From where I am sitting I can look across the Pewsey Vale to the Downs at the northern edge of Salisbury Plain: it is a marvellous view, but right in the middle of it stand two large pylons. They were put there years ago, before the North Wessex Downs AONB was even designated, but they are a constant reminder to me of how vigilant we must be if the AONB’s glorious landscape is to be protected from inappropriate development, however well-intentioned. We are fortunate indeed that our aims are shared not just by those bodies which are represented on our Council of Partners, but by many others, because partnership remains the key to success.

You will find details of our activities during the past year in the following pages. They include the successful launch of our new Management Plan, covering the five years to 2014, at our Annual Forum in October, after wide ranging consultation. Implementation of the Plan is now well under way. As I mentioned in last year’s Annual Review, our small management team has been substantially changed and reinforced; it has established itself with commendable speed and efficiency and is to be congratulated for achieving so much in such a short time.

As I write this we still do not know the precise level of the current year’s funding, but we hope that Natural England and our local authority funding partners will be able to maintain it at something approaching last year’s level. Among other things, this means that we should be able to continue to allocate around £50,000 to our Sustainable Development Fund to support projects all over the AONB that further our objectives. What will happen beyond April 2011, as the new government struggles to reduce its inherited deficit, is uncertain.

However, next year’s funding will be a problem not for me but for my successor. The search has begun and the hope is that he or she will be able to take over by the autumn. This is therefore my last Annual Review and my last opportunity to thank all of you - the Council of Partners, the Management Working Group, the management team and the AONB’s many other friends and supporters - not just for everything you have done, and continue to do, to help the AONB to achieve its objectives, but for your personal help and friendship during my six years as Chairman. Because of you, I have learnt a lot and enjoyed myself greatly, and I am very grateful.

Sir Charles Nunney
Chairman of the Council of Partners
2004 - 2010
Management Working Group

Duncan Coe, Chairman of the Management Working Group reports on achievements during the year.

Looking back over the last 12 months the one thing that stands out is that little stays the same for very long. At a time of great uncertainty and in the knowledge that we will all face very real pressures in the coming years one might wish for some stability. But the truth is that change is inevitable and necessary if we are to adapt to the challenges that lie ahead.

The last year has seen significant changes and challenges for the North Wessex Downs AONB team. New members of staff, the pressure to produce the revised Management Plan, the need to consider what the priorities should be in the coming years and the impact of the new Wiltshire Council are just some of the issues faced, all against a backdrop of uncertainty and the medium term threat to resources. It is therefore remarkable to consider just how much has been achieved and how quickly the new team has established itself.

When one considers the range of partners involved, the breadth of the consultation process for the new Management Plan, the numbers who attended the action plan seminars, the range of projects and initiatives supported through resource provision or support and advice, the number of planning issues/consultation responded to, one realises just how important the North Wessex Downs AONB team really is.

If anyone ever questions the value that the team provides to communities across this special landscape, they should take a close look at the projects and initiatives that the team engages with, and the outcomes that result from this activity.

We should not forget that the primary purpose of the AONB team is to support the conservation and enhancement of this special landscape, and this may be challenging for some of the core partners.

We should also remember that there are communities and businesses in that landscape that call the North Wessex Downs their home. The policies and activities of the AONB should not stifle these communities and businesses, but should seek to work with them to ensure prosperity is genuinely sustainable, providing long-term benefits for all.

Now is not the time to draw back from the challenge, but to renew our commitment to ensuring that the North Wessex Downs are treasured, not just by the current generation, but for generations to come.

Duncan Coe
Chairman
Management Working Group
Management Plan 2009 – 2014

Forum
We launched our new Management Plan on 15 October at our annual Forum in Marlborough Town Hall. The theme of the day, ‘Opportunities for Economic Development in a Protected Landscape’, focused discussion on the need to recognise the connection between conserving natural beauty and ensuring lasting prosperity, especially in difficult economic times.

Alun Williams from Visit Wiltshire and Colette Mallon from the North Wiltshire Economic Partnership both spoke about economic opportunities in the AONB. Despite the wet weather, participants enjoyed afternoon visits to Barbury Castle, Avebury and Marlborough town.

The Forum plays an important role in enabling everyone who cares about the protected landscape of the North Wessex Downs to share ideas and information. We are grateful to everybody who gave their time to be there.

The new Management Plan
Under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 the Council of Partners must publish a Management Plan every five years. This forms the basis for the partners’ work collaboratively and individually throughout the North Wessex Downs. The AONB team’s main role is to lead implementation of the Plan’s actions to achieve its objectives.

Work on the new Management Plan started in 2007. It was prepared and drafted by several past members of the AONB team including Belinda Fowler, John Tabor, Liz Alexander and Fiona Newcombe. During 2009 Oliver Cripps oversaw completion of the Plan, which is superbly illustrated by David Hall from Blueskyimages, and ensured the document was approved by the Council of Partners and Natural England.

The new Management Plan acknowledges the significant achievements of the first, published in 2004, and takes these forward under a series of theme headings. For a copy, contact the AONB office or see www.northwessexdowns.org.uk.

Workshops kick off implementation
Workshops were held in Burbage, Pewsey and Lockeridge to start prioritising the Management Plan’s many actions and objectives. 57 people from the business, historic environment, nature conservation, farming, planning and recreation sectors attended and contributed to discussions on topics reflecting the Management Plan themes.

Experts helped lead the workshops in identifying the priorities. With help from facilitators, everyone joined in mapping the initiatives and activities already going on, and opportunities and threats that the AONB team need to address. 45 of the participants generously volunteered their involvement in working groups to take forward specific projects and actions.

Business planning
The outcomes from the workshops, combined with existing AONB strategies and studies, informed our work programme, which is now focusing the efforts of the AONB team and wider partnership. With the help of the Management Working Group, this will support implementation of the Plan during the next few years.
Downland Heritage Initiative

Strategy for Arable Biodiversity
Work on this long-standing initiative continued during the year, and with our partners we developed a draft Strategy for Arable Biodiversity in the North Wessex Downs. The main focus of this is to conserve and improve the wildlife interest of these protected landscapes. It also complements the chalk grassland and woodland strategies to help refine the targeting of semi-natural habitat conservation and recreation.

The Strategy for Arable Biodiversity will help us and our partners to focus our efforts in the most important places for arable biodiversity and target those with the potential for expansion of species’ range. It will also help to achieve national and local Biodiversity Action Plan targets and Government targets for farmland birds, as well as delivery of AONB Management Plan.

Farmland birds
The North Wessex Farmland Bird project is a partnership between Natural England, RSPB and the North Wessex Downs AONB. The aim is to encourage farmers and land managers to sign up to Environmental Stewardship schemes to boost key farmland bird species in the AONB, Diane Nicolle, one of two advisors delivering this project, is based at the North Wessex Downs AONB office to cover the south east area. Sarah Blyth covers the south west area.

Farmland birds is one of the three main themes of the Campaign for the Farmed Environment run by the NFU and CLA with wildlife trusts, Farming and Wildlife Advisory Groups and other partners.

The Downland Special Project
Natural England and Hampshire County Council generously funded this special project under the Downland Heritage Initiative. We commissioned Hampshire FWAC to contact farmers and land managers in the Hampshire Downs target area, review their Environmental Stewardship agreements and encourage them to sign up to the Higher Level Stewardship scheme. The project also offers small grants for work such as fencing.

Chalk grasslands
Restoring chalk grassland is a key priority. The North Wessex Downs AONB has nearly 9% of the UK’s surviving chalk grassland, and its restoration and management are key elements of our Management Plan.

We continued to work with Cranborne Chase & West Wiltshire Downs AONB on the restoration of chalk grassland. In November we hosted a meeting of partners to discuss landscape-scale collaboration of this rare and immensely valuable resource.

Communications

E-bulletin
This year saw the revival of the North Wessex Downs AONB E-bulletin. Issue 24, published in October, was the first since March 2008. It is published bi-monthly and sent to around 2,000 people who comprise the North Wessex Downs AONB Forum and anyone who asks to receive it. To sign up please e-mail info@northwessexdowns.org.uk or call 01488 685440.

UPI on the North Wessex Downs
The 2010 edition of our annual magazine for residents and visitors to the North Wessex Downs AONB features walks, community initiatives, and a directory of local products and services in the AONB - from beer and wine to wood and thatching.

UPI is distributed to tourist information centres, libraries, hospitality providers and many other places outside and inside the AONB. If you are able to distribute UPI in your community please contact the North Wessex Downs office, e-mail info@northwessexdowns.org.uk or call 01488 685440.

Website
During the year our website www.northwessexdowns.org.uk was updated with more information about the AONB and how to apply for LEADER and Sustainable Development Fund grants. The website also provides a free online grant-finding service through GrantNET.

South East, South West and beyond
The North Wessex Downs AONB covers parts of both the south east and south west regions of England, and so the AONB participates in a whole range of protected landscape and related forums in each region.

As acting director, Henry Olver represents the North Wessex Downs on the leadership groups; South East Protected Landscapes (SEPL) and South West Protected Landscapes Forum (SWPLF). He also provides liaison between the South East and East Protected Landscapes Planning Officers’ Group and South East leader officers. Henry helped represent SEPL in South East England Partnership Board work and is on the steering group of the RDPE-funded SEPL Sustainable Tourism in our Finest Landscapes Project.

Oliver Cripps, acting assistant director, is a steering group member for SWPLF’s 15W off-road cycling project. Andrew Lord, the planning advisor, contributes to the planning officers’ groups for the south east and east, and south west.

In October the whole North Wessex Downs AONB team took part in the South East Protected Landscapes training day in the Surrey Hills AONB.

We also contributed to the National Association of AONBs magazine ‘Outstanding’ and took part in NAAONB training courses during the year.
Planning

Andrew Lord, our Planning Advisor, joined the North Wessex Downs AONB team in November 2009. Since then he has responded to consultations on planning policies, submitted comments on planning applications and appeals, and developed new protocols with partners.

In April 2010 the Management Working Group approved draft planning protocol agreements. These will ensure local planning authorities consult the North Wessex Downs AONB on all major applications and planning policy consultations within, or likely to affect the setting of, the AONB, and that Natural England and the North Wessex Downs AONB consult each other on planning policy and applications. In May 2010 these proposals were circulated in draft form for agreement and signing by relevant local authorities and Natural England.

Planning policy guidance submissions
We commented on the following local planning authorities’ policies:

- South Oxfordshire: Wallingford “A” site (750 dwellings). Objected because this proposal lies partly within, and within the setting of, the AONB.
- Wiltshire Council: Core Strategy includes proposed allocation of 250 dwellings in Marlborough. Serious concerns over potential harm to the landscape and environmental capacity here and at possible sites north of Devizes.

Planning appeal submissions
We made submissions to four planning appeals, and to date we have received one appeal decision.

The Planning Inspector refused to vary conditions on a planning permission for use of the airstrip at Lower Upham Farm Airfield, Aldbourne as a training centre for microlight pilots because it would disturb the tranquillity of the North Wessex Downs AONB. He specifically drew attention to the AONB Management Plan 2009 - 2014 as a ‘material consideration to which I attach substantial weight.’

We submitted evidence in support of Wiltshire Council members’ decision to refuse planning permission because the proposal would have caused unacceptable disturbance to people using the Ridgeway and been in conflict with the AONB Management Plan.

We also responded to the Swindon Local Transport Plan, the Wiltshire Traveller and Gypsy consultation and draft Government guidance.

Comments on planning applications
The Planning Advisor commented on 108 planning applications considered potentially harmful to the North Wessex Downs AONB.

Some of the significant sites lie outside the North Wessex Downs AONB but have the potential to harm the setting of the protected landscape:

- South Oxfordshire: 353 dwellings at Fairmile Hospital site, Cholsey.
- Test Valley: 395 dwellings at Enham Alamein and circa 500 dwellings at Picket Piece, Andover.
- West Berkshire: 750 dwellings at Pincents Hill, Tilehurst.

Pre-application discussions took place relating to more than 700 dwellings at Commonhead, Swindon and 2,500 dwellings at Grove, near Wantage.
The £2.5 million North Wessex Downs LEADER grant programme really got into its stride in 2009–2010. This report gives a glimpse of the breadth of projects that LEADER supported during the year. The programme continues for a further three years, and more enquiries and applications are very welcome.

LEADER money is targeted at farmers, foresters, rural businesses and community organisations to help them strengthen the rural economy of the AONB. The funding is part of the Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE) with the money coming from Europe and the Regional Development Agencies for the South East and South West of England (SEEDA and SWRDA).

The Local Action Group (LAG), which awards the grants, is made up of local expert volunteers together with local authority representatives and agencies. The LAG steers the delivery of the programme and recruited the new Programme Manager, Corinna Woodall, who arrived in February 2010. She took over from Julian Head of Wiltshire Council who did sterling work acting in the post before Corinna arrived.

During the year £400,000 was awarded to 16 diverse projects, benefiting local businesses and communities, that contribute to one or more of four LEADER themes.

**Community Development and Business Transformation**

The communities of Bradfield Southend, East Garston and Hampstead Norreys benefited from LEADER grants for the construction of new shop buildings and/or the fitting out of these premises or existing shops. The establishment of Cosy Paws Cattery, was supported as well as the range of forestry-related businesses.

**Farming, Food and Forestry**

Large parts of the North Wessex Downs AONB are wooded in character and opportunities to help stimulate woodland management and to boost local woodland industries are welcomed by the LAG. LEADER helped local businesses acquire specialist equipment such as log splitters and firewood processors - as well as the purchase of Billy, a Belgian draught horse who will be extracting timber from difficult and sensitive woods.

Farm businesses are supported too through adding value to locally grown food and improving the efficiency of agricultural operations. Three Trees Farm in Wiltshire received a grant for a meat cutting and chilling room where home grown and locally produced meat will be processed; Bower Farm, Aldworth has new machinery for plucking turkeys and Porchester Farms bought a robot to stack sacks of rolled oats onto pallets, to enable growth of their equine feed enterprise.

Creating opportunities to enjoy the North Wessex Downs

A LEADER grant supported the two day Children’s Food Festival run by the Northmoor Trust in June 2009 to encourage families to think about eating healthily and to eat more local produce.

Nestled on the River Thames at the eastern edge of the AONB, Streatley Parish Council had a grant to create a new all-weather ball games area for the active enjoyment of local people.

**Meeting the challenges and opportunities of climate change**

LEADER is keen to fund projects that will help to mitigate climate change.

The LAG supported the purchase of a large wood chipper machine for Wessex Biofuels Ltd to process locally felled timber and create local stockpiles in the North Wessex Downs. To reduce delivery mileage, orders for woodchip from the increasing number of property owners with biofuel boilers are matched to the nearest stockpile.

A LEADER grant funded new radiators in Milton Ubourn Village Hall after other funds helped to install a ground-source heat pump.

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Sustainable Development Fund celebrates its 5th Birthday in 2010

The Sustainable Development Fund (SDF) is a grant scheme administered by the North Wessex Downs AONB and funded by DEFRA through Natural England. Its purpose is to help to fund projects that further the aims of the AONB’s Management Plan. Applications are welcome from community and village groups, heritage and wildlife bodies, businesses and local authorities.

In 2009 – 2010, £57,753 was distributed to 17 projects, generating an additional £136,687 match funding in cash and in kind. Since the SDF grant scheme started in 2005 a total of £347,013 has been distributed to 85 projects around the North Wessex Downs AONB. These attracted match funding in cash totalling £421,893 and contributions in kind worth an estimated £308,904.

Successful projects supported during the past five years included biodiversity conservation, investigating the historic environment, and enhancing some of the most valuable landscapes in the AONB. Others enabled young people to visit farms and find out about the food chain, helped more people to visit the AONB and gave some the chance to participate in countryside activities. Projects also involved people in community-led planning, supported local renewable energy generation and provided vital rural services.

The SDF remains one of the few flexible funding sources for communities, businesses and individuals. The relatively light administration, combined with quick decision-making among the SDF panel by email, means that it is able to support a wide range of innovative, small-scale projects.

Henry Wilson, one of the founder members of the SDF grant panel, stood down when he left the Council of Partners and was replaced by Mark Maclay. We are grateful to Henry and all the panel members for their diligence and swift decisions.

The SDF application form and guidance notes are on the Grants section of our website www.northwessexdowns.org.uk. Details of all the projects that received SDF grants since 2005 are also on the website.

Enjoying and understanding the North Wessex Downs

Ashampstead Parish by its Parishioners

Residents of Ashampstead in West Berkshire received an SDF grant to publish a book of articles celebrating the character of the area to help new residents find out about the history, wildlife and people of the village, Project leader Dick Greenaway explains: “This book will help to introduce them to the community on arrival and encourage them to learn about, value and contribute to the parish.”

Hamstead Marshall Walks Leaflets

An SDF grant supported the production of free leaflets describing country walks around the West Berkshire parish of Hamstead Marshall. Each leaflet contains a clear route map, illustrations, indications of terrain features, descriptive information about topography, land use, flora and fauna, historical associations, viewpoints and the Country Code. The leaflets were distributed to all households in the village, the pub, church, local libraries and West Berkshire Tourist Office.

Elm Farm Trail

The Organic Research Centre at Elm Farm, Hamstead Marshall received an SDF grant to produce a range of materials to publicise its interactive farm trail. The leaflets and interpretation boards will stimulate an interest in the wildlife features that can be found around a working farm. The trail is a permissive path, open to the public throughout the year.

Dark Skies Expedition

The Richmond Fellowship was awarded an SDF grant to build and equip a mobile observatory so that people can enjoy the dark skies above the North Wessex Downs. In partnership with St John’s School and Community College in Marlborough, the observatory will be used by young people from schools, groups and other organisations to investigate the effects of light pollution on the night sky.

The Great Stones Way

The Friends of the Ridgeway propose to create a new path, The Great Stones Way, between the Ridgeway National Trail at Overton Hill (The Sanctuary) and Old Sarum near Salisbury to link the associated World Heritage Sites of Avebury and Stonehenge. The SDF grant supported a feasibility study to investigate the best route and potential economic benefits, so as to help secure capital funding for the next stage of the project.

Energy from the River Thames

Goring and Streatley Hydroelectricity Project

The Goring and Streatley Sustainability Group received an SDF grant to carry out flood risk modelling on the River Thames where they propose to install Archimedes Spirals for a hydroelectric scheme. The scheme could produce enough electricity to supply the equivalent of more than 500 homes (over 24 hours) with an estimated life exceeding 50 years.
Traditional Stone Crafts of the North Wessex Downs
An SDF grant supported the work of traditional stone craftsman Joss Nankoo, enabling him to give free consultations and workshops on the maintenance and repair of stone memorials and headstones to parochial church councils and other groups looking after churchyards and cemeteries. The grant provided tools and equipment for the workshops and work identified by assessments of specific headstones and memorials.

Community Planning
Parish Wildlife Map Toolkit
The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust worked together with community planning partners from across the North Wessex Downs to produce a Parish Wildlife Map Toolkit. The SDF grant helped to produce the toolkit which will enable parish councils and other groups to include biodiversity in their community-led plans. A parish wildlife map is a graphic representation, created by surveys and local research, of the key habitats and species within a parish, town or village boundary.

Ashampstead Parish Plan
An SDF grant contributed to the cost of producing the Ashampstead Parish Plan. This community-led plan aims to protect and improve the natural peace and beauty of the parish.

The North Wessex Downs Interactive Management Plan
People and communities in and beyond the North Wessex Downs will soon be able to use an interactive web-based version of the AONB Management Plan. This will enable the public, local authorities, parish councils and land managers to read the studies, policies and guidance that form the management framework for the AONB. The SDF grant contributed towards the technical development and hosting of this resource.

Wildlife of the North Wessex Downs
Bumblebee Conservation
The Bumblebee Habitat Project received an SDF grant for a leaflet to encourage farmers and land managers to manage habitats in Wiltshire for the Shrill Carder Bee. This is one of the two rarest bumblebees in the UK and is a key pollinator for the majority of crops and wildflowers. The Wiltshire site is one of six known breeding locations in the UK.

Trout Redd Survey
A survey of brown trout nests, or redds, by Action for the River Kennet was supported by an SDF grant. Trained volunteers equipped with GPS units surveyed the upper Kennet to record the redds and collated the results to understand where the brown trout prefer to spawn. The results will inform future habitat restoration projects of this classic chalk stream with the aim of establishing a wild trout fishery.

Nature Box
Burbage Sports Club received an SDF grant to build and install owl and bat boxes near a public footpath adjoining the sports ground in the village. Members of the sports club made the boxes using materials from local builders to specifications from a wildlife website.

Food from the North Wessex Downs
Hungerford Food Festival
Hungerford Environmental Action Team and other community groups in the town held a local food festival in September 2009 with the help of an SDF grant. Hundreds of local people enjoyed cookery demonstrations, apple pressing, a barbecue of locally-produced steaks and sausages, cakes, beer, cider and many other local foods.
# Finance

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Natural England funds re-allocated to South East Protected Landscapes work: 13,525.00

**Net underspend to be carried forward to 2010-2011**: 7,510.60
The North Wessex Downs AONB team, Council of Partners and Management Working Group.

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The Council of Partners
The Council of Partners includes representatives of the nine local authorities with administrative responsibilities for the area covered by the North Wessex Downs AONB.

It also includes representatives of Natural England, community and parish councils, farming and rural businesses, nature conservation, historic environment, rural recreation and tourism.

The complete list of members is on the back of the Annual Review and on www.northwessexdowns.org.uk

The Council of Partners has no independent executive powers. Its work is carried out with the prior approval of its constituent local authorities and Natural England (the funding partners).

The Council of Partners has a responsibility to:

- Advise on and co-ordinate the work of the constituent local authorities on matters relating to the AONB.
- On behalf of the constituent local authorities prepare, produce and implement the North Wessex Downs AONB Management Plan.
- Promote the unique identity of the AONB.
- Secure sufficient funding for AONB activities.
- Raise the profile and increase the understanding of the North Wessex Downs AONB.


The Management Working Group
The Management Working Group consists of individuals appointed by the Council of Partners because of their expertise and skills.

They have a responsibility to:

- Provide guidance and advice for the AONB team’s work.
- Promote liaison and co-ordinate action between organisations implementing the North Wessex Downs AONB Management Plan.
- Advise the Council of Partners of the resources required to implement the AONB Management Plan.
- Develop links with key external organisations and influential local bodies.
- Develop policy recommendations and identify management issues.


The North Wessex Downs AONB Forum
The Forum meets annually to discuss issues to be addressed through the work of the Council of Partners and the AONB Management Team. In October 2009 the Forum met at Marlborough Town Hall.

The Forum comprises representatives from organisations and groups within the North Wessex Downs AONB including: farmers, landowners, parish and town councillors, members of wildlife, conservation and history groups, community action groups, ramblers, horse-riders and others. Forum members nominate candidates to serve as Advisory Members on the Council of Partners (see list overleaf).
COUNCIL OF PARTNERS
From 1st April 2009 to 31st March 2010

Chairman
Sir Charles Nunneley

Funding Partners
Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council
Hampshire County Council
Oxfordshire County Council
South Oxfordshire District Council
Swindon Borough Council
Test Valley Borough Council
Vale of White Horse District Council
West Berkshire Council
Wiltshire Council
Natural England

Representing the interests of Community and Parish
CCB
Committee for Rural Hampshire
Friends of the Pang, Kennet and Lambourn Valleys
Hungerford Town Council

Representing the interests of Farming and Rural Business
Axis Farming
Country Land and Business Association
Forestry Commission
National Farmers Union

Representing the interests of the Historic Environment
Council for British Archaeology
English Heritage

Representing the interests of Nature Conservation
Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust
Action for the River Kennet

Representing the interests of Recreation and Rural Tourism
Friends of the Ridgeway
Vacancy

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