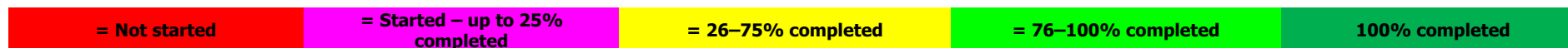


# HOWARDIAN HILLS AONB ACTION PROGRAMME

















**2019/20**























































149 distinct Targets/Actions






























Q1 – **21 (14%)** Not Started; **114 (76%)** Started – up to 25% completed; **12 (8%)** 26–75% Completed; **1 (1%)** 76–100% Completed; **1 (1%)** 100% Completed **0 (0%)** Unknown  
 Q2 – **14 (9%)** Not Started; **17 (12%)** Started – up to 25% completed; **107 (72%)** 26–75% Completed; **6 (4%)** 76–100% Completed; **5 (3%)** 100% Completed **0 (0%)** Unknown  
 Q3 – **7 (5%)** Not Started; **21 (14%)** Started – up to 25% completed; **102 (68%)** 26–75% Completed; **2 (1%)** 76–100% Completed; **17 (12%)** 100% Completed; **0 (0%)** Unknown  
 Q4 – **5 (4%)** Not Started; **11 (7%)** Started – up to 25% completed; **4 (3%)** 26–75% Completed; **6 (4%)** 76–100% Completed; **123 (82%)** 100% Completed; **0 (0%)** Unknown

























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<b>NCES1 The AONB’s natural capital assets and their relative roles/significance in the provision of ecosystem services</b>						
NCES1.1 Monitor and engage in development of the natural capital approach, both nationally and within the AONB.	# Participate in NE/NAAONB programme of workshops & webinars.	XXXXX	XXXXX	■■■■	■■■■	# Programme of events attended in '18/19, with follow-up conversations in '19/20.
NCES1.2 Develop/adopt condition assessment techniques to gain a better understanding of the quality of the AONB’s natural capital assets.	# Participate in NE/NAAONB programme of workshops & webinars.	N/A				# As above.
NCES1.3 Produce a matrix of generic types of 'project' plotted against the natural capital assets and ecosystem services that the AONB provides.	–					
NCES1.4 Produce an 'opportunity map' to illustrate how the Howardian Hills AONB landscape might become more resilient to future challenges.	# Begin scoping the methodology for producing an 'opportunity map', including assessing resources that are already available such as climate change adaptation and Priority Habitat maps.	■	■	■	■	# Some very basic work completed on a possible methodology. # Objective fits into AONB Network’s Colchester Declaration launched in Jul '19.













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<p><b>NCES2 Sustainability and projects that benefit the AONB's natural capital, ecosystem services and Special Qualities</b></p> <p>NCES2.1 Ensure that any Plan, policy or project that could impact on the AONB, whether positively or negatively, is assessed for compliance with the AONB Management Plan.</p> <p>NCES2.2 Use matrix referred to in NCES1.3 above to guide consultation responses and assess projects that receive assistance from the JAC.</p> <p>NCES2.3 Ensure that the post-Brexit environmental land management scheme can be used to conserve and enhance the AONB's natural capital assets and ecosystem services.</p>	<p># On-going.</p> <p>–</p> <p># Input to development of the new scheme, both locally and nationally as appropriate.</p>	  	  	  	  	<p># Hambleton Local Plan: Publication draft, Infrastructure Delivery Plan; North Yorkshire County Council: Air Quality Strategy; MHCLG: changes to Permitted Development Rights for 5G mobile phone masts.</p> <p># 125 planning/development proposals scrutinised (see DRE1.2).</p> <p>–</p> <p># Policy announcements and scheme progress monitored and evaluated.</p> <p># Accepted invitation to sit on the Steering Group of the AONB Network's Tests &amp; Trials project co-ordinated by the NAAONB.</p> <p># Had regular update and discussion meetings with North York Moors Nation Park staff on scheme development.</p> <p># Suggested to NAAONB that the AONB Network might bid to be part of the ELM National Pilot project.</p>
<p><b>NCES3 Climate change trends/scenarios and potential future impacts on the AONB</b></p> <p>NCES3.1 Keep up-to-date with climate change information and scenarios.</p> <p>NCES3.2 Monitor the potential impacts of climate change on the AONB's natural capital and ecosystem services.</p>	<p># On-going.</p> <p># On-going.</p>	 	 	 	 	<p># Continual evaluation of events and predictions to inform possible future scenarios.</p> <p># Continued observation of impact of weather events and climate change on habitats, species, land-based industries and communities.</p>









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<p><b>NE1 Knowledge of the biodiversity resources of the AONB</b></p> <p>NE1.1 Carry out monitoring surveys on Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINCs).</p> <p>NE1.2 Carry out detailed surveys of specific Priority Habitats and Priority Species as necessary, to fill identified gaps in knowledge.</p> <p>NE1.3 Encourage farmers, land managers and communities to monitor wildlife and report sightings.</p> <p>NE1.4 Gain a better understanding of the Priority Habitat area and Priority Species populations in the AONB, and their trends.</p>	<p>–</p> <p># Support 2018 survey of Turtle Doves within the AONB and continued development/roll-out of NYM HLF project.</p> <p>–</p> <p># Use knowledge gained from researching data availability as part of developing an 'opportunity map' (NCES1.4).</p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p>	<p>–</p> <p># Surveys of new grid squares completed Jul '19; monitoring surveys carried out at Coulton, Yearsley and Ampleforth; farmers approached as part of Mid-Tier advice visits (see AG1.1); incorporated into Junior Ranger Club session May '19; joint event held with farmers in Oswaldkirk; results sent to farmers; Year 3 survey paperwork prepared.</p> <p># Early flowering seed plots sown at Sproxton, Yearsley, Coulton, Gilling, Terrington and Castle Howard. Being developed at Ampleforth Abbey.</p> <p># Starting to develop next NLHF project, based on Farmland Birds.</p> <p>–</p> <p># Minimal work completed.</p> <p># Information gained from Turtle Dove surveys in spring &amp; summer '19, as Farmland Bird occurrence also recorded at the same time.</p>
<p><b>NE2 Appropriate protection for the best nature conservation sites</b></p> <p>NE2.1 Maintain and regularly update a register of key nature conservation sites.</p> <p>NE2.2 Ensure effective protection (via designation) for the best nature conservation sites.</p> <p>NE2.3 Resist development proposals that may adversely affect key nature conservation sites.</p>	<p># Continue involvement in supporting/developing data management and SINC designation/monitoring systems within North Yorkshire.</p> <p># Continue involvement in the Local Biodiversity Action Partnership covering the AONB.</p> <p># Arrange for inclusion of Special Interest Road Verges data on the National Street Gazetteer.</p> <p># Comment as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p>	<p># No input required this year.</p> <p># eInfo bulletin being published occasionally, including information provided by AONB Team, but change of staff at Ryedale DC has broken that link.</p> <p># GIS data layer sent to NYCC Highways for addition to the NSG.</p> <p># 1 relevant planning application.</p>

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<b>NE3 Targets for Priority Habitats in the AONB</b>						
NE3.1 Ensure that all the AONB's Natural Environment Priority Sites and Special Interest Road Verges are in 'favourable' or 'recovering' condition.	# Continue to facilitate conservation management of grassland SINC's and other sites, by grazing or other means.					# 5 sites grazed by Exmoor Ponies at Cawton (2), Coulton, Terrington (2); species-rich grassland on Husthwaite Village Green managed; Appleton-le-Street Churchyard and Amotherby Lane SINC's cut & raked.
	# Encourage new management agreement for Bulmer Beck Mire SINC.					# Scrub management carried out at Coulton Fen SINC; overhanging tree at Amotherby Lane SINC cut back; brash burnt at Peel Wood & Grassland SINC; scrub management started at Bulmer Bank (curtailed by Covid-19).
	# Encourage grassland management works at Stearsby Hagg Grassland.					# No response received back from landowner.
	# Carry out management works on 45 SIRVs.					# Site visit from distance completed; no response from landowner.
	# Re-visit Thorpe Grange, Rose Cottage Farm Meadow and Grassland adjoining Swinsey Carr SINC's to assess current condition.	 	 	 	 	# 45 SIRVs cut, Feb & March '20. # Re-visited Coulton Fen SINC, Rose Cottage Farm Meadow SINC and Grassland adjacent to Swinsey Carr SINC.
NE3.2 Encourage the buffering and extension of the AONB's Natural Environment Priority Sites.	# Encourage via Countryside Stewardship Scheme involvement and advice to farmers & land managers.					# Landowner of Grassland adjacent to Swinsey Carr SINC encouraged to enter site into Countryside Stewardship.
NE3.3 Encourage the restoration of habitats that have declined in interest but still retain significant ecological potential, particularly Plantations on Ancient Woodland Sites, rivers and water bodies not in Good Ecological Status and some/parts of the AONB's Natural Environment Priority Sites.	# Encourage via Countryside Stewardship Scheme involvement and advice to farmers & land managers.					# Grassland areas at Bulmer and Ganthorpe assessed for starting scrub management.
	# Assess former quarry/chippings dump at High Lions Lodge for ecological enhancement potential.					# Site visited. Good invertebrate interest. Not in need of any management at present. Already within a much larger SINC.
	# Encourage via Countryside Stewardship Scheme involvement and advice to farmers & land managers.					# Delete as a Recreation Priority site in next Management Plan.
NE3.4 Encourage the creation of new habitat where appropriate, in particular the less-intensive management of farmland, to create a wider network of complementary semi-natural habitats.	# Encourage via Countryside Stewardship Scheme involvement and advice to farmers & land managers.					# 22 individual trees planted: 10 in-field and 12 as part of hedge restoration schemes at Stearsby, Stittenham and Gilling; creation of a new pond, scrub and meadow at Autism Plus, Gilling; 2.25ha of Turtle Dove seed plots established at Fryton and Coneythorpe.
NE3.5 Develop and support the creation of landscape-scale habitat corridors, particularly around the Derwent valley and linking into the NYMNP.	# Continue involvement in the Yorkshire Derwent Catchment Partnership.					# Attended Officer Development Group meetings.
	# Contribute to delivery of 2019/20 Ryeitalise projects as appropriate.					# Assisting with Derwent Villages Natural Flood Management Project, involving Gilling and Hovingham. # Assisted with commencing delivery of project following approval of NLHF grant in March '19.

































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<p><b>NE4 Targets for Priority Species for which the AONB is important</b></p> <p>NE4.1 Ensure that key sites for specific species are in 'favourable' or 'recovering' condition.</p> <p>NE4.2 Encourage 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># Monitor and/or manage grassland for knapweed broomrape at Amotherby Lane SINC and on Swinton Lane.</p> <p># Encourage via Countryside Stewardship Scheme involvement and advice to farmers &amp; land managers.</p> <p># See NE1.2 – Turtle Doves project.</p> <p># Input to Yorkshire Farm Flora Project activities.</p> <p># See NE3.5 – Ryevitalise.</p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p>N/A</p> <p></p> <p>N/A</p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p>	<p># Broughton Lane SINC, Amotherby Lane SINC and Swinton Lane surveyed for dead flower spikes.</p> <p># Overhanging scrub and tree cut back on Amotherby Lane SINC in Feb '20.</p> <p># 2.25ha of Turtle Dove seed plots established at Fryton and Coneysthorpe.</p> <p># See NE1.2.</p> <p># Farmers meeting held in conjunction with Turtle Doves Project. Farm Flora seed mix planted at Autism Plus in Gilling.</p> <p># See NE3.5.</p>
<p><b>NE5 Targets for wildlife within villages</b></p> <p>NE5.1 Raise awareness of wildlife within villages and assist communities with creating, managing and enhancing biodiversity within and adjacent to settlements.</p>	<p># Assist with linking the Turtle Dove Project Officer to community groups.</p> <p># Assist with delivery of identified habitat enhancement projects, e.g. Kendrew Green at Husthwaite, Autism Plus at Gilling, Crayke village.</p>	<p></p> <p></p>	<p></p> <p></p>	<p></p> <p></p>	<p></p> <p></p>	<p># Ampleforth Millennium Green assessed for possible seed plot – OK as it is under current management regime.</p> <p># Kendrew Green moved onto 3 cuts per year; Crayke surveys completed, community event well attended (55); Autism Plus grants offered &amp; work started; information board at Slingsby churchyard grant aided; displays used at environmental event in Gilling church; advice offered to community wildlife area in Thornton-le-Clay.</p>
<p><b>NE6 Invasive non-native species</b></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># Deliver as part of Ryevitalise Project.</p> <p># Control Himalayan balsam at Wath Beck, River Derwent SSSI; Jeffrey Bog, Fairy Dell and Mugdale &amp; Barker Woods SINC.</p> <p># See NE3.5 above (River Rye, Himalayan balsam).</p> <p># Control rhododendron on appropriate sites where biodiversity would be enhanced.</p>	<p>N/A</p> <p></p> <p>N/A</p> <p></p>	<p></p> <p></p>	<p></p> <p></p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p>	<p># See NE3.5.</p> <p># Himalayan balsam cleared at Wath Beck; River Derwent SSSI at Crambeck and Kirkham Picnic Field; Jeffrey Bog and Mugdale &amp; Barker Woods SINC Jul/Aug '19.</p> <p># See NE3.5.</p> <p># No work completed this year – assess in winter 2021.</p>





























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<b>NE7 Important geodiversity sites and features</b> NE7.1 Develop a network of Local Geological Sites (LGS). NE7.2 Ensure that sites identified as LGS are in 'favourable' or 'recovering' condition. NE7.3 Resist development proposals that may adversely affect sites designated as LGS.	# Send LGS site citations to Ryedale District Council. # Carry out management works to improve the condition of 1 LGS. Priority sites potentially include Cross Hill Pit, Slingsby Quarry & Slingsby East Quarry. # Comment as necessary, via JAC consultations.	  	  	  	  	# Citations sent Jan '20. # Sites at Ganthorpe and Slingsby x 2 assessed. No action needed at Cross Hill Pit; contractor assessed work method for Slingsby Quarry for 20/21; overhanging scrub cleared at Slingsby East Quarry. # No relevant planning applications.
<b>NE8 Assistance to farmers and land managers, to help them manage their land sympathetically</b> NE8.1 Assist farmers and land managers to enter key sites (particularly the AONB's Natural Environment Priority Sites) and other farmed land into appropriate options in the current Countryside Stewardship scheme. NE8.2 Ensure that the post-Brexit environmental land management scheme can be used to conserve and enhance the AONB's habitats and landscape character. NE8.3 Provide a flexible package of assistance including advice, grant aid, direct works and management agreements, as appropriate, to assist land managers with identifying, conserving, enhancing and increasing understanding and enjoyment of biodiversity and geodiversity features on their land, particularly the AONB's Natural Environment Priority Sites.	# Encourage via Countryside Stewardship Scheme involvement and advice to farmers & land managers. # Input to development of the new scheme, both locally and nationally as appropriate. # Support suitable projects, as appropriate.	  	  	  	  	# Grassland Adjacent to Swinsey Carr SINC entered into Mid-Tier application; advice given to farmers at Yearsley, Dalby x 2, Ganthorpe, Gilling, Crayke, Sackleton x 2, Welburn, Wass, Amotherby, Barton-le-Street, Terrington, Whenby. # Policy announcements and scheme progress monitored and evaluated – see NCES2.3. # 5 barn owl boxes erected at Castle Howard; coppicing/scrub management carried out at Coulton Fen SINC and at a site at Bulmer; scrub cleared from quarry face at Slingsby East Quarry LGS.

































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<b>NE9 Recognition of the Howardian Hills as a priority area for biodiversity</b> NE9.1 Participate in the Local Nature Partnership, to identify and develop opportunities for integrated projects that achieve LNP and AONB Management Plan objectives.	# Attend Board meetings and continue developing joint initiatives with other partners in the LNP or LEP areas.					# Attended 1 out of 4 Board meetings (due to diary clashes).
<b>HE1 Understanding of the AONB's historic environment and its significance</b> HE1.1 Re-assess the archaeology of the AONB to create an up-to-date evidence base, better understand significant sites and inform a research agenda. HE1.2 Consider preparing a Statement of Significance for the AONB. HE1.3 Carry out research projects to address identified gaps in knowledge, including: rural industries, prehistoric burials, patterns of medieval settlement & farming, historic parklands. HE1.4 Carry out regular surveys of built heritage to identify important or distinctive building groups, individual structures, architectural features and Buildings at Risk. HE1.5 Promote the recording of local history and traditions. HE1.6 Encourage information to be recorded in the North Yorkshire Historic Environment Record.	- - - - # Deliver as part of Ryevitalise Project. # Pass information on 2018/19 projects to NYCC Historic Environment Record Officer.	     	     	     	     	- - - - # No progress with this area of the Ryevitalise Project. # Completed; also sent 2017/18 information.





















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<b>HE2 Significance of the AONB's historic environment</b> HE2.1 Resist development proposals that would be likely to harm the significance of the AONB's heritage assets. HE2.2 Support appropriate Enabling Development where this would conserve and enhance the AONB's most significant heritage assets. HE2.3 Consider introducing Article 4 Directions for Conservation Areas in the AONB, to preserve historic character and prevent incremental damaging change.	# Comment as necessary, via JAC consultations.  # Comment as necessary, via JAC consultations.  -	  	  	  	  	# 15 cases. Comments submitted on 7 proposals: 2 modified. Objections or Significant Concerns with 6 proposals: 2 Granted; 2 Granted (amended); 2 Refused. # No relevant cases.  -































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HE2.4 Continue the Monument Management Scheme, to consolidate improvements to Scheduled Monument condition and remove Monuments from the Heritage at Risk Register.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Implement Year 5 of the Monument Management Scheme, organising and implementing management work on prioritised sites.</li> <li># Organise the follow-up survey for April/May 2020, completing volunteer training and landowner access permissions.</li> <li># Carry out extensive scrub management works on 2 SMs - round barrow at Hovingham &amp; moated site at Low Hutton.</li> </ul>	    	    	    	     	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Bracken crushed on 11 SMs; bracken sprayed on 1 SM; brash cleared from 2 SMs; 1 SM re-seeded; bramble control strategy developed for 12 SMs; bramble trimmed on 6 SMs; scrub cleared on 1 SM.</li> <li># Volunteers training session completed Mar '20. Landowner permissions largely completed but survey timetable will be impacted by Covid-19 pandemic. [Historic England subsequently extended project deadline to 31/12/20]</li> <li># Scrub completely cleared from round barrow at Hovingham.</li> </ul>
HE2.5 Prepare conservation/management plans for all designed landscapes.	-	-	-	-	-	-
HE2.6 Assist farmers and land managers to enter key archaeological features (particularly the AONB's Historic Environment Priority Sites) and other heritage assets into appropriate options in the current Countryside Stewardship scheme.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Encourage via Countryside Stewardship Scheme involvement and advice to farmers &amp; land managers.</li> </ul>					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Advice given to farmers at Dalby x 2, Scackleton x 2.</li> </ul>
HE2.7 Ensure that the post-Brexit environmental land management scheme can be used to conserve and enhance the AONB's historic environment features and landscapes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Input to development of the new scheme, both locally and nationally as appropriate.</li> </ul>	N/A				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Policy announcements and scheme progress monitored and evaluated – see NCES2.3.</li> </ul>
HE2.8 Provide a flexible package of assistance including advice, grant aid, direct works and management agreements, as appropriate, to assist land managers with identifying, conserving, enhancing and increasing understanding and enjoyment of historic environment features on their land, particularly the AONB's Historic Environment Priority Sites.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Carry out management or repair works on at least 5 Historic Environment Priority Sites or historic features (exc. sites covered by HE2.4 above). Priority sites potentially include copses at Swinton Grange and the Listed Buildings at Risk of Ice House, Wiganthorpe Hall &amp; Coulton Mill.</li> <li># Re-visit Limekilns at Scar Wood, Kitscrew Wood, Quarry Plantation (Ness) and Stone Flint Wood (Scackleton) to assess current condition.</li> <li># Re-visit Mill in Todd Wood to assess current condition.</li> </ul>	    	    	    	    	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Work completed on 6 Local Priority Sites, at Dalby, Coulton, Welburn, Ness, Hovingham, Ganthorpe. On 1 other historic feature at Barton-le-Street. Repairs to Ice House at Wiganthorpe Hall completed independently.</li> <li># Completed. All sites visited. Scrub clearance work completed on limekilns in Kitscrew Wood and Quarry Plantation (Ness).</li> <li># Completed. Scrub clearance works also carried out.</li> </ul>
HE2.9 Monitor developments in the understanding of potential climate change impacts on historic environment features.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># On-going.</li> </ul>					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Achieved.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>HE3 Non-designated heritage assets and development of management strategies</b></p> <p>HE3.1 Publish criteria and provide assistance to enable local communities to identify the non-designated heritage assets which contribute to the character of their area.</p> <p>HE3.2 Support the development of site-based management strategies to conserve and enhance important non-designated heritage assets identified by local communities.</p>	<p>–</p> <p>–</p>					<p>–</p> <p>–</p>
<p><b>LC1 Retention of village services and implementation of projects</b></p> <p>LC1.1 Make representations to Government on relevant national rural issues, via the NAAONB.</p> <p>LC1.2 Resist policy or development proposals that may adversely affect key village services.</p> <p>LC1.3 Work as appropriate with partner organisations to develop innovative projects for delivering services to local communities.</p> <p>LC1.4 Support communities in developing beneficial projects, e.g. via new or reviewed Parish Plans.</p> <p>LC1.5 Implement projects that support the character, sustainability, economy or sense of community of villages.</p>	<p># As necessary, via input to NAAONB consultations.</p> <p># Comment as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p> <p># Continue to liaise with Development Officers in other organisations, and participate in new initiatives as appropriate.</p> <p># Continue involvement in Community/Ward mapping/planning activities, working with RDC and CFY.</p> <p># Support CFY/CAVCA/Stronger Communities initiatives, as appropriate.</p> <p># Input to Derwent Villages Natural Flood Management Project, to reduce flooding impact on Gilling and Hovingham villages.</p> <p># Support the Rural Watch Scheme which covers the AONB.</p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p>	<p># Consultations monitored and input to NAAONB responses submitted as appropriate – Agriculture Bill; Glover Review of Protected Landscapes.</p> <p># 1 case. Comments submitted on 1 proposal. Objections or Significant Concerns with 1 proposal. 1 Refused (Allowed at Appeal).</p> <p># Attended regular meetings. NYCC Stronger Communities Team now taken over organisation and hosting.</p> <p># Mapping carried out in Sproxtton.</p> <p># Attended Funding &amp; Volunteers Fair; RDC Milton Cut Your Carbon event, Malton; Rural Isolation/Rural Services drop-in event, Gilling. Community carbon engagement initiative being run with CFY.</p> <p># Landowner liaison carried out in Hovingham and Gilling areas. Leaky dams installed on one site at Gilling. Grass margins and arable reversion planned at Hovingham.</p> <p># Funding provided for a new village wildlife project in Crayke.</p> <p># Grant provided to Rural Watch Group for equipment purchase. WhatsApp group very active.</p>





























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<b>LC2 Voluntary and community engagement with the local natural and historic environment of the AONB</b>  LC2.1 Work with communities, local groups, businesses and land managers to encourage partnership action for identifying, monitoring, managing, raising awareness of, accessing and enjoying the natural and historic environment.	# Support the development and delivery of a wildlife-focussed project in Crayke. # Support the community-identified aim to survey and interpret the biodiversity of Slingsby Churchyard. # Support establishment of the Ryevitalise Education, Paradise Initiative and Citizen Science projects, as appropriate.	  	  	  	  	# Provided grant aid for community event. Schools events scheduled for April to July '20. # God's Acre Team completed a survey event. After-school club carried out monitoring. Grant provided for information board. # River Flylife training completed. Education initiative going well. Paradise Initiative likely to come back in-house rather than be delivered by consultants.
<b>AG1 Government support mechanisms that promote sustainable farm and rural business development</b>  AG1.1 Assist farmers and land managers to enter key sites (particularly the AONB's Natural and Historic Environment Priority Sites) and other farmed land into appropriate options in the current Countryside Stewardship scheme.  AG1.2 Make representations to Government, either individually and/or via the NAAONB, to ensure that a far-sighted and integrated rural support mechanism and environmental land management scheme emerges from the Brexit process.  AG1.3 Make representations to ensure that the Howardian Hills AONB remains a priority area for funding from Government agencies.  AG1.4 Consider bidding for a Pilot of the new environmental land management scheme to run in the AONB, possibly in partnership with the North York Moors National Park.	# Encourage via Countryside Stewardship Scheme involvement and advice to farmers & land managers. # Deliver up to 25 free half-day advisory packages on the current Countryside Stewardship to farmers and land managers.  # Participate via the NAAONB in work to develop new mechanisms for land management and rural business support post-Brexit.  # Ensure that the AONB is included as a Target Area within any relevant new/updated strategies/Schemes.  # Continue dialogue with the North York Moors National Park Authority on potential joint working opportunities, e.g. Farmer Clusters, environmental land management scheme design & delivery, etc.	    	    	    	    	# See below.  # 14 farmers assisted, most with 1 day of advice – Yearsley, Dalby x 2, Ganthorpe, Gilling, Crayke, Scackleton x 2, Welburn, Wass, Amotherby, Barton-le-Street, Terrington, Whenby; 4 additional farmers assisted via phone advice. 3 x Mid-Tier & 1 x Wildlife Offer applications submitted by advice recipients in 2019; at least 4 more likely to submit in 2020. # Input made to NAAONB discussions on Brexit issues, Agriculture Bill and Glover Review of Protected Landscapes. # Reports, news & opinions from other organisations monitored and evaluated.  # Consultations and debates monitored and input made as appropriate.  # Regular update meetings held every 6-8 weeks with National Park staff.

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<b>AG2 Advice and appropriate assistance</b> AG2.1 Provide specialist advice and 'sign-posting' on conservation grants and countryside management within the AONB. AG2.2 Provide a flexible package of assistance including advice, grant aid, direct works and management agreements, as appropriate, to assist land managers with identifying, conserving, enhancing and increasing understanding and enjoyment of landscape features on their land.	# Provide advice to farmers & land managers, as appropriate.  # Assist 3 landscape conservation projects with AONB funding.	  	  	  	  	# See AG1.1. # Advice provided to land managers at Terrington and Sproxtton.  # Schemes completed at Stearsby, Stittenham, Cawton and Hovingham. 293m of new hedge/gaps replanted; 10m of roadside wall restored; 22 new individual trees planted.
<b>AG3 Design and siting of new farm buildings and infrastructure</b> AG3.1 Support the construction of new farm buildings and infrastructure where these follow the principles set out in the AONB New Farm Buildings & Infrastructure Design Guidance.	# Comment as necessary, via JAC consultations.					# 18 cases. Comments submitted on 8 proposals: 7 Granted with suggested amendments/Conditions. Objections or Significant Concerns with 1 proposal: 1 Decision pending.
<b>FW1 Woodland felling, management and creation proposals</b> FW1.1 Ensure that all proposals take account of the Special Qualities of the AONB. FW1.2 Use consultation procedures to ensure that all proposals are in accordance with Management Plan Objectives.	# Comment as necessary, via the FC Public Register. # Comment as necessary, via the FC Public Register.	 	 	 	 	# 5 specific woodland management/planting schemes and 1 Woodland Management Plan scrutinised. # Case of potential illegal felling near Ampleforth reported to the Forestry Commission. Area adjudged to be within a garden.
<b>FW2 Multi-objective approach to woodland management</b> FW2.1 Encourage owners and managers to prepare FC-approved Woodland Management Plans for their woodlands.	-					-

































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<b>FW3 Incidence and impacts of pests and diseases</b> FW3.1 Keep up-to-date with information on invasive woodland pests and diseases, in particular <i>H. fraxineus</i> , <i>P. ramorum</i> and muntjac deer. FW3.2 Encourage vigilance and reporting of suspected sightings. FW3.3 Deliver appropriate mitigation strategies to manage the impacts of pests and diseases.	# Monitor Chalara Ash Dieback and <i>P. ramorum</i> disease situations and respond as necessary. – –					# A lot of Chalara Dieback noted in spring '19, including in mature trees. More larch felling and clearance of rhododendron completed at Gilling in autumn '19. # Chalara Ash Dieback widely present now and recorded in all 10km grid squares covering the AONB. –
<b>FW4 Trees and shrubs of climate-appropriate provenance when planting or restocking</b> FW4.1 Promote the incorporation of natural regeneration of appropriate native tree and shrub species into restocking plans. FW4.2 Promote the use of climate-appropriate provenance nursery plants when restocking. FW4.3 Encourage local forest nurseries to make adequate quantities of local provenance material available.	# Promote as appropriate, via the FC Public Register. # Promote as appropriate, via the FC Public Register. –	 	 	 	 	# No relevant schemes. # No relevant schemes. –
<b>FW5 New areas of woodland</b> FW5.1 Use consultation procedures to advise on the siting and design of new areas of woodland, within the guidance provided by the Landscape Management & Priority Sites section of the AONB Management Plan.	# Comment as necessary, via the FC Public Register.					# 2 cases. Significant new wet woodland area at Stittenham/Thornton-le-Clay (8.75ha within AONB; 19.55ha in total); 2.8ha woodland extension at Gaterley.
<b>FW6 Local and regional markets for timber and woodland products</b> FW6.1 Encourage the use of timber from the AONB in local industries, e.g. furniture making, traditional building restoration, etc.	–					–









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<b>FW7 Grant and advice mechanisms that achieve AONB Management Plan objectives for woodland management and creation</b>						
FW7.1 Assist owners and managers to enter their woodlands into appropriate options in the current Countryside Stewardship scheme.	# Encourage via Countryside Stewardship Scheme involvement and advice to farmers & land managers.					# Advice provided to land manager at Terrington.
FW7.2 Ensure that the post-Brexit environmental land management scheme can be used to assist with priority woodland management work within the AONB.	# Input to development of the new scheme, both locally and nationally as appropriate.					# Policy announcements and scheme progress monitored and evaluated – see NCES2.3.
FW7.3 Provide a flexible package of assistance including advice, grant aid, direct works and management agreements, as appropriate, to assist land managers with identifying, conserving, enhancing and increasing understanding and enjoyment of landscape features on their land.	–					–
FW7.4 Support the continuation of the Native Woodland Project.	# Continue attendance at Partnership meetings.					# Attended meeting in May '19 and Game Management in Woodland event at Sproxton March '19.





























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<p><b>DRE1 New development</b></p> <p>DRE1.1 Ensure that all relevant Plans, Strategies and Policies recognise, protect and, where appropriate, enhance the Special Qualities of the AONB and its setting.</p> <p>DRE1.2 Maintain effective consultation arrangements between the Local Planning Authorities and the Joint Advisory Committee.</p>	<p># Monitor all new Policies and Strategies, submitting comments individually or via the NAAONB as appropriate, to ensure that the national significance of the AONB is safeguarded.</p> <p># Input to the Ryedale and Hambleton Local Plan Strategies processes as applicable.</p> <p># Input to the North Yorkshire Minerals &amp; Waste Joint Plan as applicable.</p> <p># Maintain relationships and respond to JAC consultations as necessary and within specified time frames.</p>	<p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p>	<p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p>	<p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p>	<p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p>	<p># Consultations monitored and responses submitted as appropriate.</p> <p># Hambleton Local Plan: Publication draft, Infrastructure Delivery Plan.</p> <p>-</p> <p># 118 consultations received from NYCC, RDC, HDC or external agencies/contractors. Comments submitted on 47 proposals: 16 Granted with suggested amendments/Conditions. Objections or Significant Concerns with 13 proposals: 5 Granted, 2 Granted with suggested amendment/Condition, 4 Refused, 2 Decisions pending.</p>
<p><b>DRE2 Standards in design of new development and the management of existing buildings/features</b></p> <p>DRE2.1 Ensure consistent high-quality rural design standards covering the whole AONB, including building design, materials and green infrastructure.</p> <p>DRE2.2 Encourage communities to prepare Village Design Statements, to guide the design of future development.</p> <p>DRE2.3 Provide guidance on sustainable building restoration techniques, including energy conservation measures.</p> <p>DRE2.4 Consider undertaking appraisals to enable the designation of new Conservation Areas and the enhancement of existing ones.</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>

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<b>DRE3 Mitigation of intrusive features</b> DRE3.1 Encourage local enhancement works to mitigate the impact of existing visually intrusive developments. DRE3.2 Continue liaison arrangements with Northern Powergrid, to prioritise and implement the undergrounding of electricity cables in prominent locations. DRE3.3 Encourage Openreach to underground telephone cables in prominent locations, primarily in conjunction with electricity cable undergrounding. DRE3.4 Resist developments that increase the impact of light or noise pollution on the AONB or its setting.	–  # Continue to attend Liaison Group meetings. # Encourage implementation of at least 1 new scheme in the AONB – Grimstone Top and Oswaldkirk schemes due to commence.  # Continue to liaise with BT Openreach over burying cables, at Oswaldkirk and any other electricity cable undergrounding schemes as necessary. # Comment as necessary, via JAC consultations.	–    	–    	–    	–    	–  # Attended 1 out of 1 Liaison Group meetings.  # Oswaldkirk and Grimstone Top schemes finalised – unclear why not started in 2019.  # Enforcement action taken by Hambleton DC to regularise new line at Newburgh – process not completed yet.  # 5 relevant cases. Comments made on 5 proposals; 2 Granted with suggested amendments/Conditions; 3 Decisions pending.
<b>DRE4 Minerals-working proposals</b> DRE4.1 Resist any minerals exploration or production proposals which are not compatible with AONB Purposes of Designation or Management Plan Objectives.  DRE4.2 Support appropriate proposals for small-scale quarrying of stone for local uses and to assist with repairs to heritage assets. DRE4.3 Safeguard/obtain supplies of suitable local stone for drystone wall restoration.	# Comment as necessary, via JAC consultations. # Monitor the progress of activity relating to hydraulic fracturing, both at Kirby Misperton and in the southern part of the AONB in relation to potential seismic surveying.  # Comment as necessary, via JAC consultations.  –	   	   	   	   	# 1 relevant planning application.  # No developments since Government moratorium imposed; Third Energy reportedly looking at renewable energy options for Pickering gasfield.  # No relevant planning applications.  –























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<p><b>DRE5 Renewable energy installations</b></p> <p>DRE5.1 Provide advice and guidance on the type of renewable energy technologies and installations likely to be appropriate in the AONB.</p> <p>DRE5.2 Support appropriate proposals that follow the 'Four Rights' – Technology, Scale, Place and Design.</p> <p>DRE5.3 Promote the benefits of appropriate renewable energy developments and demonstrate examples of 'best practice' projects.</p>	<p># Provide advice and guidance, as required.</p> <p># Comment as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p> <p>–</p>	<p></p> <p></p>	<p></p> <p></p>	<p></p> <p></p>	<p></p> <p></p>	<p># No requests.</p> <p># 1 case. Comments submitted on 1 proposal. Objections or Significant Concerns with 1 proposal: 1 Granted.</p> <p>–</p>
<p><b>DRE6 Rural business, local employment, training &amp; skills and farm diversification activities</b></p> <p>DRE6.1 Promote the provision of accessible ICT, business and rural skills advice, training, courses, demonstrations, etc.</p> <p>DRE6.2 Encourage businesses to develop appropriate new enterprises within or close to the AONB.</p> <p>DRE6.3 Maintain a positive approach to planning control for appropriate farm diversification and rural employment projects.</p> <p>DRE6.4 Support appropriate proposals to re-use traditional and modern farm buildings, where their historic and wildlife value can be safeguarded or the AONB landscape enhanced.</p> <p>DRE6.5 Support appropriate proposals for developing new workspace within the AONB.</p>	<p># Continue to promote as part of LEADER and YNY&amp;ER LEP initiatives as applicable, in particular the GROW Yorkshire initiative.</p> <p># Continue to promote as part of LEADER and YNY&amp;ER LEP initiatives as applicable.</p> <p># Continue involvement in the Destination Partnerships project and other similar tourism development initiatives.</p> <p># Comment as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p> <p># Comment as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p> <p># Comment as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p>	<p># No relevant activity this year.</p> <p># No relevant activity this year.</p> <p># Destination Partnerships Project finished in spring '19.</p> <p># No relevant schemes.</p> <p># No Objection in 2 planning application responses.</p> <p># No relevant schemes.</p> <p># No Objections in 11 planning application responses to all non-farm business-related development.</p>
<p><b>DRE7 Modern telecommunications infrastructure</b></p> <p>DRE7.1 Support the provision of high-speed broadband and mobile phone infrastructure that does not have adverse impacts on the Special Qualities of the AONB.</p>	<p># Comment as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p>	<p></p>	<p></p>	<p></p>	<p></p>	<p># 3 cases. Objections or Significant Concerns with 2 proposals: 1 Granted; 1 Granted (amended).</p>

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<p><b>DRE8 Provision of local needs/ affordable housing</b></p> <p>DRE8.1 Maintain up-to-date information on housing needs within the AONB.</p> <p>DRE8.2 Promote the potential benefits of local needs housing to AONB farmers, landowners and local communities.</p>	<p>–</p> <p>–</p>					<p>–</p> <p># 12 cases of new housing development: 23 Open Market units, 0 Affordable units. 3 ex 23 units just outside the AONB boundary. Comments submitted on 6 proposals. Objections or Significant Concerns with 1 proposal: 1 Refused.</p>
<p><b>RTT1 Solutions to traffic routing issues in and around the AONB</b></p> <p>RTT1.1 Support appropriate proposals for full-movement interchange arrangements at the A64/B1257 junction.</p> <p>RTT1.2 Monitor freight movement issues in the AONB, to identify any patterns in HGV usage.</p> <p>RTT1.3 Encourage measures to address any issues raised during freight monitoring.</p>	<p># Monitor associated development proposals and input as necessary.</p> <p>–</p> <p>–</p>					<p># No relevant schemes.</p> <p># Communities continue to raise issues around HGV movements in the Coulton and Hovingham area.</p> <p>–</p>
<p><b>RTT2 Traffic and driver behaviour issues</b></p> <p>RTT2.1 In line with the Road Safety Partnership speed management protocol, carry out speed-checks in identified locations to investigate reported issues.</p> <p>RTT2.2 Support local events that examine and address traffic and driver behaviour issues, in identified problem locations.</p>	<p># Monitor information provided via traffic speed surveys carried out in AONB villages.</p> <p>–</p>					<p># 3 temporary checks carried out – Oulston, Stonegrave, Gilling; 2 permanent checks – B1257 Broughton Road Malton, A170 Sproxtun.</p> <p># Hovingham Action Group carrying out community speed monitoring.</p> <p>–</p>
<p><b>RTT3 Sustainable modes of transport</b></p> <p>RTT3.1 Identify transport service, infrastructure and accessibility improvements.</p> <p>RTT3.2 Develop and implement identified measures as appropriate.</p> <p>RTT3.3 Promote the availability of alternative transport services in AONB literature, in local villages and at visitor attractions.</p> <p>RTT3.4 Ensure that implementation of the Local Transport Plan 4 for North Yorkshire contributes to the implementation of AONB Management Plan Objectives, where appropriate.</p>	<p>–</p> <p>–</p> <p>–</p> <p>–</p>					<p>–</p> <p>–</p> <p>–</p> <p>–</p>

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<b>RTT4 Rural character of the road network</b> RTT4.1 Continue liaison arrangements between the Joint Advisory Committee and local highway authority (and its agents) for all proposals in the AONB. RTT4.2 Promote the usage of the Howardian Hills Area Profile by relevant teams within the local highway authority. RTT4.3 Identify examples of road sign clutter and seek improvements. RTT4.4 Ensure that the specific locations of historic roadside furniture are recorded on the NYCC Highway Asset Management System. RTT4.5 Ensure that traditional direction signs, mileposts and other historic structures within and adjacent to the highway are appropriately maintained and managed.	# Maintain, and comment as necessary via JAC consultations.  # Arrange for inclusion of Special Interest Road Verges data on the National Street Gazetteer. – # Arrange for inclusion of traditional direction signs on the National Street Gazetteer. # Progress restoration of 1 traditional direction sign.	      	      	      	      	# No relevant schemes.  # Data passed to NYCC Jan '20.  – # Data passed to NYCC Jan '20.  # Not achieved. Transfer target to 2020/21.
<b>RTT5 A64 Trunk Road</b> RTT5.1 Ensure that improvements to the A64 (to enhance road safety, accessibility and journey-time reliability) have regard to the Purposes of Designation and Special Qualities of the AONB. RTT5.2 Monitor future proposals and provide comments to Highways England, North Yorkshire County Council and Ryedale District Council.	# Monitor progress of the proposed dualling of the route through the AONB via RIS2 and the activity of the A64 Partnership.  # Respond as necessary, should any new studies be proposed.	  	  	  	  	# Dualling of Hopgrove to Barton Hill delayed until RIS3. Dualling Crambeck to Musley Bank would therefore be RIS4 at the earliest.  # Responded to consultations on: full-length VRS Barton Hill to Welburn (one timber-clad section achieved, also wildflower enhancement of eastbound carriageway); 50mph limit (new signage) Welburn to Musley Bank; carriageway widening & pedestrian islands at Welburn and Crambeck.
<b>RAT1 Sustainable recreational activities</b> RAT1.1 Use planning policies to support appropriate recreational business developments. RAT1.2 Monitor the levels and sustainability of recreational activities within the AONB.	# Comment as necessary, via JAC consultations.  –					# No Objection in 10 planning consultation responses.  # On-going issues being monitored: trail-building in Yearsley Moor woodlands by mountain bikers; Coneysthorpe Crossroads parking following closure of the Fishermans' Car park; verge damage by parking at the top of Fryton Lane.

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<p><b>RAT2 Promotion of the attractions and Special Qualities of the AONB</b></p> <p>RAT2.1 Work with local partner organisations to promote sustainable tourism and recreational activities in the Howardian Hills.</p> <p>RAT2.2 Develop and implement initiatives to encourage Under-Represented Groups to enjoy the AONB.</p>	<p># Continue input to joint initiatives with NYMNPA, YDNPA/Nidderdale AONB, Ryedale DC, Welcome to Yorkshire, Visit York and YNY&amp;ER LEP.</p> <p># Comment as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p> <p># Continue work with Autism Plus, to promote joint conservation tasks with Moorswork.</p>	<p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p>	<p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p>	<p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p>	<p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p>	<p># Dark Skies events held at Terrington (x2) and Castle Howard (x3), throughout the winter but also as part of National Parks' Dark Skies Week.</p> <p># Ryedale DC Economic Development Unit now reinstated. Attended Cycle tourism meetings, including liaison with Castle Howard.</p> <p># Comments submitted on Ryedale Destination Development Plan.</p> <p># No Objection in 2 planning consultation responses.</p> <p># 4 tasks completed; all-access track and pond creation grant supported.</p>
<p><b>RAT3 Condition and network of Public Rights of Way</b></p> <p>RAT3.1 Ensure that path furniture in the AONB is appropriately maintained and improved.</p> <p>RAT3.2 Liaise with local landowners to quickly rectify identified path condition problems, including seasonal overgrowth and ploughing/cropping.</p> <p>RAT3.3 Implement path improvements, particularly via management measures such as ride-widening and the use of alternative routes.</p>	<p># Continue to address reported issues.</p> <p># Continue project with NYCC and NYMNPA to repair and upgrade path furniture within grouped Parishes/priority areas.</p> <p># Take record photos of wording on all new roadside fingerposts.</p> <p># Take record photos of wording on all 'inland' fingerposts which are specifically mentioned in AONB guided route leaflets.</p> <p># Bring individual and seasonal cutting issues to the attention of NYCC PROW staff, as necessary.</p> <p># Promote as appropriate, via JAC consultations.</p>	<p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p>	<p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p>	<p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p>	<p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p>	<p># NYCC focus is principally on maintenance and resolving reported Issues.</p> <p># Apprentices project ended as NYMNPA team needed elsewhere. Now focussing on identifying and completing furniture repairs in targeted areas. 2 stiles in Hovingham identified for action but work postponed due to Covid-19.</p> <p># 30 new sign posts ordered; installation due for summer '20 (Covid-19 dependent).</p> <p># Leaflets analysed to see which ones have specific references. Volunteers organised; surveys done; photos catalogued.</p> <p># Issues identified or reported to the AONB Team forwarded to NYCC.</p> <p># No relevant consultations.</p>

























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<p>RAT3.4 Ensure the correct identification of all Public Rights of Way routes in the AONB on the Definitive Map by 2026.</p> <p>RAT3.5 Bring 'missing routes' and 'route status inconsistencies' to the attention of the local highway authority and lobby for action.</p> <p>RAT3.6 Support appropriate Public Rights of Way diversion, creation and extinguishment orders/agreements in response to particular local issues or to improve the local network.</p> <p>RAT3.7 Encourage the creation of new access routes/areas where the Public Rights of Way network is less developed.</p>	<p>–</p> <p>–</p> <p># Assess the package of rationalisations proposed for the Castle Howard Estate and identify ones that could be publicly funded.</p> <p># Progress identified individual schemes, potentially at Slingsby &amp; Hovingham.</p> <p># Progress route creations to address gaps in routes at Howsham &amp; Ampleforth.</p> <p>–</p>	<p>–</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>–</p>	<p>–</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>–</p>	<p>–</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>–</p>	<p>–</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>–</p>	<p>–</p> <p>–</p> <p># No further progress. NYCC now looking at the package again. Transfer target to 2020/21.</p> <p># No progress.</p> <p># Howsham case investigated and decision taken not to proceed. Landowner happy with route, which is easily accessible and well-used, but does not wish to sign a Creation Agreement.</p> <p>–</p>
<p><b>RAT4 Recreational management measures</b></p> <p>RAT4.1 Carry out small-scale management works as necessary, particularly on sites used for car parking and at the AONB's Recreation Priority Sites.</p> <p>RAT4.2 Use planning and other policy controls to discourage unsustainable recreational use of the Derwent valley.</p> <p>RAT4.3 Support low-key countryside management works to improve recreation management on Forestry Commission land.</p> <p>RAT4.4 Encourage the development/use of designated village parking areas and toilet facilities by recreational visitors.</p> <p>RAT4.5 Monitor the levels of litter and fly-tipping within the AONB and take action as appropriate.</p>	<p># Continue grass cutting regime at Badger Bank.</p> <p># Monitor and manage overhanging trees at Bell Bottom Wood, Coneysthorpe, to maximise space available.</p> <p># Ensure Kirkham Priory car park is appropriately maintained.</p> <p># Comment as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p> <p>–</p> <p>–</p> <p># Continue programme of litter clearance at car parks throughout the AONB.</p> <p># Report fly-tipping incidents to the District Councils, as necessary.</p>	<p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>–</p> <p>–</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p>	<p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>XXXX</p> <p>■</p> <p>–</p> <p>–</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p>	<p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>–</p> <p>–</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p>	<p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>–</p> <p>–</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p>	<p># Completed.</p> <p># Completed.</p> <p># Chemical treatment in Apr '19.</p> <p># No relevant planning applications.</p> <p>–</p> <p>–</p> <p># Completed, ending Mar '20.</p> <p># No incidents noted by AONB Team.</p>

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<b>RAT5 Routes for different user groups and provide self-guided information</b> RAT5.1 Identify appropriate routes, linked to public transport where possible. RAT5.2 Publish guide leaflets and information in a variety of formats as appropriate, to encourage usage.	– –					– –
<b>AP1 Awareness and understanding of the AONB designation, its importance and the role and work of the Joint Advisory Committee</b> AP1.1 Maintain the existing 'gateway signs' on roads entering the AONB and seek to install signs on the A64. AP1.2 Provide information on the work of the JAC via various publicity mechanisms, as appropriate. AP1.3 Maintain a public profile in the local media and at appropriate local events/shows.	# Ensure the AONB 'gateway sign' sites are adequately maintained. # Promote installation of 'gateway signs' on the A64 if opportunities arise. # Publish 2018/19 Annual Report. # Publish AONB News 2019. # Continue publicising the AONB and initiatives/projects via Twitter. # Attend Ryedale Show.	    	    	    	    	# Achieved. # No opportunities have arisen. # Published and distributed, Dec '19. # Published and distributed, Oct '19. # Achieved. # Achieved; Ryevitalise, Cornfield Flowers project and CFY sharing the AONB stand. One of the best years ever for footfall through the stand. # Attended Countryfile Live for 1 day. Unmanned display on stand with North York Moors National Park and Wolds Way.

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<p><b>AP2 Awareness of the Special Qualities of the AONB</b></p> <p>AP2.1 Publish and distribute information about the AONB and its Special Qualities, for example at popular visitor destinations, in community buildings, in visitor accommodation and on the AONB website.</p> <p>AP2.2 Deliver guided walks, talks and demonstrations as appropriate to explain the Special Qualities of the AONB and promote sustainable 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># Ensure that the AONB website is running properly and is updated appropriately.</p> <p># Use AONB display at 3 venues/events.</p> <p>–</p> <p># Hold at least 3 Junior Ranger Club full-day sessions.</p> <p># Assist with delivery of the schools element of the Ryevitalise project, as appropriate.</p>	<p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p>	<p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p>	<p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p>	<p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p>	<p># Information made available for accommodation providers at the Ryedale Leaflet Exchange.</p> <p># Achieved; no statistics on usage available at present.</p> <p># Banners used at Ryedale Show, Ryedale Volunteering Fair, Countryfile Live, Gilling Church Heritage weekend; Gilling Church environment event; Gilling Rural Isolation Support event, Cut Your Carbon event in Malton, Terrington local environment event.</p> <p>–</p> <p># April '19, May '19, October '19, February '20. (74 children).</p> <p># Education Officer provided with contacts for AONB schools; successful after-school club held at Hovingham – developed a river-based board game; Slingsby &amp; St Benedict's (Ampleforth) likely to be one of first in-school sessions in spring/summer '20.</p>
<p><b>IM1 Funding and partnership mechanisms to achieve Management Plan objectives</b></p> <p>IM1.1 Seek appropriate sources of funding and assistance to implement Management Plan Objectives.</p>	<p># Participate via the NAAONB in work to ensure the future of AONB funding, in particular via the Glover Review of Protected Landscapes.</p> <p># Participate via the NAAONB in work to help develop new mechanisms for land management and rural business support post-Brexit.</p> <p># Participate in any further extensions of the North York Moors, Coast and Hills LEADER programme.</p> <p># Access additional resources from County &amp; District Councils, FC, EA, HE, etc for specific identified projects.</p> <p># Deliver Year 5 of the HE-funded Monument Management Scheme for Scheduled Monuments (see HE2.4).</p>	<p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>■</p> <p>N/A</p>	<p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p>	<p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p>	<p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p> <p>■</p>	<p># Input made to NAAONB liaison/feedback to Defra on their response to the Glover review.</p> <p># Policy announcements and scheme progress monitored and evaluated; input made to NAAONB responses as appropriate.</p> <p># Scheme now closed.</p> <p># No appropriate additional funding opportunities identified.</p> <p># Bracken crushed on 11 SMs; bracken sprayed on 1 SM; brash cleared from 2 SMs; 1 SM re-seeded; bramble control strategy developed for 12 SMs; bramble trimmed on 6 SMs; scrub cleared on 1 SM.</p>

	<p># Continue involvement in the Yorkshire Derwent Catchment Partnership (See NE3.5).</p> <p># Contribute to delivery of 2019/20 Ryevitalise projects as appropriate (See NE3.5).</p>	N/A					<p># Attended Officer Development Group meetings. Made input to River Derwent Villages Natural Flood Management Project.</p> <p># Assisted with commencing delivery of project following approval of NLHF grant in March '19. Education Officer provided with contacts for AONB schools; successful after-school club held at Hovingham – developed a river-based board game.</p> <p># Destination Partnerships Project finished in spring '19.</p>
	<p># Continue involvement in the Destination Partnerships project and other similar tourism development initiatives (See DRE6.2).</p> <p># Utilise Reserves appropriately, to supplement annual projects budget.</p> <p># Keep AONB grant processes and assistance options under review as the Government grant incentive schemes evolve, in order to maintain effectiveness and efficiency.</p>	N/A					<p># £8k of reserves earmarked for use in 19/20 to support project delivery but not needed.</p> <p># Situation kept under review.</p>
IM1.2	<p>Continue and expand partnership arrangements with the North York Moors National Park Authority, as appropriate.</p> <p># Continue dialogue on potential joint working opportunities, e.g. Farmer Clusters, environmental land management scheme design &amp; delivery, etc.</p>						<p># Joint working on: Native Woodland Partnership; Dark Skies Week; starting delivery of the Ryevitalise Landscape Partnership Scheme; HLHF Turtle Doves Project; developing a NLHF bid for a Farmland Birds project; post-Brexit agri-environment scheme development; attendance at Countryfile Live; publicity material for the International Sheepdog Championships.</p>
IM1.3	<p>Involve volunteers wherever possible, to assist with the delivery of appropriate tasks and activities.</p> <p># Complete at least 1 project per calendar quarter using volunteers.</p>						<p># Volunteers assisted with: Junior Ranger Club (x4); Ryedale Show; Himalayan balsam clearance at River Derwent SSSI; hedge/tree planting and meadow creation works at Autism Plus, Gilling; tree planting at Dalby Forest during National Tree Week; scrub management at Coulton Fen SINC, Bulmer and Slingsby East Quarry LGS; burning cut scrub at Peel Wood &amp; Grassland SINC; grassland management at Appleton-le-Street Churchyard SINC and Kendrew Green, Husthwaite (x3); tree clearance at Todd Wood Mill; removing scrub from SM at Hovingham.</p> <p># 16 projects or tasks, worth at least 217 days (£14,650 at SDF volunteering rates).</p> <p># 139 days on site management tasks; 24 days on Junior Ranger Club, shows, etc; 54 days on Turtle Dove surveying.</p>



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<b>IM2 Business model</b> IM2.1 Monitor the business requirements and model of the AONB partnership and identify improvements as appropriate.  IM2.2 Incorporate suggested improvements into the annual Action Programme and Budget approval processes.	# Utilise Reserves appropriately, to supplement annual projects budget and maintain an AONB Unit staff resource commensurate with future work priorities and income.  # Prepare annual Business Plan/Action Programme for JAC.	  	  	  	  	# £8k of reserves earmarked for use in 19/20 to support project delivery but not needed.  # Completed.
<b>MN1 Performance of the AONB partnership and AONB unit</b> MN1.1 Report annual progress on achievement of Management Plan Objectives to the JAC, AONB Partnership and public.  MN1.2 Monitor the performance of the AONB Partnership using the Defra/NAONB Key Performance Indicators.	# Provide Annual Action Programme update to JAC.  # Report data on Key Performance Indicators of JAC and AONB Partnership.	  	  	  	  	# Completed.  # Completed.
<b>MN2 Monitor the condition of the AONB</b> MN2.1 Develop a robust mechanism for assessing the Condition of the locally designated and non-designated Priority Sites identified in the Management Plan. MN2.2 Update the data for the AONB Condition Indicators during Management Plan review in 2023. MN2.3 Update the 'State of the AONB' Report during Management Plan review in 2023. MN2.4 Repeat the 'fixed-point photography' monitoring of visual landscape change.	# Use new Natural England methodologies on favourable conservation status to assess the condition of non-designated Natural Environment Priority Sites.  –  # Update Report with data relating to work carried out by the AONB Team in 2018/19.  –	    	    	    	    	# No progress.  –  # Completed spring '19.  –

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<p><b>National Association for AONBs</b> Maintain input into NAAONB Board and Association activities.</p> <p>Keep up-to-date with knowledge and skills in relation to AONB management.</p>	<p># Continue to participate in NAAONB initiatives.</p> <p># Attend training seminars, Northern Group meetings, Conferences, etc as appropriate.</p>	<p>■</p> <p>■</p>	<p>■</p> <p>■</p>	<p>■</p> <p>■</p>	<p>■</p> <p>■</p>	<p># Attended Chairmen's seminar &amp; NAAONB AGM (London) and Lead Officers' meetings (Birmingham).</p> <p># Monitored discussions on Basecamp and posted information/input to relevant ones.</p> <p># Participated in Outstanding Week and the National Moment; reported on AONB network Key Performance Indicators.</p> <p># Attended National Conference (Essex); Northern AONBs Group meetings – Northumberland Coast (May), Forest of Bowland (October).</p>
<p><b>AONB Management Plan</b> Review AONB Management Plan.</p>	<p># Update 'State of the AONB' Report with data relating to work carried out by the AONB Team in 2018/19 (see MN2.3).</p> <p># Publish final 'designed' version of AONB Management Plan.</p>	<p>N/A</p> <p>■</p>	<p>■</p>	<p>■</p>	<p>■</p>	<p># Completed spring '19.</p> <p># Completed Nov '19.</p>