

AN ALCHEMILLA *Alchemilla minima* SPECIES STATEMENT

The taxonomic status of *Alchemilla minima* is not clear. Until recently it was considered to be a distinct species, believed to be endemic to two fells within the Yorkshire Dales National Park. Due to this restricted range a Species Action Plan was produced as part of the UK Biodiversity Action Plan.

A Species Action Plan was due to be produced for inclusion in *Nature in the Dales*. However recent genetic research suggests that *A. minima* may be a dwarf variant of *A. filicaulis*. The production of a local Species Action Plan for *A. minima* will be delayed and reviewed at a later date when there is further information available from English Nature.