

Mendip Hills AONB Partnership Delivery Plan 2011/12 (updated Jan 2012)

Objective(s)	Action(s)	Task	Lead body	Partners	Targets	Timescale	On track?
L2 , A1, B1, H1	LA2.4, LA4.1, BA1.3, BA2.1, BA3.3	Develop Black Down and Burrington Ham Access Management and Interpretation project	AONB Unit	NE, EH, AONB, Sir David Wills	Resubmit Stage 1 bid for Dec decision. Bid has been revised to seek funding for Activities and interpretation plans	Sept 2011	HLF Stage 1 pass approved Dec 2011 Jan 2012 Tenders sent out for Development Stage work
		ii) Develop and submit Phase 2 bid to HLF	AONB Unit	NE, EH, LA R.O.W, Sir David Wills, BC	Commission consultants Submit bid to HLF	Dec 2011 June 2012	March 2012 August 2012
		iv) Administer/attend Black Down Advisory Group	AONB Unit	NE, EH, LA R.O.W, Sir David Wills, BC	Hold meetings as required	March 2012	Met in Nov and due to meet in Feb/March
B1 and F1	BA1.2	Delivery of Avon and Somerset Wildlife Trusts Living Landscapes Projects	AWT and SWT	NE	SWT: Aim for completion of survey work 2 pilots completed for widescale enhancement of biodiversity trials Connectivity analyses underway	March 2012	5 bids submitted for funding by SWT to continue work beyond 2012. One rejected to date. Pilots- 4 fields sown on 3 farms trialing seed mix. Monitoring trials. Seamless data sets in place to provide tools for trials.

					<p>Provision of advice to farmers ongoing. ELS and HLS agreements secured.</p> <p>AWT -Completion of survey work</p> <p>Connectivity analysis</p> <p>Connectivity restoration project</p> <p>Landowner advisory service provided</p> <p>Events & education Programme</p>		<p>Working with Forest Research and SCC Ecologist.</p> <p>HLS agreements in pipeline – delay due to NE cuts.</p> <p>124ha surveyed underway</p> <p>Connectivity restoration project established</p> <p>On track</p> <p>In progress</p>
P3	PA3.1	Develop and run Young Ranger programme year 2	AONB Unit		<p>Completion of programme with high satisfaction level</p> <p>John Muir Explorer certificate awarded to 15 Young Rangers</p>	July 2011	<p>Young Ranger final camp held and AONB and John Muir certificates awarded</p>

	PA3.1	Seek funding for Young Ranger scheme Submit Young roots application to HLF	AONB Unit Goblin Combe/ AONB Unit		Secure longer term funding for scheme Seek 18 month funding for part time coordinator post and costs of extended scheme	March 2012 April 2011	Seeking to set up AONB Trust to apply for funding Withdrawn from bid due to N.Som withdrawal of funding and high cost of bid
	PA3.1	Recruit intake spring/summer term to start new Young Ranger programme			15 start programme 50% of scheme run by partners	Sept 2011	15 Young Rangers recruited. Programme Sept-Dec completed
	PA3.1	Run programme for Advanced Young Rangers			Run 8 sessions	March 2012	Yes
P1	PA1.1	Continue to develop Volunteer Rangers	AONB Unit	Volunteers	Recruit additional 4 to reach target of 20 Joint training session with NT/SWT	On going Spring/summer 2012	978 vol hrs (March-Dec) April 2012
	PA2.1	Support new joint AONB volunteer coordinator post to run volunteer practical tasks	AONB Unit	Quantock AONB, NT, SWT,AWT, and volunteers	Run variety of practical tasks for volunteers – 18 tasks for max 10 people	March 2012	326 vol hours from (March – Dec)

	PA1.1 & PA2.1	Explore other volunteering opportunities with partners to assist delivery of Management Plan	AONB Unit	Goblin Combe, parish councils			New Deal – 1 week task delivered in June. Recruited vol project assistant in September 2011
A1	AA1.3	Visitor monitoring recording	AONB Unit	Volunteers	Data gathered on regular basis	On going	On hold this year due to lack of staff time
L1	LA3.1	Fixed post photography	AONB Unit	Volunteers	4 images per year taken at each location	On going	Volunteer Project Assistant being trained.
Management Plan	PA2.1	Deliver Sustainable Development Fund	AONB Unit	SDF Panel	£37000 allocated	March 2012	£13684 allocated to 4 projects (1 project withdrew) Funding allocated to village entry signs
L4	LA4.1	40 th anniversary of Mendip Hills AONB designation – branded event	AONB Unit	Partnership	Event branded as 40 th anniversary – publicity obtained	March 2012	Now proposed to take place in May 2012
		Launch of EH Mendip Hills publication	EH AONB Unit	Partnership	Publication publicised and 70% sold	Jan 2012	EH still work in progress
		Develop AONB gateway branding/ outlets	AONB Unit	Wells and Mendip Museum/SWT	Gateways established, branding in use	March 2012	5 Gateway signs to be installed February

		Promotion and distribution of Wild Walks publication	AONB Unit		500 copies sold	March 2012	286 sold
		Manage AONB Web site	AONB Unit	All partners	Regularly updated informative web site	On going	Yes
		Monthly article in Mendip Times	AONB Unit		12 articles produced	March 2012	11 articles written
		Regular press releases	AONB Unit		Min of 20 produced	March 2012	16 sent
		Monthly email updates	AONB Unit		12 emails sent	March 2012	9 sent and one new Newsletter (Jan) that now replaces email update
		Attendance at events	AONB Unit	Volunteers	3 events attended with good response	Sept 2011	CLIC24 N.Som show N.Som countryside education day Sladers Leigh launch
D1/D2/D3		Planning –Applications, monitoring/data Strategic/core consultation National Grid	AONB Unit	various	Responses made to planning applications and consultation documents Attending NGs Landscape & Views Thematic Group meetings	On going	Yes – report on web site Yes – three meetings to be attended by end Feb 2012

					Actively responding to emerging issue of 'Fracking'		Information on website
A2	AA2.4	1SW Cycling project phase 1 mapping and surveying	SWPLF	AONB Unit, LA ROW teams	Suitable cycle routes mapped	March 2012	Launched 19 th Aug 2011 Web based information now accessible and being updated on regular basis
L4	LA4.1	Sponsor ship of Somerset Hedge Group photographic competition and assist with judging	Somerset Hedge Group	Young Rangers	Young Rangers involved	Oct 2011	Calendar available- used photos from last year competition
H2	HA2.3	Festival of Archaeology July 16 th -31st	Wells Museum/S WT	AONB Unit Various	Wide variety of events and good geographical spread	Aug 2011	Leaflet produced and events well attended – report produced.
B3	BA3.4	Mendip Rocks programme	Wells Museum/S WT	AONB Unit+ 10 partners	6 sets earth cache interpretive materials ready Podcasts for 2 sites Walks talks and trails	Sept 2011	Aug- Oct events ran – report produced Somerset Earth Science Centre approached to run 2012/13 events
M2	MA2.2	Hold 3 meetings	AONB Unit	Partnership	3 meetings held and well attended	March 2012	June 30 th Sept 28th

		Hold Annual Forum	AONB Unit	All	Well attended Forum that reviews progress and discusses future priorities	Dec 2011	Nov 10 th Benefits of well managed landscape held – well attended
	MA2.2	Produce Annual review 2010/11	AONB Unit	All	Annual review produced and promoted by all partners	May 2011	Completed
M3	MA3.1	Agree new funding agreement	NE, Defra, LA partners	N/A	New agreement signed	March 2012	Statement of intent agreed and signed by 3 funding partners. SDC yet to sign
	MA3.2	Review and agree the Business Plan 2011/12	Partnership		Agree Business Plan 2011/12 Deliver targets identified	March 2011 See business plan	Completed March Draft 2012/13 Business Plan drafted
	MA3.2	Consider options and agree new Partnership funding model	Partnership		Futures Working Group established to advise Partnership	Nov 2011	Setting up of Trust underway

KEY: AWT Avon Wildlife Trust, BC Burrington Conservators, EH English Heritage, LA Local authority, NE Natural England, NT National Trust, SWT Somerset Wildlife Trust