

# A Strategy for the Historic Environment of the Yorkshire Dales

This Strategy was adopted by the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority in July 2001. In December 2001 the Government concluded a major review of historic environment policy with the publication of *The Historic Environment: A Force for Our Future*, a joint report by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport and the Department of Transport, Local Government and the Regions.

This report set out a New Vision for the Historic Environment, looking to a future in which:

- public interest in the historic environment is matched by firm leadership, effective partnerships, and the development of a sound knowledge base from which to develop policies;
- the full potential of the historic environment as a learning resource is realised;
- the historic environment is accessible to everybody and is seen as something with which the whole of society can identify and engage;
- the historic environment is protected and sustained for the benefit of our own and future generations;
- the historic environment's importance as an economic asset is skillfully harnessed.

The report recognised the immense value of *Power of Place* in setting an agenda for action across the historic environment sector. It also set out a programme of action in support of the Vision, requiring action by both central government and local government. The Vision provides clear government support for the principles underlying the *Strategy for the Historic Environment of the Yorkshire Dales* and the services and activities identified within it. The challenge now is to implement the Strategy.

## Introduction

This strategy is one of a series of specialist documents which take the broad vision of "The Yorkshire Dales: Today and Tomorrow" (the National Park Management Plan) and translates it into more detailed actions. It has been produced by the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority in consultation with members of the Yorkshire Dales Archaeology Group and other bodies concerned with the historic environment. It sits alongside other documents such as the Local Biodiversity Action Plan "Nature in the Dales" and the Dales Woodland Strategy. Its purpose is to aid YDNPA and its partners in targeting resources where they're most effective.

A strategy for conservation of the historic environment of the Yorkshire Dales National Park requires action to:

- increase awareness of the historic environment of the Yorkshire Dales, particularly in local communities and amongst decision makers;
- increase knowledge and understanding of the historic environment; and
- improve management of change.

The strategy integrates the conservation of the historic environment with other conservation interests. It leads to a sustainable approach to recording, conserving and enhancing the historic environment of the Yorkshire Dales. The strategy needs to be implemented by working in partnership with other local, regional and national bodies and individuals whose interests and activities affect the future of the historic environment.

## The Historic Environment of the Dales

The historic environment of the Yorkshire Dales National Park is all the physical evidence for past human activity and its associations that can be seen, understood and felt. It embraces all those aspects of the area that reflect the shaping hand of human history and is the habitat that people have created through interaction with nature over thousands of years. It is all around us as part of everyday experience and life and is therefore dynamic and continually subject to change.

At one level the historic environment is made up of things such as buried sites and deposits including those formed directly or indirectly as a by-product of past human activity, as earthworks, buildings, hedgerows and walls and as places such as farmsteads, villages, towns, fields, woods and hills: at another level it is something we inhabit, both physically and imaginatively. The historic environment is many faceted, relying on engagement with physical remains but also on emotional and aesthetic responses and on the power of memory, history and association.

The historic environment is an irreplaceable record that contributes to our understanding of the past and to our sense of national identity. It also sustains local distinctiveness, adds to quality of life and has immense importance and economic value for leisure and tourism. While there is a particular interest in the rarest or most appreciated features which benefit from designation as scheduled ancient monuments or listed buildings, the importance of the wider historic environment should not be overlooked. Often many of the commonplace non-designated features make the greatest contribution to local distinctiveness and our sense of place.

Thousands of years of human activity have combined to create the historic environment of the Yorkshire Dales. The result is a unique physical and cultural asset - the central part of the cultural heritage, one of the special qualities of the Yorkshire Dales which the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority has a statutory duty to both conserve and enhance and to promote opportunities for understanding and enjoyment. Sustaining the historic environment of the Yorkshire Dales National Park requires:

- Increasing knowledge and understanding of the historic environment;
- Evaluation of the historic environment and heritage assets, particularly in terms of the contribution they make to the quality of the environment;
- Promotion of awareness of the role of the historic environment in the social and economic life of the community;
- Decision making on the basis of the best possible information, adopting a precautionary approach where there is uncertainty;
- A longterm view of the effect of decisions and actions.

There are four linked themes or strands to this historic environment strategy. While these flow from "*The Yorkshire Dales: Today and Tomorrow*", there are also strong links with the national priorities identified in "*Power of Place*" the report which arose from the major review of policies relating to the historic environment led by English Heritage in 2000.

Each theme is listed with the local context from the objectives of the National Park Management Plan and the national context from "*Power of Place*".

### *A Increasing awareness through information and access to the historic environment*

1. Maintain and develop an effective historic environment conservation service
2. Promote wider awareness of the historic environment of the Yorkshire Dales and

- its role in the social and economic life of the community
- 3. Create opportunities for public enjoyment and appreciation of the heritage of the Dales
- 4. Initiate, encourage and support local projects to protect and enhance heritage assets

National Park Management Plan objectives:

- CC12 Continue to develop the collections and records of cultural heritage, including recognising new cultural heritage
- BH2 Make information on the historic environment of the Dales publicly available and accessible with interpretation
- BH4 Pilot village design statements, conservation plans or other approaches to establish and advise on what is special about particular settlements
- BH5 Promote the understanding and interpretation of the built heritage of the National Park
- BH6 Make local adult education on the historic environment accessible and link it to enabling people to take positive conservation action

Power of Place recommendations

- 7. Promote conservation training and craft skills
- 8. Place the historic environment at the heart of education
- 9. Remove barriers to access
- 10. Enable more people to participate
- 16. Create an historic environment information network

*B Analysing and recording the historic environment*

- 5. Document the known heritage resource
- 6. Assess current understanding of the historic environment and heritage resources
- 7. Develop and support new survey and research projects to improve knowledge and understanding
- 8. Evaluate the character of the historic environment

National Park Management Plan objectives:

- L7 Survey, interpret and protect the historic environment of the Dales
- BH1 Increase the extent and quality of shared information on the historic environment of the Dales
- BH4 Pilot village design statements, conservation plans or other approaches to establish and advise on what is special about particular settlements

Power of Place recommendations:

- 12 e) Ensure that all Conservation Areas have character appraisals
- 12 h) Draw up conservation plans or statements before preparing development proposals
- 14 Encourage research and scholarship to underpin conservation
- 15 Publish regular 'state of the historic environment' reports

## C *Managing change*

- 9 Advocate sustainable approaches to managing change in the historic environment by promoting and demonstrating best practice, including access to specialist advice and guidance
- 10 Protect the historic environment through statutory designations and the planning process.

### National Park Management Plan objectives:

- BH3 Identify buildings and features ‘at risk’ and prioritise conservation action on them
- BH4 Pilot village design statements, conservation plans or other approaches to establish and advise on what is special about particular settlements
- BH8 Ensure that infrastructure organisations and utilities consider their impact on the historic environment
- BH9 Encourage sustainable use of local materials
- BH10 Establish a forum to share information and experience in both conserving the historic environment of the Dales and ensuring the buildings created today add to that inheritance

### Power of Place comments and recommendations:

- "Historic landscape confers economic advantage"
- 5 Promote good design that enhances its context
- 13 Make the regulatory system work better
- 16 Create an historic environment information network

## D *Ensuring the ‘national’ value of the historic environment is recognised.*

- 11 Gain national and international recognition for the historic environment of the Yorkshire Dales
- 12 Strive to be an exemplar in managing the historic environment
- 13 Influence regional and national policy affecting the historic environment of the Yorkshire Dales

### National Park Management Plan objectives:

- UE7 Campaign on National Park and rural issues to influence understanding of the issues in the Yorkshire Dales National Park
- BH5 Promote the understanding and interpretation of the built heritage of the National Park

Power of Place recommendations:

1. Put conservation at the heart of renewal and regeneration
5. Provide more support for rural, coastal and marine environments

*(Note. The priorities identified below are a pragmatic response to the National Park Authority's current financial, budgetary and staffing position. Opportunities to progress medium and low priorities will need to be carefully assessed as and when they arise)*

## **A Increasing awareness through information and access to the historic environment**

### **A1 Maintain and Develop an effective historic environment conservation service**

<b>Ongoing Services/Activities</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Partners/Resources</b>
Provide routes to specialist and technical advice on all aspects of the historic environment	High	English Heritage (EH)
Provide sufficient specialist and support staff to ensure a stable core historic environment service	High	
Ensure that policies adopted in Development Plans and supplementary planning guidance are consistent with the sustainable conservation of the historic environment of the Yorkshire Dales	High	
Support and co-ordinate the Yorkshire Dales Archaeology Group (YDAG) as a forum for the key partners involved in developing and maintaining policies and strategies related to the management of the historic environment of the Yorkshire Dales	High	Yorkshire Dales Archaeology Group members
Develop and resource continuing professional development for specialist staff	High	Other NPAs, NYCC, EH SPAB
Provide adequate background technical information and literature to support a professional service	Medium	

<b>New Actions (to programme into Corporate Plan)</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Partners/Resources</b>
Prepare a business plan for the Sites and Monuments Record (SMR), including definitions of content etc (existing and desired) for the HLF Lottery Fund Bid, to ensure that the SMR meets national standards	High	HLF
Incorporate historic building, barn survey records etc into the YDNPA SMR	High	
Improve co-ordination of EH/RCHME records and the YDNPA SMR	High	EH
Improve working arrangements with the Diocesan Archaeological Advisers to ensure an integrated approach to church conservation	High	DAC's
Improve access to the SMR eg accessible premises, dedicated workspace, and by providing on-line access through the Internet	Medium	HLF SMR Project
Develop links with other conservation records	Medium	Other NP staff, FRCA, EN, EH, ADS
Publicise the Yorkshire Dales SMR	Low	DCM, NPCs. SMR Project

**A2 Promote wider awareness of the historic environment of the Yorkshire Dales and its role in the social and economic life of the community**

<b>Ongoing Services/Activities</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Partners/Resources</b>
Provide easily accessible information on the historic environment, its importance and conservation practice in the Yorkshire Dales	High	HLF SMR Project
Encourage and support YDNPA External Affairs to incorporate accessible and accurate information about the historic environment in general publications, information boards, museum displays etc	High	YDMT
Publish and/or support publication of new information about the archaeology, built environment, landscape history and local history of the Yorkshire Dales at popular and academic levels	Medium	Subject to annual budget round YAS
Maintain links with local universities and other institutions involved in research in the Yorkshire Dales	Medium	YDAG, Universities
Provide talks to appropriate local and national groups on aspects of the historic environment of the Yorkshire Dales	Low	

<b>New Actions (to programme into Corporate Plan)</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Partners/Resources</b>
Organise a programme of dayschools and seminars to present information about the historic environment and recent projects	Medium	External Affairs, YAS, CBA Yorkshire, Friends of DCM, Universities, Craven College.
Encourage and support YDNPA External Affairs, schools and other educational establishments to develop heritage related National Curriculum projects	Low	Schools, EH
Provide regular articles on the historic environment to local and national media	Low	

**A3 Create opportunities for public enjoyment and appreciation of heritage assets**

<b>Ongoing Services/activities</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Partners/Resources</b>
Identify potential conservation and interpretation schemes and resource opportunities	High	
Encourage and support landowners and others to develop conservation and interpretation schemes	High	eg Castle Bolton Estate, CTTE estates

<b>New Actions (to programme into Corporate Plan)</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Partners/Resources</b>
Identify significant artefacts and collections in private hands and encourage their transfer to publicly accessible collections	Medium	DCM, Craven Museum

**A4 Initiate, encourage and support local projects to protect and enhance heritage assets**

<b>Ongoing Services/activities</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Partners/Resources</b>
Identify opportunities and resources for the protection and enhancement of the historic environment, building on the Lead Industry Consolidation and Interpretation programme and Craven Lime Works	High	EH, YDAG
Develop the Conservation Area Designation programme and initiate Article 4 directions where necessary to protect local character	High	
Enter into management agreements, leases and, as a last resort, acquisition to secure protection of significant sites and areas	Medium	Landowners, HLF
Support schemes and initiatives by others which protect or encourage appreciation and enhancement of the historic environment	Medium	CoAg LHI, ESA, CSS, YDMT
Assist with the implementation of opportunities for the protection and enhancement of the historic environment	Medium	YDMT

<b>New Actions (to programme into Corporate Plan)</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Partners/Resources</b>
Develop thematic heritage conservation schemes in which local groups and communities can participate eg survey programmes building on the existing lime kiln surveys, 'adopt a monument' schemes	High	CoAg LHI, YDMT
Encourage and support local communities to develop village design statements	High	Local heritage groups, parish councils etc
Reinstate the local historical features programme to provide resources for small scale conservation projects which are not supported by other agencies	Medium	NPA funding for grant programmes
Reinstate a historic building grants programme	Low	NPA funding for grant programme

**B Analysing and recording the historic environment**

**B5 To advance knowledge and understanding of the historic environment of the Yorkshire Dales**

<b>Ongoing Services/activities</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Partners/Resources</b>
Document the known heritage resource of the YD - archaeology, historic landscapes, areas, sites, structures and buildings	High	EH, YDAG, DCM

<b>New Actions (to programme into Corporate Plan)</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Partners/Resources</b>
Carry out a data audit of the SMR	High	EH
Prepare a Disaster Plan for the SMR	High	

Identify data standards for new survey projects supported by YDNPA and develop a mechanism for electronic transfer of records to the SMR to be used in survey/research	High	EH, ALGAO, exeGesIS
Support and encourage local organisations to create parish or other local heritage records - parish maps, millennium guides, Local Heritage Initiative projects	High	Local heritage groups, parish councils etc
Develop and maintain an SMR Access and Charging Policy which is consistent with legal requirements, Authority policy and national guidelines and review charging rates annually	Medium	
Develop a programme for SMR updating, including transfer of information from museum records and review data transfer arrangements with other heritage records including the NMR, the National Trust SMR, neighbouring SMRs and the Portable Antiquities database	Medium	
Identify archive collections relevant to YDNPA, acquiring copies and transcripts where relevant eg historic maps, old photographs.	Medium	DCM, County Record offices.
Re-establish an aerial reconnaissance and monitoring programme	Medium	EH
Encourage and support a publication programme for Bainbridge Roman fort and other unpublished excavations in the National Park	Low	EH, YAS

**B6 Assess current knowledge and understanding of the historic environment of the Yorkshire Dales National Park**

<b>New Actions (to programme into Corporate Plan)</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Partners/Resources</b>
Develop barn surveys throughout the Yorkshire Dales incorporating historic/functions/development analysis as well as condition	High	EH, YVBSG
Develop frameworks for assessing archaeological monuments and historic landscapes in terms of national, regional and local importance and encourage use of the SMR for the preparation of period and thematic syntheses	Medium	EH
Participate in the Regional Research Frameworks exercise for Yorkshire (and the North West) – and develop these to create more locally based research priorities	Medium	YARRF, YDAG

**B7 Develop and support new survey and research projects to improve knowledge and understanding**

<b>Ongoing Services/activities</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Partners/Resources</b>
Identify, encourage and implement area and thematic surveys for conservation management – eg caves; extractive industries, chapels, churches, institute buildings, prehistoric settlements	High	YDAG
Prepare Character appraisals in advance of	High	

consideration of Conservation Area designation		
Support relevant national and regional research programmes	Medium	Universities, EH

<b>New Actions (to programme into Corporate Plan)</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Partners/Resources</b>
Establish an inventory of historic parks, gardens and designed landscapes and assess their significance	High	YGT, EH
Establish conservation area character appraisals for existing Conservation Areas	High	
Develop archaeological village appraisals as part of the review of the Local Plan and to assist in Conservation Area appraisals	High	
Identify priority topics for SMR and policy enhancement projects, prepare project designs and seek resources for their implementation	Medium	EH, YDAG
Encourage landowners and agencies to undertake historic environment audits (utilising field survey as well as desk based consultation) to support agri-environment and other management programmes ESA, Stewardship, Castle Bolton, Bolton Abbey	Medium	DEFRA, CoAg
Encourage inclusion of Sedbergh, Settle and Grassington in the extensive urban survey programmes for North Yorkshire and Cumbria	Medium	EH, NYCC, CCC
Reinstate archaeological research grants, especially where targeted against identified priorities	Medium	

**B8 Evaluate the character of the historic environment and heritage resources**

<b>New Actions (to programme into Corporate Plan)</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Partners/Resources</b>
Encourage English Heritage to speed up the MPP programme in the Yorkshire Dales	High	EH
Develop a historic landscape characterisation project to provide a framework for further research and survey programmes and a context for the local plan and area actions	High	EH
Evaluate data from new survey and research projects to inform management planning	Medium	
Participate in developing new approaches and criteria for evaluating historic environment	Low	

**C Managing Change**

**C9 Advocate sustainable approaches to managing change in the historic environment by promoting and demonstrating best practice, including access to specialist advice and guidance**

<b>Ongoing Services/activities</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Partners/Resources</b>
Advocate and develop sustainable approaches to managing change in the historic environment by promoting best practice including availability of specialist advice and guidance in heritage	High	EH

conservation work		
Ensure the historic environment is featured in the management plans of all YDNPA properties	High	
Work jointly with other organisations and agencies to ensure that the conservation of the historic environment is integrated and targeted in agri-environment and other programmes and improvement schemes	High	DEFRA, YDMT, CBA
Work to define acceptable thresholds for activity and change affecting the historic environment	Medium	
Advocate appropriate professional standards and other requirements for best practice in archaeological and building conservation work	Medium	IFA, IHBC, CBA, ALGAO, EH

<b>New Actions (to programme into Corporate Plan)</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Partners/Resources</b>
Promote initiatives to inform and influence the agricultural community	High	DEFRA, NFU, CLA etc
Promote publication of conservation advice literature for landowners and occupiers	High	DEFRA, NFU, CLA etc
Establish a monitoring programme for archaeological sites	High	EH, Archaeological contractors
Develop Action Plans for Conservation Areas which detail how such areas will be conserved and enhanced	High	
Encourage sustainable exploitation and use of natural building materials particularly roofing and walling stone	High	
Promote responsible schemes for salvaging and recycling historic building materials	Medium	
Advocate the responsible use of metal detectors and reporting of archaeological finds and discourage treasure hunting	Medium	Portable Antiquities Scheme

#### **C10 Protect the historic environment through statutory designations and the planning process**

<b>Ongoing Services/activities</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Partners/Resources</b>
Promote protection of dry stone walls and hedgerows and their character	High	DEFRA
Ensure policies in YDNP Local and Mineral plan reflect best practice	High	Development Control, NYCC and Structure Plan partners
Require pre-consideration evaluation of appropriate development proposals	High	
Propose historic buildings for spot listing	High	DCMS, EH
Asses and identify suitable areas for designation as Conservation Areas	High	
Propose archaeological sites and landscapes for scheduling and support the MPP programme	Medium	EH
Encourage and support thematic listing programmes	Medium	EH
Ensure recognition of historic environment during	Medium	ALGAO

consultation on policy and legislative change		
Ensure that archaeological assessment, evaluation and mitigation projects follow best practice as defined by EH and IFA, including monitoring of contractors activities, and that wherever possible development funded projects are carried out within the context of an agreed research framework	Medium	EH

<b>New Actions (to programme into Corporate Plan)</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Partners/Resources</b>
Require planning applications affecting historic buildings to include accurate records of buildings and properly assess implications of change (PPG15)	High	Development Control
Encourage best management practice for archaeological sites which may be affected by land use proposals which fall outside the planning process	High	DEFRA
Identify buildings and features 'at risk' and prioritise conservation action on them	High	EH, YDMT
Develop a local list of buildings of architectural or historic interest	Medium	YVBSG
Encourage recognition of the historic environment in designations for other purposes (eg SSSIs)	Medium	English Nature
Make provision for the mitigation of development or other activities such as metal detecting which falls outside the planning process	Medium	Hobby groups, PAS
Encourage owners of complex historic sites, buildings and landscapes to prepare conservation plans or statements before submitting development proposals	Medium	EH, HLF, Co Ag
Promote concept of landscape conservation orders to protect archaeological sites and landscapes as a measure of last resort	Low	

## **D Ensure the national value of the historic environment is recognised**

### **D11 Gain national and international recognition for the historic environment of the Yorkshire Dales**

<b>Ongoing Services/activities</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Partners/Resources</b>
Make recommendations for inclusion on lists of scheduled ancient monuments, listed buildings, parks and gardens of historic interest	High	EH, DCMS
Submit papers to national and international journals on the historic environment	Low	

<b>New Actions (to programme into Corporate Plan)</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Partners/Resources</b>
Explore opportunities for using the SMR as a resource to encourage sustainable cultural tourism	Medium	
Support a thematic publication celebrating the historic environment of the National Parks	Low	ANPA

**D12 Strive to be an exemplar in managing the historic environment**

<b>Ongoing Services/activities</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Partners/Resources</b>
Ensure that best practice is followed in all conservation activities	High	EH

<b>New Actions (to programme into Corporate Plan)</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Partners/Resources</b>
Review best practice and the NPA's impact on the historic environment as part of the Best Value process	Medium	

**D13 Influence regional and national policy affecting the historic environment of the Yorkshire Dales**

<b>Ongoing Services/activities</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Partners/Resources</b>
Provide timely, considered responses to consultation papers	High	
Attend and participate in relevant regional and national forums	Medium	

## Appendix 1

### The legal framework

This section briefly summarises the main legal framework for management of the historic environment and the organisations primarily responsible for their implementation. Although many different mechanisms are available their implementation should all be encompassed within the overarching concept of sustainability which was endorsed by the British government at the Rio Earth Summit in 1992 and is central to national planning and environmental policy.

#### **The European Convention on the Protection of the Archaeological Heritage (Revised)**

This convention, commonly known as the Valletta Convention, was signed by the Government on 20 March 2001.

The Convention makes the conservation and enhancement of the archaeological heritage one of the goals of urban and regional planning policies. It is concerned in particular with arrangements to be made for co-operation among archaeologists and town and regional planners in order to ensure optimum conservation of archaeological heritage. It sets guidelines for the funding of excavation and research work and publication of research findings. It also deals with public access, in particular to archaeological sites, and educational actions to be undertaken to develop public awareness of the value of the archaeological heritage. The Convention constitutes an institutional framework for pan-European co-operation on the archaeological heritage, entailing a systematic exchange of experience and experts among the various States. The Committee responsible for monitoring the application of the Convention assumes the role of strengthening and co-ordinating archaeological heritage policies in Europe.

The **Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979** (as amended) enables the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, normally acting on the advice of English Heritage, to provide legal protection for nationally important ancient monuments. There are currently some 248 scheduled ancient monuments in the Yorkshire Dales. Other provisions of the 1979 Act enable English Heritage and local authorities to give grants, enter into management agreements and take monuments into guardianship. At present there are no guardianship monuments in the National Park. The Monuments Protection Programme run by English Heritage is systematically looking at classes of ancient monument and making recommendations for additional protection and scheduling.

**English Heritage**, the government's statutory adviser on the historic environment, has also created non-statutory registers of nationally important historic parks and gardens and historic battlefields. The present register of historic parks and gardens only includes one example within the national park although four others are included on a draft revised list. The only legal protection for registered landscapes is through the planning process. There are no registered battlefields in the Yorkshire Dales.

The **Town and Country Planning** legislation and its accompanying planning policies and guidance recognises the historic environment as a significant consideration in determining planning applications. Key documents are Planning Policy Guidance note 15 (Planning and the Historic Environment) (PPG 15) and Planning Policy Guidance note 16 (Archaeology and Planning) (PPG 16). Provision is made for the designation of conservation areas and the listing of buildings for which historical and archaeological interest are recognised as key criteria. Guidance is also provided on the treatment of registered parks and gardens. The Town and Country (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 defines a site of archaeological interest as any scheduled

monument or "a site registered in any record adopted by resolution by a county council and known as the County Sites and Monuments Record". PPG 16 emphasises the desirability of preserving important archaeological sites, whether scheduled or not, and their settings as well as the procedures to be followed by local planning authorities and developers to identify and mitigate the impact of development on archaeological remains.

Some large-scale developments are covered by the **Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (England and Wales) Regulations 1999** which require that the potential environmental impacts of development are assessed prior to any decisions being made. The Regulations may apply to developments which fall outside the remit of local planning authorities, such as trunk roads and other infrastructure developments pursued under the Transport and Works Act and major pipeline schemes.

The **Environment Act 1995** requires the Environment Agency to have regard to the desirability of protecting buildings, sites and objects of archaeological or historic interest. The Environment Act also provided for the **Hedgerows Regulations 1997** which protect hedgerows which are deemed "historically important" by specified criteria.

Archaeology has been incorporated into the legislation governing many statutory undertakers - for example, the **Water Industry Act 1991** and the **Electricity Act 1989**. Many such organisations also have internal codes of practice governing historic conservation issues.

**Agricultural operations** fall largely outside the remit of planning legislation and in some cases harmful activities may even be permitted to continue on scheduled ancient monuments through the system of "class consents". There are, however, grants available to farmers and landowners to manage land in an environmentally sensitive manner. English Heritage may offer management grants for scheduled ancient monuments whilst the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food operate the Countryside Stewardship and Environmentally Sensitive Areas schemes.

**Forestry operations** also fall largely outside planning controls. The Forestry Commission has a policy that sites of archaeological importance should be conserved and is negotiating a code of practice with ALGAO (the Association of Local Government Archaeological Officers).

The **Church of England** requires planning consent for development in the same way as all other developers but its churches are exempted from listed building controls being instead covered by ecclesiastical faculty procedures. Ecclesiastical buildings held in trust by the Roman Catholic Church, Methodist Church, Baptist Union and United Reform Church are also exempt from listed building control.

Portable antiquities are normally the property of the owner of the land on which they are found. However, the **Treasure Act 1996** requires the reporting of antiquities which fulfil specified criteria and provides for their acquisition by public museums. Primary responsibility for administering this legislation lies with the coroner. A Portable Antiquities Scheme, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, provides for basic recording of finds made by metal detector users and others.

A legal right of access to information held in the SMR is established, subject to certain exceptions, by the **Environmental Information Regulations 1992** which apply to all public bodies with environmental responsibilities and define minimum requirements.

## Appendix 2

### Abbreviations

ADS	Archaeology Data Service
ALGAO	Association of Local Government Archaeological Officers
CBA	Council for British Archaeology
CoAg	Countryside Agency
CSS	Countryside Stewardship Scheme
CTTE	Capital Transfer Tax Exemption
DAC	Diocesan Advisory Committee
DCM	Dales Countryside Museum
DCMS	Department of Culture, Media and Sport
DEFRA	Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
EH	English Heritage
ESA	Environmentally Sensitive Area
FRCA	Farming and Rural Conservation Agency
HLF	Heritage Lottery Fund
IFA	Institute of Field Archaeologists
IHBC	Institute of Historic Building Conservation
LHI	Local Heritage Initiative
NPC	National Park Centre
MPP	Monuments Protection Programme
YVBSG	Yorkshire Vernacular Buildings Study Group
PPG	Planning Policy Guidance note
RCHME	Royal Commission on the Historical Monuments of England – now operationally merged with English Heritage
SMR	Sites and Monuments Record
SSSI	Site of Special Scientific Interest
YARRF	Yorkshire Archaeological Regional Research Framework
YAS	Yorkshire Archaeological Society
YDAG	Yorkshire Dales Archaeology Group
YDMT	Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust
YGT	Yorkshire Gardens Trust