

OTHER SEMI-NATURAL ANCIENT WOODLAND

AIMS

To ensure that there is no further loss in the area and biodiversity value of other semi-natural ancient woodland in the Yorkshire Dales National Park.

To enhance and restore, where necessary, the biodiversity value of other semi-natural ancient woodland.

OBJECTIVES

To achieve these aims we need to:

- determine the current biodiversity value of other semi-natural ancient woodland in the Yorkshire Dales National Park;
- protect existing areas of semi-natural ancient woodland from damage, neglect or inappropriate management, and;
- promote the conservation management of existing semi-natural ancient woodland including measures to encourage regeneration, a diverse age structure, retention of mature and veteran trees and both standing and lying deadwood.

ACTIONS & TARGETS

In order to achieve these objectives the following actions should be carried out and the targets achieved within the time-scale given:

| Actions | Target date | Cost £ |
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| Devise and implement a survey and monitoring programme to determine the current biodiversity value of semi-natural ancient woodland in the Yorkshire Dales National Park. | 2003 | 5,000 |
| Include objectives to support biodiversity conservation targets for semi-natural ancient woodland in the Dales Woodland Strategy | 2000 | 0 |
| Ensure no new planning permissions (or extensions to existing ones) are granted which will result in the loss of semi-natural ancient woodland. | ongoing | 0 |
| Encourage landowners and managers, through the use of advice and management grants, to conserve the biodiversity value of the remaining semi-natural ancient woodland including stockproofing, rabbit control, planting of native species, retention of veteran trees, standing and lying deadwood. | 2010 | 375,000 |

WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACTION PLAN?

| Lead Agency | Key Partners |
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| Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority | English Nature MAFF / FRCA Environment Agency Landowners & Managers Wildlife Charities Local Volunteers |