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PHYSICAL ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS (3.3)

MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE PLAN 2024-2029 (YDNPA)

The Discovering the Westmorland Dales project (3.3) saw an extensive programme of physical access improvements including the upgrading of the public rights of way network; a new bridleway link provided between the end of the Pennine Bridleway and routes in the Eden valley; and the extension of the Yorkshire Dales Cycleway. These improvements will be maintained to a high standard by the access ranger and volunteers, and further improvements undertaken to improve access for all.

Objectives:

- To maintain the existing network including the new gates, bridges, signs and surfacing
- To undertake further improvements to the network (costs covered elsewhere)

Item	Action	Frequency	Annual Cost	Total Cost
Access maintenance	Access Ranger.	20 days per annum @ £260 per day.	£5,200.00	£26,000.00
	Repair, replace and improve signposts and waymarking.	As required throughout year. Fingerposts @ £150 each	£1,000.00	£5,000.00
	Repair, replace and improve stiles, gates and bridges.	As required throughout year. Stiles @ £300 each, gates @ £450 each, bridges @ £4,000 each.	£4,000.00	£20,000.00
	Repair and improve surfacing.	As required throughout year. Surfacing @ £20 per metre.	£1,000.00	£5,000.00
Total			**£11,200.00**	**£56,000.00**

Annual costs are provisional sums – actual split between different elements will be based on what is required, which is impossible to predict.

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INTERPRETATION

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The range of interpretation produced during the Scheme has included booklet packs, leaflets and interpretation panels. The booklet packs are available for sale through the YDNPA online shop and visitor centres, and local Tourist Information Centres (TICs). The leaflets are mainly available to download online and some for distribution, and the panels are installed on site.

Objectives:

- To keep the interpretation produced through the project updated and available, physically and online:
    - To distribute the booklet packs and leaflets to the visitor centres and other outlets.
    - To update and reprint booklets and leaflets.
    - To repair and replace interpretation panels when required.

Item	Actions	Frequency	Annual Cost	Total Cost
Booklet and leaflets	Distribute to YDNP visitor centres, local TICs and tourism businesses.	As necessary – on demand from visitor centres, TICs and other outlets.	£250.00	£1,250.00
	Update and reprint.	As necessary.	£150.00 Additional funding through online sales.	£750.00
Interpretation boards	Check on state of panels and repair as necessary.	Annually.	£400.00	£2,000.00
Total			**£800.00**	**£4,000.00**

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SMARDALE LIMEKILNS

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The Monuments at Risk project (2.9) involved extensive repairs to the listed limekilns at Smardale to conserve and stabilise them.

Objectives:

- To ensure that the conservation works undertaken on the Smardale limekilns in 2023 are monitored and maintained:
  - To undertake an annual monitoring visit to check on the stability of the kilns.
  - To undertake any minor remedial works identified.
  - To keep the limekilns clear of vegetation to prevent deterioration of the structure.

Item	Action	Frequency	Annual Cost	Total Cost
Monitoring Visit	Specialist consultants visit and assessment.	Annual	£630.00	£3,150.00
	Staff time from historic environment team to manage monitoring and arrange any remedial work.	Annual - two days @ £330	£660.00	£3,300.00
Remedial works	Minor remedial work e.g. pointing.	Annual	£460.00	£2,300.00
Vegetation Clearance	Clear any self-seeded trees or other potentially damaging vegetation.	Annual	£250.00	£1,250.00
Total			**£2,000**	**£10,000.00**

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WEBSITE AND ENGAGEMENT

MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE PLAN 2024-2029 (FLD)

As the lead partner FLD developed and updated the Westmorland Dales website, hosted as part of the Friends of the Lake District website, and led on a programme of engagement activity through the Westmorland Dales team.

Objectives:

- To maintain the Westmorland Dales website, for a minimum period of five years as an archive for the Westmorland Dales Landscape Partnership Scheme, allowing free access to the reports and resources developed.
- To provide an annual programme of a minimum of 6 guided walks and attend the Westmorland Dales Day to continue to engage Scheme participants, residents and visitors in exploring, enjoying and understanding the heritage of the Westmorland Dales.

Item	Action	Frequency	Annual Cost	Total Cost
Maintain website	Host as part of FLD's website (total cost £12,000 p.a.)	Annual – 10% of total cost	£1,200	£6,000.00
	Staff time to manage/update.	One day per quarter @ £250	£1,000	£5,000.00
	Maintain Vimeo licence.	Annual	£100	£500.00
Engagement programme	Promote and manage walk bookings.	One day of staff time per month for 6 months @ £200	£1,200	£6,000.00
	Volunteer mileage to reccy and host walks.	Monthly for 6 months Average 12 return trips per year, one to reccy route, one to hold event.	£220	£1,100.00
	Attend Westmorland Dales Day at Kirkby Stephen	Annually; one member of staff plus one volunteer.	£250 staff time £30 mileage	£1,400.00
Total				**£20,000.00**