

Nature in the Dales:

2020 vision

The second Biodiversity Action Plan for the
Yorkshire Dales National Park

Inland Rock Outcrops & Scree Habitat Action Plan

Yorkshire Dales Biodiversity Forum, 2011
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INLAND ROCK OUTCROPS & SCREE HABITAT ACTION PLAN

DEFINITIONS

This habitat covers a wide range of rock types, varying from acidic to highly calcareous and includes five Habitats Directive Annex 1 habitat types. The habitat occurs throughout the uplands, and is particularly characteristic of high altitudes, but is also found at low altitudes notably in northern Scotland. Representation of the two Habitats Directive Annex I chasmophytic vegetation types in the lowlands is also included. Coastal cliff and ledge habitats are excluded, as they form part of the maritime cliffs and slopes priority habitat.

Natural rock exposures support a wide range of communities. Scree are typically dominated by *Cryptogramma crista* and other ferns, lichens and bryophytes. On cliff ledges, tall herbs such as *Sedum rosea* and *Angelica sylvestris* are generally abundant. Chasmophytic vegetation (in rock crevices) is usually dominated by ferns such as *Asplenium viride* and small herbs such as *Thymus polytrichus* and *Saxifraga* spp. Bryophytes and lichens also occur in crevices but are also able to flourish on the open rock surfaces where there is a lack of competition from vascular plants.

STATUS IN YORKSHIRE DALES NATIONAL PARK 2011

ESTIMATED AREA IN THE YORKSHIRE DALES NATIONAL PARK IN "GOOD CONDITION"

SSSI (Favourable, Unfavourable-recovering):	99%
Non-SSSI (Condition A):	Unknown
Total (SSSI Favourable, Unfavourable-recovering, Non-SSSI A):	Unknown

UK & REGIONAL BIODIVERSITY TARGETS 2011

National BAP Actions	Priority Actions for YDNP LBAP
New UK Habitat therefore no current targets identified.	Yes
Regional Biodiversity Targets	Priority Actions for YDNP LBAP
No targets.	N/A

**NATURE IN THE DALES: 2020 VISION
OBJECTIVES, ACTIONS, TARGETS & MILESTONES**

Objectives

IR1.1: Complete survey of inland rocks and scree in Craven & South Lakeland by 2016.

IR1.2: Complete survey of inland rocks and scree in Craven, South Lakeland & Richmondshire by 2020.

Actions & Targets

Actions	Main Delivery Mechanism	Lead Organisation	Indicator
IR1.1: Complete survey of inland rocks and scree in Craven & South Lakeland by 2016.	Habitat Survey	YDNPA	Area of habitat in "Good Condition"
IR1.2: Complete survey of inland rocks and scree in Craven, South Lakeland & Richmondshire by 2020.	Habitat Survey	YDNPA	Area of habitat in "Good Condition"

Milestones

Actions	Target	When?
IR1.1: Complete survey of inland rocks and scree in Craven & South Lakeland by 2016.	Report	2016
IR1.2: Complete survey of inland rocks and scree in Craven, South Lakeland & Richmondshire by 2020.	Report	2020

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