

Items for Information

Code of Conduct

DEFRA has been consulting on the introduction of a new code of conduct specifically from AONB conservation Boards. They have had a last minute change of heart and are now consulting DCLG about amending the new code for Local Authorities to suit Conservation Boards

People and Places

The HLF has awarded the Board a grant of £13,000 to develop a project to highlight public awareness of notable residents and visitors of the Chilterns and the place they are associated with. The aim is to encourage more visits by people who may not be regular walkers but have an interest in the social history of the Chilterns. The profiles will be prepared by volunteers (liaison with The Chiltern Society is underway) and will be posted on the web site. The target is to have 100 profiles by November 2008. Any Board member wishing to research a profile should contact Claire.

Household Newsletter

The first household newsletter has been printed and is in the process of being distributed by the Royal Mail to over 30,000 households in the AONB. The newsletter was sponsored by the Buckinghamshire Building Society which provided funding of £3,500 (85 % of the total cost).

Woodland Web Pages

A part of the Forestry Commission funded Woodland Research Programme (due to end on 31st March 2007) the Board has developed a number of interactive web pages (The Woodland Web) to raise awareness of how local woodlands have changed over time and during the seasons. The total cost will be £10,000. The pages are designed not to date and will be a major part of the education section of the web site for many years.

NAAONB Conference

The National Association of AONBs will be holding its annual conference in Winchester (3 – 5 July). In recent years the Board has booked 5 residential places for staff and members (average cost is £250 per head). This year it will be possible to book a number of day places. Let Steve know if you would like to attend.

Annette Venters (Access Officer) - maternity leave

Annette will be on maternity leave from June until early 2008. It is not proposed to fill her post during this time, which will mean re-allocating the workload for access and recreation projects and generally reducing commitments until Annette returns to work.

Summer Events Programme

The Board has booked space at the following events. Board members help is much appreciated for all or part of a day. If you would like to volunteer please contact Cathy.

Date	Event
Sat 26 th May	Herts Show
Sun 27 th May	Herts Show
Sun 27 th May	Tring Canal Festival
Mon 28 th May	Tring Canal Festival
Thurs 31 st May	River and Rowing Museum, Henley, Fun Day
Sun 8 th July	Pann Mill (High Wycombe) Open Day
Sat 21 st July	Chiltern Show, Gt.Missenden
Sun 22 nd July	Chiltern Show, Gt.Missenden
Sun 22 nd July	Archaeology / History Fun Day Cholesbury
Sun 29 th July	Chilterns Countryside Festival, Ashridge
Fri 3 rd August	Fun Day Hughenden Manor
Thurs 30 th August	Bucks Show
Sat 8 th September	Henley Show
Thurs 20 th September	Thame Show

AONB Management Plan

Further guidance on the review process is expected to be published by Natural England shortly.

All task and project groups have begun their review of relevant sections of the existing plan.

It is proposed that the next Board meeting (19th June) will be a full day meeting with the afternoon dedicated to the plan review.