

Causeway Coast
Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
Action Plan 2013 – 2018 [draft]



CAUSEWAY COAST & GLENS
HERITAGE TRUST

Objective	Action	Lead Agency (s)	Implementation Target	Further Details
1. Conserve and enhance the natural environment	a) Provide short written summary of the number and nature of planning applications within the AONB.	Planning NI	Tri-annually	Planning NI is responsible for assessing and granting permission for planning applications. It is important the AONB Management Group are kept informed of the number and nature of planning applications within the AONB.
	b) Host presentation with local landowners on the replacement scheme for Northern Ireland Countryside Management Scheme (NICMS) and opportunities available for sensitive land management.	DARD ~ CCGHT ~ SARN-SUFU	February 2014	NICMS is due to be replaced during 2013. In addition to information materials sent to landowners by DARD, CCGHT will work with DARD to host a face-to-face presentation about opportunities for sensitive land management.
	c) Provide links to relevant management plans and guidelines through Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust website.	CCGHT	April 2013 ~ Routine Action	CCGHT will provide an area on their website which directs users to relevant management plans and guidelines.
	d) Pro-actively seek and provide short written summary of funding and training opportunities for landscape enhancement and marine protection work(s).	Local Community Associations	Routine Action	All group members are encouraged to actively seek and provide a short written summary of funding and/or training opportunities for landscape enhancement and protection work(s).
	e) Circulate annual e-newsletter to update community associations on funding and training opportunities.	CCGHT	November 2013 ~ Quarterly	CCGHT will collate and circulate funding and training opportunity information identified by stakeholders in an annual e-newsletter.
	f) Increase awareness of water environment issues in the Causeway AONB through a presentation to Bushmills Community Association on the implementation of the Water Framework Directive and the Bush Local Management Area Action Plan.	NIEA Water Management Unit	October 2013	Bushmills Community Association should be fully aware of the existence and the purpose of the North Eastern River Basin Management Plan and the Bush Local Management Area (LMA) Action Plan. The Association should also be aware of the opportunity to become involved in the implementation of the Plans and how to contribute to the improvement and protection of the water environment in the Causeway Coast AONB.

<p>g) Increase awareness of role of the new Department of the Environment Marine Division through a presentation to local groups</p>	<p>DOE Marine</p>	<p>March 2014</p>	<p>As a new division within DOE, locals should be provided with an opportunity to hear from and discuss issues with Marine Division representatives. There will be significant opportunities for tourism, recreation and local businesses.</p>
<p>h) Provide a traditional building skills workshop and event within the AONB</p>	<p>Ulster Architectural Heritage Society</p>	<p>November 2013 ~ Annually</p>	<p>Traditional building skills and techniques have been replaced by modern equivalents, many of which do not respect architectural heritage. There is scope to improve awareness of traditional skills and crafts, thus conserving the area outstanding natural and built heritage and helping develop the tourism offering.</p>
<p>i) Involve local community in monitoring terrestrial and marine habitats and wildlife within and around the AONB.</p>	<p>NIEA Natural Heritage Unit ~ Local Community Associations</p>	<p>Routine Action</p>	<p>NIEA should seek opportunities to work with Local Community Associations when undertaking habitat and wildlife monitoring within the AONB.</p>
<p>j) Invite local Young Farmers Group and a DARD representative to deliver presentation to local landowners on farming practices which can conserve and enhance biodiversity.</p>	<p>CCGHT ~ Young Farmers ~ DARD</p>	<p>April 2014 ~ Annually</p>	<p>Young Farmers and DARD should deliver a short presentation on farming practices which can conserve and enhance biodiversity. This provides an opportunity to both develop and assess the impact of education initiatives at the annual World Heritage Community engagement event.</p>
<p>k) Ensure the AONB Management Group are fully aware of activities within and around the Giant's Causeway and Causeway Coast World Heritage Site, through tri-annual update on World Heritage Site Action Plan progress.</p>	<p>WHSO ~ CCGHT</p>	<p>April 2013 ~ Tri-Annually</p>	<p>The World Heritage Site Officer will brief the AONB Management Group on updates within the World Heritage Site and progress on implementation of the Action Plan.</p>
<p>l) Update Management Group members on any policy changes which might impact on delivery of the AONB Action Plan.</p>	<p>NIEA Natural Heritage Unit</p>	<p>Tri- annually</p>	<p>NIEA will be expected to update Management Group members on policy changes which might impact on the delivery of management plan objectives and actions.</p>

<p>m) Ensure AONB status and values are considered in all outdoor recreation projects, programmes and publications.</p>	<p>ORNI</p>	<p>Routine Action</p>	<p>ORNI work with public, private and voluntary organisations and individuals to develop outdoor recreation opportunities and access. ORNI should ensure the values of the AONB and its status are acknowledged in all relevant publications.</p>
<p>n) Organise and undertake bi-annual litter-picks.</p>	<p>Local Community Associations</p>	<p>April & September ~ Bi-annually</p>	<p>Litter-picks present a good opportunity to bring community groups together and have a visible positive impact on the natural environment.</p>
<p>o) Ensure tourism related strategies, plans, programmes and publications consider options for conservation and enhancement of natural environment.</p>	<p>NITB</p>	<p>April 2015 ~ Routine Action</p>	<p>NITB work with many private, public and voluntary organisations to improve and promote the tourism product in Northern Ireland. As a routine action NITB should consider options to improve conservation and enhancement of the natural environment.</p>
<p>p) Develop connections with adjacent north coast AONBs through annual activity day in each AONB.</p>	<p>CCGHT</p>	<p>September 2013 ~ Annually</p>	<p>Proximity to the Binevenagh and Antrim Coast and Glens AONBs is a significant strength for the Causeway Coast AONB. Connections and communication between the three AONBs should be improved and promoted for mutual benefits.</p>
<p>q) Improve awareness of the AONB designation and associated benefits amongst politicians through annual presentation to local councillors, MLAs, MPs and MEPs.</p>	<p>CCGHT</p>	<p>December 2013 ~ Annually</p>	<p>Often political representatives are unaware of AONB status and the benefits derived from the area's outstanding natural beauty. A short annual presentation with local, national and international politicians could significantly improve awareness and understanding.</p>

	r) Investigate options for improving statutory recognition of the AONB designation and simplifying management of areas covered by numerous and sometimes conflicting conservation designations.	CCGHT ~ NIEA Natural Heritage Unit ~ CNCC	June 2015	AONBs are not statutory designations in Northern Ireland and the Department of the Environment are not required to produce management plans but DoE may present proposals to improve conservation and access. CCGHT and partner AONB management authorities should produce a report investigating options for improving statutory recognition of AONBs and simplification of management of numerous and sometimes conflicting protected area designations.
	s) Ensure landowners are fully aware of new agri-environment schemes and are provided with guidance for application processes.	DARD	Routine Action	Agri-environment schemes are currently under review and new schemes to replace the Northern Ireland Countryside Management Scheme have currently not been announced. When available DARD should ensure landowners are aware of the schemes and provided with appropriate guidance to facilitate applications.
	t) Extend invite to new Education and Skills Authority (ESA) to sit on the AONB Management Group.	CCGHT	When ESA are established	ESA is replacing the Education and Library Boards which currently represent education interests on the AONB Management Group. When established CCGHT will extend an invite for a representative from ESA to sit on the AONB Management Group.
	u) Summarise issues and opportunities for the AONB relating to designation of marine protected areas (MPAs).	DoE Marine Division	Following Royal Ascent of NI Marine Bill	The NI Marine Bill is currently passing through the Northern Ireland Assembly. Once Royal Ascent is received DoE Marine Division should be in a position to assess and summarise related issues and opportunities for the Causeway Coast AONB
	v) Publish Northern Ireland Seascape Character Assessment results online.	NIEA Natural Heritage Unit	November 2013	NIEA have commissioned a Seascape Character Assessment for Northern Ireland. The results should be published online when available.

	w) The Crown Estate should be invited to provide a presentation to the local community about their work and funding opportunities for projects which increase access to and interpretation of our outstanding coast.	Crown Estate	October 2013	Awareness of the Crown Estates role in relation to coastal management is poor. The Crown Estate are invited to provide a presentation about their role and potential funding opportunities for projects which improve access to the coast and interpretation.
	x) Various renewable and non-renewable energy schemes are proposed both within and adjacent to the AONB. Potential impacts on the AONB should be discussed with all current and future developers.	CCGHT	Routine Action	CCGHT will discuss and/or raise awareness of potential landscape impacts with all current and potential developers.
	y) Engage with the Northern Ireland Utility Regulator for Electricity, Gas and Water (UERGNI) to ensure any infrastructure developments take into account all current and potential renewable and non-renewable energy schemes to minimise impact of piecemeal development.	CCGHT	June 2013 ~ Routine Action	CCGHT will meet with UERGNI to discuss short, medium and long term plans for infrastructure developments related to renewable and non-renewable energy developments along the north coast.
	z) Request update on licensing arrangements for marine aggregate extraction off the north coast and where appropriate encourage consideration of potential impacts on the onshore and offshore landscape.	DoE Marine Division	November 2013	DoE Marine Division should update the AONB Management Group on licensing arrangement for marine aggregate extraction of the north coast.
	aa) Hold one marine event per year to raise awareness of the marine and coastal environment	UWT ~ CCGHT	September 2013 ~ Annually	Ulster Wildlife will lead on holding a marine event each year to raise awareness of the marine and coastal environment within and around the AONB.

	bb) Support coastal, river and underwater clean ups	DOE Marine Division ~ UW ~ CCGHT	Routine Action	This fits in with the DOE marine litter strategy. Kakak clubs already carry out cleans of inaccessible areas of the coast, anglers organise clean ups of the rivers and Ulster Wildlife, Marine Conservation Society, and Tidy NI organise clean ups of the coast in conjunction with other local groups and the council
	cc) Ensure that Marine Spatial Planning and Marine Conservation Zones are implemented successfully	DOE Marine Division ~ UW ~ CCGHT	Routine Action	DOE Marine Division, Ulster Wildlife and other organisations to ensure that Marine Spatial Planning and Marine Conservation Zones are implemented successfully and with local support in the area and to apply for funding to commission work to fill in data gaps

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2. Raise awareness, enjoyment and increase access to the area's exceptional biodiversity and geodiversity	a) Consider the CCGHT commissioned geodiversity audit and action plan and work with other stakeholders to improve infrastructure, signage and access to identified key bio and geo- diversity sites.	CCGHT ~ Local Government Authority ~ DRD Roads Service ~ NITB	Ongoing	CCGHT commissioned a geodiversity audit and action plan which presents opportunities for increasing access to and awareness of key geological sites. Roads Service will consider requests for additional signing in accordance with current Tourist and Direction Signing Policies and will process requests to improve infrastructure and access within the constraints of policy and funding. Roads Service will not provide car parking.
	b) Include message and consider vision of AONB Management Plan in all relevant materials.	Local Government Authority	Autumn 2013 ~ Routine Action	Local Government must consider the vision of the AONB Management Plan and include key messages in all relevant materials.
	c) Produce report investigating opportunities and options for applying for Geopark status covering the WHS and Causeway Coastal Route.	CCGHT ~ GSNI	September 2014	This action mirrors action 5a(v) in the Giant's Causeway and Causeway Coast World Heritage Management Plan. GSNI and CCGHT will investigate opportunities and options for applying for Geopark status covering the AONB. This will support raising awareness, increasing access to and improving economic benefits derived from natural heritage sites.
	d) Consider the Causeway Coast and Glens Geodiversity Action Plan and promote sites of geological and biodiversity importance within the AONB and wider Causeway Coast and Glens Region.	NITB	Autumn 2014 ~ Routine Action	NITB will promote sites of geological and biodiversity importance along the entire Causeway Coast and Glens Region. NITB will consider relevant actions identified in the Causeway Coast and Glens Geodiversity Action Plan.
	e) Provide AONB Management Group with a short annual written summary of new access and recreational initiatives within the AONB.	ORNI	December 2013 ~ Annually	ORNI should provide a short annual written summary of new access and recreational initiatives within the AONB.

	f) Host annual local business information session on meaning and benefits of AONB status.	CCGHT	January 2014	CCGHT will work with its partners to establish and host an annual local business information session to raise awareness of the meaning and potential benefits of AONB status.
	g) Make available the Sustainable Tourism Toolkit to all tourism businesses within the AONB.	CCGHT	May 2014	CCGHT will distribute a Sustainable Tourism Toolkit to all tourism businesses with the AONB. This will help raise awareness of opportunities to maximise benefits derived from AONB and World Heritage Status.
	h) Direct local education facilities to information about AONB status and its values.	CCGHT ~ Education and Skills Authority	May 2014 ~ Routine Action	The Local Education Authority should direct local education facilities (schools, libraries, after school and youth clubs) to available information about AONB status and its values.
	i) Ensure public transport options are included and promoted in relevant published literature.	All members	Routine Action	All members should promote use of public transport and engage constructively with transport providers to improve sustainable transport provision.
	j) Ensure private landowners are made aware of permitted path agreement options.	Local Government Authority	September 2013	Local Government should ensure that all private landowners are made aware of the flexible permitted path agreements which will facilitate greater access and ease public liability concerns e.g. through advertisement in local press or leaflet drops.
	k) Organise and host guided AONB events.	CCGHT	March 2013 ~ Annually	CCGHT will host a series of guided events throughout the year to raise awareness of the area's natural, built and cultural heritage. These events will be published as a leaflet and promoted online.

	l) Update members on evidence and cases of inappropriate activities within the AONB.	All members	Tri-annually	If members become aware of any inappropriate activities (ATV use, graffiti, burning, illegal dumping, drifting etc.) these should be brought to the attention of the Management Group so relevant organisations can consider an appropriate response.
	m) Encourage the dispersal of visitors to attractions within and surrounding the AONB through regular update of promotional material.	NT	April 2013 ~ Routine Action	The National Trust will encourage customers to visit other attractions within and surrounding the AONB, through regular updates and display of promotional materials.
	n) Update members on joint ticketing and discount opportunities which encourage visitor and economic dispersal.	CCGTP ~ NT ~ NITB ~ Translink	October 2013	CCGTP will work with local businesses to explore opportunities for joint ticketing and discount agreements. This will ensure equitable sharing of benefits across the region. Some local businesses have expressed an interest in such schemes but there is currently no lead agency with the capacity to develop and deliver a joint ticketing or discount scheme on behalf of local businesses.
	o) Utilise the CCGHT commissioned Geodiversity Audit and Action Plan to fully exploit the areas geodiversity potential.	CCGHT ~ GSNI ~ NIEA Natural Heritage Unit	April 2013 ~ Routine Action	CCGHT will consider the Geodiversity Audit and Action Plan and work with partners to maximise benefits derived from the areas exceptional geodiversity.
	p) Provide public consultation opportunities on improvement options for the Causeway Rambler Service.	Translink ~ Local Government Authority	September 2013	There is broad consensus that improvements are required to improve and therefore increase sustainability of the Causeway Rambler Service. Public transport provider Translink should work with Local Government Authorities to provide a comprehensive public consultation opportunity.

	<p>q) Undertake outdoor furniture condition audits at key sites within the AONB.</p>	<p>Local Government ~ Local Community Associations ~ ORNI Volunteers</p>	<p>Routine Action ~ Annually</p>	<p>Local Community Associations, supported by Local Government, should undertake outdoor furniture audits at key sites within the AONB. This excludes short, medium and long-distance walking routes. These audits will be carried out as per norm through ORNI's Volunteer Ranger Programme. Key site audits will be reported back to the local authority as appropriate for redress</p>
	<p>r) Update audit of local activity and recreation providers and present actions to increase awareness of and access to the AONB for operators.</p>	<p>ORNI ~ CCGHT ~ CCGTP ~ Local Government Authority</p>	<p>March 2014</p>	<p>There is a wealth of outdoor activity and recreation providers within and around the AONB. ORNI and partners should undertake an audit of existing providers and present actions to increase awareness of and access to the AONB for operators. The audit should also identify gaps in activity and recreation provision.</p>
	<p>s) Bushmills Field Centre to host annual open session for local businesses - aimed promoting use of its facilities for outdoor activity provision, fieldwork and accommodation.</p>	<p>Bushmills Field Centre ~ Local Education Authority</p>	<p>May 2014 ~ Annually</p>	<p>Bushmills Field Centre provides opportunities for residential fieldtrips and outdoor activity sessions. In many cases local businesses are unaware of the full range of services offered by the facility. An annual open session could help improve communication between local businesses and raise awareness of the centres outstanding work.</p>
	<p>t) Consider impact of potential climate change predictions (Future Coastal Scenarios for Northern Ireland) when planning any new access or interpretation facilities within the AONB.</p>	<p>All members</p>	<p>Routine Action</p>	<p>In 2007 the National Trust commissioned a report to scope potential climate change impacts at coastal sites around Northern Ireland. Any new access or interpretation facilitates should take account of the reports predications.</p>

<p>u) Engage with developer(s) at the proposed Runkerry Golf Development to raise awareness, enjoyment and increase access to the area's exceptional biodiversity and geodiversity.</p>	<p>CCGHT ~ CCAONB Management Group ~ WHSG</p>	<p>If necessary</p>	<p>The proposed Runkerry Golf Development was granted planning permission in 2012. This project represents a substantial economic investment on the north coast and its size and scale present challenges in terms of balancing economic development with conservation requirements. Where appropriate CCGHT, members of the CCAONB and WHSG will engage with the developer(s) to help minimise impacts on the landscape and where opportunities exist, improve access to and awareness of the areas bio- and geodiversity.</p>
<p>v) Where appropriate work in partnership to replace outdated, duplicated or inaccurate interpretation with single alternatives which are in harmony with the areas outstanding natural landscape.</p>	<p>All Members</p>	<p>Routine Action</p>	<p>In many cases interpretation signs within the AONB are outdated, duplicated and in some cases inaccurate. Members should work in partnership, where appropriate, to replace interpretation signage and facilities with alternatives which are in harmony with the areas landscape values. The Causeway Coastal Route branding is recommended where possible.</p>
<p>w) Investigate and present options for a comprehensive Tourist Information Centre or Service(s) for the CCAONB.</p>	<p>Local Government Authority</p>	<p>June 2015</p>	<p>For many years local residents and businesses have called for the development of a comprehensive Tourist Information Centre or Service for the CCAONB. Various locations and options have been investigated on an adhoc basis. There is a need to comprehensively investigate and present options for an appropriate service(s) for the AONB.</p>
<p>x) Investigate opportunities to integrate CCR Alive material with existing promotional material and technologies.</p>	<p>CCGHT ~ CCGTP ~ NITB</p>	<p>September 2014</p>	<p>CCGHT should investigate opportunities to integrate the CCR alive material with promotional material and technologies of CCGTP to maximise the potential of the project to raise awareness, enjoyment and increase access to the area's exceptional biodiversity and geodiversity</p>

	y) Promote 'Leave No Trace' in all promotional materials relating to access.	All Members	Routine Action	The 'Leave No Trace' campaign encourages responsible, non-motorised outdoor activities with minimal impact on public recreational areas. Education and skill development opportunities are available from the Leave No Trace organisation if required.
	z) East Strand dune conservation and access enhancement project	CCGHT and Local Government Authority	October 2013	CCGHT and council partners will develop and undertake a dune conservation and access enhancement project at East Strand in order to promote enjoyment of the AONB, improve access, conserve the area's natural beauty and conserve natural phenomena (dune processes) – links with local schools, field centres and public participation are essential
	aa) Investigate opportunities to integrate raising awareness and promotional materials to enhance and support access to the AONB	CCGHT ~ CCGTP	September 2014	CCGHT and CCGTP will work together to enhance access to, awareness and enjoyment of the Causeway Coast and Glens outstanding natural and cultural heritage. There are significant opportunities to share and integrate material for mutual benefit of the agencies and the AONB.

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3. Protect, enhance and increase access to the historic fabric of the AONB and associated cultural traditions	a) Audit existing built and cultural heritage promotional and information material for accuracy and appeal.	CCGHT	April 2015	CCGHT will commission an audit existing promotional and information material related to built and cultural heritage within the AONB. This will include a review of accuracy and recommendations to improve public access to the material.
	b) Encourage sites to participate in European Heritage Open Days.	Local Government Authority ~ NIEA Built Heritage	September 2013 ~ Routine Action	Local Government will work with NIEA to encourage new and existing sites to participate in European Heritage Open Days, a three day annual event.
	c) Establish an annual local archaeological event and advertise through Local Community Associations and social media.	Queen's University Belfast ~ CCGHT ~ NIEA Built Heritage	October 2013	CCGHT will work with Centre for Archaeological Fieldwork at Queen's University Belfast to establish an annual local archaeological event within the AONB.
	d) Create and maintain GIS database of built heritage in the AONB.	University of Ulster	April 2015	As a major research and education centre adjacent to the AONB the University of Ulster should work with relevant partners to create and maintain a GIS database of built heritage features within the AONB.
	e) Review and update NI Sites and Monuments Record and provide short annual written summary about developments within the AONB for the Management Group.	NIEA Built Heritage	February 2014 ~ Annually	NIEA will provide a short annual written summary to update the AONB Management Group on relevant changes to the NI Sites and Monuments Record within the AONB

	<p>f) Provide AONB Management Group with an annual short written update on updates to the buildings at risk register within the AONB.</p>	<p>NIEA Built Heritage ~ Ulster Architectural Heritage Society</p>	<p>Autumn 2013 ~ Annually</p>	<p>NIEA and the Ulster Architectural Heritage Society will provide a short annual written update on relevant changes to the buildings at risk register within the AONB.</p>
	<p>g) Consider results of University of Ulster study on training and funding opportunities.</p>	<p>Local Education Authorities ~ Local Community Associations ~ Local Businesses</p>	<p>April 2015</p>	<p>The relevant Education Authorities, Local Community Associations and businesses will consider the results of University of Ulster Study on training and funding opportunities in traditional crafts and skills.</p>
	<p>h) Organise a display/showcase event of local traditional skills and crafts.</p>	<p>CCGHT ~ Local Historical Societies ~ Ulster Architectural Heritage Society ~ ÉCONOMUSÉE Artisans</p>	<p>February 2014</p>	<p>CCGHT will work with Local Historical Societies, ÉCONOMUSÉE Artisans and other relevant partners to organise an event to display and showcase traditional crafts and skills.</p>
	<p>i) The Roads Service Street Lighting Working Group is currently considering technological developments that will lead to the future provision of more efficient and less polluting alternatives . Older systems are being replaced and upgraded within the resources made available each financial year . Roads Service will work with other stakeholders to identify any sources of funding that might accelerate this process within the AONB.</p>	<p>DRD – Roads Service</p>	<p>As resources permit and needs dictate</p>	<p>Technological developments have provided more efficient and less polluting alternatives to traditional street lighting. Department for Regional Development should review their policies relating to street lighting within the AONB, with a view to making the AONB a launch platform for a drive to more cost effective and environmentally friendly street lighting.</p>

	<p>j) Produce a report on opportunities for increasing local access to training in traditional skills and crafts.</p>	<p>University of Ulster ~ Local Government ~ DARD ~ NIEA Built Heritage ~ Ulster Architectural Heritage Society</p>	<p>April 2015</p>	<p>As a major research and education centre adjacent to the AONB the University of Ulster should work with Local Government, DARD and NIEA to produce a report on opportunities for increasing local access to training in traditional skills and crafts.</p>
	<p>k) Host a series of public consultation and information events with the local community regarding development proposals at Dunluce Castle.</p>	<p>NIEA Built Heritage</p>	<p>Routine Action</p>	<p>Proposals for improved access, interpretation and visitor facilities at Dunluce Castle present an opportunity to engage with the local community and activity providers to improve protection, enhance and increase access to the historic fabric of the AONB. It also presents opportunities to develop/revive local crafts and skills.</p>
	<p>l) Develop proposals for historic trails development linked to the cultural and natural heritage of the AONB.</p>	<p>Local Government Authority</p>	<p>July 2014</p>	<p>Moyle District Council are investigating opportunities to develop historic trails. Proposals should be presented by July 2014.</p>

	<p>m) Seek to dispel public liability myths about access to built heritage, through specific AONB information leaflet and associated guidance.</p>	<p>Local Government Authority ~ NIEA Built Heritage ~ DARD ~ CCGHT</p>	<p>October 2013 ~ Routine Action</p>	<p>Many myths and urban legends circulate regarding public liability and access to built and historic heritage on private land. Local Government Authority, NIEA, DARD and CCGHT should work to dispel many of the myths regarding landowner/building owner liability.</p>
	<p>n) Identify all listed buildings within the AONB and promote their; preservation/setting/features of architectural or historic merit by identifying relevant guidance/policy and potential grant funding which may be applicable</p>	<p>All Members</p>	<p>February 2013 ~ Routine Action</p>	<p>Listed buildings should be promoted as an asset as opposed to a negative component within our built environment. Where opportunities exist, all members should promote their preservation and identify relevant guidance, policy and potential grant funding which may be applicable</p>

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4. Promote vibrant and sustainable communities with a strong sense of identity	a) Promote Eco-Schools programme	Local Education Authority	April 2013 ~ Routine-Action	The Local Education Authority should promote and actively engage with the Eco-Schools programme. This encourages sustainable living with a bottom up approach, beginning with children.
	b) Update website to list sites for outdoor education under natural and built heritage categories.	Local Education Authority	February 2014	The Education Authorities website will have a clear area on the website dedicated to directing clients to a list of sites suitable for outdoor education in Natural and Built heritage categories
	c) Promote through social media and online opportunities to access traditional skills and craft training.	CCGHT	April 2014 ~ Routine Action	CCGHT, where possible, will promote through online and social media opportunities to access traditional skills and craft training.
	d) Where developed Local Community Associations should seek funding to implement local village plans.	Local Community Associations	February 2014 ~ Tri-Annually	Members should update the AONB Management Group about relevant funding opportunities at tri-annual meetings. Local Community Associations are actively encouraged to seek funding to implement local village plans.
	e) Promote and support use of the Sustainable Tourism Toolkit.	CCGHT	March 2014	CCGHT will promote and support use of the distributed Sustainable Tourism Toolkits.

	f) Establish local festival forum.	CCGHT	February 2014 ~ Annually	CCGHT will establish and host an annual local festivals forum, at which Local Community Associations are encouraged to share ideas and funding opportunities to support local festivals and events.
	g) Produce a feasibility study of Causeway Coast products and a food tourism strategy focusing on 'food experiences'	CCGHT ~ CCGTP ~ NITB ~ Local Government Authority ~ DARD	October 2016	CCGHT will lead a feasibility study for the creation of a 'Causeway Coast' brand for products from the area accompanied by a food tourism strategy.
	h) Promote AONB as centre for excellence in management of 'living' and 'live-in' landscapes.	NIEA	October 2013	The AONB is not a wilderness area, it is a living and dynamic landscape. NIEA will promote the AONB as a centre for excellence in the management of 'live-in' dynamic landscapes.
	i) Invite annual update from Arts Council on funding opportunities and events for local cultural activities.	CCGHT ~ Arts Council	February 2014	CCGHT will extend an annual invite to the Arts Council to update local community groups of opportunities to access funding for community events, festivals and cultural activities.

	j) CCGHT to invite participation from Invest NI to help produce and deliver a joint presentation outlining opportunities to establish business incubator units and scheme.	CCGHT ~ Invest NI ~ Local Government Authority	October 2015 ~ Annually	CCGHT will invite Invest NI to present annually about opportunities for business establishment and improvement. By October 2015 CCGHT, Invest NI and Local Government will produce a joint presentation outlining opportunities to establish business incubator units and schemes.
	k) Develop connections with adjacent AONBs communities through annual activity day in each AONB.	CCGHT	September 2013 ~ Annually	Proximity to the Binevenagh and Antrim Coast and Glens AONBs is a significant strength for the Causeway Coast AONB. Connections and communication between the three AONBs should be improved and promoted for mutual benefits.
	l) Audit existing and potential tourist/leisure facility provision, identifying opportunities for private activity and recreation providers to provide services previously administered by Local Government Authorities.	Local Government Authority	November 2015	Tourism and leisure facilities require significant capital and revenue funding. Support should be provided where reasonable; however in many cases existing activity and recreation provider may be better placed to deliver services currently administered by Local Government Authorities.

	<p>m) Seek to address community inertia by early engagement with school children, particularly through projects which engage family and friends across generations.</p>	<p>All Members</p>	<p>Routine Action</p>	<p>All projects should seek to address community inertia through engagement with school children and across generations. The Binevenagh Townlands and Fieldnames Project provides a great example of a cross generational project led by school children.</p>
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