

Nature in the Dales:

2020 vision

The second Biodiversity Action Plan for the
Yorkshire Dales National Park

Upland Hay Meadows Habitat Action Plan

Yorkshire Dales Biodiversity Forum, 2011
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UPLAND HAY MEADOWS HABITAT ACTION PLAN

DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this plan upland hay meadows are treated as being equivalent to EC Habitats Directive Annex 1 habitat 38.3, Northern Hay Meadows (British types with *Geranium sylvaticum*). The habitat thus comprises the single National Vegetation Classification community MG3, *Anthoxanthum odoratum* - *Geranium sylvaticum* grassland and is characterised by a dense growth of grasses and herbaceous dicotyledons up to 60 - 80 cm high. No single grass species is consistently dominant and the most striking feature of the vegetation is generally the variety and abundance of dicotyledons, including wood crane`s-bill *Geranium sylvaticum*, pignut *Conopodium majus*, great burnet *Sanguisorba officinalis* and lady`s mantles *Alchemilla* spp.

STATUS IN YORKSHIRE DALES NATIONAL PARK 2011

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

SSSI (Favourable, Unfavourable-recovering):	97%
Non-SSSI (Condition A):	40%
Total (SSSI Favourable, Unfavourable-recovering, Non-SSSI A):	71%

UK & REGIONAL BIODIVERSITY TARGETS 2011

UK BAP Targets	Priority Actions for YDNP LBAP
Maintain the current extent of Upland Hay Meadows in the UK. (Target represents no loss of BAP habitat).	Yes
Maintain at least the current condition of Upland Hay Meadows.	Yes
Achieve favourable or recovering condition for 783 ha of Upland Hay Meadow by 2010.	Yes
Restore 25 ha of Upland Hay Meadow from semi-improved or neglected grassland, which no longer meets the priority habitat definition by 2010.	Yes
Re-establish 50ha of grassland of wildlife value from arable or improved grassland by 2010.	Yes
38 ha (75%) of re-established area to be adjacent to existing Upland Hay Meadows or other semi-natural habitat by 2010. (Refer to T5)	Yes
25 ha (50%) of re-established area to contribute to resultant habitat patches of 2 ha or more of Upland Hay Meadow by 2010. (Refer to T5)	Yes
REGIONAL BIODIVERSITY TARGETS	Priority Actions for YDNP LBAP
Expand by 22ha (Requiring 21.1ha additional gain)	Yes

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

Objectives

UH1: To have 95% of Upland Hay Meadow in “Good Condition” (Favourable, Unfavourable-recovering in SSSI, A outside SSSI) by 2020.

UH2: To move 25% of SSSI Upland Hay Meadow in Unfavourable-Recovering Condition to Favourable Condition by 2020.

UH3: Re-establish 20ha of Upland Hay Meadow from improved grassland by 2020.

Actions & Targets

Actions	Target (% of total target)	Main Delivery Mechanism	Lead Organisation	Indicator
UH1.1: Maintain existing area of SSSI Upland Hay Meadow in “Good Condition”.	97%	Agri-environment schemes	Natural England	Area of habitat in “Good Condition”
UH1.2: Maintain existing area of non-SSSI Upland Hay Meadow in “Good Condition”.	40%			
UH1.3: To enhance degraded non-SSSI Upland Hay Meadow to “Good Condition”.	25%	Haytime Project	Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust	
UH2.1: To move 25% of SSSI Upland Hay Meadow in Unfavourable-Recovering Condition to Favourable Condition by 2020.	25%	Agri-environment schemes	Natural England	
UH3.1: Re-establish 20ha of Upland Hay Meadow from improved grassland	20ha	Haytime Project	Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust	

Milestones

Actions	Target	When?
UH1.1: Maintain existing area of SSSI Upland Hay Meadow in “Good Condition”.	97%	Ongoing
UH1.2: Maintain existing area of non-SSSI Upland Hay Meadow in “Good Condition”.	40%	Ongoing
UH1.3: To enhance degraded non-SSSI Upland Hay Meadow to “Good Condition”.	12%	2016
	25%	2020
UH2.1: To move 25% of SSSI Upland Hay Meadow in Unfavourable-Recovering Condition to Favourable Condition by 2020.	12%	2016
	25%	2020
UH3.1: Re-establish 20ha of Upland Hay Meadow from improved grassland	10ha	2016
	20ha	2020

Nature in the Dales: 2020 Vision

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