

**2014 - 2019 MANAGEMENT PLAN
DELIVERY PLAN FOR 2017/18 FINANCIAL YEAR**

Landscape

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L1	1	Monitor landscape change by publishing an annual report on environmental indicators in the 'Framework for Monitoring Environmental Outcomes in Protected Landscapes'	NAONB	Gather data and include in 2017/18 annual review	PB	*			
	2	Enable local people and visitors to contribute data on landscape change using websites and social media by 2015	NAONB	Publish Farm Buildings Design Guide	PB		*		
	3	Promote the Ecosystem Services approach in local decision-making by creating a database of Ecosystem Services by 2016	NAONB	No action planned by AONB team in 2017/18	PB				
L2	1	Implement the Heritage Lottery Fund supported Landscape Conservation Action Plan for Upper Nidderdale by 2018	NAONB (Landscape Partnership) & Iron Age Nidderdale	Complete 10 Upper Nidderdale farm heritage survey reports	IM				*
			NAONB (Landscape Partnership) & University of York	Collect 10 oral history recordings as part of moorland cultural heritage oral history project and continue to support moorlands heritage volunteer research group	IM	*			
			NAONB (Landscape Partnership) & YWT	Work with landowners and farmers to enhance 5 ha of hay meadows in Upper Nidderdale	IM		*		

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			NAONB (Landscape Partnership) & NiddFest Ltd	Assist with management of 2018 NiddFest nature-writing literary festival	IM		*		
			Landscape Partnership	Create legacy plan for LP in conjunction with all LP partners				*	
	2	Ensure that 50% of the eligible area is covered by a higher level agri environment scheme by 2019	NAONB	Identify Higher Tier Countryside Stewardship priorities in consultation with applicants and Natural England	MW	*	*		
				Identify opportunities for mid-tier Countryside Stewardship in consultation with applicants and facilitate applications for Water Capital Grants in the AONB	MW	*	*		
				Develop RBAP* approach in conjunction with Yorkshire Water at High Woodale and on other tenanted holdings in the AONB	IM/PB	*			
				Develop a revenue support payment system based on RBAP principles for Natural Flood Management programme on the Skell	PB		*		
				Implement training programmes attached to the Upper Nidderdale and Skell Facilitation Funded projects	MW/IM	*	*	*	*
				Provide advice and practical support to the Humberstone Bank Farm tenant on implementation of the management plan for the farm	MW	*	*	*	*

* <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/results-based-agri-environment-payment-scheme-rbaps-pilot-study-in-england>

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				Commission advisor to produce Business Plans for 10 farms in the AONB	PB	*	*	*	
				Produce Whole Farm Environment plans for 10 farms in the AONB	MW	*	*		
	3	Improve the conservation value of 75ha of ancient woodland by 2017	NAONB	Facilitate >3 applications to the YDMT's Fuelcard-funded woodland creation programme	MW		*		
				Facilitate >1 application for Woodland Capital Grants under the Higher Tier Countryside Stewardship Scheme	MW			*	*
				Develop outline woodland management proposals for >5ha of ancient woodland in the Skell catchment	PB			*	
	4	Publish revised guidelines for protecting landscape character by 2015	NAONB	See L1 (2)	PB				
L3	1	Commission research to identify barriers to migration and dispersal of wildlife species and coordinate a programme of landscape-scale habitat enhancement to overcome at least 25% of barriers by 2018	NAONB	Implement Year 1 Tasks identified in the Wild Watch project plan	SK	*	*	*	*
				Administer project steering group	SK	*		*	

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				Implement tasks in Pollinator Pathways project plan in the Washburn/Wharfedale	SK	*			
	2	Restore 3000ha of peat before 2019 by providing financial and logistical support for the Yorkshire Peat Partnership	YPP	Provide logistical and other support to help YPP meet their 9 500ha restoration target	PB	*	*	*	*
	3	Increase the extent of native broadleaved woodland by 350ha by 2019; improve productivity and support development of a local biomass energy market	NAONB	See L2 (3)	MW				
	4	Develop a Payments for Ecosystem Services pilot and create a habitat bank of biodiversity offsets by 2016	NAONB	Develop Local Plan policy on biodiversity compensation scheme	PB		*		
L4	1	Provide local planning authorities and their statutory consultees with advice on the impact of major development on the AONB, and publish consultation responses on the AONB's website on a quarterly basis	NAONB	Respond to planning consultations and publish outcomes	PB	*	*	*	*
				Provide applicants with an assessment of impact of proposed development by providing pre-application advice	PB	*	*	*	*
		Publish an analysis of planning applications, decisions and outcomes in the AONB Annual Review	NAONB	Include in Annual Review	PB	*			
	3	Organise an annual forum for planning authority representatives	NAONB	Arrange and publicise event to launch Farm Buildings Design Guide	PB			*	
L5	1	Publish an AONB Design Guide by 2018	NAONB	See L1 (2)	PB		*		

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	2	Devise a procedure for providing pre-planning application advice on potential AONB impact of development by 2015	NAONB, RDC, HBC & NYCC	Respond to enquiries within 10 working days	PB	*	*	*	*
L6	1	Advise the North Yorkshire and York Local Enterprise Partnership on AONB priorities for sustainable economic growth	NAONB, YDNPA, HHAONB, NYMNPA	Negotiate LEP support for implementation of actions appropriate to NAONB in Strategic Economic Plan for the Uplands document	PB	*	*	*	*
				Support applications to LEP ESIF programmes submitted by AONB businesses	PB	*	*	*	*
	2	Ensure that the Local Development Strategy for Yorkshire Dales Leader reflects the aspirations of AONB residents and businesses and facilitate at least 10 grant applications by 2018	NAONB	Ensure AONB farmers receive support through the Leader-funded Capital Grants programme	PB	*	*	*	*

Natural environment

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NE1	1	Support work by land managers and Natural England to ensure that at least 50% of SSSIs are in Favourable Condition by 2019	NAONB	No action planned by AONB team in 2017/18	PB	*	*		
	2	Support work by land managers to ensure that at least 50% of Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation are maintained in accordance with conservation management plan objectives by 2019	NAONB, SINC Steering Group	No action planned by AONB team in 2017/18	PB	*	*		
NE2	1	Create a framework for collecting, storing, sharing and monitoring biological and ecological data by 2015	NAONB	See L3 (1)	SK	*	*		
	2	Identify opportunities for extending priority habitats by producing a Habitat Suitability Map by 2015	NAONB	See L3 (1)	SK	*	*		
	3	Produce a strategy for tackling Non Native Invasive Species by 2017	NAONB	Implement strategy (undertake balsam eradication programme in Upper Nidderdale)	PB	*			
NE3	1	Overcome obstacles to fish migration and in the Laver catchment by removing or modifying at least five weirs by 2017	NAONB & YDRT	No action planned by AONB team in 2017/18	PB			*	

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	2	Eliminate sources of diffuse water pollution identified in the Catchment Appraisal of the Nidd by 2015	NAONB, YW & EA	Implement actions attributed to NAONB in the Action Plan for the 'Natural Nidd' stakeholders	PB	*	*	*	*
				Administer the River Nidd Catchment Partnership and implement actions in the 2017/18 Memorandum of Agreement between NAONB, Natural England, Environment Agency and Yorkshire Water	MW				
				Support the work of the Dales and Vales Rivers Network by attending meetings of the Executive Board	PB	*	*	*	*
				Support > two applications for Water Capital Grants through Countryside Stewardship (see L2 2)	MW	*	*		
	3	Ensure the AONB's Joint Advisory Committee is represented on Catchment Partnerships covering all the AONB's rivers by 2015	NAONB, YDRT & EA	See NE 3 (2)	PB	*			
			NT	Submit HLF Landscape Partnership Scheme round one bid for the Skell in conjunction with the National Trust	PB	*			

Heritage and the Historic Environment

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HE1	1	Reduce the number of structures listed in the Heritage at Risk register by 50% by 2018	NAONB, HBC, RDC	Negotiate 1 agreement to protect building or scheduled monument at risk	PB		*		
	2	Organise an annual heritage skills training programme	NAONB (Landscape Partnership) & NYCC ALSS	Provide practical training for Foundation Programme in Heritage Skills students to gain heritage skills experience, including working alongside Nidderdale Conservation Volunteers	IM	*		*	*
			NAONB (Landscape Partnership)	Deliver a built heritage skills course to local professional builders	IM				*
	3	Repair and improve access to at least four landmark historic structures in Upper Nidderdale by 2018	NAONB (Landscape Partnership Board)	Conserve milling machinery at Wath Mill	IM	*			
				Carry out consolidation works at Lodge Village heritage site	IM		*		
	4	Develop action plans in consultation with local communities to implement recommendations in at least five Conservation Area Appraisal reports by 2016	NAONB & HBC	No action planned by AONB team in 2017/18					
HE3	1	Implement the HLF-supported research and development plan for a former WW1 training and internment camp by 2016	NAONB, York University, Leeds City Council	Support research into Conscientious Objectors by AONB WW1 volunteers	SK	*	*		
	2	Organise an annual Heritage Forum	NAONB	Schedule and run event	IM			*	
	3	Organise an annual heritage events programme	NAONB	Include heritage events in 2017 events programme	SK				*

Understanding and Enjoyment

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UE1	1	Make the rights of way network easier to use by reducing the number of obstructed rights of way by 75% by 2019	NYCC	Include access improvements in the HLF bid for the Skell	PB	*	*	*	*
	2	Enable more people to enjoy using the rights of way network by removing stiles and gates from 50km of rights of way	NYCC	No action planned by AONB team in 2017/18	PB	*	*	*	*
	3	Provide advice to event organisers on mitigating the environmental impact of large-scale outdoor activities	NAONB	Include information on biosecurity in advice pages on the AONB's website	SK	*	*	*	*
UE2	1	Seek to prevent illegal vehicular use on public footpaths and bridleways by erecting signs on all affected routes by 2015, and by encouraging the police to take enforcement action	NYCC	No action planned by AONB team in 2017/18	PB	*	*	*	*
	2	Carry out an environmental assessment of all Unsurfaced and Unclassified Roads by 2015	NYCC & NAONB	No action planned by AONB team in 2017/18	PB	*			
	3	Publish an action plan for all Unsurfaced and Unclassified Roads currently used by recreational vehicles by 2016	NYCC	No action planned by AONB team in 2017/18					
UE4	1	Use printed and electronic media to distribute information about the AONB to visitors and local communities via the AONB's website, an annual printed newsletter for visitors and at least quarterly e-news bulletins for residents and volunteers	NAONB	Maintain AONB website, produce 2018 Visit Nidderdale AONB magazine and circulate 2 e-newsletters	SK	*			
				Replace 50% of AONB outdoor information boards	SK		*	*	*

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		NAONB	Develop Flickr & Instagram accounts	SK		*		
		NAONB	Increase number of E-Newsletter subscribers by > 25%	SK			*	
		NAONB	Increase number of Facebook 'Likes' by 15%	SK	*	*	*	*
		NAONB	Increase number of Twitter followers by 15%	SK		*		
		NAONB	Produce 2 e-newsletters	SK	*		*	
		NAONB	Produce and distribute 2016 'Visit Nidderdale'	SK				*
	2	Implement the Heritage Lottery Fund supported Interpretation Plan for Upper Nidderdale by 2018	NAONB (Landscape Partnership)	IM				*
			NAONB (Landscape Partnership) & Beverley PC	IM				*
			LP					
	3	Organise an annual programme of public events designed to convey key AONB messages and increase participation by 25% by 2019	NAONB	SK				*
				SK	*	*	*	
				SK	*			
				SK	*			

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	4	Encourage participation in volunteering by providing financial and organisational support for existing AONB volunteer groups	NAONB	Organise weekly tasks for Nidderdale Conservation Volunteers	MW	*	*	*	*
			NAONB	Provide support for the AONB Dry Stone Walling Group	MW	*	*	*	*
			NAONB	Organise training programme for AONB volunteers	MW	*			
			NAONB	Organise 12 volunteer tasks on behalf of the Hackfall Trust	MW	*	*	*	*
	5	Implement the Heritage Lottery Fund supported plan to raise awareness of Upper Nidderdale in urban communities neighbouring the AONB by 2018	NAONB (Landscape Partnership) & Cardigan Centre	Run a large-scale event in Leeds to showcase Upper Nidderdale	IM			*	

Living and working

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LW1	1	Provide advice and guidance to farmers and landowners seeking planning permission to expand or diversify their agricultural businesses	NAONB	See L4 (2)	PB		*		
				Publish Farm Buildings design guide	PB			*	
	2	Ensure AONB businesses are eligible to receive Rural Development funding, including Leader and Structural Investment Funding, by influencing the development of funding strategies by 2015	NAONB, YDNPA (plus HHAONB and NYMNPA)	See L 6 (1)	PB				
	3	Ensure good quality broadband coverage of the AONB by identifying and helping to overcome environmental constraints on infrastructure development by 2016	NAONB	Encourage AONB communities to apply for Leader funding to support broadband development	PB			*	
	4	Support proposals for affordable housing where it does not cause harm to special qualities and ensure that future Local Plan policy reviews retain a commitment to meeting evidence-based need for affordable housing in the AONB	NAONB	Respond to planning consultations	PB	*	*	*	*
	5	Create at least five apprenticeships or bursaries linked to management of heritage features in Upper Nidderdale by 2016	NAONB & Landscape Partnership Board	See HE1 (2)	IM			*	*
LW2	1	Provide support to tourism businesses through the Yorkshire Dales Tourism Partnership and Business Network to increase the value of tourism across the Yorkshire Dales National Park and Nidderdale AONB by 20% by 2020	NAONB & Dales Tourism Forum	Support implementation of the Destination Dales action plan	PB	*	*		
	2	Carry out actions attributed to the AONB in the Yorkshire Dales Strategy for the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism	NAONB	Organise a Dales Tourism business forum in Nidderdale in 2017	SK	*			