

**CRANBORNE CHASE AND WEST WILTSHIRE DOWNS
AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY**



“Historic Environment Action Plan Implementation Group”



**Tuesday 28th June
East Knolye Village Hall, Wiltshire, SP3 6AE**

Meeting from 10.30am to 1.00 pm

Item Details

1 Welcome to the Meeting and Introductions

Present

John Gale	Bournemouth University
Michael Mounde	Vice Chair, CCWWD AONB
David Hart	Pimperne Parish
Alison Rasey	Rights of Way and Countryside Team, Wilts Council
Jerome Laker	Knowlton Parish Council
Peter Addison	English Heritage, Historic Environment Field Adviser
Judy Howles	AONB Volunteer
Laura Bullivant	Learning & Outreach Officer
Trevor Steptoe	CBA Wessex
Claire Ryley	Gold Hill Museum
Ben Kerwood	CPRE
Emma Rouse	CCWWD AONB
Linda Nunn	CCWWD AONB
Richard Burden	CCWWD AONB
Anne Carney	CCWWD AONB
Shirley Merrick	CCWWD AONB

Apologies for absence

Jemma Batten	Black Sheep Consultancy
Claire Pinder	Senior Archaeologist DCC
Phil Matthews	WATPC
Ruth Croker	New Forest Access Forum
Steve Harris	Fovant Badge Association
Richard Munro	South West Wiltshire Community Area Manager, WC
Richard Broadhead	Rights of Way and Countryside Manager Wiltshire Council
Chris Clarke	Dorset Gardens Trust
Clive Whitbourn	National Trust
Simon Meaden	
David Way	Sustainability Appraisal Officer, Wiltshire Council
Peter Herring	English Heritage
David Vaughan	Wiltshire Council
Martin Green	Archaeologist
Roger Griffin	Natural England

2 Recap of Historic Environment Action Plan process and HEAP promotion since February 2011

The Historic Environment Action Plan documents were created between February 2009 and February 2011. This process was funded by EH as a best practice exemplar for other areas.

The project was formally launched in February 2011, additional promotional events have been undertaken aimed at planners and South West protected landscapes. In addition the project officer gave a presentation on HEAPs to the Irish Heritage Council.

3 Discussion and Agreement of Implementation Group Terms of Reference **Discussion of Implementation Group Chair**

The purpose and aims of the group as set out in the Terms of Reference was accepted.

It was suggested that the outputs from the Action Plan needed to be clarified, and that the scope of end products should be carefully monitored and kept manageable.

The initial plan period was agreed as 3 years

The structure for future meetings was agreed.

The Implementation Group will initially split into 2 subgroups focusing on different types of actions. These groups will meet for the first time in the next 6 weeks and determine format and regularity of meetings.

Sub Group One (Chaired by Laura Bullivant & Claire Ryley) will focus on: -

Actions that deal with a Lack of Information or Knowledge AND a Lack of Appreciation or Understanding

- Broad Coverage
 - Initiates, undertakes and co-ordinates implementation of actions which deal with a lack of information or knowledge
 - Initiates, undertakes and co-ordinates implementation of actions which deal with a lack of appreciation and understanding
 - Promote public understanding and enjoyment of the historic environment of the AONB
 - Helping to promote a multi organisation approach to increase knowledge of the historic environment
 - Opportunity to share relevant and current initiatives across boundaries
- Potential Attendees – AONB, County Archaeological Services, Museum staff, Academics, local experts and researchers, local heritage societies, English Heritage, AONB, local archives, volunteers, access officers etc

Sub Group Two (Chair to be decided) will focus on: -

Actions that deal with Heritage Under Threat AND a Lack of Appropriate Management

- Broad Coverage
 - Initiates, undertakes and co-ordinates implementation of actions which deal with heritage under threat
 - Initiates, undertakes and co-ordinates implementation of actions which deal with a lack of appropriate management
 - Opportunity to share relevant and current initiatives across boundaries and promote positive examples of good management
 - Helping to promote a multi agency approach to the management of the historic environment
- Potential Attendees - AONB, English Heritage, LA Conservation Officers, LA policy planners, LA Archaeology Service, LA Access Officers, AONB Volunteers, Land Owners and Managers, County Archaeological Services, Agri-environment Advisors, Natural England, Forestry Commission, County Wildlife Trusts etc.

The AONB will provide the secretariat for these group

A regular electronic update newsletter will be sent out by the AONB to keep members informed.

The next full meeting of the Implementation Group will be in February 2012. This event will be open to the general public.

NEXT STEP 1 » Sub Group meetings to be arranged (AONB Team and Group Chairs)

NEXT STEP 2 » HEAP update newsletter to be sent at regular intervals. (Emma Rouse, AONB)

4 Report of progress on Historic Environment Actions since February 2011

Actions 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12 are underway, see updated Action Plan for full details.

ACTION 1:

Provide an AONB wide synthesis of the distinctive character of historic settlements.

OVERSEEING ORGANISATION: Judy Howles, AONB Volunteer & AONB Team

ORGANISATIONS WHO HAVE PROVIDED SUPPORT: North Dorset District Council, John Tanner & Pimperne VDS Committee

ACTION 2:

Record and maintain historic orchards

OVERSEEING ORGANISATION: AONB Team

ORGANISATIONS WHO HAVE PROVIDED SUPPORT: Natural England, Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, Dorset Cider Project

ACTION 3:

Identify and record components of historic highways

OVERSEEING ORGANISATION: AONB Team

ACTION 10:

Gain greater understanding of historic farm buildings and farmsteads

OVERSEEING ORGANISATION: AONB Team

RELEVANT ONGOING PROJECTS: Wiltshire Farmsteads Project

ORGANISATIONS WHO HAVE PROVIDED SUPPORT: Wiltshire Buildings Record

ACTION 11:

Enhance appreciation of the Prehistoric archaeology of the area

SUPPORTING ORGANISATIONS: Wiltshire Archaeology Service, AONB Team, Laura Bullivant, South Wilts Museum, Martin Green

EXISTING INITIATIVES: CBA Festival of Archaeology

ACTION 12:

Widen knowledge of ways and means of maintaining historic farm buildings

OVERSEEING ORGANISATION: AONB Team, supported by East Dorset District Council, and AONB P&T Topic Group

NEXT STEP 3 » Implementation group members add in any other relevant activity or information to the Action Plan document

5 Opportunities for attendees to feedback on ongoing and planned activity or work of relevance to Historic Environment Action Plans. New and existing actions – opportunity to offer assistance

Combined update from CCWWD AONB team – as well as the actions to which the AONB is contributing other forthcoming projects may also assist with the implementation of the HEAPs:

- The Cranborne Chase Woodfair presents an opportunity to present information on the management of heritage in woodlands, and uncovering woodland archaeology
- The AONB will hear about its bid to the HLF for a Landscape Partnership Bid in 2011

Update from Jerome Laker – Interest from Knowlton in helping with historic routeways action

Update from Claire Ryley – Gold Hill Museum reopening next week. Working with Julian Richards and CBA on HLF bid ‘What’s under your School?’ This will feed information back into the HERs, and will be a model of best practice.

Update from Wiltshire Council from Alison Rasey, Rights of Way and Countryside Team – Wiltshire HER is being upgraded to a new improved GIS system, a funding application to complete a Wiltshire HLC has been submitted to English Heritage.

Peter Addison, Historic Environment Field Advisor, English Heritage – ongoing work through the Dorset County Monument Management Scheme e.g. Cranborne Castle, and through new HLS agreements e.g. Wimborne St Giles Estate can be used to highlight new good positive management. Would welcome the opportunity to review overall impact of HLS schemes.

Update from Laura Bullivant, South Wiltshire and Salisbury Museum – HLF bid will provide revamp of galleries re-linking objects to the landscape, with a new Archaeology of Wessex gallery. Pitt Rivers Galleries and archaeological collections already form an important resource. Several forthcoming exhibitions are relevant – exploring archaeology of Cranborne Chase (autumn 2011), Vivien Leigh (2012) coordination exhibition of artists take on landscapes.

Wiltshire museums are exploring a joint project on Wiltshire and WW1 ready for 2014.

Ben Kerwood, CPRE – important to build on existing groups including Dinton Historical Society

John Gale, Bournemouth University – offered to look at the key aspect of best practice in engagement between communities and academics, and disseminating information out to communities.

NEXT STEP 4 » Implementation Group members to email Emma Rouse any other relevant updates

6 Community promotion, engagement & volunteering and the HEAP

HEAP promotion for the general public will be conducted via the website www.historiclandscape.co.uk, the AONB publication the HART, and county based parish emails

The HEAP has lots of potential work which can involve volunteers. The AONB has a volunteer pack which can be used and which addresses many of the key health and safety issues.

Could do more to advertise the data collected through the PAS.

Need to consider a re-badging of the HEAP for the general public.

7 AOB

Several of the Actions need to start with a coordination of current researchers, and written research.

NEXT STEP » Emma Rouse to prepare initial database of contacts

8 Lunch