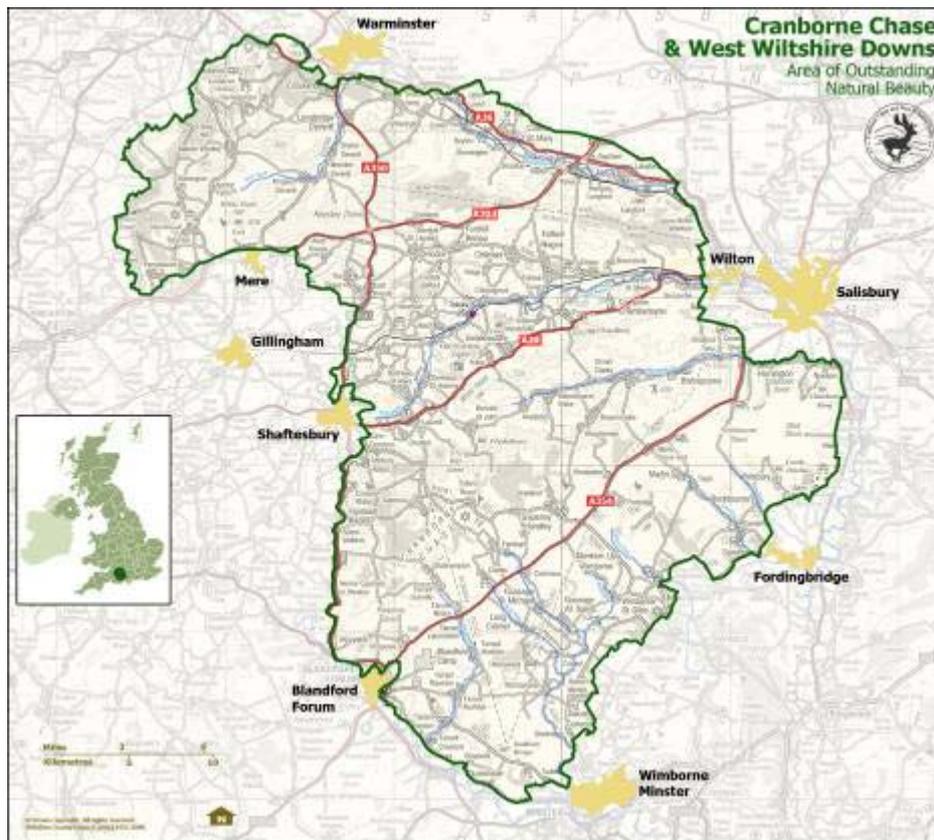


Appendix 1

Annual Report 2012/13 (First draft and text only version. Report still in preparation)

Cranborne Chase and West Wiltshire Downs

The Cranborne Chase and West Wiltshire Downs AONB stretches from Wimborne in the south east to Warminster in the north, covering an area of 981 sq. kms (379 sq. miles). It extends across the rolling plateau of Cranborne Chase to the steep chalk escarpments which lead down into the lush valleys of the River Nadder and the Vale of Wardour, then runs up again onto the chalk of the West Wiltshire Downs, until the Wylde Valley forms the northern boundary.



The AONB is a deeply rural area with scattered villages and narrow roads. The AONB comprises all or part of 104 parishes and has a resident population of approximately 33,000.

Visit the AONB website to find out more www.cwwdaonb.org.uk

AONB team and Structure

2012-13 the AONB team has one new project staff member joining us in the office and the compliment is now as follows:

Linda Nunn	FT	AONB Director
David Blake	FT	Project Officer
Richard Burden	PT	Landscape and Planning Officer
Anne Carney	PT	Funding & Partnerships Officer

Nicky Matthews PT Communications Officer
 Shirley Merrick PT Support Officer
 Jo Taylor PT Support Officer
 Harry Bell 2 days a week, contracted to undertake GIS work

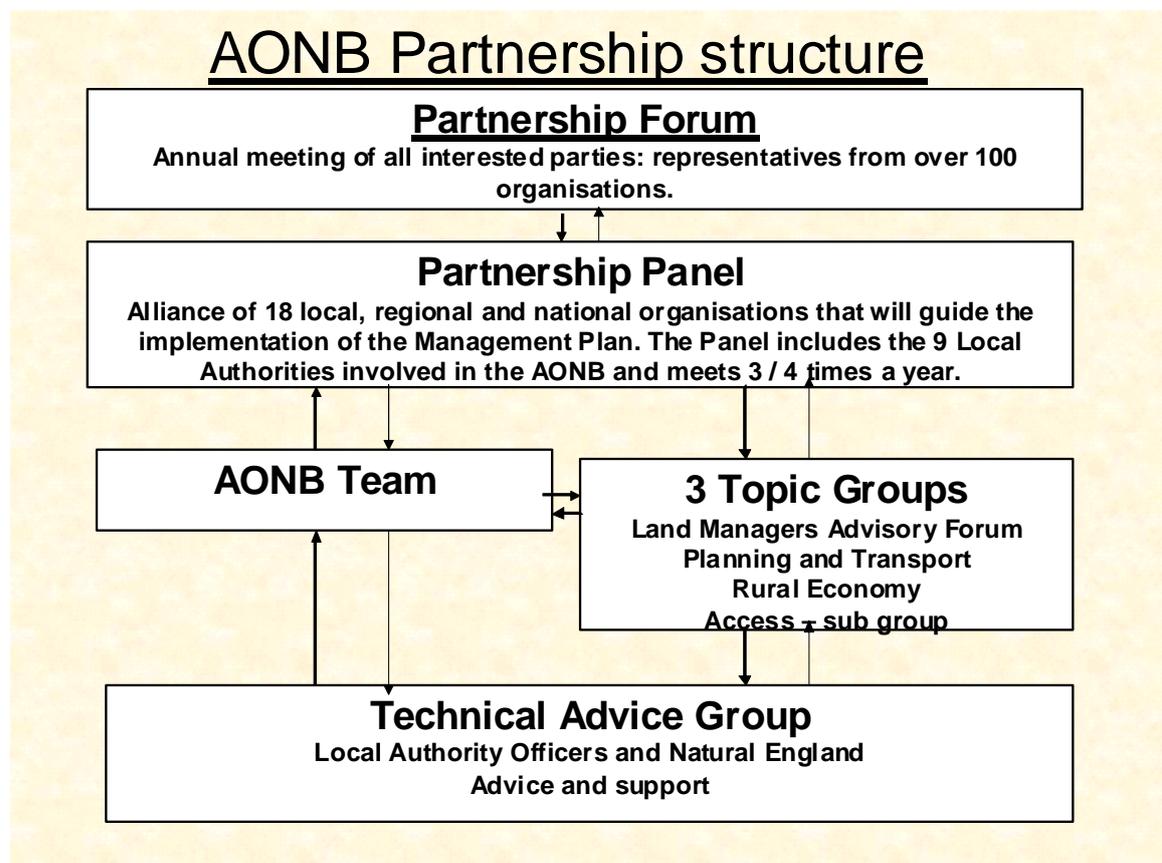
Externally funded project staff:

Tracy Adams FT Farmland Birds Project (funded by NE & Wessex Water)

Deb Beeson FT Sustainable Rural Tourism (funded by Sowing SEEDs)

Deb Beeson, our new Sustainable Rural Tourism Officer recently joined the team and her role is to coordinate an exciting new initiative to promote sustainable tourism within the Nadder Valley Area (which encompasses all villages below the A303 and above the A30). Deb is very keen to work with any visitor related business across the Valley that would benefit from increased rural tourism. The Nadder Valley forms part of Cranborne Chase and West Wiltshire Down AONB which is one of the country's finest landscapes. It is a unique and beautiful chalk downland landscape rich in history and wildlife. It is traversed by diverse verdant green chalk valleys along which are dotted traditional stone buildings and pretty thatched villages. A wealth of local attractions and businesses offer a variety of wonderful places to eat, visit and stay. The project which is funded through the Sowing SEEDs grant programme, focuses on the Nadder Valley area initially.

The AONB Partnership



The Partnership Panel has an independent Chair person and acts as the governing body for the AONB Team, meeting three times a year. It guides the implementation of the Management Plan and oversees the specialist Topic Groups that work on the annual Delivery Plan.

A Steering Group provides advice and support to the AONB Team, whose task it is to ensure targets in the Management Plan are met.

Once each year we hold an open forum that brings together the widest range of interested people to discuss and debate topical issues.

Representation on the AONB Partnership Panel 2012- 13

- Chairman: Mr James Stanford, OBE.

One/Two Members and/or one Officer from the nine Local Authorities:

- Wiltshire Council
- Dorset County Council
- Hampshire County Council
- Somerset County Council
- East Dorset District Council
- North Dorset District Council
- New Forest District Council
- Mendip District Council
- South Somerset District Council

One representative from those organisations with a specialist, regional or national interest in the AONB:

- Natural England
- Campaign to Protect Rural England
- Forestry Commission
- Environment Agency

Those organisations with a local or community interest in the AONB:

- The Country Land and Business Association (1 representative)
- National Farmers Union (2 representatives)
- Community representatives from the Wiltshire and Dorset areas of the AONB (2 representatives)

Michael Mounde was elected to the Board of the National Association of AONB's. Michael is Vice Chairman of our AONB Partnership and has long been an enthusiastic supporter of our work.

Every year a team member from this AONB attends the National Association Conference. It is a great opportunity to meet fellow colleagues as well as see practical examples of other work being undertaken. The theme for this year's conference was Shaping Nature on a Landscape Scale, held at York University. The highlights from day one included hearing from Sir John Lawton, author of Making Space for Nature, which led to the competition for funding of the Nature Improvement Areas, and William Worsley, local landowner and former President of the Country Landowners and Business Association.

On the second day there was a trip to Castle Howard, a stately home and estate in the Howardian Hills which has been in the same ownership since it was built in 1699. Another highlight was meeting the gamekeepers to learn about their work to restore the wild grey partridge population (see <http://farmlandbirdseyeview.blogspot.co.uk> for details).

Sustainable Development Fund (SDF)

During the financial year 2012-13, the SDF awarded £7,540 to 7 projects -

Wimborne St Giles Ploughing Match	£500.00
Wiltshire Wildlife Trust	£1,445.34
Codford History Society	£2,000.00
The Kingfisher Awards	£500.00
Wyle Parochial Church Council	£500.00
Ancient Tree Project	£2,000
Coombe Bisset Parish Council	£594.66

Local Action Fund (LAF)

The LAF is comprised of contributions from the Local Authority Partners of the AONB and this year amounted to £2,029.06. This is the final year for LAF and even though it is a comparatively small sum, it is highly effective. The fund is open to any community projects that have the support of the Parish Council or other widely supported community group.

In 2012-13 there were five grants awarded:

1. Pens Selwood Parish Council – Restoration of characteristic iron railing overlooking The Coombe.
2. Sixpenny Handley Bowls Club –Purchase and erection of facilities for players and visitors
3. Sixpenny Handley Community Fund – Assistance for the funding of Diamond Jubilee events.
4. Donheads Jubilee Oak Tree Fund – Purchase, Planting and protection for registered Royal Oak tree to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee
5. Longbridge Deverill Parish Council – Manufacture and erection of notice board

Annual Forum – 27th June 2012

The Team updated attendees on their work and there was a presentation by Wiltshire Councillor Toby Sturgis. Keynote address:” The State of the Environment in Wiltshire”

Afternoon Workshops: -

- A sense of place
- Traffic in villages
- GIS demonstration

Topic Groups

Planning and Transportation

The University of Winchester approached the team regarding a bid they were preparing to undertake research into local people’s perceptions of tranquillity, in order to gain a finer grain ‘definition’ of tranquillity. The intention is that the results would enable better policy making at a local level. They wished to work with a Protected Area partner and our staff time, barring update meetings and sharing data sets, was not judged to be high and the research results could have proved useful. However, their time scale finally resulted in the research funding bid being postponed until September this year. We may, or may not, continue to be involved in this research project.

Richard, Harry and Anne visited Exmoor National Park to exchange information on respective initiatives. Exmoor Officers were keen to learn much more on our tranquillity work and this AONB was keen to learn about the process they went through to achieve the **Dark Night Sky Reserve** status earlier in the year. Anne also travelled to learn of their sustainable tourism initiatives, with the latter two subject areas being inter-linked.

<http://www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk/environment/landscape/dark-skies>

‘A Guide to Conserving and Enhancing the Setting of the Rural Road Network’ endeavoured to take forward, on a broader front, the innovative ‘Reclaiming our Rural Highways’ and the ‘Rural Roads Protocol’ of Dorset and Dorset AONB. It is clear that many people see, appreciate, and experience the landscapes of AONBs from the roads and hence the condition and character of the immediate landscape to the highways is a very important aspect of the public perception of the character and qualities of the AONB.

We commissioned Paul Tiplady to provide some guidance on the management of the highway corridors of the AONB and he incorporated the contributions from the then highways members of the Planning and Transportation Topic Group from Dorset and Wiltshire. The draft Guidance was also the focus of the 2012 Planning & Transportation Seminar early in the year. Whilst workshops and discussions on the document were fruitful and changes made to the then draft.

Silton Wind Turbine Inquiry

The second part of the Inquiry into the appeal against the refusal of four 120m high wind turbines by North Dorset District Council spanned 7 days in September. The appellant, Ecotricity, put considerable emphasis on previous appeal decisions and High Court deliberations relating to rather different countryside and landscape situations. NDDC, Save our Silton, and this AONB focussed on the poorness of the site in wind terms, the scale of the proposals in relation to the character and qualities of the local and AONB landscapes, the impacts on the cultural heritage and historic environment, the impacts on local residents, and the unacceptable changes to the wide ranging and extensive unspoilt views.

As an example of the issue of scale, Alfred’s Tower, at 40m, is the highest structure for many miles around and each turbine would be three times higher. Modern houses are in the order of 8 – 9m tall whilst mature trees and church towers / spires are about 20m. The Appeal was turned down.

Wessex Water Pipeline

Wessex Water provided a presentation on their proposed pipelines through the AONB at the last Partnership Panel meeting. Consultation has continued, however there seems to be a lack of appreciation within the WW team of the disruption that closing Spread Eagle Hill for 3 – 4 weeks to install the pipeline in the road is likely to cause. Not only is there the loss to the tranquillity of the routes onto which traffic is diverted but there is also the very real risk of significant environmental damage to single lane routes.

It is not essential to dig up the road for the pipeline as there is a route in improved grassland beside the road that would reduce the traffic disruption to a straightforward crossing of the road. In addition to the disruption of the construction processes to significant parts of the AONB during the actual installation over a number of years there will also be the time taken for the scars to the landscape to heal.

It is suggested that these extended and residual impacts on the AONB should be compensated for by Wessex Water supporting a project to conserve and enhance the AONB through both the construction and re-establishment periods.

National Planning Policy Framework

This came into force on 27th March and swept away most of the established planning guidance. A little appreciated section relates to existing policies carrying weight for a further 12 months. This clearly puts pressure on the LPAs to have what were previously known as Core Strategies adopted as Local Plans by the end of March 2013. There is, therefore, considerable effort being expended to achieve that target and with the AONB spanning 9 LPAs there is consequent pressure on the AONB team both to respond to consultations and to provide policy proposals that support the ‘conserving and enhancing natural beauty’ purpose of AONB designation. Referring to the NPPF in development management consultations and appeal situations [such as the Silton Inquiry] have indicated that more, and more detailed, policies are required in the new style Local Plans than the previous Core Strategies envisaged. Liaison with other protected landscapes [National Parks and AONBs] via occasional regional meetings has helped with drafting potential policies relating to specific AONB matters.

Core Strategies

The lack of specific policies dealing with the ways in which various planning matters would be dealt with differently in the AONB from areas of undesignated countryside has been a consistent issue in consultation responses to Core Strategies. The coming of the NPPF and its 12 month deadline has accelerated the adoption of Core Strategies / Local Plans as well as adding requirements for specific policies.

In particular, paragraph 14 of NPPF [footnote 9] refers specifically to policies for AONBs [and other designations] restricting development, paragraph 58 requires policies about good design, sense of place, and local character, whilst paragraph 113 focuses on criteria based policies for protected areas. To assist our constituent LPA forward planning teams, some draft policies referred to above, have been circulated.

This team, together with North Wessex Downs and Cotswolds AONBs, has been endeavouring to meet relevant colleagues in the strategic planning team to help ensure the Core Strategy / Local Plan covers AONB issues adequately. However, the further consultation on Wiltshire’s full council changes required by the Planning Inspector ends on 1st November.

Planning & Transportation Annual Seminar 2012

‘Conserving and Enhancing the Setting of the AONB Rural Road Network’
The AONB commissioned Paul Tiplady to prepare ‘A Guide to Conserving and Enhancing the Setting of the Rural Road Network’. Forming the central item of our annual Planning and Transportation Seminar and following consultation, the AONB Partnership Panel will be invited to endorse this study shortly so that the various Highway Authorities can be encouraged to take the guidance on board. We trust this will help not just in focusing effort on appropriate action in the highway corridors in times when resources are tight but also provide the evidence for funding bids to sustain, conserve, and enhance these aspects that are most frequently experienced by residents and visitors alike. This guidance complements the Dorset AONBs work on roads in villages so that together they cover both the built up and rural aspects of roads in AONBs.

‘A Guide to Conserving and Enhancing the Setting of the Rural Road Network’ is very much a living document and we look forward to feedback, indicating which aspects are particularly helpful, which elements would benefit from adjustment, and any topics or tasks that have been given insufficient attention.

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Land Managers Advisory Forum

STEPPING STONES PROJECT

A collaborative project with Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, North Wessex Downs AONB and Natural England

The confirmation of the grant offer for this project arrived on Tuesday 9th October. The funding is for three years. The aims of the project include connecting strategic sites; to involve groups to deliver the project; to optimise Environmental Stewardship at a landscape scale. Wiltshire Wildlife Trust will deliver the project. The mapping process has begun. Opportunities for the West Wiltshire Downs are being sought.

'Big Chalk' - Nature Improvement Area application

Big Chalk progressed to the final 15 projects nationally, but did not make the next stage of 12 projects to received funding.

Local Nature Partnerships (LNPs)

Please see the links below for the update of the LNP in each County.

Wiltshire has held its first Board meeting – David Blake is a member.

[http://www.northwessexdowns.org.uk/wba/nwd-aonb/NWDWebsiteV3.nsf/\\$LUcontent/5.1.15?OpenDocument](http://www.northwessexdowns.org.uk/wba/nwd-aonb/NWDWebsiteV3.nsf/$LUcontent/5.1.15?OpenDocument)

<http://www.wiltshirewildlife.org/what-we-do/Conservation-Policy/Local+Nature+Partnership+and+Biodiversity+Action+Plans>

Dorset has a shadow Board, and is holding its first conference next week.

<http://www.sustainabledorset.org.uk/organisations/dorset-local-nature-partnership>

Hampshire – held a conference on 28th June.

<http://www.hwt.org.uk/news.php/674/test-news>

LNPs are a key Natural Environment White Paper commitment. There is a need for local areas to work in a joined up and strategic way to help manage the natural environment to produce multiple benefits for people, the economy and the environment. The National Ecosystem Assessment emphasised the need for an integrated, landscape-scale approach to managing the natural environment. The Coalition Government has committed to “encourage and support LNPs where local areas wish to establish them”.

The ambition for LNPs is that they will help their local area to manage the natural environment as a system and to embed its value in local decisions for the benefit of nature, people and the economy. To do this effectively they will need to be self-sustaining strategic partnerships of a broad range of local organisations, businesses and people with the credibility to work with, and influence, other local strategic decision makers.

Hampshire, Wiltshire, Dorset and Somerset are all establishing LNPs, but in slightly different ways and at different strategic levels. David Blake has been working on the Wiltshire LNP steering group and keeping in touch with the draft proposals for Hampshire and Dorset. David has sought to:

- ensure that the protected landscapes (AONB and National Parks) have a prominent position within the terms of reference for the LNP. The LNP will be in the protected landscape management plans and the Authorities and AONB Partnerships need to know that the relationship will be mutually supportive

- Provide guidance on governance structures and bring our experience of managing a complex partnership to the rapid creation of this body
- Ensure that existing initiatives such as the Living Landscapes and Nature Improvement Areas are fully supported
- Ensure that cross-boundary and collaborative working will be part of how the LNPs operate

The overall purpose of an LNP is to:

- Drive positive change in the natural environment, taking a strategic view of the challenges and opportunities involved and identifying ways to manage it as a system for the benefit of nature, people and the economy
- Contribute to achieving the Government's national environmental objectives locally, including the identification of local ecological networks, alongside addressing local priorities
- Become local champions influencing decision-making relating to the natural environment and its value to social and economic outcomes, in particular, through working closely with local authorities, Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) and Health and Wellbeing Boards.

PROGRESS ON GAME MANAGEMENT WORK

David Blake recently visited Exmoor National Park Authority (ENPA) to compare notes with their work on game management. They have a forum to take their work forward.

Wessex BESS project

NERC-funded research - <http://www.brc.ac.uk/wessexbess/home>

Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services for Sustainability (BESS) - This is a six-year (2011-2017) programme aimed at understanding how biodiversity underpins the ecosystem functions and services that landscapes provide. Please see link for further information.

Future LMAF meetings

Virtual meetings could be used to keep members informed and advice requested. Members agreed that an Annual Seminar should be held, that would start early and not last all day, and use venues owned / managed by LMAF members.

Farmland Bird project

This project, along with projects in Cotswolds, Dorset and North Wessex Downs is part of the South West Farmland Bird Initiative or SWFBI. The aim is to increase populations of farmland birds particularly corn bunting, tree sparrow, lapwing, grey partridge, turtle dove and yellow wagtail, all of which have declined by more than 50% in the last 40 years. Project officers work closely with farmers and landowners to increase areas of the 'big three' requirements for birds:

1. Safe nesting habitat (in fields on the ground for four of the six birds)
2. Summer (insect) food for chicks and
3. Winter (seed) food

Issues with Higher Level Stewardship

Over the last year a change in attitude has been observed with regard to Natural England's Higher Level Stewardship Scheme in the South Wiltshire and Cranborne Chase area. The Farmland Bird Adviser has carried out 11 visits to farms in and around the AONB in the last 12 months to discuss new applications to HLS. Of those NE has only had one definite application which is close to being signed. Some of the

farmers visited could be described as being more financially than environmentally motivated so in light of the strong market in cereals and oilseed rape this is not that surprising. Of more concern are those farmers with a stronger conservation ethos who are feeding back that they cannot afford to go into the scheme despite wanting to.

Originally the payment rates for options in the Environmental Stewardship scheme were set to compensate for income foregone. However they have not been changed since the scheme was launched in 2005. The strong demand for arable commodities on the world market shows no signs of abating and world stocks are very low so it's unlikely that prices will drop in the next year. Input costs have also risen but not quite at the same pace.

There is a real concern that more farmers will start to come out of their HLS at the five year break period with a considerable loss of biodiversity and landscape in and around the AONB. The current RDPE programme which Environmental Stewardship comes under, is due to end next December and any new scheme will be under the new CAP regime due in 2014. Feedback to NE is unlikely to bring about changes in the short term but these issues are likely to continue in the future and need highlighting at the earliest opportunity.

Tracy Adams organised a visit from Jim Smyllie, Natural England Executive Director - People, Landscape and Biodiversity. This has come about in response to the letter that was sent regarding HLS payments and farmers withdrawing from the scheme, discussed at the last Panel meeting. The visit was on March 7th.

Ancient Tree Surveying

The aim of this project is to raise awareness and provide training for the identification and recording of ancient, veteran and notable trees. Initially the project will focus on the Hampshire part of the Cranborne and West Wiltshire Downs AONB and the Hampshire funding will be used for this stage of the project. The training will then be rolled out to the rest of the AONB. Some of the outputs from the project could be used to share with interested organisations within Hampshire.

The Ancient Tree Forum (hosted by the Woodland Trust) sets the bench marks for definitions and data collection on ancient trees. The data would be collected in accordance with their existing scheme, and would then be shared with biological records offices and on BARS2. This would relate to the ancient trees, we would also be collecting data on "remarkable trees" - trees that are important to people for various reasons, this ensures that we capture the full social and cultural value of trees. We would not confine ourselves to native species, but include the conifers and exotic trees in parks and gardens.

Rural Economy Group Cranborne Chase Champions

A bid to Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for £800,000, a discussion was held with south west HLF officers, regarding submitting a bid to their Heritage Fund. The bid has been prepared and was ready to submit by the end of May, HLF officers have been very supportive of the team holding back from submitting this first round bid, it is important to recognise the content of this proposed bid, as the two funding applications compliment each other. The HLF bid will focus on the development and training of a volunteer force to undertake work set out in the AONB Delivery Plan and Historic Environment Action Plan. The emphasis will be on delivering practical environmental and heritage conservation and enhancement work on the ground. It would also provide a substantive training and re-skilling programme together with the development of interpretation and specific events to enable both residents and

visitors to better enjoy, understand and appreciate the AONB and its purposes. A major biannual event is planned, that would centre on the re-enactment of droving along a 12km historic drove road that traverses the historic ancient royal hunting forest of Cranborne Chase.

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Members of the team are currently looking at the requirements for setting up a Charitable Incorporated Organisation for the AONB. This relatively new body is considered to be the most appropriate for the AONB.

Wiltshire Community Foundation

Anne met with Wiltshire Community Foundation with Henry Oliver of North Wessex Downs last month. Discussions took place as to how the two AONBs might work with the Foundation to attract external funding.

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Other ongoing Team work

MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW

The 2005 – 2009 Plan under went a major consultation; the 2009 – 2014 Plan was reviewed with wide consultation. In November 2012, this current review will return to consult at the same venues as the 2005 Plan. The draft Plan has to be ready for 1st April 2014. Paul Tiplady will be asked to help write the draft document.

The Hart

The Hart is reducing in physical size to an A4 publication, saving a considerable amount on postage. Demand for the online version is also growing, although the team is aware that a great many of the communities the Hart currently reaches by post, will not have access to a computer.

Fixed Point Photography

'Monitoring Landscape Change' using fixed point photography was the subject of a consultation event held at Cranborne Village Hall in April. Richard, Harry & David spent the afternoon with invitees discussing potentially effective sites for the installation of the fixed point equipment. The Devon AONBs shared their experience of this equipment with us last year and now a short list of potential sites needs to be finalised from the 30 or so suggested ones. Apart from offering variety of photographic outcomes, the sites will also need to be readily accessible and have landowner permission.

Codford Local History Society

Working towards the centenary year of the beginning of the Great War (1914-1918), part of the Codford Local History Society have been successful in gaining funding to commemorate the event, by bringing to the general public's attention how things were in those far off days. The plan is to investigate the effect the arrival of thousands of volunteers had on the area whilst being trained for war on Salisbury Plain.

Investigations are underway concerned with the social effect on the local communities from August 1914 to April 1915. If you are interested to learn more about this project and perhaps can help unearth some of the historic details do take a look at their website. It is hoped to run a series of activities and events, walks and re-enactments to bring to life what it was like in those far off days.

www.wyllye valley1914.org.uk

Green Living Show held at Sandy Balls Holiday Park and organised by our New Forest National Park neighbours.

Olympic Torch

As the Olympic torch wends its way through Wiltshire on July 11th, the team were at the Hudson's Field event.

Jubilee Celebrations

Nicky was also leading for the AONB on some of the days activities at the jousting tent of the South Wilts Area Board, at the May 1st **Jubilee celebrations** by Salisbury Cathedral. Busy organising and liaising in the run up to the event, the AONB display, materials and storyteller were much appreciated.

National Association of AONBs

The Association is the national voice of AONBs. It responds to national and regional initiatives on behalf of AONBs, offers training events and seminars on topical subjects and holds a high profile Annual Conference. Ongoing membership of the Association ensures Cranborne Chase and West Wiltshire Downs can input to decisions likely to affect protected landscapes at the highest level and can keep abreast of the latest ideas and progress in other AONBs.

Major exciting project in the making.....

Countryside Centre

The original bid to Sowing SEEDS for around £500k to develop a multi functional volunteer, training and visitor centre within the AONB had to be withdrawn, after the business plan (funded by Sowing SEEDS) indicated several income streams were necessary for the Centre to be sustainable, and some planning restrictions would not allow all of those to take place at the original location.

It should be stressed that the business plan states that the concept and evidence provided, does make the project a sustainable and viable one, but not at the particular location originally found. Since that time, a short search was undertaken by land agents, for any other suitable sites, with a list of criteria given for the search. One site showed initial promise just outside Chilmark. After a site visit however, it was felt that the feasibility of the visitor centre side of the project was not 100%.

However, the AONB Partnership is still very keen to establish an AONB Volunteer, Training and Visitor Centre. The concept has the support of training providers such as the agricultural colleges for Dorset, Wiltshire and Hampshire and organisations working with young people and local businesses.

The Partnership has been kindly offered two dismantled early 19th Century barns by Lackham Museum Trust that are currently in storage. If we find the right location, the erection of these barns by volunteers would form the basis of the new centre.

This multipurpose centre will:

- Create a broad range of opportunities for volunteers
- Establish a wide suite of countryside skills training courses

- Provide interpretation, events and information for visitors
- Demonstrate renewable energy technologies and green build techniques, and in so doing...
- Increase employability
- Raise awareness and understanding of the AONB landscapes
- Provide increased access to the countryside
- Boost self-esteem, confidence, sociability
- Showcase the reuse of historic farm buildings

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Name Change

On several occasions, the potential to change the name of this AONB has been discussed. One driver is the fact that with such a long name, it is not easily remembered by the general public, or even LA officers and other organisations with which we deal. There are advantages and disadvantages to any name change, as one might expect. Natural England has stated that as far as it is aware, the use of a different name would be acceptable, as long as all the funding partners agree to the change.

It is not considered necessary to legally change the name. There are already AONBs that utilise a different name to the legal title given to that AONB, Dorset being one of them.

Issues to consider in any name change

- The 'Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty' part of the name, is not readily understood by most people
- A shorter, more succinct name would be much more easily remembered
- The current name defines the AONB geographically; any new name would ideally need to do the same. The vast majority of AONB names relate to a part of the country and/or landscape feature(s)
- The logo should remain, simply the name could change
- With the use of IT, there are few issues regarding costs and there could always be a period when both names are utilised, before the new one 'takes over'
- This could be exactly the time to consider a change of name, with the reviewed Management Plan 2014-19 due on 1st April 2014

Grant Claim

Final Defra grant claim figures & contributions 2012/13 to be added