural support payments, and the possible knock-on effects on land management and the resilience of farm businesses

Development & Rural Economy

Objectives relating to:

- Ensuring that all development within the AONB conserves and enhances its Special Qualities
- Minimising the impacts from light and noise pollution, and continuing the undergrounding of overhead power lines
- Resisting inappropriate minerals exploration and production proposals
- Supporting appropriate renewable energy projects
- Supporting appropriate proposals that develop the local economy, including farm diversification projects
- Supporting the expansion of appropriate broadband and mobile phone infrastructure
- Encouraging more local needs/affordable housing

Development & Rural Economy

What's changed for 2019?

- Updated information on issues such as fracking and dualling the A64
- Strengthening the Objectives relating to minerals development, particularly in respect to fracking
- Clarifying the legal position of the AONB JAC in the planning process

Roads/Transport/ Traffic

Objectives relating to:

- Discouraging through-traffic and poor driver behaviour
- Promoting sustainable travel by encouraging alternatives to the use of private cars
- Maintaining the rural character of the road network in the AONB
- Ensuring that any improvements to the A64 Trunk Road are fully justified and minimise environmental impact

Roads/Transport/ Traffic

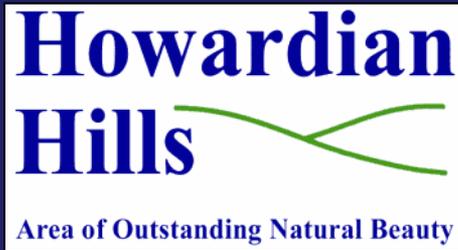
What's changed for 2019?

- Updated information on issues such as parking and traffic levels
- Updated information on possible timescales for dualling the section of the A64 within the AONB
- Refining the Objective relating to the A64, to include mention of new mitigation techniques

Recreation, Access & Tourism

Objectives relating to:

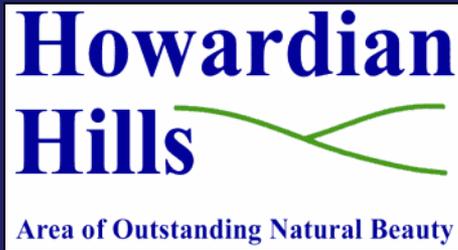
- Encouraging sustainable levels of recreation
- Promoting sustainable tourism and recreational activities, especially to under-represented sectors
- Maintaining and improving the condition and network of Public Rights of Way
- Carrying out small-scale recreation management works
- Developing self-guided walk and bike routes and publishing trail guides



Recreation, Access & Tourism

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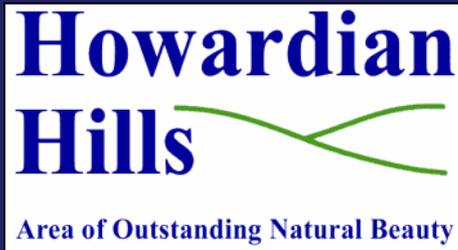
- New information on the visitor economy obtained from the STEAM model
- Updated information on issues such as erosion caused by mountain biking and verge parking



Awareness & Promotion

Objectives relating to:

- Maintaining a public profile via the gateway signs, publications, media and events
- Providing information about the AONB and its management, via publications and public talks, etc
- Continuing work with local schools



Awareness & Promotion

What's changed for 2019?

- Minor updating only

Implementation & Monitoring

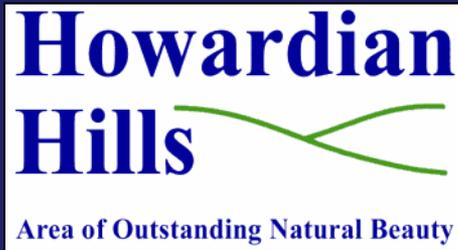
Objectives relating to:

- Seeking external funding and/or assistance for specific projects
- Working closely with the North York Moors National Park Authority
- Using volunteers as much as possible
- Business planning and governance
- Monitoring the performance of the AONB Partnership (outputs)
- Monitoring the Condition of the AONB (outcomes)

Implementation & Monitoring

What's changed for 2019?

- ❑ Recognition of the likely significant but as yet unknown effect of the Brexit process on both trade and agricultural support payments, and the possible knock-on effects on land management and the resilience of farm businesses
- ❑ The unknown level of Government funding following the end of the AONBs' Protected Settlement on 31st March 2020
- ❑ The unknown changes that might be implemented following the Glover Review of Protected Landscapes due in 2019
- ❑ Reference to the new KPIs being developed by the National Association for AONBs, to provide Defra with statistics on what AONBs achieve
- ❑ Minor updating of the Condition Indicator on agri-environment schemes
- ❑ An updated Action Programme incorporating all the changes



Local Sites document

What's changed for 2019?

- Updated site descriptions
- Updated information on management work completed on each site
- Inclusion of Candidate Local Geological Sites, following the Geodiversity Audit

State of the AONB Report

What's changed for 2019?

- Re-naming the document, to bring it into line with the title used by the majority of AONBs
- Updated statistics and maps, where available
- Quite a lot of unchanged statistics, dating from Reports that haven't been repeated (e.g. Defra Economic Profile of the Howardian Hills – 2012)
- One new area of information – STEAM data about the Visitor Economy of the AONB