

Chilterns Conservation Board – Draft Work Programme 2008-2009

Conserving and Enhancing the Natural Beauty of the Chilterns			
No.	Area of Work	Key Actions and Outputs	Budget
1	AONB Management Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To complete the review of the Mgt Plan • To publish and promote the new Mgt Plan 	£10,000 £10,000 core budget
2	Management of Chalk Grassland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for site management • Training programme for site managers • Data gathering – map existing chalk grassland and opportunities for reversion • Events programme 	£5,000 £1,000 core budget £4,000 Project Support budget
3	Management of Commons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute to programme of conservation works on commons • Organise annual training event • Develop Commons section on web site • Maintenance of data base 	£3,000 £1,000 core £2000 Project support budget

4	Conserving the Chiltern Woodland Heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advice and training on all aspects of woodland management to owners of small woodlands (target of 50 no. = 200 hectares of woodlands) – via Chiltern Woodlands Project • Advice and provision of resources for management of special trees via Special Trees and Woods Project 	<p>£8,000</p> <p>£8,000 earmarked reserves</p>
5	Respond to planning consultation opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit response on relevant development control issues • Submit response to consultation on development and mineral plans • Respond to all relevant national and regional planning plans 	Staff Time
6	The Planning System and the Chilterns AONB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publish Planning Policy Guidelines • Publish a guidance on how the planning system affect the Chilterns • Offer training and advice service, 	<p>£500</p> <p>£500 core budget</p>
7	Conserving the Chilterns Chalk Streams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • River restoration programmes for Misbourne, Chess, Gade, Ver, Bulbourne, Hughenden, Wye • Riparian Management incl. willow pollarding and river corridor landscape enhancement • Implementing Chalk Streams HAP. A 	<p>£30,000</p> <p>Combination of project grant aid, ring fenced reserves and project support budget</p>

		<p>priority will be water voles on River Chess</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaising with Environment Agency and Water Companies to reduce abstraction 	
8	Roads in the Landscape	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publish Design Guidance • Assess major highways proposals for environmental impact. • Lobby for low noise road surfaces and reduced lighting 	<p>£1,500</p> <p>£1,500 Project Support budget</p>

Promoting Understanding and Enjoyment			
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9	Getting Close to Nature programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Countryside Festival • Publications • Web Pages • Wildlife CCTV • Workshops • Family Fun Days • School visits • Educational Resources • Wildlife on the Move • Countryside Festival • Recruitment and Training of Volunteers 	<p>£10,000</p> <p>£4,000 core budget £6,000 –combination of ring fenced reserves and project support budget. Scope also to raise income through charges</p>
10	Friend of the Red Kite scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friends Group established 	<p>£300</p> <p>£300 – ring fenced reserves</p>

11	People and Places	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop project to include up to 100 profiles • Involve up to 25 volunteers 	<p>£10,000</p> <p>£10,000 HLF grant and project support budget</p>
12	Schools Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 School visits • Promotion of Education Packs for Chalk Streams and Red Kites • Production of Teaching Materials 	<p>£1,000</p> <p>£1,000 core budget</p>
13	Access for All Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify new routes suitable for wheelchair users • Produce children's quiz sheets for Chilterns Country Routes (10 no.) • Promote health benefits of walking, cycling and horse riding • Undertake annual review of al Chilterns Country Routes • Promote results of 2007 visitor survey • Promote access to the countryside by public transport 	<p>£5,000</p> <p>£3,000 core budget £2,000 other income</p>
14	Countryside Close to Home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote walks from home • Develop map based section web site to promote access opportunities close to home 	<p>£5,000</p> <p>£1,000 core budget £4,000 project support budget, reserves or other income</p>

15	Cycling in the Chilterns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare Development Plan for the Chilterns Cycleway • Support development of new cycling network at Ashridge. • Develop new web pages and literature to promote cycling opportunities 	<p>£2,000</p> <p>£1,000 core budget £1,000 project support budget</p>
16	Making of the Chilterns Landscape	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programme of public events and publications • Promote awareness and use of the HLC 	<p>£1,000</p> <p>£1,000 Project support budget</p>
17	Enjoying Woodlands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training courses on woodland archaeology • Publish woodland heritage booklet • Promote visits to woodlands • Promote Woodland Web Site • Walk and Talks Service • Annual Woodland Forum • Identify and promoting Special Trees and Woods 	<p>£5,000</p> <p>£5,000 project support budget Scope to cover some costs through booklet sales and sponsorship</p>
18	Buildings in the Landscape	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete review of Building Design guide. • Promote use of all published guidance 	<p>£6,000</p> <p>£6,000 core budget</p>

		<p>and publish revised guidance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support provision of heritage skills training course. • Organise Building Design Award. • Organise annual Planning Conference. 	
19	Raising Awareness of Farming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement programme to raise public awareness of farming. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walks - 20no • Interpretation Boards on 10 farms • Develop pages on web site. 	<p>£500</p> <p>£500 core budget</p>
20	Promoting good land management practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advice service, especially to new owners of land. • Distribute information pack • Publish info on-line • Organise award schemes for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wildlife Conservation • Woodland Management • Landscape Design 	<p>£2,000</p> <p>£2,000 core budget</p>
21	Chilterns Chalk Streams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advice and workshops for riparian owners • Hold an Annual Forum • Published Annual Report 	<p>£5,000</p> <p>£5,000 project grants, project support budget</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organise Events Programme • Comment on all relevant plans • Campaign to reduce water abstraction and to conserve water. 	
22	Getting to Know the Chilterns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web site developed particularly to provide visitor information. • Publish Chalk and Trees - two editions published (15,000 copies) with a separate 'What's On' • Publish 'The Chilterns Times' – newsletter delivered to 30,000 households • Publish range of information literature • Publish Children's Comic 	<p>£35,000</p> <p>£35,000 core budget</p> <p>Target is to attract advertising and sponsorship of £8,000</p>
23	Working with the media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue 50 press releases Target of 20 radio/TV interviews • Published articles - 20no. 	Staff Time
24	Photography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To have an up to date photo library. • Publish on line photo exhibition 	Staff Time
25	Events Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend 10 major events Upgrade Events displays equipment 	<p>£1,000</p> <p>£1,000 core budget</p>
26	State of the Environment monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake annual Land Use Survey and publish results. 	<p>£6,000</p> <p>£6,000 core budget</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organise annual state of the environment workshop. • Up to date mapping and GIS 	
27	Promoting local products which contribute to the conservation of natural beauty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Product information on the web site • Specifying local produce • Supporting and promoting farmers markets 	Staff Time
28	Promoting environmentally sustainable tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotion of tourist attractions • Promote appropriate environmental accreditation for attractions • Organise annual Green Tourism Business Workshop • Provide information on the AONB to tourism businesses • Use web site to promote sustainable visits – Target 150,000 visits per annum • Promote results of 2007 visit survey 	£1,000 £500 core budget £500 project support budget Scope to cover some costs through charges
29	Working with Landowners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organise biannual Chilterns Farmers Forum • Attend and actively participate in farming and rural fora • Jointly organise annual Woodland Forum 	£1,000 £1,000 core budget

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30	Annual Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publish report • 1,000 copies 	£1,300
31	Board Bulletin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electronic bulletin • 6 editions per year 	Staff Time
32	Annual Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Forum with attendance of 120 representing at least 40 organisations 	£2,500
33	CCB meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 4 meetings per year • Av 85% attendance 	£1,000
34	CCB Executive Committee Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 4 meetings per year • Av 85% attendance 	£200
35	CCB Planning Committee Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 4 meetings per year • Av 85% attendance 	£300
36	Annual General Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To hold an AGM 	No additional cost
37	AONB Tours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two tours held for Board members • Walking tour 	£1,500
38	Training for members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A series of training and awareness events for members 	£500
39	National Association of AONBs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renew membership • Actively participate in National Association • Board member and officer participation in national conference 	£500
40	Working with Parish Councils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Fora • Grant Scheme • Training and Guidance 	£10,000 £10,000 Reserves

41	Support Regional (SE) AONB Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Officer appointed on a 3 year contract (Surrey CC to be employer)	£2,000
42	Officer range of Red Kites Merchandise	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Range of products for sale including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Book• DVD• Postcards	£1,000