

YORKSHIRE DALES NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

30th May 2006

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**1. ENGAGEMENTS**

Since the last meeting of the Authority, the Chief Executive has been involved in the following:-

(a) Events

- The March staff meeting – addressed by Mr Heather.
- Interviews for the post of Personnel & Training Officer at the Authority.
- A regional dinner with the new Chief Executive of Natural England – Dr Helen Phillips.
- Along with Mr Lis, Dr Petyt, Mrs Brooks and Mrs Ramsbottom, the ANPA Workshop in Cheltenham.
- An open evening for the general public, at Yoredale, showcasing the work of the Authority and the new building.
- A Business Environment Forum event held at Yoredale looking at 'Greening your Business'.
- A 25th Anniversary event for the Yorkshire Dales Society at Settle.
- A UK National Park Officers Workshop to look at improving joint working between National Park Authorities.
- The new member induction event.
- Given a presentation on the work of the Authority to students at Craven College.

(b) Meetings

- The National Park Officers (UK) to discuss current issues.
- The Craven Local Strategic Partnership.
- Representatives from Farfield Mill Arts and Heritage Centre to discuss future proposals.
- Along with the Deputy Chairman, the Association of North Yorkshire Councils to discuss current issues.
- Chaired a professional group meeting of UK national park officers responsible for the Historic Environment.
- A Policy Development Group (officer group) to discuss proposals for the extension of Catterick Garrison and the Local Development Framework.
- Along with the Chairman, a meeting with the Chairman of South Lakeland Local Strategic Partnership to discuss the emerging National Park Management Plan.

2. ISSUES FOR MEMBERS' CONSIDERATION

a) Approved duty – Local Access Forum

I have received a request from the Deputy Chairman of the Authority's Access Committee (Dr Malcolm Petyt) for his attendance (and that of the Chairman of the Committee) at meetings of the Yorkshire Dales Access Forum to be designated as an 'approved duty' for the payment of expenses (travelling and subsistence).

There is a view that closer links between the two bodies may be beneficial and the current Chairman and Deputy Chairman have both attended the two most recent meetings of the Forum, in Hawes and Kettlewell. Meetings of the Forum are, of course, open to the public.

The Authority does have three members who sit on the Forum and members may take the view that they provide an adequate link between the Authority and the Forum, without the need for the attendance of the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Access Committee to be designated as an approved duty. That would not of course preclude those two members attending as members of the public if they so wished. In addition to the three members who serve on the Forum, the Forum does receive advice and guidance from Officers of the Authority.

Recommendation:

Members' are requested to consider whether attendance at meetings of the Yorkshire Dales Access Forum by the Chairman and/or Deputy Chairman of the Authority's Access Committee should be deemed to be an approved duty for the payment of travelling and subsistence allowances.

b) Mosaic Partnership

This year, as part of our work in the Mosaic Partnership, YDNPA is hosting two residential visits for group and community leaders from minority communities around the National Park. This follows a very successful visit to Malham Youth Hostel last summer when participants heard more about the Dales from a variety of speakers and enjoyed walks around the area with a chance to discuss issues with staff and invited guests.

This year's visits will be based around Grinton Youth Hostel on 13/14 July and 29/30 September. The programme starts in the early evening with a welcome and a series of talks about a range of NP related topics plus a chance to meet socially afterwards. Day two has a selection of activities and trips to places of interest around the area which are designed to cater for most abilities and interests.

In order that group and community leaders can learn about as wide a range of NPA work as possible we would be delighted if any NPA Member would like to give a presentation or join the group during their visit.

Recommendation:

That any Member wishing to take up this opportunity to get more involved in our outreach work can contact either Annie Galloway or Bill Wood at Colvend, member attendance to be an approved duty for the purposes of the payment of travelling and subsistence allowances.

3. ISSUES FOR MEMBERS TO NOTE

a) Yoredale ‘Open Evening’ and official Opening Ceremony

On Tuesday 2nd May, the Authority held an open evening at the new office, Yoredale, for members of the public. Each department provided a display of their work, and staff were available to answer any questions. A number of members also attended.

The evening proved to be a huge success with over 150 visitors attending. The attached **Appendix 1** provides the feedback received on the evening.

On Friday 21st July, The Rt.Hon. William Hague MP for Richmond is to perform the official opening of the new office. The ceremony will take place between 12 noon and 12.30pm.

b) Youth Hostel Association (YHA) Strategy

Members may recall requesting that representatives from the Youth Hostel Association attend the May meeting of the Authority to discuss their strategy for the YHA in the Yorkshire & Humber region. Unfortunately, representatives of the YHA were unable to make this meeting and are subsequently involved in further discussions with Richmondshire DC, NYCC, Muker Parish Council and the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority.

However, the YHA have recently published their strategy and business plan to shape the evolution of the organisation of the next decade. In summary this document involves: -

- Reaching out to more people, especially young people
- Renewing the Youth Hostel networks so that we have “great hostels in great locations”
- Engaging a wider YHA community of staff, members, volunteers and supporters, working together to the same goals.

It is proposed to reproduce the strategy in greater detail in the Members’ Information Bulletin.

c) Changes to Association of National Park Authorities

The Association of National Park Authorities (ANPA) has recently announced the creation of a new federal structure and the appointment of three officers who will

head up the organisation in England and Wales, where separate autonomous Home Country Associations are being established with offices in London and Cardiff, as well as nationally in the UK.

The new post holders are:

Cathryn Marcus, Co-ordinator Designate for ANPA UK. Cathryn will be joining the Association in early June from her current post of Director, Arts Training Wales, and will be based at the Cardiff office. She has been involved in a number of positions connected with the arts and entertainment, holding posts with a local authority, BBC Wales and the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama. As a freelance event management associate she was involved in the opening and closing ceremonies of the last Rugby World Cup.

Paul Hamblin, Director of the English National Park Authorities Association (ENPAA). He joins the ENPAA as its first Director from working with the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) where he headed the Transport and Resources team. Paul will be based in London and will use his detailed lobbying experience to further the interests of the National Park Authorities in England.

Greg Pycroft, Welsh Policy Officer for the Welsh Association of National Parks (WANPA). Greg started in January and was previously Policy Officer for the Rail Passengers Committee Wales. He has also worked for two National Assembly Members and for the Labour Party office at the Welsh Assembly. He will be working with the three Welsh National Park Authorities as they continue to collaborate on joint initiatives with their partners and Welsh Assembly Government.

ANPA UK Office is at Cardiff Bay where the WANPA Policy Officer is also based.

The English National Park Authorities Association - which will be based for the time being at the English office of the Countryside Agency in London - will be formally launched in the autumn.

To support the new structure a small team of staff is being appointed to each office.

d) Ministerial Changes at DEFRA

The Prime Minister has made almost a clean sweep of Defra Ministers, in the wake of Margaret Beckett's move to Foreign Secretary and her replacement as Defra Secretary of State is David Miliband.

David Miliband has overall responsibility for all Departmental issues; represents the UK the EU Agriculture and Fisheries Council and at the EU Environment Council; and leads for the UK in other international negotiations on sustainable development and climate change.

He is joined by the following ministers and detailed below are their areas of responsibility:-

Barry Gardiner MP - Parliamentary Under-Secretary (Commons)

- Global and national biodiversity (including Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) & Convention on Biological Diversity)

- Natural environment policy
- Natural England
- National Parks, Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Sites of Special Scientific Interest
- Countryside access, rights of way, Common Land (including Commons Bill)
- England Rural Development Programme (ERDP)
- Inland Waterways, British Waterways
- Forestry
- Sustainable Rural Communities
- Commission for Rural Communities
- Horse issues

Ian Pearson MP – Minister of State

- Business and the environment (incl environmental industries)
- Business continuity/resilience
- Chemical, Biological and Radionuclear incidents (CBRN)
- Climate Change Review and follow-up (incl emissions trading)
- Climate change aspects of agriculture and land use
- Energy issues (incl energy efficiency)
- Environment Agency
- Floods and coastal defence
- Fuel poverty
- GMs
- Horizontal environmental issues (incl environmental justice, environmental liability, illegal logging)
- Radioactive substances
- Transport and the environment
- Sustainable Consumption and Production.
- Sustainable Development Strategy
- Water issues
- Chair of Sustainable Development Ministers
- Ministerial Design Champion for Defra

Ben Bradshaw MP – Parliamentary Under-Secretary (Commons)

- Air quality and noise
- Animal Health and Welfare Strategy
- Animal Welfare Bill
- Fisheries
- Lead role on planning, regional and local government issues
- Local environmental quality
- Marine issues (incl Marine Bill and OSPAR)
- SVS, VLA, VMD
- Waste
- Departmental Sustainable Development Minister
- UK spokesperson at Agriculture Council

Lord Rooker MP – Parliamentary Under-Secretary (Lords)

- Sustainable farming and food strategy
- Common Agriculture Policy (CAP), Rural Payments Agency (RPA)
- Horticulture
- Agri-environment
- Trade issues

- Food industry
- Levy bodies
- Non-food crops (incl. biomass)
- Organics
- Plant health, plant varieties and seeds
- Departmental science (incl. Central Science Laboratory (CSL) and Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (CEFAS))
- Chemicals
- Pesticides, Pesticides Safety Directorate (PSD)
- Nano-technology
- Kew
- Covent Garden Market Authority
- Better Regulation
- Departmental admin./efficiency (Gershon) / Freedom of Information

Of the three outgoing junior Ministers, Lord Bach and Elliot Morley have both left the Government, whilst Jim Knight has been promoted to the Department for Education and Skills.

e) Sustainable Development Fund: Progress Report 2005-6

A total of 21 projects were given grants through the Sustainable Development Fund in 2005/06, meeting the Best Value Performance Plan target of providing support to at least 15 new projects.

The total grant allocated was £224,863 which included funds carried over from the previous year.

Appendix 2 gives a summary of the projects that received approval in 2005/06. The minimum grant given was £300 and the maximum £65,000. Match funding of £911,486 was secured giving a total project value of £1,136,349. The sources of match funding included applicants, local authority sources, charitable trusts, lottery funding, educational sources, private sector and volunteer gifts in kind (gifts in kind were £16,860 of the total match funding secured).

The type of projects funded ranged across a number of categories and themes:

Type of Project	Number
Local Food	1
Renewable Energy	5
Transport	5
Local community newsletter	1
Educational/training/awareness raising	7
Arts	1
Ecological footprinting	1

27 new partnerships have been created and 11 projects have established new urban/rural links. 19 of the projects have directly involved local businesses either as contractors, consultees, attendees on training courses, tutors or trainers or as grant

applicants. 10 of the projects have involved local community/voluntary groups as grant applicants, consultees on feasibility studies, attendees on training courses or as users of the SDF funded projects.

Over 200 young people or youth organisations have been involved with the projects. A total of 72 training/awareness raising sessions or other events were held in connection with sustainable development or the Fund (such as community workshops, school activities, training and advice fro businesses). 14 projects have provided sustainable development models that offer potential for application elsewhere.

f) Yorkshire Dales Woodland Restoration

With support and assistance from the Authority, the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust has been successful in securing significant funding for the creation of new native woodlands in the Dales. The Trust has secured a grant of £275,000 from English Nature's 'Countdown 2010 Biodiversity Action Fund' to finance the planting of some 150 hectares of upland mixed ash, oak and wet woodland over the next 2 years. The planting is being co-funded by the Forestry Commission, YDNPA and the Trust, together with contributions from land owners. The total value of the project will be £670,000. 75 hectares per year is the amount of new planting needed to achieve the overall aim of the Dales Woodland Strategy – to double the amount of broadleaf woodland between 1995 and 2020.

**DAVID BUTTERWORTH
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

Background documents: None

14th May 2006

Yoredale Opening Evening - Tuesday 2nd May 2006
Written comments from visitor book

- The building is very impressive. I would like to have seen information about environmentally sound materials than I hope have been used. Staff were extremely helpful and attentive.
- Good to see the new department layout. Particularly interested in “Planning” and “Conservation”.
- Excellent Building.
- Excellent building – especially the name plate! Good design and working environment. Object to 0870 numbers.
- Lovely views
- Beautiful. You need fans.
- Lovely offices.
- Very many thanks for opening up all your works to the public. Very interesting with helpful staff.
- Very well explained.
- A good turn out of people. All were interested in what the Parks are etc. Successful evening.
- Good inside.
- Wonderful! Superb office building – sets a high standard.
- Fantastic facility.
- Inside – beautiful working environment. Outside – harsh outline shape seen from a distance. Atrium lights pollute at night – waste of energy. Conference room needs a view out!
- Very good working environment. The large window needs blinds when the lights are turned on.
- Impressive.
- Friendly staff prepared to discuss contentious issues.
- Lovely working environment – were are envious of space.

- **Nice good.**
- **Awesome.**
- **Excellent.**
- **Great rooms. Brilliant!!!!**
- **Very good idea to show us all around.**

Appendix 2

Project Name	Project Description	Current Project Cost	SDF Grant
Buckden Garth Project	Provide an open air amenity where children from city schools and adults can gain a better understanding of the history and environment of the Yorkshire Dales. The facility will include features for hands on learning and provide access for the disabled. The site, which adjoins a large car park will have a multi purpose shelter with information boards. This can be used by teachers and children at the start of study trips, for talks by environmental workers, as a shelter for the nearby bus stop and picnic area. At the moment the site is overgrown and unused and, apart from the toilets, there are no facilities or information at the car park for the hundreds of organised school and other groups which visit the area every year.	£24,000	£10,000
Stepping Back in Dentdale, Heritage Centre	Project is to convert and enhance a redundant building into a farm-life heritage centre. This centre will focus on interpreting what farm life was like in Dent from the early 18th Century to the 1930's. Applicants are currently in the ESA and also intend to install a nature trail, with improvements made to wildlife and old buildings/lime kilns. The centre will be open to the public, with local craftsmen giving demonstrations of traditional skills and crafts.	£35,962	£17,981
Hazel Brow Farm - Development Co-ordinator	A 3 year pilot project to establish a college presence for Askham Bryan in Swaledale. Development Officer appointed to assist in the management of the Hazel Brow Visitor Centre, to coordinate college activities at Hazel Brow Farm and to develop new activities. Mainly aimed at maintaining and developing contact with schools, but also with other educational institutions to inform the public about the agricultural industry and the farming environment of the Yorkshire Dales. It will facilitate the extension of learning opportunities for students already at Askham Bryan. Project intends to establish a hub for promoting aspects of the new rural agenda in the heart of Swaledale.	£31,833 <i>Per year</i>	£15,917 <i>Per year for three years</i>

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Yorkshire Dales & North York Moors Business Environmental Forum	To reduce the negative environmental impact of SME's that are based or operate in the Yorkshire Dales National Park and the North York Moors National Park. This will be achieved by employing an environmental co-ordinator to run the Business Environmental Forum in both areas who will work with businesses and organisations by visiting them to identify environmental issues including waste, energy, water pollution and legislation and help them reduce their environmental impact. The businesses will also benefit from wider forum activities including environmental topic and legislation seminars, network groups and waste exchange. Project plans to work through existing business networks and support services such as Chamber of Trades, Tourism Forums and the Joint Promotions Initiative to reach businesses.	£35,900 <i>Per year</i>	£13,323 <i>Per year for potentially three years</i>
Gayle Mill Trust Development Phase	To start the initial development phase to establish best practice for the restored heritage water-powered mill in Gayle and pump prime its use as a Business and Sustainable Technology Centre through the installation of sustainable energy, mobile equipment and the employment of a Project Development Officer, part-time over 1 year. This is the first phase in supplying local timber product and associated traditional and environmental skills training revitalising rural diversification. It will establish a demonstration project in alternative technology use, offering training/employment in renewable light industrial energy systems.	£178,000	£65,000
National Trust Settle To Malham Bus Service	Following the success of the pilot Malham Shuttle Bus service run on weekends from March to October 2004 the National Trust introduced an extension to that concept by running a new shuttle service on a similar basis in 2005 between Settle and Malham. The new service allowed residents of Lancashire access to the Yorkshire Dales by a public transport system thus encouraging walkers and visitors to either leave their car at home and utilise existing public transport links to Settle, or leave their cars at Settle and pick up the new service. Helped reduce the amount of vehicular activity on the narrow country routes from Settle to Malham.	£11,326	£5,000
The Food Barn	The project is to conduct a feasibility study into refurbishing a disused fish farm and creating a starter unit kitchen to be hired out by the day or part week to individuals, from farming backgrounds, who wish to pursue a career in providing food on a commercial basis. The Food	£14,200	£7,100

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	Barn will also incorporate the offices of FEAST, to be shared with the Yorkshire Organic Centre, a seminar room to conduct classroom training, such as H&S, food hygiene and marketing of produce and a demonstration kitchen to be used for cookery demos. The Food Barn will be a Social Enterprise run by a group of partners including FEAST, The Yorkshire Organic Society and others to be considered during the study		
Craven/Hawes Community Power Station	The project will develop a renewable energy and waste reduction technology which is suitable for environmentally sensitive rural areas such as the Yorkshire Dales National Park. Using the anaerobic digestion of food and farming waste, local energy supplies can be strengthened, landfill waste reduced and animal food and waste management improved. Two areas will be targeted for a feasibility study; the Craven District and the area around Hawes. In this first phase a comprehensive waste audit and consultations with the community, the NPA and the local councils and a full feasibility study will show the potential for this technology in two different areas and indicate its potential for other rural areas both within and outside the National Park.	£31,000	£16,000
Multi Purpose Training Facilities Phase 1	The project aims to build and provide a much needed community and training/research facility at Hawes Auction Mart to realise the following objectives: 1. Ensure availability of local training 2. To assist in the prevention of out migration of, in particular the young by providing facilities and opportunities to attend further and higher education opportunities locally. 3. To provide recreation learning opportunities for visitors to the area in order to promote the local environment, landscape and its management. 4. Increase the sustainable level of employment in Hawes and the Upper Dale. 5. Help the community by strengthening and diversifying its economic base. The project also aims through this new build to utilise environmentally friendly energy sources, insulation materials and recycling opportunities to as full potential as possible and to use these to showcase to local residents and visitors and to utilise them in training opportunities.	£636,189	£20,000
Sustainable Futures	The aim of the project is to assist in the facilitation of a social enterprise ethos concentrating on environmental sustainability within the community and workplace. The Community Investment Prospectus group facilitated a series of thought provoking events and workshops showcasing	£2,885	£1,344

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	methods of developing an entrepreneurial rural economy within the National Park. The three workshops brought together local rural community groups, businesses and community representatives with presentations on energy efficiency, electrical scrap re-use, biomass digesters, 'What is a social enterprise?'. How to keep the right people in a group, use of volunteers, disability discrimination awareness, sustainable growth and renewable energy.		
Yorkshire Dales Landscape Research Centre: Design Brief	The Centre will provide educational and visitor information relating to the history and archaeology of the Yorkshire Dales. The design brief will 1. Carry out a SWOT analysis of Threshfield Quarry as a potential venue. 2. Draw up specifications for space requirements and layout, concentrating on the preferred location. 3) Produce a visualisation of how the Centre will operate and the visitor experience. 4) Identify any issues relating to planning, construction design management and building regulations	£7,000	£1,400
Horton Community Newsletter - Year 2	Partnership project with Parish Council and local group. The aim of the newsletter is to improve communications with Upper Ribblesdale, enhance the profile of the businesses in the area and foster a greater understanding of social, economical and environmental issues. Contributions include those from the NP ranger & schools, and include information about sustainability, recycling and volunteering opportunities amongst others. Grant was offered for the first year for start up costs including scanner, software and some consumables – additional grant offered to cover slight shortfall to help project be sustainable by the end of Year 2	£2,430	£300
Bainside Arts - Marketing 2005/2006	Links to 10073. Stage 1 of this project saw Bainside Arts complete the conversion and equipping of its dedicated studio facilities to enable it to run a number of arts and creative courses. In order to promote this new facility a marketing grant was offered to the group to extend the advertising and promotion. A further marketing grant will also be offered ion 2006/07 of £1000	£5,273	£1,000
Transplanting Grass Routes	The project will take the good practice gained in the Craven area and extend it to the Richmondshire area. The project is a joint development initially between Craven College and The Wensleydale School to provide the development of skills and knowledge to a group of 14-16 year	£22,800	£11,400

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	olds regarding the environment, agriculture and conservation. The young people will work towards the national City & Guilds Level 1 certificate in Land Based Studies over a 2 year period.		
Sustainable Farm Energy Project - Phase 1	Providing renewable energy for two National Trust tenanted farms. Tennant Gill farm (Malhamdale) - has no mains electricity and applicant looking to up-grade an existing hydro-electric scheme, plus provide new photo-voltaic panels to provide electricity through the drier summers. Beckermonds Farm (Wharfedale) - the provision of a small wind turbine to provide electricity to an isolated new cattle building for lighting and the powering of a small pump for the provision of water for the cattle	£27,000	£13,500
Go Cars Car Club - Extension	To continue operating a community car club to cover the Bentham, Clapham, Burton in Lonsdale area that is run through Bentham Community Transport. CarPLus (the car clubs network based in Leeds) and the Countryside Agency formed a partnership to pilot 12 rural car clubs of which Go Cars was one. Changes in funding from the Countryside Agency meant that within the first year of being established with external funding a core part of the funding was lost. SDF offered an additional grant to a revised car club scheme in order to help achieve their original aim of being sustainable within 3 years of being established.	£17,006	£4,873
Dales Schools Ecological Footprint Project	This project was delivered by North Yorkshire Schools Waste Action Club (SWAC) working in partnership with an environmental artist and 6 schools in Wensleydale and Swaledale. It was a short term project which builds on the environmental education and waste management activities already delivered by SWAC. The project used ecological foot-printing as a tool to help these schools understand the broad range of lifestyle issues which impact on their locality and the wider world. Through a series of workshops pupils calculated and considered the schools ecological footprint and each will pursue its own 'specialist subject' from the following: Waste, energy efficiency, green purchasing, food, water consumption and waste or transport. The second session with each school developed their Action Plan to reduce their footprint with the final session spent working alongside a professional environmental artist to create a series of art works each with their own footprint theme. Finally all 6 schools attended a whole day event to share their work and	£10,070	£4,725

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	experiences, played games on the theme of environmental footprints and ate a lunch designed to minimise its environmental footprint. The project and art work was then displayed at the Dales Countryside Museum and then transferred in turn to each school to be seen by visitors, parents and the wider community with the intention of 'taking the message home' and changing behaviour.		
The Dales Explorer Bus	The aim of the project is to build on the success of the SDF funded 'I'm a City Dweller Get Me Out of Here' project of last year. That project introduced over 300 people from inner city Leeds and Bradford to the Yorkshire Dales, 74% of which were first time visitors. The applicant now wants to encourage these client groups to take the next step and visit the National Park on public transport. To overcome their concerns and give them the confidence to use services the applicant intends to run a bus on the first Sunday of May, June, July, August and September 2006 from Bradford to Grassington, in May, July and September and Malham in June and August. The bus will be a registered service and as such will be open to anyone and will run along an advertised route. Client groups will have to make their way to the relevant bus stop rather than being collected at their community centre as was the case with City Dweller; this in itself is a big step for anyone not used to travelling on public transport. A Dales Volunteer will ride with each bus to welcome the passengers aboard, act as a facilitator for problems that may arise and point out things of interest along the route. Applicant aims to let the passengers Dales experience begin when they board the bus	£2,950	£2,000
Centre For Rural and Heritage Skills	A feasibility study to analyse the possibility of transforming a failed Yorkshire Dales farm into a focal point for regeneration, training/educational activities whilst enhancing and promoting the Dales heritage - Skinner Ground Farm's location is 4km outside the National Park boundary. This proximity will facilitate a clear impact on the Park's area, with Craven College drawing over 1000 course enrolments from students of all ages within the Park's boundaries (2004/5 figures), and 72 of their Rural, Equine and Construction students coming from within the National Park area. Applicant feels that this project will enable them to contribute further to the skills development of the population of the National Park, and significant numbers should return to work within it with enhanced, particularly relevant learning and skills.	£30,000	£10,000

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Sedbergh Cycling Map	Applicant aims to produce a cycle map of the district mainly on road or track for families and less adventurous bikers. This is the first step on the way to making Sedbergh a centre for cycle tourism as the new long distance cycle-ways pass close by and applicant wishes to make a contribution to the Sustrans initiatives.	£5,775	£2,000
Cycle Path Feasibility Study	To investigate the possibility of reintegrating the old railway trackway with the intention of creating a cycle and walkway between Beck Foot (south of Tebay) and Kirkby Lonsdale. Disused railways elsewhere in the UK have proven to be popular facilities for local leisure and tourism, suitable for families with young children and disabled users, for whom access to spectacular walking and cycling routes can sometimes be limited by the terrain or traffic. As 3 viaducts are involved it would be a most spectacular route and serve to connect routes to the north of the county in Eden and South Lakeland and eventually Lancaster. East Cumbria and the western part of North Yorkshire do not have any long, easy traffic free routes for cyclists and there are not many suitable opportunities to develop them because of the terrain, so it would be important to the area and an excellent addition to facilities in the YDNP. This type of facility has been identified as lacking in previous studies of tourism facilities in the region	£4,750	£2,000