

APPENDIX V

VISION PROJECT TARGETS 2006/2007

Vision development

Assess the need for further survey work in the Dark Peak area and co-ordinate/fund projects as appropriate.

Contribute to the PDNPA Landscape Character Assessment and ensuring this meets the needs of the Vision Project

Amend the baseline and Vision maps

Lowland Hay Meadow

Secure the conservation management of 5ha of hay meadow

Initiate the restoration management of 20ha of hay meadow

Contribute to restoration of 15ha hay meadow through seed application

(Grant application to Sita Trust to cover capital costs)

Involve local community groups in 2 of the projects

Secure the conservation of 1ha lowland hay meadow within 5 road verges.

Involve members of the local community in survey and monitoring of these and the whole suite of road verge and green lane sites within the area

Ponds

Conservation Management: 3 ponds

Restoration: 10 ponds

Creation: 5 ponds

In terms of great crested newt action plan the programme of work is likely to contribute 8 new great crested newt breeding sites.

(Grant application to Sita Trust to cover capital costs)

Involve local community groups in 4 of the projects

Lowland Calcareous grassland/Acid grassland/Metallophyte grassland

Secure the conservation management of 5ha of pastures

Initiate the restoration management of 10ha of pastures

Restoration Management on Longstone Edge: 5ha (primarily through scrub, bracken and bramble control)

Restoration Management on Eyam/Bretton/Hucklow Edge: 3ha (primarily through scrub, bracken and bramble control)

Continue to support the on-going creation of lowland calcareous grassland in quarry restoration projects on Longstone edge, contributing to the creation of a further 3ha, and the management of 3ha on previously created sites

Involve local community groups in 3 of the projects

Ash woodland

Secure restoration of 9ha in 3 holdings in Stoney Middleton dale

Contribute to restoration of 6ha in Stoney Middleton Dale through sycamore removal, glade creation and the introduction of local provenance shrub seedlings

(Grant application to Sita Trust to cover capital costs is under consideration)

Continue to support Eyam School in the development and management of a local tree and shrub nursery in the school grounds

Involve local community groups in 2 additional projects

Oak/Birch woodland

Continue to develop plans for the restoration of oak/birch woodland in plantations surrounding Abney and Bretton Clough, and implement the first stages if possible

(Grant application to Sita Trust to cover capital costs is under consideration)

Upland Heathland

Initiate restoration of 1 ha limestone heath on Oarystones above Stoney Middleton

Continue to pursue opportunities for restoration of limestone heath on Longstone moor and Bettney Cop

Continue to explore opportunities for moorland conservation and restoration management on Abney and Offerton Moors and for heathland development within Abney and Bretton Clough.

As part of this project and in collaboration with English Nature co-ordinate and fund a fungal survey of acid grassland sites throughout the clough and over the surrounding hills. Following this develop a visionary plan for acid grassland conservation and heathland restoration.

Awareness Raising and Interpretation

Programme in schools

8 general Vision Project walks

4 general Vision Project talks

Attend 3 village shows; produce a Vision project bill board for use at these and other events

Support the expansion of the rights of way network in the area and specifically in Stoney Middleton Dale designed to increase awareness of the wildlife and geological resource.

Work with Thornbridge Education Centre to involve Sheffield school children in the Project, targeting disabled and disadvantaged young people.

Co-ordinate and support/implement as appropriate 4 specific wildlife events at Calver Marshes

Further develop interpretation at Calver Marshes involving Stoney Middleton School

Co-ordinate and contribute to 2 lead rake walks in Great Hucklow/Foolow parishes and 1 in Eyam

Develop an interpretation panel at an appropriate lead rake site in Great Hucklow parish as part of the parishes lead legacy project and in conjunction with Great Hucklow school

Subject to funding develop an interpretation panel for Highcliffe Mine, Eyam in conjunction with the Eyam Guide Group

Lead 2 Hay Meadow walks in Bradwell, one for local people, the other for employees of Lafarge Cement Ltd

Contribute a hay meadow article for Lafarge's newsletter

Co-ordinate and support 4 additional specific wildlife walks and talks including fungal forays and butterfly walks

Produce two village trails in partnership with the Peak District Communications Partnership

Produce a Vision Project newsletter

Work with PPCV to widen volunteering opportunities within the Vision Project area

Take opportunities for wider awareness raising of the PDBAP and the aims and objectives of the Vision Project

Develop and provide awareness raising and educational material for in-house staff and partner organisations