

LIMESTONE ROCK OUTCROPS, CLIFFS & SCREE HABITAT ACTION PLAN

AIMS

- To ensure that there is no further loss in the area and biodiversity value of limestone rock outcrops, cliffs and scree in the Yorkshire Dales National Park.
- To enhance, where necessary, the biodiversity value of limestone rock outcrops, cliffs and scree.

OBJECTIVES

To achieve these aims we need to:

- determine the current biodiversity value of limestone rock outcrops, cliffs and scree in the Yorkshire Dales National Park;
- protect remaining areas of limestone rock outcrops, cliffs and scree from removal or damage, and;
- promote the conservation management of limestone rock outcrops, cliffs and scree;

ACTIONS & TARGETS

In order to achieve these objectives the following actions should be carried out and the targets achieved within the time-scale given:

Actions	Target date	3 year cost £
Devise and implement a survey and monitoring programme to determine the current biodiversity value of limestone rock outcrops, cliffs and scree in the Yorkshire Dales National Park.	2001	5,000
Ensure no new planning permissions (or extensions to existing ones) are granted which will result in the loss or damage of limestone rock outcrops, cliffs and scree in the Yorkshire Dales National Park.	ongoing	0
Encourage landowners and managers, through the use of advice and management grants, to conserve the biodiversity value of remaining limestone rock outcrops, cliffs and scree through a return to less intensive mixed livestock farming.	2010	5,000
Encourage landowners and managers, through the use of advice and management grants, to exclude stock from 50 % (102 ha) of limestone rock outcrops, cliffs and scree to enable the development of scattered native tree and shrub cover.	2010	35,000

WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACTION PLAN?

Lead Agency	Key Partners
English Nature	Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority MAFF / FRCA Landowners & Managers Wildlife Charities Local Volunteers