

Harrogate BAP Action progress report 28th November 2011

Plan name: Arable Farmland

Action code	Action text	Start date	Organisations (lead in bold)	Status	Action progress report		
					Name and report date	Progress	Location
AF-A1	Set up community projects to produce nest boxes.	01/10/2009	Harrogate Borough Council	Underway (on schedule)	HBC (McAndrew, Dan) 01/10/2009 - 25/11/2011	Harrogate District Naturalist Society received a HBC environment grant to build 300 tree sparrow nest boxes in 2010.	Harrogate
AF-A2	Identify farms populated by tree sparrows (especially where few suitable trees are available), liaise with farmers and organise nest box schemes.	01/10/2009	FWAG, HBC	Underway (on schedule)	HBC (McAndrew, Dan) 01/10/2009 - 25/11/2011	300 tree sparrow nest boxes bought by HDNS have been put up at x sites in the district (more detail required).	Harrogate
AF-A3	Liaise with RSPB and work with interested farmers, undertake breeding bird surveys as part of the RSPB Farmer Volunteer Alliance.	01/10/2009	HBC , North Yorkshire County Council	Not started			
AF-T4	Arrange training days for farmers or agronomists, on arable options and support farmers in applying for the ESS to achieve environmental benefit.	01/10/2009	INDIVIDUALS, FWAG, Natural England	Not started			

Plan name: Bats

Action code	Action text	Start date	Organisations (lead in bold)	Status	Action progress report		
					Name and report date	Progress	Location
B-A1	Survey for bats.	01/10/2009	North Yorkshire Bat Grp	Underway (on schedule)	NYBG (Drewett, John) 01/10/2009 - 25/11/2011	NYBG carry out ongoing bat surveys at Fountains Abbey in (year?). The following species were found:	Fountains Abbey
B-A2	Locate and survey underground sites to establish extent of resource available for hibernating bats.	01/10/2009	NYBG	Not started			
B-A3	Work with BCT to promote participation in the National Bat Monitoring Programme to householders.	01/10/2009	NYBG	Underway (on schedule)	HBC (McAndrew, Dan) 01/10/2009 - 25/11/2011	HBC involved in a NBMP in Ripon, Count Bats Ripon 2009/10. Any results? Numbers of people	Harrogate
B-A4	Promote the importance and management of mature trees for roosting bats, to arboriculturalists, contractors and council staff, and the importance of buildings for bats, to architects, engineers, planners and developers.	01/10/2009	HBC	Underway (on schedule)	HBC (McAndrew, Dan) 01/10/2009 - 25/11/2011	2 of the HBC arboricultural staff have completed a course at Bewerley Park for bats and mature trees (2009).	Harrogate
B-A5	Organise the production of a media article on the nature conservation importance of bats.	01/10/2009	NYBG	Not started			
B-A6	Survey local authority buildings and bridges for Bats prior to building work and then protect any bat interest.	01/10/2009	NYCC, HBC	Underway (on schedule)	HBC (McAndrew, Dan) 01/10/2009 - 25/11/2011	2011 DMCA provided training for Forward Planning and Development Control 2009 IPPU (validation staff) on bats and buildings.	Harrogate

B-A7	Develop and implement effective policy to request surveys in connection with Development Control, in order to minimise the risk of roost loss during development.	01/10/2009	NE, HBC, NYBG, NYCC	Completed	HBC (McAndrew, Dan) 01/10/2009 - 25/11/2011	HBC Planning Department began using local validation criteria for wildlife issues, including when bat surveys are required as part of planning. Extended to householder applications in 2011.	Harrogate
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Plan name: Blanket Bog

Action code	Action text	Start date	Organisations (lead in bold)	Status	Action progress report		
					Name and report date	Progress	Location
BB-A1	Work with landowners/ occupiers of degraded Blanket bog to restore to favourable condition. Offer advice and expertise.	01/10/2009	Natural England, Nidderdale	Not started			
BB-A2	Evaluate examples of this habitat against SINCC criteria to ratify or delete sites.	01/10/2009	NYCC	Not started			
BB-A3	Evaluate status of Harrogate BAP priority species on Blanket bog.	01/10/2009	NEYEDC, HBC	Not started			
BB-A4	Promote moorland management issues to the general public.	01/10/2009	Nidderdale AONB	Not started			

Plan name: Chestnut Click Beetle

Action code	Action text	Start date	Organisations (lead in bold)	Status	Action progress report		
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CCB-A1	Organise and undertake habitat management at Birk Crag, to create and maintain expanses of open, bare, sandy ground, maintained by disturbance, with a sheltered, sunny situation and free draining sandy soil, in consultation with Action for Invertebrates (UK BAP lead for the species)	01/10/2009	HBC	Underway (on schedule)	HBC (McAndrew, Dan) 04/11/2010 - 28/11/2011	HBC Arbor team has undertaken minor tree-felling around the Crag. HBC/HDBAG undertake annual rhododendron clearing day to west of site to prevent encroachment.	Birk Crag
				Underway (on schedule)	HBC (McAndrew, Dan) 01/10/2009 - 04/11/2010	Felling carried out in autumn 2009 by HBC Arbor team, and rhododendron clearing carried out by HDBAG Oct 10. Work has achieved more open habitat for beetle. Future rhododendron removal planned by HDBAG.	Harrogate
CCB-A2	Liaise with local experts and organise a survey at Birk Crag between April & June and report findings.	01/10/2009	HBC	Completed	HBC (McAndrew, Dan) 04/11/2010 - 28/11/2011	Surveys carried out in 2011 in coordination with Buglife. No Chestnut click beetles found,	Birk Craggs
				Completed	HBC (McAndrew, Dan) 01/10/2009 - 04/11/2010	Surveys carried out in May 09 and May 10 working in coordination with Buglife. No Chestnut click beetles found, but other rare beetle found known only from Shetlands. Desire to coordinate future surveys more locally and flexibly so surveys can be carried out on sunny days.	Harrogate

CCB-A3	Liaise with local experts and organise a survey at Ravensgill between April & June.	01/10/2009	HBC	Completed	HBC(McAndrew, Dan) 01/10/2009 - 04/11/2010	Survey carried out in 2008, led by Jim Jobe. No CCBs found. Repeat survey planned for next year to determine if species present.	Harrogate
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Plan name: Fen

Action code	Action text	Start date	Organisations (lead in bold)	Status	Action progress report		
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F-A1	Investigate the potential for Fen creation by the River Tut at Staveley. Liaise with interested parties, offer advice and encourage habitat creation. Seek funding to finance a grant scheme for fen creation and management.	01/10/2009	HBC, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust	Not started			
F-A2	Liaise with SINC owners and encourage the establishment of management plans for SINC sites, including NYCC owned Marton cum Grafton fen SINC.	01/10/2009	NYCC, HBC	Not started			
F-A3	Liaise with SINC owners and give advice on Fen management and grants.	01/10/2009	NYCC	Not started			
F-A4	Advise Mineral Planning Officers and mineral extraction companies on Fen habitat creation and encourage them to deliver new Fen sites.	01/10/2009	NYCC	Not started			
F-A5	Manage Marton cum Grafton SINC (owned by NYCC) for its Fen habitat.	01/10/2009	NYCC	Not started			

Plan name: Flowing Water

Action code	Action text	Start date	Organisations (lead in bold)	Status	Action progress report		
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FW-A1	Check whether this has been done by EA (fisheries section) and if not, identify barriers to fish migration on the Districts rivers and their tributaries.	01/10/2009	Environment Agency	Underway (on schedule)	EA (Chalk, Liz) 01/10/2009 - 25/11/2011	Ripon FAS scheme has included improvements to Alma weir, Ripon to make it easier for fish to pass. The weir height has been reduced as has the bed level upstream of the weir and the work is due for completion in early 2012.	River Skell
FW-A2	Fence sections of riverbank to allow riparian habitats to mature.	01/10/2009	EA, NE	Not started			
FW-A3	Liaise with IBD and landowners so that during ditch clearance, stretches of bankside vegetation (such as common reeds), are untouched, or replaced after clearance.	01/10/2009	FWAG, HBC, NE	Not started			
FW-A4	Create vertical sand banks to allow the development of sand martin colonies. This could be on either a river bank or on the sand banks of a Standing water body. Liaise with the YDRT.	01/10/2009	EA, NYCC	Not started			

Plan name: Garden and Urban Wildspace

Action code	Action text	Start date	Organisations (lead in bold)	Status	Action progress report		
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G-A1	Discourage the use of peat compost by HBC.	01/10/2009	HBC	Completed	HBC (McAndrew, Dan) 01/10/2009 - 25/11/2011	HBC policy is not to use peat in flower beds, however some is used in hanging baskets. This is unlikely to change further to a peat-free situation.	Harrogate
G-A2	Discourage the use of slug pellets on HBC owned land.	01/10/2009	HBC	Not			
G-A3	Work with interested parties to eradicate or contain invasive non-native species.	01/10/2009	HBC, NYCC	Underway (on schedule)	HBC (McAndrew, Dan) 01/10/2009 - 28/11/2011	HDBAG has initiated Wildlife Garden Award scheme. HBC Parks team has initiated biodiversity planting schemes in Valley Gardens.	Harrogate
				Underway	NYCC (Millington, Matt) 01/10/2009 - 01/10/2009	Fisher Green, Ripon is an open space with 'meadow' area adjacent to the River Skell that due to lack of management was overrun with himalyan balsam and snowberry. NYCC has been actively managing the site with Countryside Volunteers to remove these species since 2006, and both have virtually disappeared.	Fisher Green, Ripon
G-A4	Encourage local wildlife projects to be implemented.	01/10/2009	HBC, YWT	Not			
G-A5	Organise toad crossing awareness campaigns during spring migration.	01/10/2009	HBC	Not started			
G-A6	Provide HBC Development Control officers with guidance on encouraging swifts in buildings, to be given out with planning application information.	01/10/2009	HBC	Underway (on schedule)	HBC (McAndrew, Dan) 01/10/2009 - 28/11/2011	Swift boxes being installed at one development site in Harrogate and one at Ripon.	Harrogate
G-A7	Encourage schools to initiate wildlife schemes in school grounds.	01/10/2009	NYCC, HBC	Underway (on schedule)	HBC (McAndrew, Dan) 11/05/2011 - 28/11/2011	HDBAG has been involved with Bug Hotel Schemes at several schools. HBC worked on ponds in school grounds at Trinity in Ripon (2008) and Rossett Primary (2010)	Moorside School, Ripon, Harrogate
				Underway (on schedule)	NYCC (Millington, Matt) 01/10/2009 - 11/05/2011	NYCC Bees project has selected Moorside School, Ripon to act as a flagship school for introducing greated wildlife into their school grounds. MM has given advice on wildflower introduction and amended cutting regimes, and is awaiting confirmation by the school on taking this work forwards in 2011.	Moorside School, Ripon, Harrogate
G-A8	Encourage wildlife management in churchyards.	01/10/2009	YWT, HBC, NYCC	Underway (on schedule)	NYCC (Millington, Matt) 01/10/2009 - 25/11/2011	HDBAG has been involved in a wildlife scheme for St Marks Church, Leeds Road, Harrogate. HBC/NAONB (C. Siator) has been involved with wildlife management schemes at All Saints Church Kirby Hill, St John's Church Sharow, and a church in Pateley Bridge.	Harrogate

G-A9	Encourage the creation of wildlife ponds in gardens.	01/10/2009	HBC, NYCC, YWT	Underway (on schedule)	NYCC (Millington, Matt) 01/10/2009 - 11/05/2011	Harrogate District Biodiversity Action Group (HDBAG) are developing a Wildlife Friendly Garden Award Scheme for the district, to promote the importance of wildlife gardens. they are aiming to role out the scheme in 2011. Ponds are one of the categories being covered	Harrogate
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Plan name: Great Crested Newt

Action code	Action text	Start date	Organisations (lead in bold)	Status	Action progress report		
					Name and report date	Progress	Location
GCN-A1	Organise and run training sessions for surveyors.	01/10/2009	HBC	Not started			
GCN-A2	Survey for great crested newts to locate further sites and re-check old records.	01/10/2009	HBC	Not started			
GCN-A3	Identify appropriate areas for pond habitat creation that would give maximum benefit to consolidating or increasing the range of populations of great crested newt. Encourage landowners and developers to create ponds in these areas, which are fish-free and suitable for great crested newt colonisation.	01/10/2009	Natural England, FWAG, HBC	Not started			
GCN-A4	Review habitat management needs of known great crested newt breeding ponds and surrounding habitat and advise planning officers accordingly. Work with developers to protect this species, set planning conditions, mitigate and check and enforce as	01/10/2009	Harrogate District Council	Not started			
GCN-A5	Work with landowners to restore degraded ponds (including surrounding habitat).	01/10/2009	NE, FWAG, HBC	Underway (on schedule)	HBC (McAndrew, Dan) 01/10/2009 - 28/11/2011	(2011) HBC working with Markington School to restore a village pond.	Harrogate
GCN-A6	Work with landowners to create good quality terrestrial habitat, close to existing known, great crested newt populations.	01/10/2009	NE, FWAG, HBC	Not started			
GCN-A7	Increase protection of sites by running them through the SSSI and SINC designation processes.	01/10/2009	NYCC	Underway (on schedule)	NYCC (Millington, Matt) 01/10/2009 - 28/11/2011	Sandy Bank Wood SINC has a species-rich pond will a high likelihood of GCN. This needs to be clarified by GCN survey, but the site is ratified.	Sandy Bank Wood SINC
GCN-A8	Distribute relevant advice notes, press releases and run events to develop the species as a positive	01/10/2009	HBC	Not started			

Plan name: Hedgerows

Action code	Action text	Start date	Organisations (lead in bold)	Status	Action progress report		
					Name and report date	Progress	Location
H-A1	Ensure there is no loss of ancient hedgerows in accordance with the Hedgerow Regulations 1997.	01/10/2009	HBC	Not started			
H-A2	Advise and promote good practice among landowners and those responsible for maintaining hedgerows. Advise on grants and promote the ESS to farmers to enhance and create new species-rich hedgerow. This should aim to form hedges with a mix of species typical of the best example in the District.	01/10/2009	FWAG, Natural England	Not started			
H-A3	Provide training for farmers, contractors and Local Authority staff in traditional hedge management techniques and sympathetic hedge management. Organise events to promote good hedgerow management.	01/10/2009	FWAG	Not started			
H-A4	Prepare and distribute articles to raise public and landowner awareness of the biological, cultural, archaeological and landscape value of hedges.	01/10/2009	NYCC	Not started			
H-A5	Plant standard trees in new and existing hedges	01/10/2009	NE, FWAG	Not started			

Plan name: Hen Harrier

Action code	Action text	Start date	Organisations (lead in bold)	Status	Action progress report		
					Name and report date	Progress	Location
HH-A1	Raise public awareness of hen harrier conservation through appropriate media opportunities.	01/10/2009	INDIVIDUALS, NAONB	Underway (on schedule)	HBC (McAndrew, Dan) 01/10/2009 - 28/11/2011	RSPB national publicity on hen harriers picked up by local media (2011).	Harrogate
HH-A2	Co-ordinate the annual hen harrier survey and encourage more individuals to submit records.	01/10/2009	INDIVIDUALS	Underway (on schedule)	- INDIVIDUALS - (Irving, Paul) 01/10/2009 - 12/05/2011	Surveys are carried out annually in both the AONB and YDNP in early spring using a mixture of YDUBSG, HDNS, NE volunteers and YDNP/ NE staff (Update given in Nov 2009).	Harrogate
HH-A3	Monitor all hen harrier nesting attempts to determine the outcome of each breeding attempt by initially seeking voluntary breeding access permissions. Depending on the outcome of the above, determine the feasibility of other options (for example 24 hour nest protection).	01/10/2009	INDIVIDUALS	Underway (on schedule)	- INDIVIDUALS - (Irving, Paul) 01/10/2009 - 12/05/2011	Regular monitoring taking place each year, although there has been no breeding in the Dales since 2006 (Just in YDNP) although birds continue to winter and pass through our uplands on passage. Considering current management attitudes in the core area that straddles the boundary of Nidderdale AONB and YDNP it is currently unlikely that birds will be successful again in the near future due to persecution (Nov 2009).	Harrogate

HH-A4	Increase contacts with Police WLOs to ensure any suspicious incidents are fully investigated. Work with police, landowners Recovery Project and RSPB to stop illegal persecution of birds of prey, especially hen harriers	01/10/2009	NE, - INDIVIDUALS -, Nidderdale AONB	Underway (on schedule)	INDIVIDUALS (Irving, Paul) 01/10/2009 - 12/05/2011	Wildlife Crime Officers and the WCO co-ordinator are and continue to be well informed and involved in the situation (Nov 2009)	Harrogate
HH-A5	Ensure that any changes in national policy and/or management are put into practice in the NAONB.	01/10/2009	NE, NAONB, INDIVIDUALS	Not started			

Plan name: Lowland Meadows & Floodplain Grassland

Action code	Action text	Start date	Organisations (lead in bold)	Status	Action progress report		
					Name and report date	Progress	Location
LMFG-A1	Work with landowners to establish ESS agreements and help farmers and landowners with management plans. Encourage farmers to choose HLS options for managing known sites. Send landowners copies of the HAP and contacts for advice.	01/10/2009	Natural England, Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group	Underway (on schedule)	HBC (McAndrew, Dan) 01/10/2009 - 28/11/2011	Ripon Loop (YWT) and Ure Banks (HBC) in HLS. More detail required from NE.	Harrogate
LMFG-A2	Work with landowners to establish ESS agreements to re-create this habitat.	01/10/2009	NE, FWAG	Underway (on schedule)	HBC (McAndrew, Dan) 01/10/2009 - 28/11/2011	YWT have funding bid for creation of 14ha(?) at Staveley. More info required from YWT.	Harrogate
LMFG-A3	Expand the SINC chain of sites. Assess candidate SINC and ratify qualifying ones.	01/10/2009	NYCC	Not started			
LMFG-A4	Organise a full survey for grass snake in the Landscape Character Area 102 (Harrogate District Landscape Assessment, HBC 2004).	01/10/2009	HBC	Not started			
LMFG-A5	Survey and map all the LCA areas highlighted with a view to develop biota hotspots.	01/10/2009	HBC	Not started			
LMFG-A6	Manage Ripon Parks favourably for the small amber snail.	01/10/2009	Defence Estates	Not started			
LMFG-A7	Organise a series of press releases or articles to promote the habitat.	01/10/2009	Defence Estates	Not started			

Plan name: Magnesian Limestone Grassland

Action code	Action text	Start date	Organisations (lead in bold)	Status	Action progress report		
					Name and report date	Progress	Location
MLG-A1	Provide management advice and support to landowners to restore Magnesian limestone grassland sites.	01/10/2009	HBC	Underway (on schedule)	NYCC (Moss, Louise) 28/11/2011 - 28/11/2011	Decoy Fields, Lingerfield SINC has had scrub and Himalayan balsam removed by NYCC Countryside Staff and volunteers since 2010. More work to do on site in 2012.	Decoy Fields, Lingerfield SINC
				Underway (on schedule)	NYCC (Moss, Louise) 05/01/2011 - 28/11/2011	Moor End Meadow SINC visited in 2010 and advice given by LM. Site is being managed well by owners as an unimproved meadow, covering 0.9 ha. Botanical training courses being run for NYCC volunteers on this site	Moor End Meadow SINC

				Underway (on schedule)	NYCC (Millington, Matt) 01/10/2009 - 05/01/2011	NYCC Countryside Service staff and volunteers began work removing Himalayan balsam (July 2010) and scrub (Jan 2011) from Robert Beck Pasture SINC, a 3.6 ha magnesian limestone grassland. To date approx 0.26 ha under restoration. Further work planned for 2011.	Robert Beck Pasture SINC
MLG-A1	Work with interested parties and Ripon City Council to manage Quarry Moor nature reserve, Ripon.	01/10/2009	HBC, NYCC	Not started			
MLG-A2	Liaise with appropriate landowners and other organisations and initiate a grazing project.	01/10/2009	HBC	Not started			
MLG-A3	Run Quarry Moor nature reserve as a public site.	01/10/2009	HBC	Not started			
MLG-A4	Work with Highways Authority to manage key road verges for wildlife.	01/10/2009	NYCC	Not started			
MLG-A5	Assess candidate SINC's and ratify qualifying ones.	01/10/2009	NYCC	Completed	NYCC (Moss, Louise) 01/10/2009 - 28/11/2011	Moor End Meadow surveyed in 2010, qualified for SINC status. Site is being managed as an unimproved meadow by the owners (0.9 ha).	Moor End Meadow SINC

Plan name: Moorland Edge

Action code	Action text	Start date	Organisations (lead in bold)	Status	Action progress report		
					Name and report date	Progress	Location
ME-A1	Collate data sources as to definition of Moorland edge, agree definition and produce map of extent and condition as at an agreed base year.	01/10/2009	HBC, NEYEDC	Not started			
ME-A2	Promote full compliance with EIA regulations for uncultivated land and semi natural areas.	01/10/2009	NE, Nidderdale AONB	Not started			
ME-A3	Work with farmers to prepare FEPs and to enter into ESS agreements, including the provision of small areas of wildlife friendly arable habitat.	01/10/2009	FWAG, NE, Nidderdale AONB	Not started			
ME-A4	Promote best practice grassland management for ground nesting birds.	01/10/2009	NE, FWAG, NAONB	Not started			
ME-A5	Raise awareness amongst all sectors of the rural economy of the value of the Moorland edge to wildlife and the local economy.	01/10/2009	Nidderdale AONB	Not started			
ME-A6	Arrange training days for farmers and support farmers in applying for the ESS and using set-aside to achieve environmental benefit.	01/10/2009	FWAG	Completed	FWAG (Lyth, Phil) 01/10/2009 - 28/11/2011	FWAG and the AONB team held 2 upland waders habitat training days.	Harrogate
ME-A7	Evaluate status of Harrogate BAP species on this habitat.	01/10/2009	HBC, NEYEDC	Not started			

Plan name: Otter

Action code	Action text	Start date	Organisations (lead in bold)	Status	Action progress report		
					Name and report date	Progress	Location
O-A1	Liaise with and advice Highways Agency, NYCC and HBC planning officers, on otter issues including mitigation for planning approvals for both developments and road schemes.	01/10/2009	Yorkshire Wildlife Trust	Not started			
O-A2	Survey the otter population to determine baseline information on otter activity and habitat suitable for breeding.	01/10/2009	Yorkshire Wildlife Trust	Underway (on schedule)	Nidderdale AONB (Slator, Colin) 01/10/2009 - 05/11/2011	Healthy otter population at YWT Staveley Nature Reserve.	Staveley Nature Reserve
O-A3	Facilitate the creation of artificial otter holts	01/10/2009	NE	Underway (on schedule)	HBC (McAndrew, Dan) 01/10/2009 - 28/11/2011	MOD holt created at Laver Banks (2007), EA holt created at Westwick on Newby Estate.	Laver Banks
O-A4	Raise awareness and provide information on otter requirements, with planning officers, riparian landowners, farmers, developers and angling clubs.	01/10/2009	Yorkshire Wildlife Trust	Not started			
O-A5	Raise awareness of otters with appropriate engineering concerns, such as highways and bridge engineers, eg: through the journal of the Institute of Civil Engineering.	01/10/2009	Yorkshire Wildlife Trust	Not started			
O-A6	Identify actual and potential otter accident blackspots for road deaths.	01/10/2009	Yorkshire Wildlife Trust	Not started			
O-A7	Work in partnership with appropriate organisations, to facilitate the introduction of engineering solutions to otter accident black-spots on roads.	01/10/2009	Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, NYCC	Not started			
O-A8	Co-ordinate the sending of all found otter carcasses for post mortem and analysis.	01/10/2009	Yorkshire Wildlife Trust	Not started			
O-A9	Promote the use of carefully sited, cage (live) traps for American mink to the Gamekeepers Association, Country Land and Business Association and landowners, to minimise the risk of otters being caught in traps.	01/10/2009	Yorkshire Wildlife Trust	Not started			

Plan name: Reedbed

Action code	Action text	Start date	Organisations (lead in bold)	Status	Action progress report		
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R-A1	Promote reedbed creation as part of SUDS.	01/10/2009	HBC, NYCC	Not started			
R-A2	Include reedbed creation in mineral afteruse plans, conditioned as part of mineral planning approvals.	31/12/2014	NYCC	Completed	NYCC (Casterton, Julia) 31/12/2009 - 25/11/2011	Aggregate Industries have created 11 ha reedbed at Ripon City Quarry. Total area to be created is 20 ha (2011)	Ripon City Quarry, Harrogate
R-A3	Work with landowners to investigate projects to create reedbeds on lake margins.	01/10/2009	Natural England	Not started			

R-A4	Advise the appropriate organisations regarding reedbed creation as part of road improvement schemes, such as widening of A1.	01/10/2009	NYCC	Not started		
R-A5	Work with the IDB to promote ditch maintenance that does not eradicate existing patches of common reed.	01/10/2009	HBC, NYCC	Not started		
R-A6	Liaise with LUCT to share experiences of reedbed creation techniques.	01/10/2009	NYCC	Not started		

Plan name: Standing Water

Action code	Action text	Start date	Organisations (lead in bold)	Status	Action progress report		
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SW-A01	Encourage the creation of ponds in development proposals, including housebuilding schemes.	01/10/2009	HBC, NYCC	Not started			
SW-A02	Promote creation and management of water bodies through ESS agreements, especially new ponds adjacent to drying up ones, which should be left.	01/10/2009	NE, FWAG	Not started			
SW-A03	Encourage the creation of garden ponds and school ponds for wildlife.	01/10/2009	HBC, NYCC	Underway (on schedule)	HBC (McAndrew, Dan) 01/10/2009 - 25/11/2011	Pond created at Rossett School with support from HBC.	Rossett School, Harrogate
SW-A04	Give advice to mineral extraction planning process and seek the creation of wetland habitats focused on high quality bodies nature conservation.	01/10/2009	NYCC	Not started			
SW-A05	Promote 'fish free' ponds and associated wildlife by using flagship species, to the public and businesses.	01/10/2009	HBC, NYCC	Not started			
SW-A06	Provide a specification sheet for the minerals industry for sand martin conservation work	01/10/2009	NYCC	Not started			
SW-A07	Prepare a fact sheet on garden ponds for house builders and architects to use.	01/10/2009	NYCC, HBC	Not started			
SW-A08	Target garden centres to raise awareness of the issues related to invasive species in the wild.	01/10/2009	HBC, NYCC	Not started			
SW-A09	Liaise with conservation organisations to establish an inventory of water bodies, their status and wildlife interest, including the status of invasive species.	01/10/2009	NEYEDC, EA, HBC, NYCC, YWT	Not started			
SW-A10	Work with the YNU and other interested parties to survey wetland sites for invertebrates.	01/10/2009	NEYEDC, HBC	Underway (on schedule)	HBC(McAndrew, Dan) 28/11/2011 - 28/11/2011	PYSM survey undertaken at Rosset LNR (2011).	Rossett Nature Reserve

				Underway (on schedule)	NYCC (Moss, Louise) 01/10/2009 - 28/11/2011	(2011) Spring-fed pond in Sandy Bank Wood surveyed by M. Hammond for invertebrates. 19 taxa were recorded, consisting of mainly common species; a few are indicative of spring-fed pools, e.g. Freshwater Shrimp and the diving beetle <i>Agabus guttatus</i> and <i>Hydroporus discretus</i> . Frogs, toads, smooth and palmate newts present, and a potential for GCN.	Sandy Bank Wood SINC
SW-A11	Run candidate SINC sites through the SINC system.	01/10/2009	NYCC	Not started			
SW-A12	Set up programmes to investigate the control of invasive species at key sites, identifying sites and partners.	01/10/2009	NYCC, EA	Underway (on schedule)	HBC (McAndrew, Dan) 01/10/2009 - 28/11/2011	Crassula control taking place at at Rossett LNR.	Rossett Nature Reserve
SW-A13	Encourage buffer zones to be created around ponds, e.g. through the ESS.	01/10/2009	NE, FWAG	Not started			

Plan name: Thistle Broomrape

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TB-A1	Re-survey all known sites in the District, record existing management conditions and prepare a report.	01/10/2009	HBC	Not started			
TB-A2	Manage the appropriate areas of sites controlled by HBC or YWT, such as Quarry Moor LNR, Ure Banks and the Loop favourably for this species.	01/10/2009	HBC, YWT	Completed	HBC (McAndrew, Dan) 01/10/2009 - 28/11/2011	Ure Banks and Ripon Loop in HLS, including options for managing Thistle Broomrape. The species is also recognised in the management plan of Quarry Moor LNR.	Quarry Moor
TB-A3	Liase with landowners to encourage good management for thistle broomrape, investigate the availability of Environmental Stewardship to encourage this.	01/10/2009	Natural England	Not started			
TB-A4	Prepare an article and distribute to landowners and the public, encouraging reporting of the species at new	01/10/2009	HBC	Not started			
TB-A4	Protect thistle broomrape during quarrying operations and seek opportunitites to create favourable habitat restoration for thistle broomrape for gravel extraction close to existing populations. (Ripon Quarry and Ripon City Quarry).	01/10/2009	NYCC	Not started			

Plan name: Upland Calcareous Grassland and Calaminarian Grassland

Action code	Action text	Start date	Organisations (lead in bold)	Status	Action progress report		
					Name and report date	Progress	Location
UCG-A1	Identify landowners, advise and assist with ESS applications and offer management advice. Promote the BAP importance of the habitat.	01/10/2009	Nidderdale AONB	Not started			
UCG-A2	Commission M Hammond to work with Greenhow residents to produce a report on the ecology of the habitat in the NAONB.	01/10/2009	HBC	Not started			

Plan name: Upland Heathland

Action code	Action text	Start date	Organisations (lead in bold)	Status	Action progress report		
					Name and report date	Progress	Location
UH-A1	Work with landowners /occupiers to assess current areas of Upland heathland and agree management prescriptions.	01/10/2009	NE, NAONB	Not started			
UH-A2	Run potential SINC sites through the SINC survey programme.	01/10/2009	NYCC	Not started			
UH-A3	Establish extent and condition of Upland heathland in Harrogate District.	01/10/2009	NAONB, NEYEDC	Not started			
UH-A4	Evaluate status of Harrogate BAP priority species on Upland heathland	01/10/2009	NAONB, NEYEDC	Not started			
UH-A5	Advise landowners /occupiers of grants and current research.	01/10/2009	NE, NAONB, INDIVIDUALS, FWAG	Not started			
UH-A6	YDUBSG to work with police, landowners and RSPB to stop illegal persecution of birds of prey.	01/10/2009	INDIVIDUALS, NAONB, NE	Not started			

Plan name: Water Vole

Action code	Action text	Start date	Organisations (lead in bold)	Status	Action progress report		
					Name and report date	Progress	Location
WV-A1	Provide advice to planners to ensure water voles are given consideration in all relevant developments. Liaise with relevant professionals to ensure water voles are not destroyed or disturbed as part of pest control programmes.	01/10/2009	HBC, YWT	Not started			
WV-A2	In reviewing ESS targets ensure they identify key habitats for water voles and include incentives for wetland habitat enhancement.	01/10/2009	NE	Not started			

WV-A3	For sites with viable water vole colonies, work with landowners to agree management plans to protect sites and undertake enhancement work along 2km of adjacent watercourse, to allow population expansion.	01/10/2009	Yorkshire Wildlife Trust	Not started			
WV-A4	Promote best practice in water vole conservation by disseminating information packs and giving advice on ESS, to land managers, IDBs and developers.	01/10/2009	Yorkshire Wildlife Trust	Not started			
WV-A5	Identify areas where American mink are present and where water vole populations are threatened by their presence, and work with EA and landowners and relevant agencies to trap American mink.	01/10/2009	Yorkshire Wildlife Trust	Not started			
WV-A6	Carry out survey work to determine population status of water vole. Monitor existing sites.	01/10/2009	YWT, EA	Not started			
WV-A7	Promote water vole conservation to the public.	01/10/2009	YWT, EA	Not			

Plan name: Wood Pasture, Parkland (& Veteran Trees)

Action code	Action text	Start date	Organisations (lead in bold)	Status	Action progress report		
					Name and report date	Progress	Location
LWP-A1	Establish ownership, offer management advice and subject to landowner permission undertake condition surveys of parkland.	01/10/2009	NYCC	Not started			
LWP-A10	Develop specific SINC guidelines, survey potential SINC sites where possible and ratify those that qualify.	01/10/2009	NYCC	Not started			
LWP-A2	Organise and undertake surveys of parkland sites for dead wood invertebrates, with landowners and YNU.	01/10/2009	HBC	Not started			
LWP-A3	Organise and undertake surveys of parkland sites for fungi of veteran trees and associated pasture with landowners and YNU.	01/10/2009	HBC	Not started			
LWP-A4	Publish information promoting parkland and celebrating veteran trees.	01/10/2009	NYCC	Completed	NYCC (Millington, Matt) 01/10/2009 - 09/11/2009	An article promoting the value of veteran trees was included in March 09 edition of NY Times, encouraging public involvement in surveying as well.	Harrogate
LWP-A5	Organise and undertake a survey for veteran trees in a number of parishes, set up a database.	01/10/2009	Nidderdale AONB, NYCC	Underway (on schedule)	NYCC (Millington, Matt) 09/11/2009 - 22/11/2011	MoD conducted a veteran tree survey of Ripon Parks SSSI in 2006. Of the 308 trees surveyed 75 were veteran or ancient.	Ripon Parks (SSSI/ASSI)
				Underway (on schedule)	NYCC (Millington, Matt) 01/10/2009 - 09/11/2009	A veteran tree survey training event was held at Ripley Park in September 09, which trained up members of the public to record trees. These surveyors can be used for future survey efforts and supporting the existing Nidderdale Tree Warden Scheme.	Harrogate

LWP-A6	Prepare and disseminate guidance on renovation of parkland.	01/10/2009	Yorkshire Gardens Trust	Not started		
LWP-A7	Liaise with YNU to undertake a survey for the lichen <i>Basidia incompta</i> at Fountains Abbey to establish if it is still present.	01/10/2009	HBC	Not started		
LWP-A8	Liaise with appropriate groups to survey for stag beetle, to establish current status.	01/10/2009	HBC	Not started		
LWP-A9	Liaise with the NT and wildlife groups to re-survey veteran trees on the Fountains estate.	01/10/2009	HBC	Not started		

Plan name: Woodland

Action code	Action text	Start date	Organisations (lead in bold)	Status	Action progress report		
					Name and report date	Progress	Location
W-A1	Identify woodland (of all types) where advice may be offered to owners, and improvements made. Facilitate the management of existing woods, including stock proofing and controlling non-native species, using the EWGS and other incentives. Encourage woodland owners to join the United Kingdom Woodland Assurance Scheme (UKWAS).	01/10/2009	Yorwoods, Forestry Commission England	Not started			
W-A2	Identify suitable areas and facilitate halo-thinning or the planting and/or seeding of semi-natural woodland using species of local provenance.	01/10/2009	Yorwoods, FC	Underway (on schedule)	HBC (McAndrew, Dan) 01/10/2009 - 28/11/2011	HBC with Bilton Conservation Group carried out tree planting in Bilton Fields with more work planned.	Harrogate
W-A3	Survey the woodland resource possibly involving members of the public. Monitor existing and known ASNW to ensure integrity.	01/10/2009	HBC	Not started			
W-A4	Woods on the AWI to be surveyed and tested for SINC status (excepting SSSIs), which will help with their protection through planning.	01/10/2009	NYCC	Underway (on schedule)	NYCC (Moss, Louise) 01/10/2009 - 28/11/2011	Sandy Bank Wood SINC surveyed in 2011, now has full NVC range identified.	Sandy Bank Wood SINC
W-A6	Restore PAWS to native woodland.	01/10/2009	FC	Not started			