Key

- Headings in green: objectives that relate to our eight priority programmes for 2025/26. The headings in green are 1, 6-10, 16-17, 19-20 and 23; these are also indicated as 'Priority' in the text below.
- (p): postponed from 2024/25
- (pp): postponed from before 2024/25

1.	**Priority: Support farmers and landowners to continue to deliver a range of public benefits through national agri-environment scheme agreements, green finance and similar initiatives.**		
1.1	Run a further year of the Farming in Protected Landscapes (FiPL) grant programme, providing grants of at least £1.25m to local projects that support nature, climate, people and place	Mar	
1.2	Develop proposals that will enable the launch of a new integrated farm advisory service to support farmers to take up regenerative farming practices and move into the new agri-environment schemes in 2026	Mar	
2.	**Maintain the National Park as a place where a true sense of tranquility, remoteness and solitude can be found and retain 'Dark Skies Reserve' status.**		
2.1	Provide opportunities for three community groups to connect with nature through a 'night under the stars' experience	Mar	
2.2	Co-ordinate data collection, prepare and submit the Dark Sky annual report to the International Dark Sky Association and maintain International Dark Sky Reserve status	Mar	
3.	**Secure funding each year to repair, restore, and, where appropriate, find adaptive new uses for traditional field barns, particularly those in Swaledale, Arkengarthdale and Littondale.**		
3.1	Process and approve appropriate planning applications for conversions of traditional barns to other uses	Mar	
3.2	Through FIPL funding, restore or repair 10 traditional barns	Mar	
4.	**Help local people to restore, repair and - where possible - bring back into use nationally-important historical sites, buildings and structures so that fewer than 4% of scheduled monuments and listed buildings are 'at risk' by 2025.**		
4.1	Work with Linton Parish Council to advise on, and part-fund, the restoration of Linton clapper bridge	Oct	
4.2	Complete a project to investigate and repair Dudderhouse cairn (p)	Nov	
4.3	Provide advice and grant aid to Ravenstonedale Parish Council to support repairs to Ravenstonedale Chapel roof	Feb	

4.4	Through 'Tees-Swale: naturally connected' support the first phase of a programme of practical measures to help reduce pollution from historical lead-mining sites on Barney Beck in Swaledale (p)	Mar	
4.5	Complete a review of the Cultural Heritage Strategy, setting out how the Authority will contribute to the achievement of relevant objectives from the National Park Management Plan	Dec	
5.	**Use DCM and the Historic Environment Record to help local heritage groups to research, record and promote the stories of the National Park area, including completing the enhancement of the HER for the new area of the National Park by 2025.**		
5.1	Recruit a Cultural Heritage Apprentice (pp)	Sep	
5.2	Work with Historic England and specialist contractors to ensure completion of work to enhance the Historic Environment Record for the new area of the National Park, using LiDAR and aerial photographic data (p)	Sep	
5.3	Consider the responses to the proposed extension of the Marske Conservation Area and determine whether to extend it	Sep	
5.4	Use HER data to provide specialist advice on how to conserve important heritage features as part of the Ure Dales Landscape Recovery Scheme, led by the Yorkshire Peat Partnership	Mar	
5.5	Quaker Field Project – complete any remaining project work and complete/publish the report (pp)	Sep	
5.6	Complete rescue excavation work at metal detector find site at Austwick and seek funding for stabilisation and investigation of artefacts.	Nov	
5.7	Complete a further phase of survey work at Knights Close to provide Historic Environment volunteer engagement opportunities and training	Nov	
5.8	Undertake oral history recordings to capture the experiences of people living in the Yorkshire Dales and share these stories to help bring DCM collections to life	Mar	
6.	**Priority: Benefit a wide variety of users by raising the standard of all public rights of way so that, on average, 90% are 'easy to use'.**		
6.1	Review the current fees for processing Public Right of Way Orders	Jun	
6.2	Further investigate opportunities to raise additional external funds to support management and maintenance of rights of way through a donation scheme	Dec	
6.3	Carry out engineering works to 500m of public rights of way, with projects at Cawden (Malham) and Brackenbottom (Horton)	Dec	
6.4	Repair 120m of previously engineered route at Buckden Pike	Dec	
6.5	Investigate and improve drainage on Dandra Garth bridleway, Garsdale	Dec	

6.6	Replace footbridges at Cotterdale, Turnbeck and Hebden Gill. Repair Little Rayns Bridge, Wensleydale, and Hall Hill Bridge, Mallerstang	Dec	
6.7	Replace Gammersgill stepping stones in Coverdale	Dec	
6.8	Carry out riverbank protection work on the Swale Trail at Stubbins, Swaledale	Dec	
6.9	Conduct an internal exercise to further investigate the establishment of a new approach to management of Rights of Way, based on a hierarchy of routes	Mar	
6.10	Develop information for landowners on their and the Authority's roles and responsibilities in management and maintenance of Rights of Way	Mar	
7.	**Priority: Run a cohesive programme of inspirational, participatory activities that attract at least 4,000 people each year to find out more about the National Park's special qualities.**		
7.1	Engage communities with the Pennine Way National Trail through the 'Nature Calling' arts project and Pennine Way 60th Anniversary celebrations	Aug	
7.2	Work with two farmers to deliver open farm Sunday and meadows days as part of the Tees-Swale programme	Sep	
7.3	Through 'Creatively Connected' use the arts to engage local communities and visitors with the Tees-Swale project area	Dec	
7.4	Through an exhibition programme, incorporating projects such as Rivers for Life, Untold Stories of Women of the Dales and the Pennine Way 60th anniversary, inspire and engage visitors to the Dales Countryside Museum (DCM) with the special qualities of the National Park	Mar	
8.	**Priority: Increase and promote opportunity for people with a disability to access the National Park so that by 2026, 15% of visitors using the Miles without Stiles routes self-identify as having a disability or long-term health condition.**		
8.1	Audit all 'Miles without Stiles' routes and a produce a costed plan for improving existing routes and developing new routes	Jul	
8.2	As part of the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) funded Access to Eden project, create a 1.5km 'Miles without Stiles' route at Smardale (p)	Aug	
8.3	Complete phase 2 of the Cross Keys/Cautley project in the Western Dales by carrying out works to improve 640m of bridleway and enhancing the road verge area	Sep	
8.4	Through the Defra 'Access for All' funding, deliver projects that improve accessibility in the National Park	Mar	

9.	**Priority: By 2025 provide 6,000 people from under-represented groups with activity days that enable them to access the special qualities of the National Park, and increase their understanding, enjoyment, health and well-being.**		
9.1	As part of the pre-development phase of the 'Three Counties: One River' project; develop and pilot activity to build connections with people and partner organisations in Lancaster and Morecambe	Jul	
9.2	Work with 'Craven Communities Together Cultural Health Partnership' to run the 'Bradford 25' cultural social prescribing project, supporting 60 neurodiverse young people to improve their mental health and wellbeing	Sep	
9.3	Recruit an Access to Eden Engagement Officer and begin work with the Sensory Trust to develop a sensory trail at Podgill, Kirkby Stephen	Nov	
9.4	Offer skills development and training for community group leaders who are working with under-served communities to enable them to build confidence in accessing and leading groups in the National Park	Nov	
9.5	Work with community groups to co-design and run activity days for 700 people from under-served groups, including through projects such as Championing National Parks for Everyone', 'Tees-Swale Naturally Connected' and social prescribed activities such as Wednesday Wanders	Mar	
9.6	Provide *Nature Prescriptions* training and support for 10 healthcare providers in and around the National Park, so they feel confident prescribing nature for wellbeing, and work with York St John University to evaluate the programme	Mar	
9.7	Work with the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT) to establish a Yorkshire Dales Outreach Leaders Forum	Mar	
9.8	Implement a programme of regular and targeted public communications to increase awareness of the health and wellbeing benefits of the National Park	Mar	
9.9	Develop and commence initial delivery of the Authority's future actions in response to the co-created National Parks Statement of Belonging	Mar	
9.10	Review the Access and Engagement section's strategies, considering the potential for an overarching strategy to replace them (e.g. People & Nature, Landscapes for Everyone)	Mar	
10.	**Priority: Through educational and skills-based activities, inspire 1,500 young people from in and around the National Park to explore and enhance their environment each year.**		
10.1	With UK-wide partners, develop and submit a funding bid to scale up activities which help amplify 'Youth Voice' to influence change in National Parks; and a funding bid for Generation Green 3 activity	Aug	
10.2	Develop a new climate change curriculum for schools and create a schools resource pack as part of the 'Dales House Bird' project	Sep	

10.3	Work with teachers to understand their Continuing Professional Development/Teacher training needs, delivering at least two sessions to upskill and build confidence in teachers to deliver outdoor learning	Mar	
10.4	Deliver curriculum-linked educational and skills-based activities to 1,500 young people through projects such as Tees-Swale: Naturally Connected, 'Uplands for Education' and delivery of activities through DCM	Mar	
10.5	Through the Going Places project supported by the Art Fund and NLHF, engage young people with the DCM collections, inspire them to explore the theme of Green Spaces Shared Places and co-create an exhibition to share their voices	Mar	
10.6	Support the existing 'Ambassador Schools' embedding National Park outdoor learning and environmental education in their curriculum, pilot the scheme with one secondary school	Mar	
10.7	Recruit and support a Youth Engagement Trainee	Mar	
11.	**Give people from all backgrounds an opportunity to enjoy and contribute to the National Park by providing at least 7,000 volunteer days per year, with 15% coming from under-represented groups.**		
11.1	Run Young Rangers in Schools project with Wensleydale School, connecting young people with the health and well-being benefits of the National Park through volunteering (p)	Jun	
11.2	Develop and embed a partnership volunteering model and plan; enabling Dales Volunteers to support partner organisations to deliver activities which meet National Park Management Plan objectives	Jul	
11.3	Deliver three Pennine Way 60th Anniversary Activity Days for volunteers from underserved communities	Sep	
11.4	Review volunteer policy and practice against EDI principles, and develop a more proactive approach to increasing volunteering diversity; delivering a wide range of accessible opportunities for volunteering	Sep	
11.5	Provide training for all project officers on how to integrate volunteer projects/groups into funding bids	Oct	
11.6	Recruit and support 24 community champions and two mentors as part of Championing National Parks for Everyone project	Mar	
11.7	Continue to implement the objectives of the Europarc Youth Manifesto, specifically working with young people to develop a proposal for a Yorkshire Dales Youth Council	Mar	
11.8	Provide opportunity for volunteer days for young people (age 11–29) through Young Rangers, 'Upskill-Down Dale', and 'Young Archaeologists' Club'	Mar	
12.	**Work with organisers of large-scale events to ensure they are well run, benefit local businesses, and contribute to the maintenance of the National Park's natural capital - for example, funding the cost of maintaining the 'Three Peaks' route.**		
12.1	Promote the Three Peaks project through existing channels (notification scheme, app, retail and website) and roll-out new fundraising materials (interpretation boards, signage and posters)	Sep	
12.2	Run three action days to raise the profile of the Three Peaks project around the area	Dec	

12.3	Secure £30,000 towards the cost of maintaining the Three Peaks route	Mar	
13.	**Maintain 'green lanes' and, where appropriate, manage use by recreational motor vehicles, including enforcing any restrictions imposed by Traffic Regulation Orders.**		
13.1	Continue to collect and monitor logger data, and produce the 2024/25 Annual Report on 'green lane' usage and management	Nov	
13.2	Conduct a walk-over survey of Lady Anne Highway and Dawsons Close	Nov	
13.3	In conjunction with North Yorkshire Council, continue to implement a programme of improvements to unsurfaced unclassified roads including: Hunter Bark (Long Preston to Settle), Mastiles Lane (Kilnsey), Forest Road (Appletreewick), Cam High Road (Hawes), Busk Lane (Marsett) and the Stake Road (Stalling Busk)	Mar	
13.4	Provide the secretariat for two meetings of the Yorkshire Dales Access Forum and support the advisory groups to ensure all user groups have a voice	Mar	
14.	**Maintain and promote the Pennine Trails and other recognised long-distance routes and implement the Coast-to-Coast path as a National Trail through the National Park by 2025.**		
14.1	Co-ordinate the condition survey of the Pennine Way	Dec	
14.2	Develop a programme of events/activities to celebrate and promote the 60th anniversary of the Pennine Way in 2025, including managing the movement of the 60th Anniversary exhibition along the route	Dec	
14.3	Manage the engineering, inspection and maintenance of the Pennine Bridleway bridge at Far Moor Bridge, Selside	Dec	
14.4	Implement Phase II of the Coast-to-Coast Path White Mossy Hill project	Dec	
14.5	Continue legal works to establish the Coast-to-Coast Path through the National Park	Mar	
14.6	Liaise with Natural England in the establishment of the new Coast-to-Coast Path Partnership	Mar	
14.7	Support the opening celebrations of the Coast-to-Coast Path as a National Trail	Mar	
14.8	Following the establishment of the Coast-to-Coast Path, ensure the financial completion of the project	Mar	
14.9	Act as lead authority for the Pennine Way and Pennine Bridleway National Trails Partnership and administer the grant system of £350k to partner bodies	Mar	
15.	**Promote and encourage responsible cycling, enabling the development of two 'cycle hubs', and working with local Highway Authorities and other partners to undertake the work necessary to develop at least one further family-friendly cycling route by 2026.**		
15.1	Develop an Active Travel Plan, including, economic business case and site-specific feasibility studies, for the National Park (p)	Jul	

15.2	Lead and chair the Active Travel Steering Group partners to prioritise routes and develop an external funding plan for realising the new Active Travel Network	Mar	
15.3	Continue development of the Garsdale-Hawes multi-use route, concluding the creation agreement process with landowners, and establishing delivery timescales for the remainder of the project	Mar	
16.	**Priority: Work with farmers, landowners and partner organisations to restore or create 500 ha of species-rich grassland habitats by March 2027.**		
16.1	Support 20 ha of grassland restoration works through the FiPL programme and the new Countryside Stewardship Higher Tier scheme	Mar	
16.2	Work with YDMT, other local organisations and farmers to develop and submit a pre-development bid to NLHF for funding for the "Jewels of the Dales" project to revitalise and increase engagement with the flower-filled landscape of the Dales through sustainable farming (p)	Jun	
16.3	Administer the Natural Environment funds to support local environmental enhancements in the areas around Swinden and Dry Rigg Quarries	Mar	
16.4	Review and relaunch the Yorkshire Dales Biodiversity Forum to support implementation of the wildlife objectives in the new National Park Management Plan	Sep	
16.5	Support North Yorkshire Council, Westmorland & Furness Council and Lancashire County Council to complete the adoption and publication of the 3 Local Nature Recovery Strategies that will cover the Yorkshire Dales National Park	Dec	
16.6	Publish the Authority's 'Biodiversity Report' – including information on the implementation of Biodiversity Net Gain	Nov	
17.	**Priority: Deliver a co-ordinated 5-year programme of investment to support nature recovery through the *Tees-Swale: naturally connected* programme, and support other potential landscape-scale 'nature recovery areas'.**		
17.1	Work jointly with YDMT and project partners to complete the NLHF-supported, pre-development phase for the Three Counties: One River project (p)	Aug	
17.2	Work with partners along the Coast-to-Coast route to develop initial proposals for a long-term programme of enhancements to nature and access, and seek funding to achieve it (p)	Aug	
17.3	Complete the year five programme of activity as part of Tees-Swale: Naturally Connected, including restoring 10 ha of grassland, six projects including tree planting, hedgerows and scrub and running eight events for farmers and the public	Mar	
17.4	Contribute to the development of the Ure Dales project by undertaking fieldwork for botanical, Red Squirrel and Black Grouse surveys and producing a report	Mar	

18.	**Work with farmers and landowners to improve the condition of the Aire, Eden, Lune, Ribble, Swale, Ure and Wharfe so that 70% of all rivers achieve 'good ecological status' by 2025.**		
18.1	Run the Catchment Sensitive Farming partnership programme, providing advice to at least 100 farmers on how to reduce diffuse pollution.	Mar	
18.2	Support the Ouse Wem flood innovation programme	Mar	
18.3	Submit and support complementary funding bids to the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority's Carbon Negative Challenge Fund for initiatives to support a move towards regenerative farming in the National Park	May	
19.	**Priority: Work with moorland managers and other key stakeholders to end illegal persecution of raptors, including independent and scientifically robust monitoring, and co-ordinated hen harrier nest and roost site protection.**		
19.1	Determine the future role of the YDNP/Nidderdale Birds of Prey Group, as part of implementing the objectives in the National Park Management Plan	Nov	
19.2	Produce an annual monitoring & evidence report for Yorkshire Dales National Park & Nidderdale Birds of Prey Group	Sep	
19.3	Work with YDMT and the RSPB to implement the first year of the House Birds project, supporting local communities to take action to conserve local populations of four iconic house-nesting bird species	Mar	
20.	**Priority: Through Grow Back Greener and other local funding programmes, support farmers and landowners to create at least a further 225 hectares of native broadleaved and mixed woodland that enhances the National Park's landscape by 2025.**		
20.1	With funding from the Woodland Trust, create 25 ha of native woodland through Grow Back Greener (p)	Mar	
20.2	Fund the planting of 50 field trees through a partnership with YDMT	Mar	
20.3	Support the development and adoption of the White Rose Forest's Strategic Plan for 2025-2050, and its bid for future funding	Sep	
20.4	Complete a light touch review of the Dales Woodland Strategy	Dec	
21.	**Encourage and facilitate high quality proposals for new housing in a range of tenures, sizes, types and prices, such that around 85 new dwellings are approved each year, including identifying measures to reduce the proportion of under-occupied properties.**		
21.1	Monitor progress in implementing the Local Plan policies and publish the Annual Monitoring Report	Oct	
21.2	Provide an updated shortlist of potential rural affordable exceptions sites for the Housing Authorities to take forward	Sep	
21.3	Process and approve appropriate planning applications for new housing to meet Local Plan targets	Mar	

22.	**Use the Sustainable Development Fund and other funding sources, to support at least 10 new local projects each year that bring economic, social and environmental benefits to the National Park.**		
22.1	Fund 10 new sustainable development projects put forward by local businesses or community groups	Mar	
23.	**Priority: Provide an efficient development management service that supports appropriate opportunities for economic and community development whilst helping to conserve and enhance the special qualities of the National Park, including ensuring that 65% of minor and 80% of 'other' planning applications are being determined within eight weeks and at least 80% of applicants are satisfied with the service provided.**		
23.1	Determine at least 65% of 'minor' planning applications within eight weeks or the time limit agreed with the applicant	Mar	
23.2	Determine at least 80% of 'other' planning applications within eight weeks or the time limit agreed with the applicant	Mar	
23.3	Run a training event for Parish Councils to help them to contribute effectively to the planning process	Feb	
23.4	Monitor implementation and ensure compliance with planning conditions for at least 50 landscape planting schemes	Mar	
23.5	Complete a review of the Planning Code of Good Practice	Dec	
23.6	Recruit a Planning Ecologist and establish processes and agreements for securing off-site Biodiversity Net Gain, including monitoring and enforcement.	Sep	
23.7	Review and revise the Authority's Planning Enforcement Policy	Jun	
24.	**Work with neighbouring authorities to produce a single, updated Local Plan for the whole of the National Park by 2025, which will help achieve the vision and objectives in the National Park Management Plan**		
24.1	Appoint a Local Plan Programme Officer	Jun	
24.2	Submit the Local Plan and associated documents to the Planning Inspectorate for Examination (p)	Aug	
24.3	Work with NYC to hold a referendum on the Clapham Neighbourhood Plan (p)	Sep	
24.4	Undertake and complete the Local Plan Examination	Feb	
24.5	Review the Yorkshire Dales Design Guide (p)	Mar	
24.6	Prepare draft development briefs for the allocated housing sites in the new Local Plan	Mar	
25.	**Develop and promote events, festivals and attractions based on the National Park's special qualities and local distinctiveness so that at least 10% of visitors each year are coming for the first time.**		
25.1	Review and expand the Dark Skies and Cheese Festival programmes, and explore opportunities for a nature themed festival, helping to maintain 10% first-time visits to the National Park	Feb	
25.2	Provide training sessions for tourism businesses on how to develop and promote special quality-based activities to their customers	Mar	

25.3	Liaise with Cumbria Tourism and Visit North Yorkshire to share and monitor special quality-based tourism activity within their Destination Management Plans	Mar	
26.	**Increase opportunities for visitors to understand and enjoy the National Park, so that by 2026 over 60% of total visitors to the 4 National Park 'Visitor Hubs' go into the Visitor Centre.**		
26.1	Provide temporary displays linked to festivals and events to encourage more visitors to use the National Park Visitor Centres	Feb	
26.2	Create and implement a re-development plan for Malham National Park Visitor Centre (subject to capital funding availability)	Mar	
27.	**In partnership with key organisations, and in consultation with local communities and visitors, update the National Park Management Plan (NPMP) by 2025, giving priority to tackling the climate and nature emergencies.**		
27.1	Adopt an updated NPMP for 2025 - 2030	Jun	
27.2	Put in place all necessary arrangements for monitoring and reporting progress on each of the objectives in the NPMP	Feb	
28.	**Plan and manage the Authority's work so as to make the most effective use of its resources, including generating sufficient income to maintain expenditure at the same level as 2014/15 in real terms across the extended National Park area.**		
28.1	Produce a detailed Action Plan to help achieve the Authority's objectives in 2025/26	May	
28.2	Agree a plan to utilise the additional DEFRA capital grant	May	
28.3	Refine the approach to budget-setting and in-year management processes to put more emphasis on **external funding and capital grants** being spent before core **revenue** grant gets allocated	Sep	
28.4	Produce the 3-year Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2026/27 to 2028/29	Mar	
29.	**Provide high quality, efficient and effective services and communications to the public and other stakeholders, and so maintain the Customer Service Excellence standard every year.**		
29.1	Publish and distribute two editions of the 'Dales' newspaper to all properties in the National Park	Dec	
29.2	Begin, and continue work to redevelop the Authority's website	Mar	
29.3	Review the benefits of retaining the Customer Service Excellence standard	Jul	
30.	**Operate governance arrangements that are fit for purpose, as reported through the Annual Governance Statement and the Annual Governance Report.**		
30.1	Produce the draft Statutory Accounts for 2024/25 and achieve an unqualified external audit opinion	Feb	
30.2	Complete the internal audit and retain Substantial Assurance	Feb	
30.3	Complete the Annual Governance Report and publish the Annual Governance Statement	Mar	

31.	**Ensure that we have HR policies, procedures, terms and conditions to attract and support the right people with the right skills to deliver the Authority's work effectively, as evidenced by accreditation under the Investors in People standard.**		
31.1	Continue to review and update HR policies/procedures, including family-friendly policies (adoption, maternity, maternity support leave, parental leave, paternity leave, and shared parental leave) (p)	Sept	
31.2	Undertake a regional pay benchmarking exercise	Jul	
31.3	Review and update the Disciplinary and Grievance Procedures	Mar	
31.4	Identify key recommendations from the Investors in People Action Plan to implement in 2025/26	May	
31.5	Recruit a permanent Land Management Project Officer and a permanent Park Services Project Officer.	Oct	
31.6	Review and update the Probation Policy to focus it more on assessing behaviours and attitude (without increasing overall burden).	Oct	
31.7	Update and refresh the staff induction process	Jun	
31.8	Review the Authority's travel, accommodation and subsistence rates	Jul	
32.	**Provide facilities and IT systems that are fit for purpose and support the effective delivery of our services, as evidenced by the external auditor's annual 'value for money' (VfM) opinion, and high standards of health, safety and wellbeing.**		
32.1	Complete the development of the new Southern Area ranger base at Langcliffe Quarry (p)	Jul	
32.2	Vacate Stonedykes Barn, Stainforth and move to Langcliffe Quarry ranger base	Aug	
32.3	Replace the finance system	Sep	
32.4	Continue with the migration of active files to SharePoint to enable a complete migration by 31 March 2027 and to enable a more effective project-based collaboration	Mar	
33.	**By 2030, reduce greenhouse gas emissions from our operations by at least 95% compared to 2005/06, and achieve annual carbon savings from woodland planting that we have funded of at least 30 times our residual annual emissions.**		
33.1	Produce a new Carbon Reduction Plan for 2025-2030 (p)	Jun	
33.2	Replace the Pool vehicles with EV vehicles and the remaining Ranger Service 4 Wheel Drive vehicles (p)	Jun	
33.3	Install additional PV panels and solar battery storage at Authority premises	Mar	