

CAVES HABITAT ACTION PLAN

AIMS

- To ensure that all users understand and respect the importance of caves for a number of important species.;
- To ensure that caves of high biological importance are used and managed appropriately.

OBJECTIVES

To achieve these aims we need to:

- determine the current biodiversity value of caves in the Yorkshire Dales National Park, and;
- work with user groups to establish management criteria for caves of high biodiversity value.

ACTIONS & TARGETS

To achieve these objectives the following actions should be carried out and the targets achieved within the timescale given:

Actions	Target date	3 year cost £
Devise and implement a survey and monitoring programme to determine the current biodiversity value of caves in the Yorkshire Dales National Park.	2004	10,000
Liaise with user groups to establish voluntary codes of practice and management guidelines for caves of high biodiversity importance	2002	5,000

WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACTION PLAN?

Lead Agency	Key partners
Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority	Council of Northern Caving Clubs British Cave Research Association Yorkshire Bat Group Landowners & Managers English Nature Local Volunteers

