Conservation of the Cultural Heritage

National Park Management Plan outcome: Cultural Heritage

The Authority's contribution: Corporate Outcome F: The distinctive cultural heritage characteristics of the settlements and landscapes are conserved and enhanced by ...

Action 1: Working with rural and urban communities to build on their awareness and involvement (Priority level 2)

In 2007/08 the number of projects engaged in delivering the Cultural Heritage Strategy in which the Authority was involved was 105. In 2008/09 we plan to maintain this level of involvement, but we will be monitoring involvement in major projects, with a target of 5.

During 2007/08 we

 Began a programme of raising awareness of the cultural heritage amongst local communities through an initial workshop in Litton

In 2008/09 we will ...

- With partners, harness the enthusiasm and interest raised by the Litton workshop to help communities progress cultural heritage events while facilitating similar workshops in other parts of the National Park
- Seek to resolve the future of the Authority's involvement in community planning and expand into a Park-wide initiative

Action 2: Ensuring the achievement of all targets within the Cultural Heritage Strategy (Priority level 2)

At the end of 2007/08 93% of Cultural Heritage Strategy actions were on target and we expect this to be 95% at the end of 2008/09, although not all will be completed.

During 2007/08 we ...

- Started appraising/ reviewing each of the 109 conservation areas in the Park, with one (Litton) nearing adoption and seven others being prepared
- Reduced the percentage of listed buildings at risk to 7.0% from 7.1%
- Provided archaeological advice on 22 Farm Environment Plans for the Higher Level Stewardship scheme
- Provided archaeological surveys over 671 hectares of land, bringing the total of the National Park surveyed to over 44.5% (from 44%)

In 2008/09 we will ...

- Take conservation action, collaborate, educate and train, as appropriate, to sustainably manage the historic environment
- Prioritise enforcement action relating to listed buildings and scheduled monuments
- Establish a new design and craft award system in partnership with Friends of the Peak District
- Provide pre-application planning advice on request for all aspects of the cultural heritage, but particularly on listed buildings, conservation areas and scheduled monument cases

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Financial Summary - Conservation of the Cultural Heritage				
£,000	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10
Direct revenue expenditure	233	207	201	
Depreciation	0	0	0	
Employee costs	438	458	479	
Recharged support costs	120	125	130	
Total Gross Expenditure	791	790	810	
Income: Sales Fees and Charges	(3)	(4)	(5)	
Income: Other external funding	(177)	(152)	(120)	
Net Expenditure	611	634	685	