

ROAD & RAIL VERGES HABITAT ACTION PLAN

AIM

- To maintain and enhance, where possible, the biodiversity value of species-rich road and rail verges in the Yorkshire Dales National Park.

OBJECTIVES

To achieve this aim we need to:

- determine the current length and biodiversity value of species rich road and rail verges;
- work with Highway Authorities to ensure the maintenance and enhancement of biodiversity in species rich road verges, and;
- work with Railtrack to ensure the maintenance and enhancement of biodiversity in species rich rail verges.

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	3 year cost £
Devise and implement a survey and monitoring programme to determine the current biodiversity value of road and rail verges in the Yorkshire Dales National Park.	2005	10,000
Develop and implement a management regime for different types of road verges taking account of safety, biodiversity value, cutting requirements and cost.	2005	15,000
Develop and implement a management regime for important rail verges taking account of safety, biodiversity value and cost.	2010	10,000

WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACTION PLAN?

Lead Agency	Key Partners
Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority	North Yorkshire County Council Cumbria County Council Railtrack English Nature Wildlife Charities Local Volunteers