

SCRUB HABITAT ACTION PLAN

AIMS

- To enhance, where necessary, the biodiversity value of scrub habitats.
- To increase the area of scrub in the Yorkshire Dales National Park, ideally by natural regeneration or, by planting with shrubs and trees of local provenance where natural regeneration is not possible or is inadequate.

OBJECTIVES

To achieve these aims we need to:

- determine the current biodiversity value of scrub habitats in the Yorkshire Dales National Park;
- promote the conservation management of existing scrub habitats including measures to encourage regeneration, and;
- reduce fragmentation and increase the area of scrub habitat, ideally through natural regeneration or, where this is not possible or is inadequate, by planting with shrubs and trees of local provenance. Much of this new area should extend and reconnect existing woodlands and scrub.

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	Cost £
Devise and implement a survey and monitoring programme to determine the current biodiversity value of scrub in the Yorkshire Dales National Park.	2003	2,000
Encourage landowners and managers, through the use of advice and management grants, to conserve the biodiversity value of the remaining scrub habitats including appropriate grazing management and rabbit control as well as planting where necessary.	ongoing	0
Increase the area of scrub by 150 ha ideally through natural regeneration or where this is not possible or is inadequate, by planting native species of local provenance. Most of this new area should be adjacent to and or connecting existing woodland and scrub habitats.	2010	250,000

WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACTION PLAN?

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