



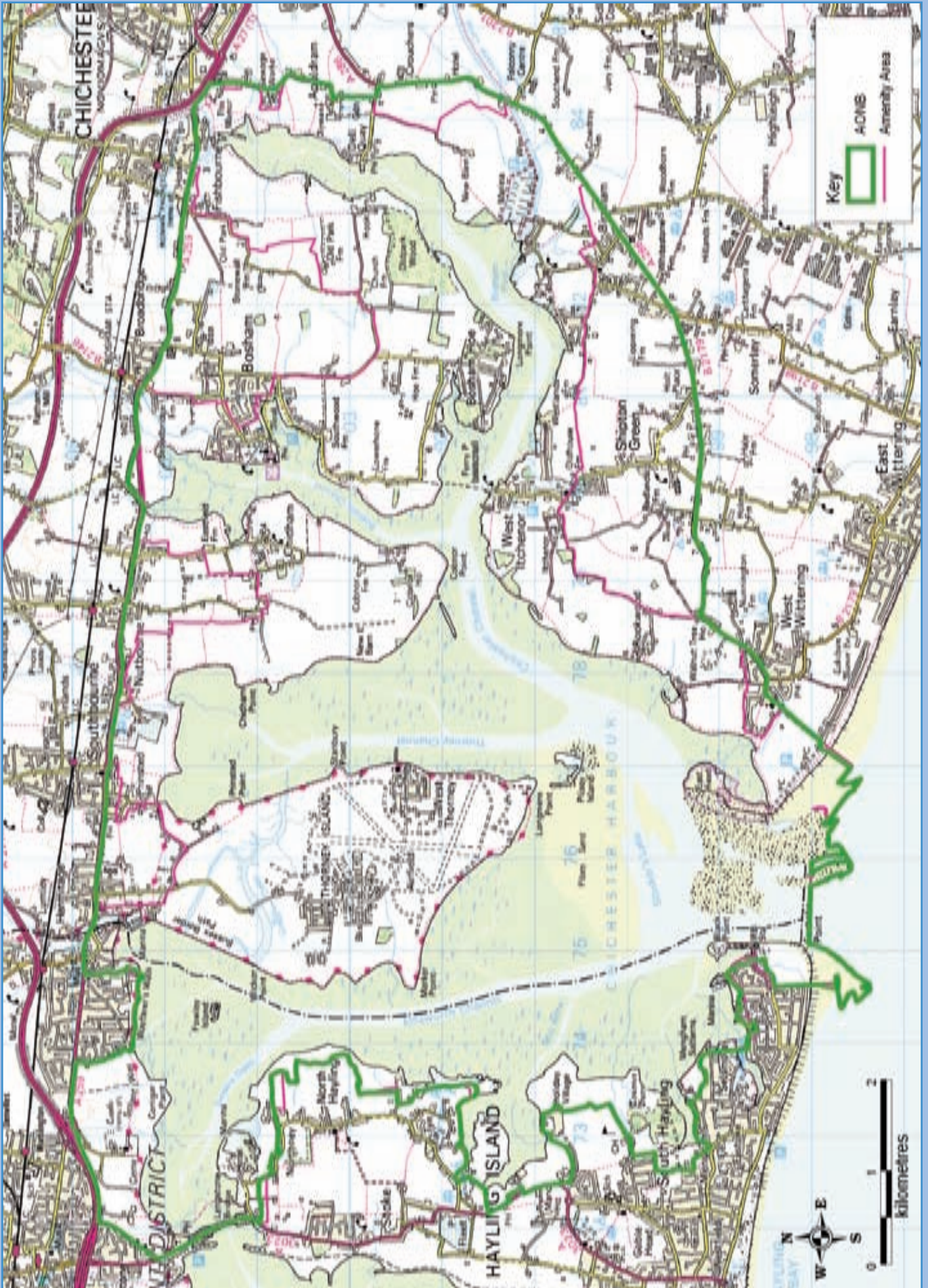
# CHICHESTER HARBOUR

*Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty*



**Management Plan**  
***Annual Progress Report 2007-8***

# Chichester Harbour AONB



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# Chairman's Message

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Welcome to the fourth Annual Progress Report of the Chichester Harbour AONB Management Plan, reporting on the delivery of actions over the past year.

Despite coming to the end of the three-year Heritage Lottery Fund programme this has been a busy year as we continue to build upon on the work achieved and further develop the HLF funded initiatives such as running trips aboard *Solar Heritage* and *Terror*, and improving the Salterns Way cycle route.

In addition, work has begun this year to undertake the five-year review the Chichester Harbour AONB Management Plan as required under the CRoW Act. The new AONB Management Plan 2009-2014 will be published in April 2009 and will build on the success of the existing plan, ensuring that it continues to guide the management of the AONB over the next five year period.

The Conservancy continues to work with our partner organisations to deliver the Management Plan, and to promote the sustainable enjoyment of the AONB by residents and visitors alike. This report, as in previous years, aims to highlight the achievements during the last year and report on progress taken to deliver the Management Plan actions by the Conservancy and AONB partners.

Ted Gale MBE

Chairman, Chichester Harbour Conservancy

Top: The work started with HLF funding has continued in many cases, including the use of *Terror*, the restored Victorian oyster boat, for sailing trips

Below: View of Dell Quay - the new AONB Management Plan will continue to build on the success of the current plan





# The Role of the Harbour Authority

Some of the actions are highlighted for each of the AONB Management Plan Sections. For a comprehensive summary of work carried out by the Conservancy and AONB partners see the Action Summary Table 2007-8, starting on page 7.



Top and above: One of the biggest overhauls of the harbour entrance navigation marks took place over the winter of 2007/08. The contractors worked with Conservancy staff to replace the West Pole and Bar Beacon marks with larger, more visible markers

Below: The Harbour Watch team continued to act as the 'eyes and ears of the Conservancy' checking the shoreline footpaths each month



Chichester Harbour Conservancy undertakes its statutory duties as a harbour authority to conserve, maintain and improve the harbour for the use of pleasure craft and other vessels, guided by the Port Marine Safety Code. The capital value of the boats and maritime businesses underpins the harbour economy and the Conservancy supports and advises marinas and other businesses on the sustainable use of the harbour environment.

- \* New beacons have been installed at the harbour approach to replace the existing West Pole and Bar Beacon. The new beacons will improve visibility and safety at the entrance to Chichester Harbour. The new tripod West Pole and inner single pole Bar Beacon will guide mariners through the dredged channel into the Harbour.
- \* Recycling facilities for vessel landed waste have been introduced at Conservancy managed sites at Itchenor, Westlands and Dell Quay. Partitioned bags on-board are provided to sailors to encourage separation of waste for recycling. The project was supported by the Sustainable Development Fund (SDF) as part of a harbour-wide recycling initiative.

## The Land & Seascape

Chichester Harbour AONB is characterised by its land and seascape with open water, intertidal mud and saltmarsh framed by coastal oaks, grazing marsh and productive farmland divided by hedgerows and ditches. Through building relationships with landowners, local planning authorities and community and voluntary groups, the Conservancy seeks to conserve and promote the special qualities of the AONB and support landscape enhancement projects. The Conservancy continues to monitor the impact of climate change and sea level rise on the landscape of the AONB and identify potential sites for habitat creation or managed realignment schemes.

- \* Negotiations are nearing completion on a 999-year lease of Eames Farm, Thorney Island by Chichester Harbour Trust from West Sussex County Council. The Conservancy, in partnership with a local organic beef farmer, intend to develop the farm as an example of good practice for sensitive farming in the AONB.
- \* The Harbour Watch team of volunteers continue to monitor the harbour's shoreline on a monthly basis, reporting on litter levels and footpath condition. In 2007, 261 bags of rubbish were collected by volunteers.



# Nature Conservation

Top: Habitats such as saltmarsh are regularly monitored for extent and condition

Below: SDF funding was given to four farm and local produce projects. This included Tuppenny Barn organic farm which was able to develop a school's programme

Bottom: The Wadeway, linking Langstone and Hayling Island was investigated as part of the HLF archaeology project. It was found to date from Saxon times

The AONB is a complex area with a wide diversity of habitats and species, and an integral part of the network of internationally designated coastal and marine sites of the south coast. The Conservancy undertakes a comprehensive survey and monitoring programme to study wintering and migrating bird populations, habitat extent and condition and rare and protected flora and fauna. Events are held to encourage and promote public awareness of the value of wildlife.

- ✱ A bat walk held at Chidham in September 2007 attracted 65 people. Recordings were used to later identify the species present. The findings were added to biological recording systems and will help to improve knowledge and understanding of bats in the AONB.
- ✱ Habitat improvement works were carried out in Fishbourne to protect the rare Desmoulin's Whorl Snail (*Vertigo moulinsiana*). This is one of only three known sites in Sussex and a recent survey showed that unless urgent works were undertaken the species would be imminently lost.

## Farming & Farmed Landscape

Agriculture is the single most important activity shaping the landscape in the AONB. The Conservancy works with farmers and landowners to support appropriate management of landscape features and biodiversity. In the past year Chichester Harbour Education Service have formed links with local farmers to provide on-farm educational experiences for school groups.

- ✱ AONB SDF contributed £10,633 to support four farming and local produce projects. These included a new education room at Northney Farm and grant funding for two local organic producers, Tuppenny Barn and Veg Out.
- ✱ 10,720 trees were planted at 10 farms within the AONB during the winter with the help of local volunteers.

## The Historic Environment

The record of human activity in the AONB dates back to the Mesolithic period (12,000-4,000 BC) with landscape features and historic buildings spanning all periods of history. The Condition Assessment project coordinated by volunteers from the Chichester and District Archaeology Society routinely monitors 43 known sites within the AONB.

- ✱ The archaeology research synthesis produced by MoLAS in June 2007 brings together the results of the three-year HLF funded research programme within the AONB. It is available on the Conservancy's website.
- ✱ The historically significant Wadeway feature between Langstone and Hayling Island was investigated and found to date to the medieval period, indicating that sea levels may have been significantly lower in Saxon times. 5





## Buildings & Development



Top: The Conservancy considered and commented on 294 planning applications

Above: The villages of Northney and Tye were able to produce a Village Design Statement part funded by SDF

Below: Local accommodation providers were given a trip on the Solar Heritage as part of a day introducing them to the facilities available in the AONB

Chichester Harbour AONB is an attractive place to live, work and spend leisure time. Therefore the pressure for new housing, replacement dwellings and business facilities is constantly increasing. The Conservancy plays an important role in advising the local planning authorities on development control issues within the AONB, and providing input into the local and regional spatial strategy process.

- ✳ During the year, the Conservancy considered 294 applications for development within the AONB, most commonly for replacement dwellings and extensions. The design guidance produced in partnership with the Local Planning Authorities is available to download at the Conservancy's website and is proving to be a useful tool for planning officers and applicants alike.
- ✳ The Conservancy supported North East Hayling Resident's Association in the production of the Northney and Tye Village Design Statement through providing officer advice and Sustainable Development Fund grant support. The Village Design Statement was formally approved by Havant Borough Council in March 2008.

## Running a Business in Chichester Harbour AONB

The AONB supports a thriving business community catering for recreational boating and land-based visitors to the AONB. The harbour's resident fleet of 10,000 vessels support a host of marinas, boatyards and chandlery businesses. Tourism within the AONB maintains a range of hotels, B&Bs, restaurants and pubs. Farms, nurseries, shops and other commercial operations provide services and employment for those living in or near the AONB. The Conservancy continues to provide information and advice to businesses on the importance of the AONB designation and appropriate development.

- ✳ An event held in September 2007 in partnership with Tourism South East was attended by 25 local accommodation providers and highlighted ways that visitors can enjoy the AONB in a sustainable and low-impact way.
- ✳ Six businesses received grant support from the Chichester Harbour AONB Sustainable Development Fund to deliver projects which benefit the AONB, including Cobnor Activity Centre which received a contribution towards eight sea kayaks. Northney Marina received grant funding towards a paint-can crusher to encourage boat owners to dispose of hazardous paints safely and recycle the containers. Stirling Consultants UK Ltd received £11,000 towards undertaking waste audits and providing recycling solutions at three marinas, a shipyard and Conservancy managed sites.





Matt Simmons

# Action Summary Tables Year Four 2007-8

## Chichester Harbour AONB Management Plan: Action Summary Tables Year Four (2007 – 2008)

### The Role of the Harbour Authority: Actions to deliver Harbour Authority Policies

	Details	Priority & Timing	Policy Ref	Lead organisation(s)	Partners	Action taken / Work in progress
1-HA	To produce and keep up to date a document that directs and describes how Chichester Harbour Conservancy demonstrates compliance with the Port Marine Safety Code (PMSC).	On-going (Review Year 5)	HA1	Chichester Harbour Conservancy		CHC - Port Marine Safety Code document re-issued 1 January 2008
2-HA	To nominate members of the Conservancy to act as the "Duty Holder" responsible for setting a standard for the safe management of the Harbour in accordance with the PMSC.	On-going (Review Year 5)	HA1, HA2	Chichester Harbour Conservancy		CHC - Members of the Conservancy were nominated "Duty Holder."
3-HA	To nominate the Manager and Harbour Master as the "Designated Person" responsible for providing independent assurance to the "Duty Holder" that the safety management system is working.	On-going (Review Year 5)	HA1, HA2	Chichester Harbour Conservancy		CHC - The Manager and Harbour Master nominated as the "Designated Person."
4-HA	To maintain job descriptions for the officers of the Conservancy, allocating responsibility for the delivery of the PMSC.	On-going (Review Year 5)	HA1, HA2	Chichester Harbour Conservancy		CHC - Job Descriptions reviewed January 2008
5-HA	To maintain Harbour Office Standing Instructions containing orders for the execution of the policies of the Conservancy.	On-going (Review Year 5)	HA1, HA2, HA3	Chichester Harbour Conservancy		CHC - Harbour Office Standing Instructions (HOSI) reviewed December 2007
6-HA	To recruit, train and retain suitable staff and to monitor their performance with annual assessments.	On-going (Review Year 5)	HA1, HA2	Chichester Harbour Conservancy		CHC - Maintained a full compliment of staff; appraisals undertaken January 2008
7-HA	To maintain an auditable safety management system.	On-going (Review Year 5)	HA1, HA3	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Chichester Harbour Federation; MCA; RNLI; DfT; emergency services	RNLI - Audit safety management system continued CH Fed - Re-issued Code of Conduct for Racing and continued to encourage compliance by all member clubs CHC - Safety Management System audited by Nicholson Risk Management December 2007
8-HA	To keep a log of incidents and accidents on the Harbour and maintain a regime to review hazards and control measures.	On-going (Review Year 5)	HA3	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	MCA	CHC - 254 incidents logged in 2007. Risk assessments and control measures reviewed November 2007
9-HA	To submit the Safety Management system to external audit and report to the Conservancy.	Years 1 to 5	HA3	Chichester Harbour Conservancy		CHC - Safety Management System audited by Nicholson Risk Management December 2007

10-HA	To conduct and keep up to date risk assessments on all Harbour operations and implement control measures in Orders, Notices, Directions, Publications and Guidance notes. Assist CH Fed and other organisations in the production of risk control measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Code of Conduct for Racing</li> <li>• Guide on Navigational Safety for Racing Vessels</li> <li>• Risk Assessments for Racing</li> <li>• Deconfliction of racing programmes</li> </ul>	On-going (Review Year 5)	HA3	Chichester Harbour Conservancy		CH Fed - Continued to publish Code of Conduct for Racing. Encouraged member clubs to conduct appropriate risk assessments for racing, and taken active steps to de-conflict racing programmes within the harbour. CHC - Risk assessments reviewed November 2007
11-HA	To maintain Health & Safety At Work orders for the safe conduct of all activities performed by Conservancy employees.	On-going (Review Year 5)	HA3	Chichester Harbour Conservancy		CHC – Updated Health & Safety At Work orders under HOSI 25
12-HA	To consult with harbour users on the implementation of the Harbour safety management system.	On-going (Review Year 5)	HA3	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	All	CH Fed - Provided regular feedback to the Conservancy on safety issues. CHC - On-going consultation through Advisory Committee
13-HA	To keep Admiralty Chart 3418 – Langstone and Chichester Harbours – up to date by informing UK Hydrographic Office of all known changes to the hydrography of the Harbour and aids to navigation.	On-going (Review Year 5)	HA4	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	UKHO; Trinity House	CHC - Hydrographic Office notified of changes 13 November 2007
14-HA	To provide Harbour users with the prevailing meteorological conditions and weather forecasts, in a timely manner.	Years 1 to 5 (Review Year 5)	HA4	Chichester Harbour Conservancy		CHC, CHF, RNLI, HBC – Provided support and funding for CHIMET and CAMBERMET real time weather and tide information. CHC - Weather forecasts provided at Harbour Offices.
15-HA	To ensure the Harbour has a modern and well-maintained system of aids to navigation based on risk assessment and complying with the IALA system of buoyage (Region A); and to maintain channel marker posts and buoys.	On-going (Review Year 5)	HA4	Chichester Harbour Conservancy		CHC - Navigational Risk Assessment completed 9 January 2007
16-HA	To allocate designated areas of the Harbour for anchorage and to monitor their safe use.	On-going (Review Year 5)	HA4, HA5	Chichester Harbour Conservancy		CHC - Designated anchorages promulgated and kept under review.
17-HA	To regulate, by means of licences, works and dredging below MHWS in order to maintain safety of navigation, the environment and landscape of the Harbour.	On-going (Review Year 5)	HA4	Chichester Harbour Conservancy		CHC - One dredging licence issued in 2007.
18-HA	To support and sponsor where appropriate proposals for sustainable dredging in the Harbour in order to maintain safety of navigation and amenity value of the Harbour.	On-going (Review Year 5)	HA4	Chichester Harbour Conservancy; boatyards; marinas		CHC - The Bar was dredged during 2007 to maintain a depth of 1.5 metres below Chart Datum.
19-HA	To maintain up-to-date byelaws for the management and regulation of all types of vessels in order to ensure the safe and peaceful use of the Harbour.	On-going (Review Year 5)	HA5	Chichester Harbour Conservancy		CHC - Byelaw making system is moribund; DTR looking at alternatives.

20-HA	To maintain a comprehensive patrol presence on the Harbour to enforce byelaws, give directions and to offer advice and assistance to mariners.	On-going (Review Year 5)	HA5	Chichester Harbour Conservancy		CHC - A comprehensive patrol regime maintained. 4 prosecutions and 5 formal cautions issued in 2007.
21-HA	To licence commercial vessels and masters operating within the Harbour and carrying fewer than 12 passengers. (Issued subject to the conditions of the Conservancy).	On-going (Review Year 5)	HA5	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	MCA	CHC - 10 vessels licensed under the harbour scheme 2007.
22-HA	To maintain and exercise a Harbour Emergency Plan liaising and co-ordinating, as appropriate, with other emergency services and Local Authorities.	On-going (Review Year 5)	HA6	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Local Authorities; emergency services;	CHC - Emergency Plan exercised 20 March 2008.
23-HA	To maintain and exercise a MCA compliant Oil Pollution Response Plan, a Tier 1 response capability and a contract with an approved contractor for a Tier 2 response to an oil spill in the Harbour.	Years 1 to 5	HA6	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Local Authorities; emergency services; OSRL Ltd	CHC - Oil pollution plan is current, Tier 1 equipment held, Tier 2 contract in place with OSRL, all staff training within date.
24-HA	To regulate and set conditions for the number, location, size and standard for moorings in the Harbour in order to maintain safe navigation.	On-going (Review Year 5)	HA7	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Chichester Harbour Federation; mooring suppliers	CHF - Provided feedback to CHC over the location and size of moorings, particularly in relation to the mooring of multi-hulled vessels and their impact on safe navigation in narrow channels. CHC - Moorings regulated. On-going
25-HA	To maintain Conservancy owned hards, pontoons and jetties in a safe and workable condition.	On-going (Review Year 5)	HA4	Chichester Harbour Conservancy		CHC - Hards, pontoons and infrastructure maintained throughout 2007/08. On-going.
26-HA	To maintain a fit for purpose fleet of vessels for the discharge of the Conservancy's duties.	On-going (Review Year 5)	HA4, HA5, HA6, HA7	Chichester Harbour Conservancy		CHC - All vessels satisfactory.

### The Land and Seascape : Actions to conserve, enhance and protect the land and seascape

	Details	Priority & Timing	Policy Ref	Lead organisation(s)	Partners	Action taken / Work in progress
1-LA	Monitor landscape change using new Landscape Character Assessment	High On-going (Review Year 5)	L1; L2; L3	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Local Authorities; Natural England	CHC - On-going
2-LA	Seek Supplementary Planning Guidance status for the new Landscape Character Assessment.	High Year 1	L1; L4	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Local planning authorities	
3-LA	Use the new Landscape Character Assessment to identify ways of promoting the special qualities of the AONB.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	L1; L3	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Local Authorities; Parish Councils	CHC - On-going
4-LA	Identify suitable areas for landscape improvements and encourage landowners and land managers to support and implement them to take into account likely impacts of climate change.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	L1; L3; L4	Chichester Harbour Conservancy; FWAG; Natural England	Landowners; Forestry Commission	CHC – Worked with farmers and landowners to promote landscape and habitat improvements through tree and hedge planting, maintenance of arable field margins and management of lowland meadows.
5-LA	Manage, in conjunction with landowners, existing landscape features.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	L1; L3	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Landowners; Forestry Commission; Natural England, Friends of Chichester Harbour; Chichester Conservation Volunteers	NE - 1 new HLS agreement started CHC – On-going management of sites owned or leased by the Conservancy by rangers and volunteer work parties F of CH – Held weekly volunteer work parties in partnership with CHC to undertake practical conservation management tasks CCV – Undertook several conservation tasks within the AONB including tree planting, meadow management and tree weeding. CH Trust – Trust sites at Chidham and Itchenor continued to be managed by CHC
6-LA	Improve and restore the 'naturalness' of the Harbour shoreline where possible and where appropriate, through the removal and tidying of unsightly sea defences, if no longer functional.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	L1; L4	Chichester Harbour Conservancy; Environment Agency	Landowners; Local Authorities; Natural England	CHC – Undertook improvements to sea defences protecting coastal footpaths at Ellanore and Dell Quay. CHC, NE, CDC, EA, NT, WWF, WWPC – On-going work through the East Head Working Group to influence the Paghams to East Head Coastal Defence Strategy
7-LA	Seek opportunities for managed re-alignment where rising sea levels make existing sea defences no longer cost effective.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	L4	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Landowners; Natural England; Environment A Agency; Local Authorities	CHC – Carried out monitoring and management of the West Chidham proposed managed realignment site. CHC, NE, CDC, EA, NT, WWF, WWPC – On-going work through the East Head Working Group to influence the Paghams to East Head Coastal Defence Strategy
8-LA	Remove existing eye-sores from around the Harbour such as boat wrecks, dumped rubbish and rubble etc through liaison with boatyards and landowners, and prevent the development of new ones.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	L1	Chichester Harbour Conservancy; Environment Agency	Landowners; Local Authorities; Natural England	CHC – Removed submarine cable and associated shore markers on behalf of BT. 261 bags of rubbish were collected by Harbour Watch volunteers. Reported fly-tipping incident at Cobnor Amenity Carpark. F of CH – Undertook shoreline litter clearance through Friends Work Parties.

9-LA	Manage land in public ownership to maintain and enhance its wildlife and landscape value, in particular rural road verges.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	L1; L3	Local Authorities	Parish Councils	WSSC - Ecology Team liaised with CHC re notable road verge and SNCI condition and are working with CHC over transfer of Fishbourne Meadows ownership. CHC – On-going at WSSC owned sites at Eames Farm and Fishbourne Meadows. Liaison with Itchenor Parish Council over habitat improvement works to the village pond. Itchenor Parish Council – undertook Itchenor Pond Project to enhance wildlife value of the village pond with grant support from CHC SDF.
10-LA	Use Planning Guidelines and Landscape Character Assessment to incorporate land and seascape issues when assessing planning applications, both on an individual basis and cumulatively.	High Year 1	L1; L3	Chichester Harbour Conservancy; Local Authorities	Natural England; Environment Agency; Natural England	WSSC - Landscape and Ecology Team have worked with CHC over landscape improvements to the Apuldram Waste Water Treatment Works. Worked with planning department on the mitigation of housing development around Chichester by screening of houses from the harbour. CHC – Continued to refer to the LCA in responses to local planning authorities.
11-LA	Identify and develop those landscape qualities special to the AONB, which help bring social and economic benefits.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	L1; L3	Chichester Harbour Conservancy; Local Authorities; Natural England; Environment Agency	Landowners	CHC – On-going through the use of the LCA and continued support and advice to farmers and landowners. NE - 1 new HLS agreement started.
12-LA	Use a variety of methods and media to disseminate information on the land and seascape value of Chichester Harbour AONB.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	L3	Chichester Harbour Conservancy; Local Authorities; Natural England	Environment Agency	CHC - Displays held at Chichester Library, Chichester Help Point and Havant Library with banners about the special qualities of Chichester Harbour. Photo competition held with theme Enjoying Chichester Harbour AONB to encourage awareness of the value of the area. Informative articles in the 2007 Harbour News and Guide included My Harbour, A Natural Change, and Farming for Wildlife. A new self-guided walks book was published including photographs and features of interest. Delivered extensive programme of walks, talks and events to raise awareness of the special qualities of the AONB. On-going maintenance of CHC website and on-line library.
13-LA	Acquire land of key importance to the land and seascape of Chichester Harbour AONB to manage positively and safeguard its future.	High (Opportunistic)	L1; L3; L4	Chichester Harbour Conservancy; Local Authorities; Chichester Harbour Trust	Landowners	CH Trust – Undertook negotiations with WSSC on the transfer of ownership of Eames Farm, Thorney Island, on a 999 year lease.
14-LA	Establish Tree and Woodland Protection Orders where a need is identified.	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	L1	Local Authorities	Landowners	CHC – Liaised with local authority tree officers over TPOs within the AONB
15-LA	Manage dead or dying English Elm trees by rotational coppicing or pollarding, or replacing with suitable alternatives where appropriate to increase wildlife and landscape value.	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	L1	Chichester Harbour Conservancy; Local Authorities	Landowners	CHC – Continued coppicing of dead Elm trees at Snowhill and replanted with native species in partnership with West Wittering Parish Council.

16-LA	Preserve areas of ancient woodland within the AONB, and seek links between them.	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	L1	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Forestry Commission; FWAG	CHC – Produced a revised management plan for Salterns Copse part funded by NE AONB project grant. Planted over 10,000 saplings through the tree and hedgerow planting programme creating new wildlife corridors.
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### Nature Conservation : Actions to protect and enhance nature conservation

	Details	Priority & Timing	Policy Ref	Lead organisation(s)	Partners	Action taken / Work in progress
1-NC	Revise and update, where appropriate, the 1998 Chichester Harbour Biodiversity Action Plan.	High Year 1	NC1; NC2; NC3; NC4	Chichester Harbour Conservancy; Local Authorities; Wildlife Trusts	Landowners; FWAG; Parish Councils; Natural England	CHC- A draft revised BAP is underway and will be produced in parallel to the published revised AONB management plan
2-NC	Implement the Chichester Harbour Biodiversity Action Plan as part of the county and UK Biodiversity Action Plan process.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	NC1; NC2; NC3; NC4	Chichester Harbour Conservancy; Local Authorities; Wildlife Trusts; RSPB	Landowners; FWAG; Parish Councils; Natural England	CHC - On-going Natural England - 1 new HLS agreement started
3-NC	Identify where land management within Chichester Harbour AONB can benefit nature conservation.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	NC1; NC2; NC3; NC4	Chichester Harbour Conservancy; Natural England; Local Authorities; Parish Councils; Wildlife Trusts	Landowners; FWAG; Natural England; Parish Councils	CHC - On-going advice given to farmers and landowners. Included habitat improvement work at Itchenor Pond and site management for Desmoulin's Whorl Snail at Fishbourne, part funded by NE AONB project grant.
4-NC	Identify and map opportunities for habitat creation through managed re-alignment.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	NC7; NC8	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Landowners	CHC - Input into Solent Dynamic Coastlines Project, continued monitoring and management at the West Chidham proposed managed realignment site.
5-NC	Demonstrate best practice to influence and encourage landowners and land managers in the AONB to manage land positively for nature conservation.	High Years 1, 2 and 3 and on-going	NC5; NC6	Chichester Harbour Conservancy; FWAG; Natural England	Landowners; Environment Agency; Wildlife Trusts; RSPB	CHC - On-going advice and liaison with farmers and landowners within the AONB. Article in 2007 Harbour News & Guide "Farming for Wildlife". CH Trust – Continued to manage Trust owned sites for nature conservation.
6-NC	Implement a survey and monitoring programme within the AONB to acquire base line information on species and habitats of conservation importance.	High See Monitoring, Review and Research section	NC4	Chichester Harbour Conservancy; Natural England; Local Authorities; Wildlife Trusts	Landowners; other conservation organisations; Environment Agency	CHC - Continued extensive survey programme and improvements to data management processes, particularly of bird populations, organization of WeBS counts, input into Solent Forum Wader and Brent Goose Strategy. Undertook NVC survey of West Chidham. Produced a revised management plan for Salterns Copse. Initiated an other surveying programme in partnership with the Sussex Rivers and Otter Project. Maintained close relationship and forwarded data to county and national recorders and record centres. Upgraded recording systems for better compatibility and ease of use. Acquired ARC GIS to improve analysis and presentation of GIS data.

7-NC	Make appropriate information on the nature conservation value of Chichester Harbour AONB available to a wide audience, of all ages through a variety of media.	High Years 1 to 5 (Review Year 5)	NC5	Chichester Harbour Conservancy; Natural England; Local Authorities; Wildlife Trusts	Other conservation organisations; Environment Agency;	CHC - Displays held at Chichester Library, Chichester Help Point and Havant Library with banners about the special qualities of Chichester Harbour. "A Wildlife Year" article published in the Harbour News & Guide 2007. Underwater video added to the website. Online library database maintained and access to CHC resources made available to the general public, students, researchers and consultants. Information made available and disseminated through the extensive walks, talks, events programme and through the education team. Media coverage utilized to disseminate information via press releases, radio interviews and articles written for the Friends newsletter and Sussex Life. Water vole book published and distributed.
8-NC	Identify where nature conservation objectives bring benefit to social and economic well-being.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	NC2; NC3; NC5; NC6	Local Authorities; Chichester Harbour Conservancy; Natural England	Natural England; Environment Agency; Wildlife Trusts	CHC- On-going promotion and assistance with agri-environment schemes for farmer and landowners within the AONB. HCC – Green Infrastructure work for South Hampshire has highlighted priority areas for intervention to tackle social exclusion and health deprivation.
9-NC	To work with the East Solent Shoreline Management Group in preparing the revised East Solent Shoreline Management Plan.	High Year 1 & 2	NC7; NC8	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	East Solent Shoreline Management Group	CHC- Represented on the Nature Conservation Sub-group for preparation of forthcoming North Solent SMP.
10-NC	Produce AONB environmental assessment guidelines for use when assessing the impacts of harbour management works and planning permissions on nature conservation.	High Year 1 & 2	NC1; NC2; NC3	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Local Authorities; Natural England; Environment Agency; Wildlife Trusts	CHC- Implemented as part of planning permissions and Works License assessment and evaluation procedures
11-NC	Warden and patrol significant conservation sites throughout the AONB.	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	NC1; NC2; NC3	Chichester Harbour Conservancy; National Trust; Local Authorities; Wildlife Trusts; RSPB	Other conservation organisations; Environment Agency; Natural England	CHC- On-going by two Rangers and part-time Eames Farm warden post.
12-NC	Identify and put forward for inclusion in statutory and non-statutory designated areas, land of particular conservation value.	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	NC3; NC4	Chichester Harbour Conservancy; Natural England; Local Authorities; Wildlife Trusts	Landowners; RSPB; Environment Agency	CHC - On-going with NE, WSCC and HCC
13-NC	Acquire suitable terrestrial and intertidal land of nature conservation value or potential to manage positively and safeguard its future.	Opportunistic	NC1; NC2; NC3; NC4; NC8	Chichester Harbour Conservancy; Local Authorities; Wildlife Trusts	Landowners; FWAG; Natural England; Chichester Harbour Trust; Friends of Chichester Harbour	CH Trust, WSCC - Progressed negotiations for the transfer of Eames Farm to CH Trust on a 999-year lease.

### Farming and the Farmed Landscape: Actions to enhance the farmed landscape

	Details	Priority & Timing	Policy Ref	Lead organisation(s)	Partners	Action taken / Work in progress
1-F	Produce Whole Farm Plans to provide information to farmers within the AONB on the landscape and conservation value of their land.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	F1; F2	FWAG	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	CHC - On-going work with farmers and landowners within the AONB to implement plans and schemes
2-F	Identify suitable areas for agri-environment schemes and encourage their take-up by landowners.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	F1; F2	Chichester Harbour Conservancy; FWAG	Landowners and farmers; Natural England; Forestry Commission	CHC - On-going advice given to farmers and landowners within the AONB. NE- 1 new HLS agreement started
3-F	Provide support and advice for farmers as to appropriate diversification options within the AONB in order to retain the landscape and conservation value of their farm.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	F1; F2	FWAG; Natural England; Forestry Commission	Chichester Harbour Conservancy; Local Authorities	CHC - On-going advice given to farmers and landowners within the AONB. NE - Provided support for existing CHC programme and liaised over the delivery of advice and support.
4-F	Develop initiatives which promote local marketing, processing and distribution of high quality distinctive local food demonstrating good environmental credentials.	High Year 1	F1; F3	Chichester Harbour Conservancy; FWAG; Local Authorities	Landowners and farmers; SEEDA; Natural England; GOSE	WSSC – Provided financial support for the 3 Harbours beef initiative. Publication and distribution of Taste West Sussex magazine (3 copies per year). Launched Taste West Sussex website linked to WSSC website for producers to advertise. Organised and supported Food and drink month across West Sussex. CHC - Continued to work closely with 3 Harbours Beef and supported marketing through SDF grant. Supported WSSC Three Harbours and a Coastal Plain Leader bid. HCC – Ongoing initiative to support local food through Hampshire Fare
5-F	Work with farmers and landowners to identify opportunities for positive changes of land use, such as the creation of wetland and coastal habitats.	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	F1; F2; F3	Chichester Harbour Conservancy; FWAG; Forestry Commission	Natural England	CHC - On-going advice given to farmers and landowners within the AONB.
6-F	Identify the impacts of damaging alternative land uses and new agricultural buildings and address these when appropriate using the planning process.	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	F1; F3	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Local Authorities	CHC - On-going. CHC responses to LPA on development control consultations refer to the AONB Planning Guidelines and Landscape Character Assessment.
7-F	Identify existing agricultural buildings which detract from the landscape and minimise their impact through screening, removal or appropriate change of use.	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	F1	Chichester Harbour Conservancy; FWAG; Forestry Commission	Local Authorities; Natural England	CHC – Recommendations made for landscaping conditions to new agricultural buildings as part of the development control process.
8-F	Inform farmers and land managers on management techniques that enhance the nature conservation and landscape value of farms within the AONB.	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	F1; F2	Chichester Harbour Conservancy; FWAG; Forestry Commission	Natural England	CHC - On-going advice given to farmers and landowners within the AONB. NE - Carried out 4 visits to current agri-environment agreements within AONB.
9-F	Advise farmers and landowners on financial opportunities that support landscape and habitat improvements.	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	F1; F2; F3	Chichester Harbour Conservancy; FWAG; Forestry Commission	Landowners and farmers; Natural England	CHC - On-going advice given to farmers and landowners within the AONB. Awarded 4 SDF grants to local producers.

10-F	Provide a central contact and co-ordinating role for farmers within the AONB who wish to carry out environmental improvements.	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	F1; F2	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	FWAG; Natural England; Forestry Commission; Natural England	CHC - On-going advice given to farmers and landowners within the AONB. NE - Regular contact between AONB and Natural England PRM to provide on-going support and advice.
11-F	Identify and promote methods to reduce diffuse pollution entering the Harbour from surrounding agricultural land.	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	F1	Chichester Harbour Conservancy; FWAG, Environment Agency	Wildlife Trusts	CHC - On-going advice given to farmers and landowners within the AONB. Involvement in the working groups for Water Framework Directive. EA - On-going work via Agricultural Inspections in accordance with Key Performance Indicators.
12-F	Seek new and improved access and educational opportunities within the farmed landscape of the AONB.	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	F3	Landowners; Chichester Harbour Conservancy; FWAG	Natural England; Local Authorities; Chichester Harbour Trust	CHC – Undertook surface repairs and improvements as part of the annual footpath maintenance programme. Held first meeting between CHC education team, Hampshire Outdoor learning and local producers to develop educational access to farms. Grant supported three farming projects with an educational element through SDF. NE & CHC - Promotion of possibilities for permissive/educational access through HLS

## The Historic Environment : Actions to record and safeguard the historic environment

Details	Priority & Timing	Policy Ref	Lead organisation(s)	Partners	Action taken / Work in progress
1-H Incorporate historical aspects of the landscape into the revised Chichester Harbour AONB Planning Guidelines to help protect and conserve the AONB's historic environment through the planning process.	High Year 1	HE2; HE3	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Local Authorities; Natural England	CHC – The AONB Planning Guidelines will be updated as part of the 5 year Management Plan Review process to include a historic environment policy.
2-H Develop an Archaeology Framework to identify current knowledge and priorities for further research and action, both within and around the AONB.	High Year 1	HE1; HE2	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Hampshire and Wight Trust for Maritime Archaeology; Local Authorities; English Heritage	CHC – Archaeology Framework technical synthesis produced in June 2007 collated the results of the 3-year HLF funded archaeology research programme. Continuing research is guided by the Chichester Harbour Archaeology Partnership group (CHAPs). CHC, CDAS, EH, CDC, WSCC, HCC, HWTMA – Supported CHAPs group which oversaw production of the research framework final report and dissemination. The group continued to support ongoing archaeological investigations.
3-H Promote the historical, archaeological and cultural value of the AONB to a wide audience through a variety of methods and media.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	HE3	Chichester Harbour Conservancy		CHC - Archaeology section of website redeveloped, including a timeline feature. The archaeology research framework accessible synthesis is available to download online. Held a successful Heritage Open Day event in September 2007 attended by 30 people. Grant funded the Emsworth Oyster Heritage project through SDF. CDAS – Recruits volunteers to undertake archaeological research within the AONB. Provides talks and training events for members in partnership with CHC.
4-H Carry out an Historical Character Assessment of Chichester Harbour AONB to link in with the West Sussex Historic Phase One Landscape Assessment to identify and record the historic landscape character of the AONB.	Medium Year 2	HE1; HE2	Local Authorities; English Heritage; Other archaeological / historical trusts and organisations	Chichester Harbour Conservancy; Natural England	WSCC – Sussex Historic Landscape Characterisation completed. Planned to undertake thematic analysis and investigate ways of disseminating the information within the AONB.
5-H Develop a communications network between relevant organisations and landowners both within and around the AONB to help protect sites and features of historical and archaeological interest.	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	HE2; HE3	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Landowners; Local Authorities; English Heritage; other archaeological / historical trusts and organisations; Natural England	CHC, CDAS, EH, CDC, WSCC, HCC, HWTMA – Established an archaeological partnership (CHAPs) as a forum for discussing historic environment issues within the AONB and to oversee research programmes.
6-H Provide advice to landowners on funding opportunities for the future protection and appropriate management of historic, archaeological and cultural features.	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	HE1; HE2	Local Authorities; English Heritage; other archaeological / historical trusts and organisations	Chichester Harbour Conservancy; Natural England	NE – HLS scheme includes options designed to benefit the historic environment. CHC, CDAS – Management recommendations provided to landowners through the on-going Condition Assessment programme.

7-H	Using the results of the Archaeological Framework, prioritise and commission research both within and around the AONB, to guide the management of the historic environment.	Medium Years 1, 2 and 3	HE1; HE2; HE3	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Hampshire and Wight Trust for Maritime Archaeology, Local Authorities, English Heritage	CHC, CDAS, EH, CDC, WSCC, HCC, HWTMA – The archaeological partnership (CHAPs) acted as a steering group to oversee archaeological research projects within the AONB. EMHT, CDAS – Undertook detailed survey of the oyster beds at Emsworth funded by CHC through SDF. Work undertaken by HWTMA with volunteers from EMHT and CDAS. CDAS, CDC – Carried out investigations of the Roman Tiley site near Dell Quay.
8-H	Disseminate results of research within the AONB to partner organisations and interested individuals and landowners.	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	HE2; HE3	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Hampshire and Wight Trust for Maritime Archaeology, Local Authorities, English Heritage; landowners	CHC – Redeveloped the archaeology section of the Conservancy website including a new timeline feature, webpages and download facility for research reports. New archaeology webpages written and added to the education website at <a href="http://www.conservancy.co.uk/learn">www.conservancy.co.uk/learn</a> .
9-H	Encourage and support communities to seek funding to develop local heritage projects and initiatives.	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	HE2; HE3	Chichester Harbour Conservancy; Parish Councils; Residents' Associations	Natural England; English Heritage	CHC – Funding made available through SDF for heritage projects e.g. Emsworth Oysterbed investigations and Discover Hayling.

### Buildings and Development: Actions to ensure only appropriate development occurs in the AONB

	Details	Priority & Timing	Policy Ref	Lead organisation(s)	Partners	Action taken / Work in progress
1-BD	Monitor all planning applications to ensure the maintenance, and where possible enhancement, of the remote and tranquil nature of the AONB and compliance with nature conservation designations.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	BD1; BD2; BD3	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Local Planning Authorities	CHC – Consulted on 294 planning applications using the AONB Planning Guidelines and LCA as guiding documents for responses.
2-BD	Revise AONB Planning Guidelines to guide the consideration of the JAC when considering planning applications.	High Year 1	BD1; BD2; BD3; BD4	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Local Planning Authorities; SEERA	CHC – The AONB Planning Guidelines will be updated as part of the Management Plan 5-year review.
3-BD	Work with local Parish Councils to produce building design guidance, Village Design Statements and Parish Plans, and seek their adoption as Supplementary Planning Guidance.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	BD1; BD4	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Parish Councils; Local Planning Authorities; Natural England	HBC - Support to VDS group and adoption of Northney & Tye VDS as a material consideration in Development Control by Havant BC on 27/2/08. CHC – Assisted the North Haying Resident's Association with the production of the Northney & Tye VDS. Grant funded production of the document through SDF.
4-BD	Produce a revised Landscape Character Assessment to be used at Supplementary Planning Guidance.	High Year 1	BD3; BD4	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Local Planning Authorities	CHC – Completed 2005.
5-BD	Establish and maintain a Planning Officers Forum for the AONB.	High Year 1	BD1; BD2; BD3; BD4	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Local Planning Authorities	CHC – Maintained regular informal communication with local authority planning officers and those of neighbouring AONBs.
6-BD	Encourage developers to provide affordable housing for key workers within the AONB.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	BD2; BD4	Local planning authorities		CHC – Promoted where possible according to size of development site and Local Plan policy thresholds.
7-BD	Provide advice and information to developers, Parish Councils and other relevant bodies on the special qualities of the AONB.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	BD1; BD2; BD3; BD4	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Local Planning Authorities; Parish Councils	CHC – Continued to offer pre-application advice to applicants and liaised with the local planning authorities on development control applications.
8-BD	Identify land outside the AONB of sufficient rural quality to act as a buffer zone to the AONB.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	BD1	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Local Planning Authorities; Parish Councils	CHC – Undertook site management at two woodland planting sites within the buffer zone at Apuldram.
9-BD	Seek Statutory Consultee status for the JAC in the development control and planning process.	Medium Year 1	BD1	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Local Planning Authorities	CHC – Treated as a statutory consultee by Local Planning Authorities because of the 1971 Chichester Harbour Conservancy Act.
10-BD	Provide information to Local Planning Authorities for inclusion into an Area Action Plan for the AONB.	Medium Year 2	BD1; BD2; BD3; BD4	Local Planning Authorities	Chichester Harbour Conservancy; Natural England	CHC – No further progress. Continued to maintain involvement in spatial planning process through LDF development.

11-BD	Identify existing prominent or unsightly buildings, developments and structures and reduce their impact through landscaping and other mitigation measures.	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	BD1; BD4	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Landowners; local Planning Authorities; FWAG; NATURAL ENGLAND	CHC – Landscaping and screening advice given to applicants and local authority planning officers, and often recommended as conditions on planning applications. Worked with WSCC over landscaping plan to reduce visual impact of large building at Apuldram Waste Water Treatment Works.
12-BD	Produce planning guidance information leaflets to be distributed with all planning applications within the AONB and its borders.	Medium Years 1 to 5	BD1; BD2; BD3; BD4	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Local Planning Authorities	CHC – New planning webpage added to <a href="http://www.conservancy.co.uk">www.conservancy.co.uk</a> with Design Guidelines available to download.
13-BD	Monitor changes to the planning system that affect the AONB and advise partners accordingly.	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	BD1; BD2; BD3; BD4	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Local Planning Authorities	CHC – Maintained planning database recording all planning applications received in the AONB and decisions made. Report quarterly to CHC Planning Committee on Local Authority planning decisions. Continued to monitor progress of LDF process for Havant and Chichester.
14-BD	Update and review the Landscape of the AONB - Development in Chichester Harbour 1980-2001.	Medium Year 2	BD1; BD2; BD3; BD4	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Local Planning Authorities	CHC – Continued approach of developing design guidance as recommended in the 2005 incremental change work. Design Guidelines added to the new Planning page on CHC website.

### Running a Business in Chichester Harbour AONB : Actions to support local businesses appropriate to the AONB

Details	Priority & Timing	Policy Ref	Lead organisation(s)	Partners	Action taken / Work in progress
1-RB Carry out a visitor survey within the AONB to provide information to businesses on the needs of visitors, to help them develop effectively and sustainably.	High Year 3	RB2	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Local Authorities; Natural England	CHC – Undertook visitor survey with 500 face to face interviews at 10 locations throughout the AONB. Results summarised in the Monitoring & Indicators section.
2-RB Research the carrying capacity of the AONB and identify key sensitive locations unsuitable for increased use and those where increased visitor pressure can be sustained.	High Year 2; Year 3	RB2; RB3	Chichester Harbour Conservancy; Solent Forum	BMF; Natural England	CHC – Pursued through membership of the Solent Forum recreation sub-group. On-going.
3-RB Identify opportunities for key worker housing within the AONB.	High Year 2	RB3	Local Authorities		CDC & HBC – Undertaken as part of the LDF process.
4-RB Develop initiatives to support boatyards within the AONB.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	RB1; RB2; RB3	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	BMF; local businesses; business development organisations	CHC – Marina managers meeting held twice annually.
5-RB Promote local business partnerships and opportunities, including co-operative initiatives that support the landscape and conservation goals of the AONB.	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	RB1; RB2; RB3	Local Authorities	Chichester Harbour Conservancy; FWAG; local businesses; business development organisations	CHC – Continued to work closely with Three Harbours Beef to promote local beef reared on coastal grazing marsh. Supported businesses through SDF grant funding for initiatives that benefit the AONB (see page 6). Event held in partnership with Tourism South East for local accommodation providers.
6-RB Support Green Tourism initiatives by providing advice and information to visitors on the sustainable use of the AONB.	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	RB1; RB2	Natural England; Tourism South East	Chichester Harbour Conservancy; Local businesses; business development organisations	TSE - Encouraged visitors to the SE to behave in a responsible manner by respecting the local environment, local community, purchasing locally sourced products where possible and considering alternative forms of transport to the car. The TSE website has a 'Green' link – <a href="http://www.visitsoutheastengland.com/site/green">http://www.visitsoutheastengland.com/site/green</a> . Visitors also encouraged to 'look out for the leaf' and choose businesses that have been certified under the renowned and recognised Green Tourism Business Scheme. CHC – Event for local accommodation providers held in partnership with Tourism SE. Regular eNewsletter circulated with information on sustainable tourist activities (e.g solar heritage, Salterns Way cycle route).

7-RB	Provide local businesses with up-to-date information on climate change and sea level rise and how to prepare for it.	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	RB3	Local Authorities; Environment Agency; Natural England	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	CHC – Published climate change article in 2008 Harbour News & Guide to raise awareness of the potential impacts of climate change on all sectors within the AONB.
8-RB	Provide information to boating-related businesses on environmental legislation and regulations relevant to their businesses through a revised Environmental Code of Practice (BMF).	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	RB3	BMF; Environment Agency	Chichester Harbour Federation	BMF & RYA – On-going promotion of the Green-Blue initiative.
9-RB	Use AONB Planning Guidelines to assess appropriately the development of boatyards to residential or other uses.	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	RB2	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Local Authorities	CHC – On-going.

## The Working Water - Fishing, Angling and Bait Digging : Actions to help support and guide water-based industries

	Details	Priority & Timing	Policy Ref	Lead organisation(s)	Partners	Action taken / Work in progress
1-WWW	Provide information to the Solent European Marine Site Management Group to support the favourable status of the European sites.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	WW2	Chichester Harbour Conservancy, Natural England	SEMs	CHC - On-going.
2-WWW	Maintain facilities for the Harbour's small commercial fishing fleet and the over-wintering of other local commercial fishing vessels.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	WW1; WW2	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Local fishing clubs; Sussex and Southern Sea Fisheries; fishermen	CHC - Mooring and jetty facilities provided.
3-WWW	Collect comprehensive base line information on the marine habitats and species and establish a regular monitoring programme for key sites around the Harbour.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	WW2	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	SEASEARCH; Natural England	CHC - Used and disseminated data from the 2006 subtidal survey. Marine Life talk in January attended by over 80 people.
4-WWW	Research and monitor the impact of fishing activities and bait digging on the Harbour's marine resources and habitats.	High Year 2	WW2	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Local fishing clubs	CHC - Continued to collate research on fishing and bait digging activity which is fed into the SEMS management group.
5-WWW	Raise awareness of the needs of all users to promote safe navigation.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	WW1	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Fishermen; Chichester Harbour Federation	RNLI - published a Sea Safety book + CD the Haying Is. Lifeboat Station provides information and advice to all types of seafarers on safe navigation CHF - The Federation has continued to promote the importance of safe navigation to all its member clubs. CHC - Harmony programme. On-going.
6-WWW	Through seminars, workshops, conferences and representation on the Solent Forum maintain close liaison between all relevant organisations and other interested parties.	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	WW1; WW2	Sussex and Southern Sea Fisheries; Natural England; Environment Agency, Solent Forum	Bait diggers; local fishing clubs; Defra	CHC - Continued membership of Solent Forum and attendance at meetings, with representation on the nature conservation and recreation sub-groups.
7-WWW	Maintain representation of the local commercial and recreational fishing interests in the management of the AONB through the Joint Advisory Committee.	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	WW1; WW2	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Local fishing clubs; Sussex and Southern Sea Fisheries; fishermen	CHC - Both commercial and recreational fishermen represented on the Advisory Committee.
8-WWW	Provide information to the public on recreational fishing opportunities in the Harbour.	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	WW1; WW2	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Local fishing clubs	CHC - Angling page in the Harbour News and on the website. Information made available at the harbour office.
9-WWW	Support the Sussex Sea Fisheries Committee in maintaining the bass nursery area.	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	WW1; WW2	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Sussex and Southern Sea Fisheries; local fishing clubs	CHC - On-going.

10-WW	Support the bait digging Code of Conduct and work with the Solent Maritime Management Topic Group on Bait Digging.	Medium Years 1 to 5	WW1; WW2	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Sussex and Southern Sea Fisheries; local fishing clubs; Natural England; SEMS	CHC – On-going. Input into SEMS management group.
11-WW	Liaise with Sussex Sea Fisheries and Defra to determine fish stocks and harvesting rates.	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	WW1; WW2	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Sussex and Southern Sea Fisheries; Defra	CHC – On-going liaison and data-sharing with SSFC.

### Water Quality and Waste Disposal : Actions to improve water quality and waste disposal

	Details	Priority & Timing	Policy Ref	Lead organisation(s)	Partners	Action taken / Work in progress
1-WQ	Identify and address all point and non-point sources of pollution entering the Harbour, particularly where these have an impact on the AONB's European designations.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	WQ1; WQ2	Environment Agency	Chichester Harbour Conservancy; Southern Water	CHC - All pollution reports investigated or passed to the relevant authority.
2-WQ	Inform the Environment Agency of any pollution incidents arising from a land source or those that might affect the estuary with the incoming tide.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	WQ1; WQ2	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Environment Agency	CHC - On-going
3-WQ	Work with the Solent Water Quality Conference and other partners to achieve the highest water quality and achieve the aims of the Water Framework Directive.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	WQ1; WQ2	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Defra; All relevant Solent Water Quality Conference partners	CHC - On-going
4-WQ	Represent the interests of Chichester Harbour users to the Environment Agency in their implementation of the Water Framework Directive.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	WQ1; WQ2	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Environment Agency	CHC - On-going
5-WQ	Ensure adequate reception facilities for vessels' waste as directed by the Marpol Convention Annex V and all ships landed waste is dealt with according to the Chichester Harbour Waste Management Plan.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	WQ1; WQ2; WQ3	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Environment Agency (MCA)	CHC – Revised Port Waste Management Plan (PWMP) submitted to MCA for approval 5 March 2008. New recycling facilities provided for vessel landed waste at Conservancy maintained sites at Itchenor, Westlands and Dell Quay. Grant funded harbour-wide recycling project through SDF.
6-WQ	Support and promote the RYA Clean Code, in particular the installation of holding tanks for recreational vessels and seek to provide the necessary infrastructure to pump out holding tanks.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	WQ1; WQ2	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	RYA, BMF, Environment Agency	CHC - Free pump-out maintained at Itchenor.

7-WQ	Improve waste oil reception facilities and encourage commercial organisations also to provide facilities according to the Chichester Harbour Waste Management Plan.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	WQ1; WQ2	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Local marine businesses	CHC - Comprehensive oil collection facilities at harbour marinas and boatyards. Details contained within the PWMMP.
8-WQ	Continue to support and co-ordinate the Harbour Watch programme reporting on and clearing litter along the shoreline.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	WQ3	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Harbour Watch Volunteers	CHC – On-going. 261 bags of litter collected during 2007.
9-WQ	Report all incidents of fly-tipping in the AONB and where possible identify those responsible.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	WQ3	Environment Agency	Chichester Harbour Conservancy; landowners	EA - Details recorded on NIRS and on Flycapture database
10-WQ	Continue to supply logistic support to the Local Authorities for their oil spill contingency arrangements in accordance with the Chichester Harbour Oil Spill Contingency Plan.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	WQ1; WQ2	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Local Authorities; Environment Agency; Southern Water	CHC - Members of West Sussex Marine Pollution Group and supported operation Mixon.
11-WQ	Make water quality information available for all harbour-users, farmers and residents within the AONB.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	WQ1; WQ2	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Environment Agency	CHC - Water sampling undertaken at 11 sites in conjunction with Chichester District Council. The results displayed on CDC website with a link from CHC water quality webpage. Email alerts sent to harbour users when the waste water treatment works storm discharge.
12-WQ	Raise public understanding and awareness of water quality, boat pollution and litter issues around the Harbour and their role in minimising these.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	WQ1; WQ2; WQ3	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Environment Agency; Friends of Chichester Harbour	CHC – Raised awareness through articles in the Harbour News & Guide and e-newsletter. Took part in the annual beach clean event in September 2007 with the Marine Conservation Society.
13-WQ	Explore opportunities for waste minimisation and recycling within Chichester Harbour AONB for residents, users and businesses.	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	WQ1; WQ2; WQ3	Local Authorities	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	CHC – Coordinated the installation of recycling facilities at most marinas and boatyards. See PWMMP. Provided grant support for the recycling initiative through SDF.
14-WQ	Support the activities of the Tidy Britain Group and encourage all users to take litter home by discouraging the siting of litter bins not associated with the requirements of the Marpol Convention.	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	WQ3	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Tidy Britain Group	CHC – On-going

## Coastal Defence and Sea Level Rise : Actions to address sea level rise and coastal defence

	Details	Priority & Timing	Policy Ref	Lead organisation(s)	Partners	Action taken / Work in progress
1-CD	Support and commission research on the impacts of climate change and sea level rise that might affect Chichester Harbour AONB, to help identify opportunities for flexible responses to rising sea levels.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	CD1	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Environment Agency; Defra; local Authorities; Natural England	CHC –Coring and environmental analysis completed including interpretation of past environmental conditions and sea levels. The results are summarised in the archaeology synthesis document produced in June 2007 and made available to the public via CHCs website. On-going biological monitoring of habitats and species to examine trends and impacts of climate change and sea level rise.
2-CD	Inform Local Authorities where PPG25 is relevant in areas at risk from flooding and coastal erosion.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	CD1	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Local Authorities	CHC – On-going as part of CHC Planning Officer role.
3-CD	Update and promote Conservancy's Sea Defence Guidelines to minimize coastal squeeze and ensure that sea defences are sympathetic to the landscape.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	CD1; CD2	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Environment Agency; Natural England; Local Authorities	CHC – Sea Defence Guidelines available to download from the website. "Defending our Shorelines" article in Chichester Harbour Reference Guide.
4-CD	Develop close liaisons with relevant authorities responsible for flood and coast protection.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	CD1	Chichester Harbour Conservancy; Local Authorities; Environment Agency	Natural England; Defra	CHC, NE, CDC, EA, NT, WME, WWPC – On-going work through the East Head Working Group to develop the Pagham to East Head Coastal Defence Strategy
5-CD	Produce a strategy for resiting coastal footpaths at risk from rising sea levels.	High Year 1 and then on-going (Review Year 5)	CD1; CD2	Highway Authorities; Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Landowners	CHC – Temporarily opened alternative footpath route at West Chidham whilst repairs to the outer sea wall are undertaken. Continue to manage realigned permissive routes and seek opportunities for new footpath realignments.
6-CD	Identify low-lying land and discuss with landowners the potential for managed realignment.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	CD1	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Landowners; Chichester Harbour Trust	CHC – On-going.
7-CD	Provide information to inform the research outlined in relation to East Head in the Pagham to East Head Coastal Strategy.	High Year 1	CD1; CD2	Chichester Harbour Conservancy; National Trust; Natural England; Environment Agency	Local Authorities; Defra	CHC, NE, CDC, EA, NT, WME, WWPC – On-going work through the East Head Working Group to develop the Pagham to East Head Coastal Defence Strategy.
8-CD	Provide advice and information to users and residents on the impacts of relative sea level rise and options to adapt to the changes.	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	CD1; CD2	Chichester Harbour Conservancy; Environment Agency; local Authorities	Parish Councils	CHC – Published Climate Change article in the 2008 Harbour News & Guide.

9-CD	Raise public awareness of sea level rise and disseminate examples of coastal defence good practice and creation of compensatory habitats.	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	CD1, CD2	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Environment Agency; Local Authorities	CHC – Published Climate Change article in the 2008 Harbour News & Guide. Sea Defence guidance available to download from CHC website.
10-CD	Participate in and support the work of SCOPAC.	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	CD1	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	SCOPAC	CHC – On-going.

### Enjoying Chichester Harbour on the Water : Actions to manage water-based recreational activities

	Details	Priority & Timing	Policy Ref	Lead organisation(s)	Partners	Action taken / Work in progress
1-EW	To discourage any new developments or initiatives that will increase the number of vessels using the Harbour at peak times.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	EW1; EW2; EW3	Chichester Harbour Conservancy; Local Authorities	Sailing Clubs; marinas; boatyards	CHC – On-going through the role of CHC's Planning Officer.
2-EW	To develop, with others, Codes of Conduct and other mechanisms to avoid conflicting activity in the Harbour.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	EW1; EW2; EW3	Chichester Harbour Conservancy; Chichester Harbour Federation; local sailing clubs; other organisations		CH Fed - Continued to assist in the deconfliction of harbour activity by co-ordinating regatta events, publishing the dates of open and club regattas, and publishing the VHF channels used by clubs in running their events. Promoted the Chichester Harbour Federation racing Code. CHC – Continued to promote the Harmony initiative.
3-EW	To discourage the use of Personal Watercraft (jet-skis) in the Harbour as they cannot be used to their full potential within the speed limit and because their operation is an intrusion into the quiet enjoyment of other forms of recreation and a disturbance to wildlife.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	EW1; EW2; EW3	Chichester Harbour Conservancy		CHC - On-going.
4-EW	To maintain the existing prohibition on water skiing, kite windsurfing and the like.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	EW1; EW2; EW3	Chichester Harbour Conservancy		CHC - On-going.
5-EW	To manage the number, type and location of moorings in the Harbour in order to exercise a level of control on the total number of vessels in the harbour and to retain the existing clear areas of water in the Harbour. The current moratorium on additional moorings will be maintained.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	EW1; EW2; EW3	Chichester Harbour Conservancy		CHC - On-going.
6-EW	To continue the policy of charges for moorings being set at a level which recovers the cost of the operation and provides for a modest surplus which is applied to maritime purposes.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	EW1; EW4	Chichester Harbour Conservancy		CHC - On-going.
7-EW	To make available a range of moorings and sites whose charges favour smaller vessels and tidal sites.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	EW2; EW3	Chichester Harbour Conservancy		CHC - On-going.

8-EW	To maintain and enforce the 8 knot speed limit and byelaws relating to navigating with care and caution.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	EW1; EW2; EW3	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Chichester Harbour Conservancy; Local Authorities	CHC – On-going. 4 prosecutions and 5 formal cautions issued in 2007.
9-EW	To encourage the development of sail and small boat training.	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	EW1; EW2	Sailing clubs; sailing schools; educational groups	Chichester Harbour Conservancy; Local Authorities	CHC - On-going. RYA – Continued to promote training to encourage the development of recreational boating and improve safety.
10-EW	To develop a Conservancy sponsored programme to educate the different Harbour user groups (dinghy racing, cruising, powerboats), on the needs of others and to give guidance on behaviour and good practice.	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	EW1; EW2; EW3	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Sailing clubs; marinas; mooring and berth holders; BMF, RYA, RNLI	CHC - Continued to promote the Harmony programme. RNLI - The RNLI (Haying Is. Lifeboat Station) provides information and advice to all types of seafarers on behaviour and good practice. CH Fed - The Federation has continued to promote to its members the Conservancy's 'harmony on the water' initiative and encouraged them to give it their full support. RYA – Continued to promote considerate and courteous behaviour on the water.
11-EW	Use existing forms of communication (website, Harbour News, sailing clubs) and develop new ways to encourage courtesy and good behaviour among mariners rather than rely on rules and regulations to control navigation.	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	EW1; EW2; EW3	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Federation; Sailing Clubs; mooring and berth holders	RNLI - The RNLI (Haying Is. Lifeboat Station) provide advice and information and encourages courtesy and good practice amongst all seafarers. CH Fed - The Federation has continued to promote to its members the Conservancy's 'harmony on the water' initiative and encouraged them to give it their full support. CHC - On-going.
12-EW	To provide improved facilities for yachtsmen which do not contribute to congestion and are sympathetic to the environment of the Harbour.	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	EW3; EW4	Chichester Harbour Conservancy; sailing clubs; marinas; boatyards	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	CHC - On-going.
13-EW	To give advice to boatyards, sailing clubs and marinas on the implementation of the Habitats Regulations when they are proposing to undertake works in the Harbour.	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	EW3; EW4	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Sailing clubs; boatyards; marinas	CHC – On-going.
14-EW	To monitor vessel movements regularly to determine levels of congestion and to seek to reduce this at peak times.	Medium Year 3	EW1; EW2; EW3	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	CHC – Vessel movement survey planned for 2009.
15-EW	To promote sustainable boating through the development of facilities that reduce pollution of the marine environment.	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	EW1; EW3	Chichester Harbour Conservancy; boatyards; marinas; sailing clubs	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	CHC – Provided new recycling facilities for vessel-landed waste including CHC sites at Itchenor, Westlands and Dell Quay. Includes facilities for disposing of used oils, batteries and chemicals. Funded harbour-wide recycling project through SDF.
16-EW	To claw back deep water moorings sites in key positions, when they are surrendered by the licensee, but to exercise this policy with a presumption in favour, firstly, of the Conservancy, and secondly, of commercial boatyards.	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	EW1; EW4	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	CHC – Mooring EP 15 A2 surrendered to CHC.

17-EW	To maintain a presumption in favour of transferring available mooring sites for tidal moorings to sailing clubs if they are adjacent to existing sailing club moorings.	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	EW1; EW4	Chichester Harbour Conservancy		CHC – On-going.
18-EW	To seek agreements with the owners of the Harbour bed so that moorings can be managed as Conservancy controlled sites.	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	EW4	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Crown Estate: Manor of Bosham	CHC – On-going.
19-EW	To set up Conservancy working party to look at large vessel and multi-hull issues within the Harbour.	Medium Year 1	EW1; EW2	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Chichester Harbour Federation	CHC - Multi-hulled vessels are no longer viewed as a generic issue and will be treated on a case by case basis
20-EW	To develop ways of educating young, new and novice sailors on safe, responsible boating.	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	EW1; EW2	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Chichester Harbour Federation, Sailing Clubs	CHC - Getting Afloat on Chichester Harbour article in 2007 Harbour News & Guide. CH Fed - The Federation has continued to promote and co-ordinate junior and youth events within the Harbour to encourage young people to enjoy sailing in a properly supervised environment.
21-EW	To set up Conservancy working party to look at the provision of additional visitor berth / mooring facilities in the Harbour.	Low Year 2	EW1; EW2	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Chichester Harbour Federation, marinas, boatyards	CHC – Completed. RYA – Continued to promote Planning Guide aimed at planning policy makers.

## Enjoying Chichester Harbour from the Land – the Need for Sustainable Transport : Actions for Sustainable Land-based recreation and transport

	Details	Priority & Timing	Policy Ref	Lead organisation(s)	Partners	Action taken / Work in progress
1-EL	Develop integrated sustainable transport links relieving the use of cars to and within the AONB through the Rambler Bus service and encouraging links with public transport network.	High Year 1 and on-going (Review Year 5)	EL1; EL2; EL5; EL6; EL7	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Local Authorities; Natural England	CHC – Produced new Walker’s Guide with most walks starting at bus stops. Events held with meeting points near railway stations and bus stops. Use of CHC minibuses for some events. FCH & CHC – Installed 9 cycle lock posts to encourage arrival by bike to key sites in the AONB.
2-EL	Ensure that the road management infrastructure, including parking, is sustainable and operates to ensure low impact on the AONB.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	EL1; EL2; EL6	Chichester Harbour Conservancy; Local Authorities		CHC - Events held outside traditionally busy periods to reduce pressure on parking facilities.
3-EL	Work in partnership with the Rights of Way Authorities and others within the AONB to provide a high quality network of footpaths, bridleways and cycle routes.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	EL1; EL2; EL3; EL4; EL5; EL7; EL8	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Local Access Forum; Local Rights of Way Authorities; Parish Councils; SUSTRANS; access groups; landowners	CHC – Successfully completed annual footpath maintenance programme for all footpaths (rights of way and permissive routes) within the AONB supporting WSCC. On-going maintenance of the Salters Way cycle route. Footpath surface improvement projects completed at Ellanore, Dell Quay and Chalkdock. WSCC - Routine Maintenance cycle completed.
4-EL	Develop and promote new safe cycling routes for visitors to reach and explore the AONB.	High Year 1 and on-going (Review Year 5)	EL2; EL4; EL5; EL8	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Landowners; Local Authorities; Sustrans; access groups; Local Access Forum; Natural England; Local Access Forum	RNLI - Supported the installation of three cycle posts (donated by the Friends of Chichester Harbour) at the Lifeboat Station to promote cycle access to the AONB. NE - Promoted HLS permissive bridle/cycle path options. HCC – On-going promotion of off-road cycle trails including Hayling Billy route, avoiding sensitive AONB habitats
5-EL	Support and promote the use of the Itchenor Ferry to link land-based access points.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	EL1; EL2; EL3; EL5; EL6; EL8	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Ferry operator	CHC - Ferry included in one of the walks in the Walkers Guide Some events arranged to make use of ferry to raise awareness of the service.
6-EL	Maintain the ‘curlew-branded’ shoreline footpath, negotiating managed realignment options and additions where possible.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	EL2; EL3; EL5; EL7; EL8	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Local Authorities; landowners	CHC – Successfully completed annual footpath maintenance programme for all footpaths (rights of way and permissive routes) within the AONB supporting WSCC. Reported access problems to WSCC and HBC especially where the integrity of the path undermined by coastal erosion.

7-EL	Work in partnership with landowners to provide new footpaths, bridleways and cycle routes which avoid fragile shoreline routes and help reduce conflict of use.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	EL1; EL2; EL3; EL4; EL5; EL8	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Landowners; Local Authorities; Local Access Forum; access groups	CHC – On-going work to identify potential realigned routes and negotiate access with landowners. NE - Promoted HLS permissive bridle/cycle path options.
8-EL	Improve access for people with limited mobility by providing suitable footpaths, associated signage and access gates.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	EL3; EL8	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Landowners; Local Authorities; local disabled representative groups; access groups; Local Access Forum	CHC - Selection of walks in the Walkers Guide for wheelchair use. Held at least one event a year to raise awareness of the location of the paths suitable for wheelchair use. Continued programme of replacing stiles with kissing gates at two sites at Apuldram and Itchenor. WSSC - Rights of Way Team continued policy of providing free gates to replace stiles where landowner requests and installs. NE - Promoted HLS permissive access options.
9-EL	Discuss with local landowners improved recreational access as identified through the Local Access Forums; Rights of Way Improvement Plans and other suitable forums.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	EL2; EL3; EL5; EL8	Local Access Forum; Local Highways Authorities	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	WSSC - 4 X LAF meetings held per year. 3 x Coastal Plain LAF sub forum meetings including responding to Access to the English Coast consultation. CHC – Submitted consultation response to Government Coastal Access proposals.
10-EL	Develop ways of reducing dog waste within the Harbour, through information, awareness raising rather than the provision of dog bins.	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	EL1; EL2; EL4; EL7	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Local Authorities	CHC – On-going monitoring of dog-waste issue through Harbour Watch volunteer reporting scheme. Continued to revise signage at problem areas.
11-EL	Monitor land-based visitor numbers and activities within Chichester Harbour AONB through regular Visitor Surveys.	Medium Year 5	EL1; EL4	Chichester Harbour Conservancy		CHC – Undertook the 5-yearly visitor survey of land-based recreation with 500 face to face interviews at 10 locations throughout the AONB. Results summarised in the Monitoring & Indicators sections.
12-EL	Provide information on recreational opportunities available to all users which are sustainable and minimize adverse impacts on Chichester Harbour AONB.	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	EL1; EL2; EL3; EL4; EL5; EL6; EL8	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Natural England; Friends of Chichester Harbour; access groups	CHC – Published the new Walkers Guide. Maintained information on the CHC website on walks, events and public transport services. Ensured that events are of a manageable size and in keeping of the harbour's tranquility and natural beauty. Harbour News & Guide 2008 article on 5 low-impact family days out in the AONB.
13-EL	Discourage the unlawful use of public footpaths by cyclists.	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	EL4	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Local Authorities	CHC – Continued to monitor use of footpaths by cyclists and update site signage where required. Continued maintenance and promotion of the Salterns Way as a dedicated cycle route to discourage inappropriate use of footpaths.
14-EL	Support the increased use of Chichester Canal to link Chichester to the AONB through the Chichester Canal Trust.	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	EL2; EL3; EL5	Chichester Canal Society	Local Authorities; Chichester Harbour Conservancy	
15-EL	Investigate possibility of 'park and ride' facilities, where this does not increase car use within the AONB.	Medium Year 2	EL6	Local Authorities	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	CHC – Scheduled events arranged with meeting points near rail and bus transport and central locations. ie Chichester, Emsworth and Havant

## Activities and Information : Actions to provide information and activities to all

	Details	Priority & Timing	Policy Ref	Lead organisation(s)	Partners	Action taken / Work in progress
1-AI	Actively promote the special qualities of the AONB and its wise use amongst visitors and members of the community through interpretation signs, literature, website, talks and organised activities.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	A1; A12; A13	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Sailing clubs; Ramblers; Local Authorities; museums; Natural England	CHC – Held displays at local libraries, help point and Emsworth Food Festival with literature distribution. CHC website continually updated. ENewsletters sent regularly to over 2500 subscribers. All press releases include AONB messages. Delivered a comprehensive programme of 72 CHC-led activities, events. Gave 18 talks to local interest and community groups. Circulated 30,000 copies of the Harbour News & Guide 2007. Promoted and delivered a schedule of 229 public, private and school trips aboard <i>Solar Heritage</i> . 38 Public trips run onboard <i>Terror</i> from Emsworth. RNL1 – Provided the Education and Training Room and general Information Room for CHC activities and events. HCC – Hampshire Countryside Service Rangers led 9 events at HCC sites within the AONB boundary.
2-AI	Make research and information gathered on the management of the AONB available to the public, eg via the website.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	A1; A12; A13	Chichester Harbour Conservancy		CHC - Website regularly updated with new sections added including archaeology, video library and planning pages. Harbour News & Guide 2007 contained informative articles and was distributed with a circulation of 30,000.
3-AI	Inform the public on activities, projects and points of interest in Chichester Harbour AONB through press releases and newsletters.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	A1; A12; A13	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Natural England	CHC - 23 press releases issued and all sent out as eNewsletters and added to the CHC website. Articles written for local newsletters and magazines as requested.
4-AI	Provide information on activities within the AONB to assist the development of Rights of Way Improvement Plans.	High Years 1 and 2	A11	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Local Authorities	WSCC - 4 X LAF meetings held per year. 3 x Coastal Plain LAF sub forum meetings including responding to Access to the English Coast consultation. The RoWIP has been compiled and is in process of being printed.
5-AI	Develop initiatives and projects to involve local conservation and amenity groups in the management of the AONB.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	A1; A12; A13	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Friends of Chichester Harbour; Chichester Wildfowl Association; Volunteer conservation groups	CHC – Undertook weekly volunteer conservation work parties in partnership with the Friends of Chichester Harbour. Supported Chichester Conservation Volunteers activities. Supported 5 local community wildlife projects through SDF funding including a hedgerow survey, Itchenor village pond project and Emsworth Primary School outdoor classroom.
6-AI	Maintain the Conservancy's professional education and interpretation team and develop further links with local educational authorities.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	A1; A12; A13	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Educational establishments; Natural England	CHC – On-going. One part-time officer employed to deliver the public activities programme. Three permanent staff members are based at Dell Quay to deliver the education service.

7-AI	Provide information of the human impact on the AONB's environment and ways to mitigate this.	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	A12; A13	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Local Authorities	CHC – Impact issues presented and discussed as appropriate during public events and talks to community groups. School groups visiting the education centre are encouraged to consider management issues. 2007 Harbour News & Guide article published on Climate Change.
8-AI	Provide information on the partnership organisations' roles in managing Chichester Harbour AONB.	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	A11; A12; A13	Chichester Harbour Conservancy		CHC – Publication of the AONB Annual Progress Report. Partnership projects delivered where possible, and public event held in partnership with AONB Partner organisations (e.g HCC-led walks on Haying Island).
9-AI	Provide information to individual enquiries.	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	A11; A12; A13	Chichester Harbour Conservancy		CHC - Responses made to all email, telephone and letter enquiries as appropriate. The updated CHC website acts as a first point of call for most enquiries, including requests for student projects.
10-AI	Monitor the success of the activities and information programme through feedback from individual users and the media.	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	A11; A12; A13	Chichester Harbour Conservancy		CHC - Feedback collected from website users and Solar Heritage passengers. Records kept of attendance figures, which are evaluated once a year before planning the next season to keep abreast of changes in interests and lifestyles. Responded to feedback including email, letters and personal feedback after events.

## Schools and Colleges : Actions to provide educational opportunities to schools and colleges

	Details	Priority & Timing	Policy Ref	Lead organisation(s)	Partners	Action taken / Work in progress
1-SC	Provide and promote educational opportunities which are socially inclusive and secure resources to support children who are disadvantaged or who have special educational needs.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	SC1	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Hampshire & West Sussex advisers and teachers; Friends of Chichester Harbour; Conservation organisations; Natural England	CHC – The Education team delivered 7145 student sessions during the academic year 2006/2007. 96 visits were offered for students who are disadvantaged or who have special educational needs. The 'Get Afloat' programme ran ten free educational visits afloat for disadvantaged groups sponsored by local businesses and individuals. Special schools visited Chichester Harbour on a regular basis for work relating to the National Curriculum, the Prince's Trust and Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme. The education team liaised with local nature reserves and field centres including Portsmouth Outdoor Centre, Pagham Harbour Reserve, Staunton Park and Weald and Downland Museum.
2-SC	Provide and promote a broad range of formal education opportunities within the AONB which meet the requirements of the National Curriculum and Higher Education and are consistent with the policies of the JAC.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	SC1	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Hampshire & West Sussex advisers and teachers; educational conservation providers; Natural England	CHC – Continued to offer a diverse range of high quality educational activities. The Education team took part in the WSCC annual programme for children who are 'gifted and talented'. Students with learning difficulties benefited from regular educational activities in the AONB as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme. Practical elements were supported by CHC Rangers. Placements offered for a work experience student and a trainee teacher from UCC. Curriculum-linked activities included the Earth Air and Water art initiative, Stream Watch (science and geography) and Junior Conservancy (citizenship). NE - Promoted educational access options under HLS.
3-SC	Generate new creative resources and methods of outreach.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	SC1	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Hampshire & West Sussex advisers and teachers	CHC - Educational web pages <a href="http://www.conservancy.co.uk/learn">www.conservancy.co.uk/learn</a> continued to be widely used by students of all ages. Work continued on the 'Migration Story' project. The Educational sea chests were regularly used by schools in and around the AONB with resources contributed from partner organisations including Portsmouth University, the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust (HWWT) and HWTMA. New internet-linked classroom computers operate with interactive projection equipment. The programme of school visits was expanded to include a History Workshop and a Migration Story Workshop. A Sustainability Roadshow, a history workshop, eco school and farming links are currently being developed. FCH – Funded education resources including computing equipment.
4-SC	Provide education centres ashore and afloat which cater for a wide range of educational activity, interest groups and other uses.	High Year 1 and On-going (Review Year 5)	SC1	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Activity Centres; Sailing Clubs; educational conservation providers; Natural England	RNLI – New Education and Training Room provided facilities ashore to educate and inform Schools, Youth Groups and other interest Groups. CHC - The Dell Quay Education Centre and Grainstore continued to be used by schools, colleges and community groups visiting the AONB. <i>Solar Heritage</i> provided 19 trips afloat for schools, colleges and interest groups. The 'Get Afloat' programme sponsored ten educational visits afloat for disadvantaged groups.

5-SC	Continue a formal education programme using qualified teachers to work with schools, colleges and universities.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	SC1	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Hampshire & West Sussex advisers and teachers; Natural England	CHC - Development budget funding enabled the Education Team of qualified and experienced teachers to be more actively involved with planning and development, implementation and follow up. There have been further improvements in resourcing and the quality of field trips and the outreach programme.
6-SC	Monitor the formal education programme through feedback and consultation as a basis for further development.	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	SC1	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Hampshire and West Sussex advisers and teachers	CHC - Team teachers continue to be actively engaged in planning field trips and school visits and in follow-up. Funding from the development budget contributed significantly to improvements in the quality of the service in these areas. The education team annual report was presented to the November meeting of the Conservancy.
7-SC	Use the research, surveying and monitoring data gathered in the Harbour as an education resource.	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	SC1	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Hampshire & West Sussex advisers and teachers; Natural England	CHC - <a href="http://www.conservancy.co.uk/learn">www.conservancy.co.uk/learn</a> was widely used by the education community locally and further afield. New archaeology webpages were developed; incorporating the output of the 3-year HLF funded research programme.
8-SC	Work with the AONB partnership, the Education Authorities, Schools, Colleges, Adult Education Centres and Activity Centres to promote the value of environmental education and develop new opportunities and resources.	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	SC1	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Hampshire & West Sussex advisers and teachers; Activity Centres; Sailing Clubs; educational conservation providers; Natural England	CHC - Team teachers continued to maintain close links with formal training programmes in Hampshire and West Sussex, field centres and environmental education groups including Portsmouth Outdoor Centre, Staunton Park, Pagham Harbour Reserve, Hampshire Environmental Educators Group, Sussex Environmental Educators Forum, Hampshire Outdoor Forum and Trailblazers. The Education team took part in exhibitions for environmental educationists in West Sussex and Hampshire. CHC teachers worked to develop links with Sustainable Schools, the farming community, sailing clubs, Havant Arts Centre, Hampshire Museum Service and Havant Council Urban Regeneration scheme. The team is currently developing new resources for a Sustainability Roadshow.

## Community Involvement : Actions to engage local communities

Details	Priority & Timing	Policy Ref	Lead organisation(s)	Partners	Action taken / Work in progress
1-CI Act as a point of contact for community groups seeking advice on the different activities in the AONB ensuring that information is available to all social groups, in particular those that are hard to reach.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	C11; C12	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Parish Councils and Residents Associations; Youth Groups; Disability Groups; Natural England	CHC –Continued to work with local partners and community groups including the Manhood Community Forum, Bournes Community Forum, the Manhood Peninsular Partnership and Chichester District Council Local Strategic Partnership. Maintained the close link with the LSP working group to reduce isolation among older people.  Educational days out held for groups of isolated elderly people and carers on Solar Heritage. Maintained close links with local special schools and with a Hampshire Pupil Referral Unit. 18 talks and activities held with local community groups. SDF funding made available for 10 community projects within the AONB.
2-CI Develop activities that engage all sectors of society in the management of the AONB.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	C11; C12	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Friends of Chichester Harbour; Parish Councils and Residents Associations; Chichester District and Havant Borough Councils; Youth Groups; Disability Groups; Sport England; sailing clubs	CHC – Maintained links with many sectors of the local community including Residents' Associations, Parish Councils, farmers, fishermen, wildfowlers, sailing clubs, marinas and local tourism and marine businesses. An extensive programme of activities and talks was delivered for local community and interest groups. Close links have been maintained with the Friends of CH. SDF funding made available to local businesses, interest groups and voluntary organisations for projects which benefit the AONB.
3-CI Develop good communications through the website, email links, meetings and events with the local community.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	C11	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Parish Councils and Residents Associations; Chichester District and Havant Borough Councils; Friends of Chichester Harbour; Youth Groups; Disability Groups; Natural England	CHC - Press releases sent to local press, websites and community newsletters. 81 public events held through the activities programme. 18 talks and activity sessions held with local community groups. Officers continue to attend community group meetings including the Manhood Peninsular Partnership, Parish Council and Community Forums and the Local Strategic Partnership. Links are being established with Havant Council Urban Regeneration scheme and with Havant Arts Centre. CHC continues to support the Friends of CH.  RNLI - Continued to develop communication through the website, email links and taking part in community based events where possible. The Lifeboat Operations Manager attends meetings of various community based Groups to further good communication.
4-CI Play an active role in the delivery and development of Parish Plans and Local Authority Cultural and Community Strategies through Local Strategic Partnerships and Local Forums.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	C11; C12; C13	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Local Authorities; Local Forums	CHC - Officers attended meetings of the Manhood Peninsular Partnership, Manhood and Bournes Community Forums and the Local Strategic Partnership.

5-CI	Consult with the relevant local community group or Parish Council on projects that affect their particular area.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	C11; C12	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Parish Councils and Residents Associations; Havant Resident Associations; Youth Groups; Disability Groups	CHC – On-going.
6-CI	Hold a Conference to provide a public forum for question and debate on the management of Chichester Harbour AONB.	Medium Year 3	C11; C12	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Parish Councils and Residents Associations; Local Authorities; Friends of Chichester Harbour; Youth Groups; Disability Groups; Natural England	CHC – Completed.
7-CI	Organise regular meetings between the relevant authorities and local community groups to discuss service provisions for those living and working in the AONB.	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	C11; C12; C13	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Local Authorities	CHC - Educational visits offered for older people experiencing isolation and for students with learning disabilities. CHC worked closely with local authorities and organisations including Action in Rural Sussex, Age Concern, Carers Project, CVS and MIND. Developments included Educational Days Out in the harbour for isolated older people and carers, an Activities Manual for older people, the establishment of Community Forums for older people and the launch of 'Living Links' - a film of reminiscences of older people who lived in Chichester Harbour during WWII.
8-CI	Using the AONB Planning Guidelines, work with relevant partners to ensure development of value to the AONB community, as appropriate.	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	C11; C12; C13	Local Authorities	Chichester Harbour Conservancy; Parish Councils and Residents Associations	CHC - On-going work of CHC Planning Officer.
9-CI	To provide financial and material support to local groups which actively support the delivery of AONB policies.	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	C11; C12	Local Authorities	Chichester Harbour Conservancy; Friends of Chichester Harbour	CHC - Provided continued support for and liaison with, the Friends of CH. CHC SDF widely promoted to local groups; over £63,000 in grant aid was allocated to 19 projects during 07/08.

## Abbreviations used in Action Summary Tables

<b>BAP</b> : Biodiversity Action Plan	<b>LDF</b> : Local Development Framework
<b>BMF</b> : British Marine Federation	<b>LNTM</b> : Local Notices to Mariners
<b>Birdham C of E Primary School</b> : Birdham Church of England Primary School	<b>MCA</b> : Maritime and Coastguard Agency
<b>CCV</b> : Chichester Conservation Volunteers	<b>NE</b> : Natural England
<b>CDAS</b> : Chichester and District Archaeology Society	<b>NEHRA</b> : North East Hayling Residents' Association
<b>CDC</b> : Chichester District Council	<b>NT</b> : National Trust
<b>CEFAS</b> : Centre for Environment Fisheries and Aquaculture Science	<b>NVC</b> : National Vegetation Classification
<b>CHAPs</b> : Chichester Harbour Archaeology Partnership	<b>PMSC</b> : Port Marine Safety Code
<b>CHC</b> : Chichester Harbour Conservancy	<b>PP</b> : Parish Plan
<b>CH Fed</b> : Chichester Harbour Federation	<b>RNLI</b> : Royal National Lifeboat Institute
<b>CH SDF</b> : Chichester Harbour Sustainable Development Fund	<b>RSPB</b> : Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
<b>CH Trust</b> : Chichester Harbour Trust	<b>RYA</b> : Royal Yachting Association
<b>DDO</b> : Delivering Development Opportunities	<b>SAM</b> : Scheduled Ancient Monument
<b>DPD</b> : Development Plan Document	<b>SASHMA</b> : Solent and South coast Harbour Master's Association
<b>DfT</b> : Department for Transport	<b>SCOPAC</b> : Standing Conference on Problems Associated with the Coastline
<b>EA</b> : Environment Agency	<b>SDJC</b> : South Downs Joint Committee
<b>EIP</b> : Examination in Public	<b>Seasearch</b> : Volunteer diving project
<b>ELS</b> : Entry Level Stewardship	<b>SEEDA</b> : South East England Development Agency
<b>Emsworth RA</b> : Emsworth Residents' Association	<b>SEEF</b> : Sussex Environmental Educators Forum
<b>FCH</b> : Friends of Chichester Harbour	<b>SEMS</b> : Solent European Marine Sites
<b>FWAG</b> : Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group	<b>SMP</b> : Shoreline Management Plan
<b>GOSE</b> : Government Office for the South East	<b>SPG</b> : Supplementary Planning Guidance
<b>HBC</b> : Havant Borough Council	<b>SPD</b> : Supplementary Planning Document
<b>HBIC</b> : Hampshire Biological Information Centre	<b>SSFDC</b> : Southern Sea Fisheries District Council
<b>HCC</b> : Hampshire County Council	<b>Sustrans</b> : Sustainable transport charity
<b>HEEG</b> : Hampshire Environmental Educators Forum	<b>VDS</b> : Village Design Statement
<b>HISC</b> : Hayling Island Sailing Club	<b>WFD</b> : Water Framework Directive
<b>HLF</b> : Heritage Lottery Fund	<b>WSCC</b> : West Sussex County Council
<b>HLS</b> : Higher Level Stewardship	<b>WWE</b> : West Wittering Estate
<b>HWTMA</b> : Hampshire and Wight Trust for Maritime Archaeology	<b>WWPC</b> : West Wittering Parish Council
<b>JAC</b> : Joint Advisory Committee	
<b>LCA</b> : Landscape Character Assessment	



# The Working Water - Fishing, Angling & Bait-Digging



Top: 56 commercial vessels are registered in Chichester Harbour, these include boats such as *Something Fishy* used for charter fishing

Above: Lobster are one of the most valuable species landed by local fishermen

Below: The Conservancy's solar powered boat *Solar Heritage* ran 154 public trips with 3024 passengers.



A small oyster fishery and net trawling fleet operates from Chichester Harbour. In terms of value, the most important species landed in the harbour are whelks, lobsters, cuttlefish, oysters and sole. Recreational angling is also an important activity, both boat and shore based. Bait digging remains a challenge to manage and is controlled by Bylaws and through the SEMS Management Group.

- \* 70 people attended the 'Introduction to Fishing' day at Dell Quay in June 2007, held in partnership with the Apuldram Fishing Club.
- \* This year 56 commercial vessels operated within the Harbour with 21 registered fishing vessels.

## Water Quality & Waste Disposal

As a busy recreational harbour and designated site for nature conservation, water quality issues in the AONB attract a great deal of attention. Discharging sewage into the harbour has implications both for the health of people enjoying activities on the water, and for marine biodiversity. A new initiative provides recycling facilities for vessel landed waste.

- \* The Conservancy has attended a series of Water Framework Directive consultation workshops throughout the year held by the Environment Agency. The draft River Basin Management Plan due to be published in December 2008 will identify a Programme of Measures (POM) to achieve Good Ecological Potential (GEP) or Good Ecological Status (GES).
- \* The results of regular water quality testing at 11 sites within the harbour are now available to the public online. Email alerts are sent to harbour users when the waste water treatment works are storm discharging. Recent improvements to the quality of discharged water from the Waste Water Treatment Works are being monitored to assess their effectiveness.

## Enjoying Chichester Harbour on the Water

Over 12,000 vessels ranging from sailing yachts and dinghies to motor cruisers and RIBs use the harbour. With such a wide variety of users, the harbour can become overcrowded at peak times and conflicts can arise between different groups. The Conservancy continues to promote its 'Harmony' campaign.

- \* The Harbour Patrol attended 254 incidents on the water this year and recorded 19 collisions or near misses, 68 vessels requiring a tow, 16 dinghy rescues and 12 vessels either sinking or sunk.
- \* The Conservancy bought four successful prosecutions for speeding and issued five formal cautions this season. All bar one involved the irresponsible use of RIBs and were reported by harbour-users.
- \* The restored Oyster boat *Terror* ran 38 public trips with 211 passengers.



# Coastal Defence & Sea Level Rise



Top: The Conservancy took an active part in informing the Pagham to East Head Coastal Defence Strategy

Above: The proposed managed realignment site at West Chidham

Below: A programme to replace stiles with kissing gates helps to improve access for the mobility impaired

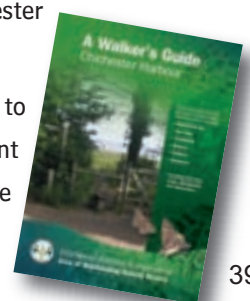
The present shape of the harbour shoreline has been fixed since Victorian times by the construction of embankments and sea defences. Approximately two-thirds of the shoreline is protected by sea defences, many are in a poor state of repair. Sea level rise at the current rate of 6.6mm a year will have an impact on coastal communities, habitats and species, and people's enjoyment of coastal footpaths.

- \* The Conservancy took an active part in the East Head Working Group to influence the the draft Pagham to East Head Coastal Defence Strategy. A pragmatic approach involving the 'Adaptive Management' of East Head over a 100 year time frame was proposed.
- \* A vegetation survey for the West Chidham managed realignment site provides a baseline to record and monitor habitat change associated with the future breach of the existing outer seawall. The survey found new locations for two notable species; Marsh Mallow and Golden Samphire, and mapped the known Eel-grass beds.

## Enjoying Chichester Harbour from the Land - Sustainable Transport

Chichester Harbour AONB is popular with both residents and visitors for a variety of activities on land, particularly walking, bird watching and cycling. The five-year land-based recreation survey carried out this year undertook 500 face-to-face interviews at 10 locations in the AONB and found that the majority of recreational activity on land is by residents or day visitors (81%). Although most arrived by car (61%), arrival by bike has increased from 1% to 5% over the last five years.

- \* Access improvement works have been carried out at four locations in the AONB to enhance coastal footpaths and provide new access opportunities for people with mobility impairments. These include repairs to the eroded footpath at Chalkdock, improvements to the Salterns Way cycle route near Dell Quay and footpath surface improvements at Ellanore and Dell Quay.
- \* Nine new cycle-lock posts were installed at North Common, Prinsted and Fishbourne in partnership with the Friends of Chichester Harbour to promote access to the AONB by bike.
- \* The Conservancy published the new walkers guide to Chichester Harbour, detailing 20 routes of different lengths, with something for walkers of all abilities. The guide includes routes suitable for wheelchair users.





# Education, Activities and Information



Top: A pupil from Rachel Madock School enjoys a trip on the *Solar Heritage* as part of the Get Afloat! scheme

Middle: Learning to eat using tweezers like a bird uses its beak is a challenge for young ones at an Oystercatchers' Family Fun session

Bottom: A school trip take an adventurous walk through the reed beds at Fishbourne

This year's visitor survey found that 54% of people questioned were aware of Chichester Harbour's AONB designation. Through a continuing programme of events, activities and publications, in addition to the formal education programme, the Conservancy hopes to raise awareness of the importance of the AONB and promote ways to enjoy it sensitively.

- \* 72 events were led by the Conservancy, attended by 1505 people with an average of 21 per event. Amongst the most popular were the Stream Walk, Marine Creatures and Crabbing event, and the Egg and Shell Hunt.
- \* During the academic year 2006/7 the Conservancy's education team delivered 7145 student sessions. 96 visits were for students who are disadvantaged or who have special educational needs. 19 trips were aboard *Solar Heritage*.
- \* The 'Get Afloat!' programme has been used to sponsor ten educational visits on *Solar Heritage* for disadvantaged groups. The programme was fully subscribed this year with trips run for Warren Park School, the Snowdrop Trust and Fordwater School amongst others. The trips are sponsored by local businesses and individuals.

## Community Involvement

The Conservancy has continued to build strong links with the AONB Community through partnership working and information sharing. Community participation is encouraged through work parties, the activities programme, talks and publications. The Harbour News and Guide has a circulation of 30,000 and the eNewsletter bulletins ensure up-to-date information and events are communicated throughout the AONB.

- \* The Conservancy distributed over £63,000 in Sustainable Development Fund grants to 19 local projects with a total value of £139,769 that deliver environmental, social and economic benefits to the AONB.
- \* As part of the community outreach programme, Conservancy officers provided 18 community group talks and activities for 634 people in total, with an average attendance of 35 per event.
- \* Nine *Solar Heritage* trips were run in partnership with Action in Rural Sussex, Help the Aged and Age Concern to help reduce isolation amongst older people.





# Working as a Team

## Annual Tour

Each year members of the Conservancy and Advisory committees are invited to spend a day seeing the work of the Conservancy first hand. This year members had a chance to experience the itinerary of a school field trip, with stream dipping at Fishbourne Meadows, followed by a Friends of Chichester Harbour work party, coppicing in Salterns Copse.



## Conservancy, Advisory and Planning Committee

The Conservancy acts as the Statutory Harbour Authority and also the Joint Advisory Committee for the AONB. The Advisory Committee includes representatives of Harbour and amenity area users and the Conservancy must consult the Advisory Committee on the management of the Harbour and AONB. This year the Planning Committee continued to act as the Grant Assessment Panel for the Sustainable Development Fund.

## Local Partnerships

Local partnerships are the key to delivery, from statutory partners to the Chichester Harbour Federation and the communities which lie within the AONB. The Management Plan Steering Group is working to deliver the five year review of the AONB Management Plan. Partner actions to deliver the Management Plan this year are summarised in the Action Tables starting on page 7.

## Regional and National Partnerships

Continued participation and engagement with regional partners, such as the Standing Conference on Problems Associated with the Coastline (SCOPAC), the Solent Forum and the South East Protected Landscapes liaison group helps to place the Harbour and AONB in a wider, regional context. This is also true of the National Association of AONBs (NAAONB) which helps to co-ordinate and share information and expertise between the national family of protected landscapes.

Conservancy	Advisory Committee
<b>Advisory Committee</b> Robert Macdonald, Steven Schrier, Peter Taylor MBE	Ernie King, Amateur Fishermen Richard Meynell, Chichester District Association of Local Councils Nick Fox, Chichester Harbour Federation (CHF)
<b>Chichester District Council</b> Mary Marrs, Adrian Moss	David Swayne, CHF Peter Taylor MBE, CHF Robert Macdonald, CHF
<b>Hampshire County Council</b> Ann Buckley, Ted Gale MBE (Chairman), Tim Knight, Alan Rice TD	Andrew Fitzgerald, Commercial Interests Anne Collins, Emsworth Harbour Fishermen's Federation Jon Curson, Natural England
<b>Havant Borough Council</b> Sheila Pearce, Virginia Wilson-Smith	Lorraine Huggett, Natural England Simon Sprackling, Farming & Landowning Interests Peter Henshaw, Friends of Chichester Harbour
<b>West Sussex County Council</b> Bill Acraman, Martin Daws-Chew, Christina Freeman, Louise Goldsmith (Vice-Chairman)	Steve Gilbert, Naturalists Steven Schrier, Havant Residents James Davis, Royal Yachting Association Tony Delahunty, Sussex Sea Fisheries Lee Freeston, Wildfowlers



# Monitoring Table

In addition to delivering and reporting on the actions within the AONB Management Plan, it is also important to record the health of the environment and use the data collected to assess the general condition of the AONB in relation to landscape, recreation and socio-economic well-being as a key part of the 5-yearly review. The information gathered helps us to raise understanding and awareness amongst users. Below is a short summary table which details the key activities during Year 3.

Data Source	Surveys/Monitoring undertaken	Interpretation
<b>Biological indicators</b>		
Natural England SSSI Condition Monitoring	Regular monitoring of SSSI condition	The condition classification for much of the Chichester Harbour SSSI has recently been reassessed using updated guidance as "Unfavourable- No change" due to nutrient enrichment and/or coastal squeeze.
Waders and Waterfowl (WeBS core counts)	High tide and low-tide counts of migratory and wintering wildfowl; breeding wader counts; breeding shelduck and breeding seabird counts throughout the harbour	Fluctuations in bird populations have generally followed nationally observed trends and/or related to prevailing weather or tidal conditions, rather than a reduction in habitat quality or increasing levels of human disturbance. The highest number of Dark-bellied Brent Geese for 15 years was recorded over the winter of 2007/08.
Intertidal vegetation monitoring	Saltmarsh monitoring	A comparison between 2005 "Skyveg" and 2007 NVC surveys at West Chidham indicates continued erosion of saltmarsh habitat, however, limited accretion/succession of saltmarsh may be occurring south of Chidham point. The eelgrass ( <i>Zostera</i> ) bed present appears to currently be stable in extent.
Terrestrial Fauna	Butterfly and dragonfly monitoring on Thorney Island	Results followed expected trends, resulting from poor summer weather conditions
Tree, hedgerows and ancient woodland	New planting areas recorded on GIS	10,720 saplings and trees were planted at 13 sites within the AONB helping to reinstate the characteristic landscape and aesthetic appeal of the AONB and provide key wildlife sites.

## Landuse change indicators

Agri-environment schemes and Whole Farm Plans	Information gathered from offering assistance to farmers to enter the agri-environment schemes.	One Higher Level Stewardship agreements started during the period and two farmers entered the Entry Level Scheme.
Planning applications and consents	Recording the number and type of planning applications received on a computer database.	294 planning applications made in the AONB were considered by the Conservancy. Provides key information on the number, location and type of development being sought and permitted in the AONB.
	DEFRA have made it clear that they expect the Joint Advisory Committee to monitor the duty on relevant authorities to have regard to the purposes of AONBs as defined by S.85 of the CRoW Act 2000 (to conserve and enhance the natural beauty of the area), and include a brief assessment of non-compliance.	There have been no reported incidents of non-compliance under S.85.
Fixed point photography	Many sites are recorded annually, but of particular value are those where habitats are undergoing change in succession or extent. For example, the migration and development of the dune and shingle system at Pilsley Island.	The data provides key information on how natural habitats change over time. This is particularly valuable on the managed realignment sites and sand dune systems such as East Head.

## Recreation and activity indicators

Visitor Survey	The five year land-based recreation survey carried out 500 face to face interviews at 10 locations throughout the AONB.	The majority of recreational activity on land is by residents or day visitors (81%). Although most arrived by car (61%), arrival by bike has increased from 1% to 5% over the last five years.
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## Education and awareness indicators

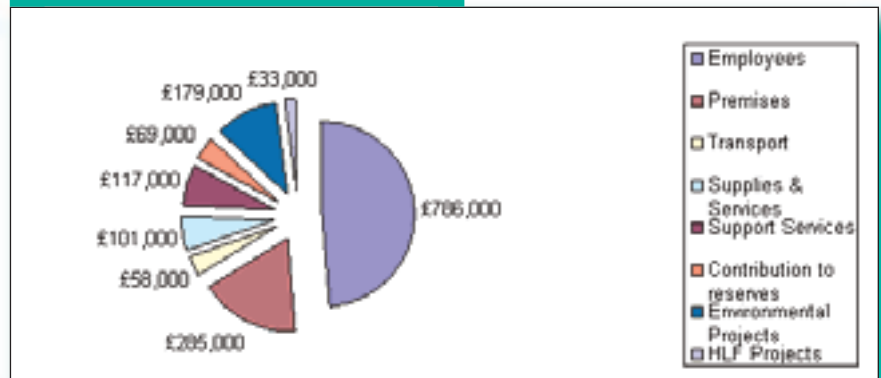
Educational and activity visits	The Conservancy's Education Team ran 7,145 student sessions.	This represents a reduction from last year following the end of the HLF funded education programme and resumption of sustainable level of service.
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# Financial Summary

The financial summary relates to Chichester Harbour Conservancy and the income and expenditure linked to its roles of Statutory Harbour Authority and Joint Advisory Committee for the AONB. During 2007-08 Chichester Harbour Conservancy spent a total of £1,628,000. Of this £992,000 was spent on the Harbour. Harbour operations generated income of £1,108,000 giving a surplus of £116,000. £636,000 was spent on Environmental activities including £63,000 on the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) approved Rhythms of the Tide project, £180,000 on the core AONB unit and £393,000 on the AONB area, of which £109,000 was spent on environmental projects and £70,000 on Sustainable Development Fund (SDF) projects.

Expenditure 2007-8 £1,628,000

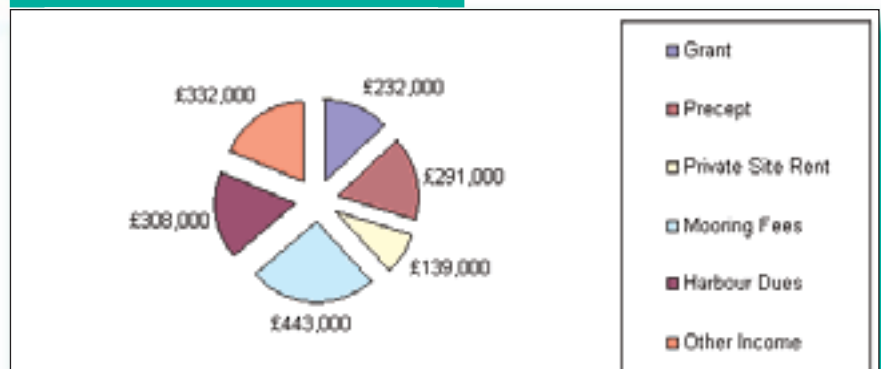


£636,000 was spent on environmental activities. These included a number of projects such as the upgrading of the Ellanore footpath (below)



Environmental activities were funded by precepts on Hampshire and West Sussex County Councils (£291,000), funding from the HLF for Rhythms of the Tide (£39,000), funding from Natural England for SDF, core and project work (£192,000), funds brought forward from 2006-07 (£47,000) and other income (£109,000). An underspending on environmental activities of £42,000 was carried forward to 2008-09. Natural England met 64% of the cost of the AONB core unit and the Heritage Lottery Fund met 62% of the cost of Rhythms of the Tide.

Income 2007-8 £1,745,000





The Chichester Harbour AONB Management Plan (2004-2009) and Annual Progress Reports can be downloaded from [www.conservancy.co.uk](http://www.conservancy.co.uk). Alternatively they are available from the Harbour Office, Itchenor.



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