



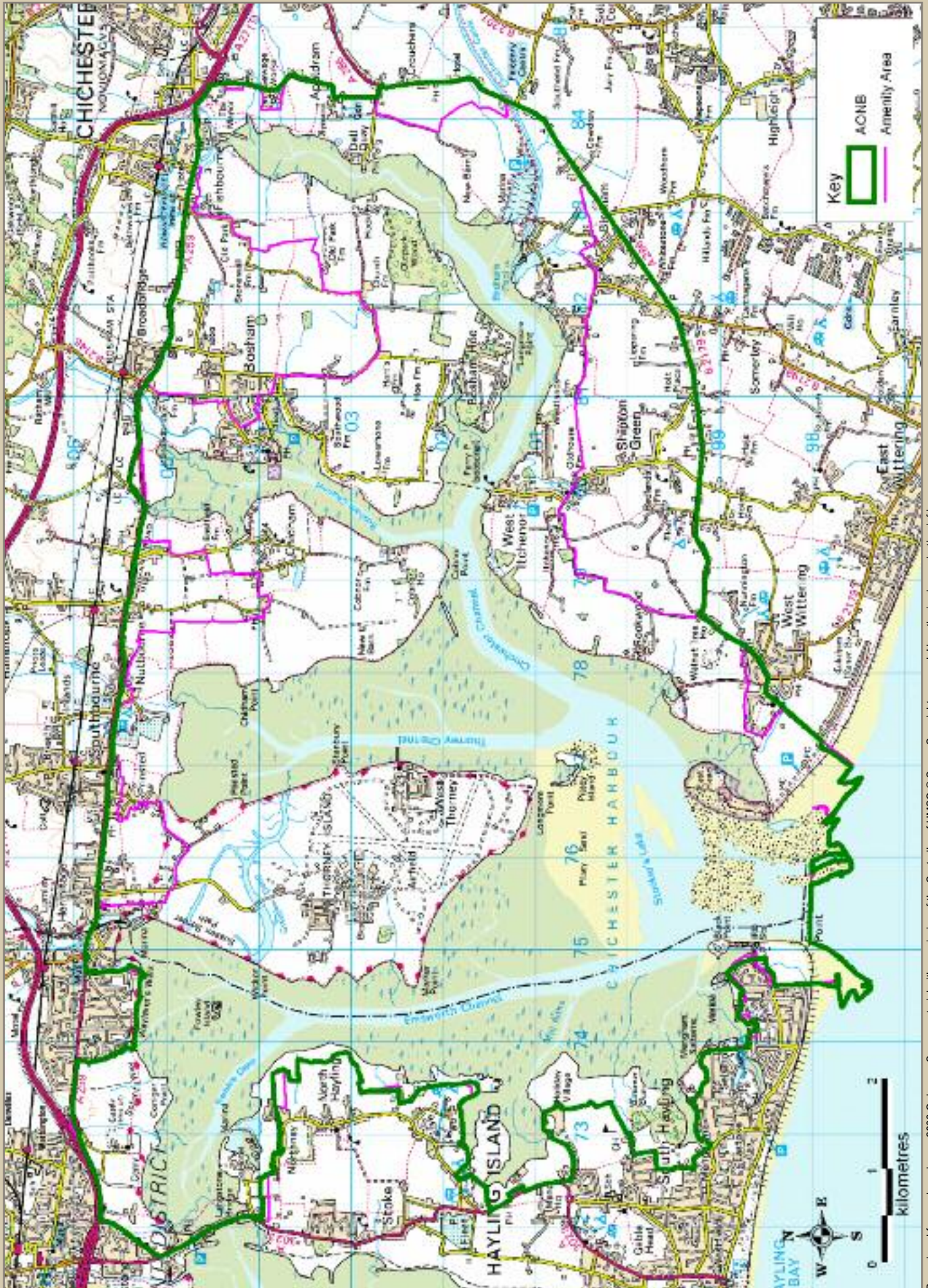
CHICHESTER HARBOUR

Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty



Management Plan
Annual Progress Report 2008-9

Chichester Harbour AONB



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above: Ringed Plover Chick

below: Sandy Point, Hayling Island

Welcome to the fifth Annual Progress Report of the Chichester Harbour AONB Management Plan, reporting on the delivery of actions during 2008/09.

This document represents the final report in the five year delivery programme of the Chichester Harbour AONB Management Plan 2004-09. Following the requirement under the CRoW Act to review AONB Management Plans at five-yearly intervals, we are proud to publish the new Chichester Harbour AONB Management Plan 2009-14. The revised plan builds on the success of the previous plan and takes forward the joint management of the AONB into the next five years.

We are sure you will agree that the actions delivered during the last year, taken together with those over the previous four years, have gone a great way to complete the delivery of the AONB Management Plan. We look forward to continuing to build on this work to deliver the new Plan over the coming five years. Again, the new Management Plan is very much a partnership document and will rely on the continuing support of our partners and stakeholders to successfully implement the policies and actions which it contains.

The annual progress report this year provides highlights of the Conservancy's work in each sector of our operation, together with the Action Summary tables which provide detail of partnership work to deliver the Management Plan.

We hope that you will, like us, be proud of the huge amount of work that has gone into delivering a wealth of projects and schemes throughout the AONB to protect and enhance this nationally important landscape.

Councillor Louise Goldsmith
Chairman, Chichester Harbour Conservancy

'what your organisation has achieved for the local community and visitors is nothing short of inspirational.'

Dr Helen Phillips, Chief Executive, Natural England





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 2008-9, starting on page 7.



Chichester Harbour has a resident fleet of over 10,000 leisure vessels, with an estimated 25,000 enjoying the harbour's waters for racing, cruising and fishing supporting a vibrant maritime economy. The Conservancy has continued to fulfil its statutory function of promoting the conservancy, maintenance and improvement of the harbour in accordance with the Port Marine Safety Code. The *Valuing Chichester Harbour Study 2009* estimated the total value of marine businesses and vessels in the Harbour to be £524 million.

- A new guide *Essential Safety: Chichester Harbour* was produced and sent out to all harbour users with the annual harbour dues renewal to promote safe navigation of inshore waters, particularly by inexperienced sailors.
- The Conservancy's Oil Spill Response Plan was reviewed and revised in October 2008. In November 2008 the Conservancy undertook an oil spill exercise with Adler and Allen, the new Tier 2 oil spill contractors. The exercise simulated containing and recovering oil leaching from the wreck of a large motor vessel prior to salvage. The wreck site was encircled with boom, and a rope recovery device and storage tank were assembled on the Conservancy's barge and deployed. The exercise was organised by Oil Spill Response and successfully executed with help from a Langstone Harbour Board crew.

The Land & Seascape

Chichester Harbour Conservancy works closely with landowners, local planning authorities and voluntary groups to conserve and enhance the characteristic landscape of the AONB. The Conservancy seeks to protect this important landscape through the local and regional planning process and has worked closely with Chichester District Council on the Landscape Capacity Study of the AONB as part of the Chichester District Local Development Framework. Practical management of the AONB continues through the ranger team, volunteer work parties and the Harbour Watch scheme.

- Chichester Harbour Trust has secured a 999-year lease on Eames Farm, Thorney Island. The farm is now managed by a local organic farmer through a Farm Business Tenancy agreement and has been approved for inclusion in a Higher Level Stewardship scheme.

Top: Over 10,000 boats regularly use Chichester Harbour

Above: A guide to Essential Safety was produced with information specific to Chichester Harbour

Below: Weekly work parties of volunteers provide essential support to the Harbour Rangers for practical projects throughout the AONB



Farm Business Tenancy agreement and has been approved for inclusion in a Higher Level Stewardship scheme.

- With support from Natural England and the Friends of Chichester Harbour, nearly 6,000 saplings were planted in the AONB to create new hedgerows and restore sections. The planting at 11 farms in the AONB was carried out by volunteers from the Friends of Chichester Harbour and Chichester Conservation Volunteers.



Above: one of the seals tagged as part of a Solent-wide project to learn more about the habits of the local colony

Below: A Brent Goose with its distinctive white 'necklace'. Volunteers are helping to identify which fields they use to feed near to the harbour

Bottom: A trained volunteer undertakes a geophysical survey of a Roman villa site. The survey discovered the outline of a significant sized villa



Nature Conservation

The Conservancy aims to manage the range of habitats which make up the AONB and promote them through a comprehensive monitoring programme, engaging with land managers and raising public awareness of the harbour's wildlife.

- A Solent-wide seal study was carried out in partnership with the Wildlife Trust's South East Marine Programme. Five Harbour Seals were tagged by experts from the Sea Mammal Research Unit based at St Andrew's University. The data collected from the tags will reveal how the seals use the harbour and wider Solent. The research is accompanied by shore-based photo identification and an educational package.
- The Conservancy has been closely involved with two projects developed by the Solent Forum Nature Conservation Group. The Wader Roost Strategy aims to identify the key areas and potential future sites for roosting waders. The Solent Disturbance and Mitigation Project looks at whether, and how, recreational disturbance affects the designated interest features of the Solent European Marine Sites, to provide evidence base to assess plans and projects.

Farming & Farmed Landscape

During 2008/09 a suite of projects was delivered with Natural England funding support to enhance the farmed environment for wildlife and people.

- The new *Goose Watch* scheme was launched to recruit volunteers to record how Brent Geese use the fields around the AONB when not feeding on intertidal areas. The presence/absence and numbers of Brent geese was recorded at allocated areas using a standardised recording methodology.
- A Public Farm Open Day held at Northney Farm in partnership with Three Harbours Beef was attended by 250 people. The public could tour the farm and learn about environmentally sensitive farming from a team of experts, with information displays from the AONB Unit, Friends of Chichester Harbour and Three Harbours Beef.

The Historic Environment

The Conservancy is supported in the development of archaeological research projects and dissemination within the AONB by the Chichester Harbour Archaeological Research Partnership (CHAPs). The group provides a forum for discussing heritage issues within the AONB, and to steer research projects.

- The Chichester and District Archaeology Society undertook detailed geophysical survey of a Roman Villa site near Emsworth. The exciting discovery reveals the outline of a typical corridor villa with 17 rooms.
- The Chichester Harbour Condition Assessment of archaeological sites at risk has continued to gather strength with a team of trained volunteers undertaking annual monitoring of 43 sites within the AONB. The group held their annual meeting in March 2009 to share findings and make recommendations.



Buildings & Development

Above: The natural beauty of Chichester Harbour combined with the recreational opportunities make it a highly desirable place to live

Below: Marine businesses make a substantial contribution to the local economy, employing 884 people

Bottom: Journalist, Janet McMeekin, enjoys a well-deserved meal at a local restaurant during her 'green day' only using sustainable forms of transport



Chichester Harbour AONB is less developed than surrounding areas adding to its natural beauty, tranquillity and sense of remoteness. These qualities, combined with the draw of recreational boating, make Chichester Harbour a highly desirable place to live. The AONB is under constant pressure from the construction of replacement dwellings, extensions, infilling and small-scale developments, but also increasingly from larger developments adjacent to its boundaries. The Valuing Chichester Harbour Study estimated the total value of residential property in the AONB to be £2.15 billion, with an average detached house price of £712,982.

- During the past year, the Conservancy was consulted on 290 planning applications for development within the AONB. Responses were made in each case referring to the AONB Planning Guidelines, Landscape Character Assessment and Design Guidance. The Conservancy maintains a planning database recording all planning applications received and decisions made by local planning authorities with quarterly reports-back to the Conservancy's Planning Committee. Last year, members agreed the revised delegated procedure to allow more flexibility in dealing with minor applications of minimal impact on the AONB.
- The Conservancy has agreed a new planning application consultation procedure with Chichester District Council to include new housing development adjacent to the AONB boundary, recognising the large developments close to the AONB will have a significant impact on the protected landscape.

Running a Business in Chichester Harbour AONB

Recreational boating supports a wide range of business in Chichester Harbour, making a substantial contribution to the local economy. The AONB is an attractive tourist destination supporting a wide variety of accommodation and service providers. The estimated 1.5 million visitors annually are mainly local (72% come from within 10 miles) coming for day trips and overnight stays. The Conservancy continues to promote the sustainable enjoyment of the AONB and supports local produce and services.

- A local journalist rose to the challenge to produce the *Green Day* article for the *Harbour News and Guide 2008*. The article provides an example itinerary for enjoying the AONB using public transport, on foot and by solar boat.
- A repeat exercise was carried out in 2008/09 to calculate the economic value of Chichester Harbour AONB. The *Valuing Chichester Harbour* study estimated the annual turnover of maritime businesses to be £70 million, employing 884 people. It calculated the combined value of tourist-related activities in the AONB to be £44 million.



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 - Revised PMSC Document published 1 January 2009 and presented to the January Conservancy meeting.
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 detailed as the Duty Holder in PMSC document and confirmed at Conservancy Meeting 29.1.09.
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 detailed as Designated Person in PMSC document and confirmed at Conservancy Meeting 29.1.09.
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 maintained and available for reference in the Harbour Office Standing Instructions (HOSI).
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 - HOSI's reviewed and re-issued in July 08. New HOSI No.57 Pilotage was completed 25 November. No. 56 Water Sampling was revised 22 September.
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 - Staff appraisals completed in January 2009.
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	CHC - The safety Management System was audited by Nicholsons Risk Management Ltd in November 2008. RNLI – On-going.
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 - 269 Incident reports in 2008. Each one reviewed at the time, with a further review of incidents in their totality and control measures November 08. RNLI – Planned review of fire damaged vessels including CHC, Hants Fire & Rescue and Sparkes Boatyard.
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 Nicholsons Risk Management Ltd in November 2008.

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"> • Code of Conduct for Racing • Guide on Navigational Safety for Racing Vessels • Risk Assessments for Racing • Deconfliction of racing programmes 	On-going (Review Year 5)	HA3	Chichester Harbour Conservancy		CHC - All risk assessments and control measures reviewed November 2008. Revised set of information leaflets produced and distributed which are available online.
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 - Safe systems of work outlined in HOSI.
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	CHC - PMSC compliance including SMS discussed with Advisory Committee 19.1.2009
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 - UK HO informed of all changes in year. New chart issued to reflect navaid changes in harbour approaches. RNLI - New updated charts received early 2009.
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 - Chimet and Cambermet provide current weather conditions, and forecasts are displayed at the harbour offices at Itchenor and Emsworth. Online Personalised Launching Plan incorporates weather station information.
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 undertaken June 08. Two inspections in 2008 by Trinity House, the General Lighthouse Authority. Covered physical inspection of the aids to navigation and an audit of the navigational elements of CHC's safety management system, including procedures, casualty and maintenance records. Both audits found navigational aids and procedures to be in good and efficient order
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 - The use of anchorages continues to be kept under close review. Negotiations are ongoing with Chichester Harbour Federation to finesse a scheme that keeps large and fast racing dinghies out of the East Head anchorage at busy times.
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 - 5 Works Licenses issued in 2008, including dredging licenses for Emsworth Yacht Harbour and Northney Marina.
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 – Developed baseline document to support future sustainable dredging of the harbour with financial support from the marinas. An 11,500m ³ Maintenance dredge of EYH was disposed of beneficially in the Treloar Hole.

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 - Moribund system for updating byelaws. Proposed Marine Navigation Bill may bring powers of General Direction.
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 - Comprehensive patrol coverage at peak times.
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 - 9 vessels licensed by CHC 2008.
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 reviewed and amended November 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 - The Conservancy's Oil Spill Response Plan is valid until 2011. It was reviewed and revised 24 October 2008. Amendments due to a change of Tier 2 contractor and the consequent new call-out procedures. This contract now rests with Adler and Allen. An Incident Management Exercise was undertaken 13.11.08, which is a three-yearly requirement of the plan.
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	CHC - Moorings regulated and quarterly reports presented to the Conservancy detailing changes.
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 - All Conservancy hards, pontoons and jetties inspected in accordance with the schedule incorporated into the Safety Management System.
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 - A new 6.5m RIB was acquired July 2008.

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. HCC - New Hampshire Landscape Character Assessment due by September 2009, which includes seascape and townscape assessments and will compliment the AONB and Havant assessments.
2-LA	Seek Supplementary Planning Guidance status for the new Landscape Character Assessment.	High Year 1	L1; L4	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Local planning authorities	CHC – No action
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. Liaised with consultants and Local Authority planning officers to work towards a 2009 'Landscape Capacity Study' of the AONB as part of Chichester District Local Development Framework.
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 – Continued to work 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. CHC, NE, EA, CDC, NT, - Sand recharge completed at East Head March 2009.
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 - Liaised over potential new HLS agreements. CHC – On-going management of sites owned or leased by the Conservancy by Countryside Rangers and volunteer work parties. FCH – 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 and coppicing. CH Trust – Trust sites at The Dell 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, NE, CDC, EA, NT, WWE, WWPC – On-going work through the East Head Coastal Issues Advisory Group to implement a coastal defence scheme at East Head. CHC – Undertook improvements to sea defences protecting the coastal footpath at Dell Quay.
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	NE - None identified last year, but Chidham still a possibility. CHC – Continued monitoring and management of the West Chidham proposed managed realignment site. CHC, NE, CDC, EA, NT, WWE, WWPC – On-going work through the East Head Coastal Issues Advisory Group to implement a coastal defence scheme at East Head.
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 & FCH - Undertook shoreline litter clearance through Friends Work Parties and Harbour Watch volunteer scheme.

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	CHC – On-going management at WSCC owned site at Fishbourne Meadows.
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	CHC – Continued to refer to the LCA in responses to local planning authorities. Referred to Planning Guidelines and Design Guidance when working with planning authorities to minimise the impact of new houses fronting the Harbour.
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	NE - Liaison over new HLS agreements. CHC – The Valuing Chichester Harbour study produced in March 2009 provides an economic valuation of the AONB. Funded by SDF, CDC and FCH.
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	NE - Regional communications team and CHC liaison in relation to good news stories/exemplar projects. CHC - Special qualities are featured on the banners used in displays at local libraries and other locations. Photo competition and associated publicity seeks to raise awareness of the special qualities of the AONB. Postcards and photo cards feature strong images reflecting the special qualities. 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 – Completed negotiations with WSCC on the transfer of ownership of Eames Farm, Thorney Island, on a 999 year lease. Management under Higher Level Stewardship via a Farm Business Tenancy agreement.
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 works to TPOs and works to trees 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 – Removed dead Elm trees at Ellanore and replanted with native Oak trees. Replaced dead Elms at Snowhill with mixed native planting 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 – Continued to maintain Salterns Copse and developed proposals for future management. Planted nearly 6,000 saplings at 11 sites through the tree and hedgerow planting programme, creating new wildlife corridors.

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 - Preparation of revised BAP is on-going
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
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. Advice on potential Chichester Harbour Trust land purchases. HCC - Biodiversity Opportunity Areas mapped for whole SE Region by SE Biodiversity Partnership including Chichester Harbour AONB. Habitat opportunities mapping for various BAP habitats has been completed by HBIC, which helps to identify opportunities for restoring habitats and improving connectivity. NE – On-going. NEHRA – Liaison established between local residents and HBC and CHC over the management of North Common.
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 North Solent Shoreline Management Plan, Regional Habitat Creation Programme, and Solent Wader Roost Strategy. HCC - Biodiversity Opportunity Areas mapped for whole SE Region by SE Biodiversity Partnership, and include Chichester Harbour AONB. A complimentary project, habitat opportunities mapping for various BAP habitats has been completed by HBIC, which helps to identify at a finer grain opportunities for restoring habitats and improving connectivity.
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. Assisted tenant of Eames Farm in securing HLS agreement. NE – On-going.
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, organisation of WeBS counts, input into Solent Forum Wader and Brent Goose Strategy. Undertook NVC survey of Eames Farm and <i>zostera</i> survey. Initiated Solent seal tagging project in collaboration with SE Wildlife Trust Marine Programme. Fixed point photography programme and ongoing remote sensing, data acquisition and GIS development. Maintained close relationship and forwarded data to county and national recorders and record centres. HCC – Worked on data to help local authorities report on National Indicator 197 relating to positive management of SINC sites. NE – Funded Seal tagging project through Countdown 2010.

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 - Website maintained and updated, Online library database maintained and access to resources made available to the general public, students, researchers and consultants. Information made available and disseminated through extensive walks, talks, events programme and through the education team. Media coverage utilised to disseminate information, press releases, radio and TV interviews. Articles written for FCH newsletter and Sanctuary magazine.
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-environmental schemes for farmer and landowners within the AONB. SDF grant funding to projects which demonstrate environmental, social and economic benefits to the AONB. HCC - Report compiled on Nature, Health and Wellbeing http://www3.hants.gov.uk/nature_health_and_well-being.pdf and further detailed report due in 2009
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 – Close involvement with Sub-groups and consultations relating to the preparation of the 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 development control response process 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 full time Countryside 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 - Ongoing with NE, WSCC and HCC HCC - On-going support from HBIC via Service Level Agreements with all districts regarding SINC sites.
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 – Secured 999 lease of Eames Farm to be managed by the Conservancy by a farmer via a Farm Business Tenancy agreement. Developed bid for an eight-acre site at Cot Lane, Chidham.

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 - Whole farm conservation plan produced for Eames Farm. On-going work with farmers and landowners with the AONB in the implementation of 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 - Assisted tenant to secure HLS agreement on Eames Farm. On-going advice given to farmers and landowners within the AONB. NE – On-going.
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. New farming pages developed for CHC website at www.conservancy.co.uk/environment/farming . HCC - Support for FWAG to provide environmental advice to land managers via Service Level Agreement. NE – Ongoing.
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	CHC - Continued to work closely with Three Harbours Beef and the Three Harbours and a Coastal Plain Leader programme. Article in Harbour News on Food and Farming in the AONB. HCC - On-going support via Hampshire Fare and Hampshire Farmers Markets.
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, implemented as part of AONB planning guidelines and through advice given to farmers and landowners.
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 - On-going through responses to planning applications and advice on landscaping given to farmers and landowners.
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. Resources provided with NE funding to enable woodland and hedgerow planting schemes.
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 on funding sources available include environmental stewardship schemes, SDF and LEADER grant funding.
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;	CHC – On-going advice given to farmers and landowners within the AONB. Practical assistance for habitat improvements via the tree and hedgerow planting scheme and volunteer work parties.

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.
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. Continued discussions between the Education team and local farmers to explore the potential for farm visits. Public Farm Open Day held at Northney Farm April 2008. Farming Matters guided walk August 2008. NE - 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 were updated to include a historic environment policy (A8). The Guidelines were adopted by the Conservancy as part of the statutory review of the AONB Management Plan.
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 – Continuing research is guided by the Chichester Harbour Archaeology Partnership group (CHAPs). CHC, CDAS, EH, CDC, WSCC, HCC, HWTMA – Partners represented on the CHAPs group which continued to support ongoing archaeological investigations within the AONB.
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 - Held a successful Heritage Open Day event in September 2008 attended by over 30 people. Grant funded the "Discovering Warblington's Roman Ancestry" project through SDF. Article in Harbour News on 'Adventures of the Harbour Memory Man' CDAS – Recruits volunteers to undertake archaeological research within the AONB. Provides talks and training events for members in partnership with CHC. Undertook geophysical survey of roman villa site near Warblington.
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.
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 – Continued to participate in the 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 schemes include 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. CDAS – Undertook detailed geophysical survey of the Roman Villa site near Warblington funded through SDF.

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 – Archaeological results continue to be available via the online archaeology pages on the Conservancy's website and education website.
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 "Discovering Warblington's Roman Ancestry" project. NE – Provides SDF funding which may support heritage projects.

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 290 planning applications using the AONB planning guidelines, design guidelines and LCA as guiding documents for responses. Maintained planning database recording all planning applications received and decisions made by local planning authorities - report quarterly to CHC planning committee. Revised delegated procedure agreed to allow more flexibility in dealing with minor applications of little impact on the AONB. Fishbourne Parish Council – Representation to oppose Bethwines Farm development of 200 homes adjacent to the AONB in the Strategic Gap. CAFWS – Engaging in the planning process to ensure developments do not have an adverse effect on countryside access, and where possible access is improved.
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 were updated and adopted by the Conservancy as part of statutory AONB Management Plan 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	CHC - On-going.
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 continued to take part in bi-annual meetings with South East AONB planning officers.
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 the size of the 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 agents, and liaised with the local planning authorities on development control applications. New planning page added to the Conservancy's website at www.conservancy.co.uk/environment/planning
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 – Agreed new planning application consultation procedure with CDC to include new housing development outside the AONB. Made responses promoting the maintenance of the rural setting of the AONB. Continued to maintain 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 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 the spatial planning process through LDF developments.
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 permissions.
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 – Planning section created on website including 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 – Continued to monitor progress of LDF process for Havant and Chichester. Advised planning committee on proposed changes to the South East Plan and made response to GOSE. Continued to monitor changes to the Planning Act or planning legislation of relevance to the AONB.
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 - liaison day with HBC members and officers proposed to discuss design issues with aim of highlighting specific areas where guidance is needed.

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 – Completed 2007/08. Next due 2012/13.
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 – Liaised with consultants and Local Authority planning officers to work towards a 2009 'Landscape Capacity Study' of the AONB as part of Chichester District Local Development Framework.
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. eNewsletter sent regularly to local businesses. Harbour News articles promoting local businesses (e.g. Food and Farming, Green Day) and advertising opportunities.
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	CHC – Regular eNewsletter circulated with information on sustainable tourist activities (e.g solar heritage, Salterns Way cycle route). Harbour News article "Green Day" promoting sustainable activities in the AONB. Online Green Guide pages at http://www.conservancy.co.uk/out/green_guide.asp
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	
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	CHC – Coordinate twice-annual marina managers meeting.
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 through development control process.

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-WW	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-WW	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 - Jetties and hards maintained in good condition.
3-WW	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 given to community groups and sailing clubs. Developed methodology for dive surveys to support monitoring of beneficial disposal of dredged material.
4-WW	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-WW	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	CHC - Advice imparted in Harbour News and a new leaflet, "Chichester Harbour: Essential Safety" issued January 2009.
6-WW	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-WW	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 - Three seats on the Advisory Committee representing Anglers, Sussex Sea Fisheries Committee and Emsworth Harbour Fishermen's Association.
8-WW	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 - Improved fishing page in Harbour News and online. Verbal advice frequently dispensed from the harbour office.
9-WW	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 - Regular dialogue and ongoing support. Bass nursery area promoted in Harbour News.
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 – Continued to raise issue of sewerage disposal/capacity during and following storm conditions in response to planning applications or LDF proposals for housing developments inside or adjacent to the AONB.
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 – Informed EA of shore based pollution incident 28 November 2008.
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 involvement in Water Framework Directive workshops throughout 2008.
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 – Maintained MCA compliant Port Waste Management Plan. Additional recycling facilities for vessel landed waste at Hayling Yacht Company supported by SDF grant funding.
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 - Pump out facility at Itchenor refurbished March 2009.
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 reception facilities at marinas and boatyards.
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. 326 bags of litter collected during 2008 through the Harbour Watch scheme.
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.

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 – Continued to undertake water sampling undertaken at 11 sites in conjunction with Chichester District Council. 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 2008 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. Refer to PWMP. Provided grant support for the part II of 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 – 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 – AONB planning guidelines updated as part of Management Plan 5-year review.
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, WWE, WWPC – On-going work through the East Head Coastal Issues Advisory Group to develop a coastal defence scheme at East Head. NEHRA – Engaged in coastal defence decision-making for North Hayling.
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	HCC - Information contained in the Hampshire Coastal Access Audit completed in 2008 may help with this task CAFWS – Continued liaison with CHC and input into Coastal Access proposals of the planned Marine Bill CHC –. Continued 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, WWE, WWPC – On-going work through the East Head Coastal Issues Advisory Group to develop a coastal defence scheme at East Head. CHC - East Head page on website regularly updated and eNews sent as appropriate. East Head – A Way Forward article in Harbour News.
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 – The Conservancy's Sea Defence Guidelines available to download from the website. Awareness raised through website, walks, talks and the education team. Coastal Management chapter in the Chichester Harbour Reference Guide discusses coastal defence and sea level rise.

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 – Awareness raised through website, walks, talks and the education team. Coastal Management chapter in the Chichester Harbour Reference Guide discusses coastal defence and sea level rise.
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		CHC – Continued to promote the Harmony initiative with information leaflets sent to all harbour-users.
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 - Permit scheme in operation for personal watercraft. Operators advised on byelaw restrictions.
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 - Prohibition maintained.
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 - All moorings subject to an annual licence, moratorium still in place, and harbour checked annually for illegal moorings.
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 - Policy still in place.
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 - Policy still in place.
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		CHC - Three speeding offenders were successfully prosecuted in 2008.
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 - Policy still in place. SDF grant support to Cobnor Activities Centre and Hayling Island Sailing Club Community Youth Sailing Scheme to promote dinghy training.

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 - Advice continues to be disseminated through Harmony leaflets, targeted talks to sailing clubs, and verbal and written advice. RNLI - Lifeboat Station Education & Training Room in full use providing training and good practice to User Groups.
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	CHC - New ways continually sought to get across this message.
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		CHC - Facilities maintained in good condition.
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		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		CHC – Maintained 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.
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		CHC – Mooring SWP 11 A2 taken back.
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 - Leases negotiated with the Crown and Manor of Bosham.

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 – Gave talk to Itchenor Sailing Club prior to Junior fortnight. Provided SDF grant funding to Cobnor Activities Centre and HISC Community Youth Sailing Scheme to provide training for young sailors.
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.

**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 – Continued to promote the Walker's Guide with most walks starting at bus stops. Events held with meeting points near railway stations and bus stops. Use of CHC minibus for some events. FCH & CHC – Lockable cycle posts have now been installed at 8 locations 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 Salterns Way cycle route and wheelchair access paths. Footpath surface improvement projects completed at Itchenor (board walk) and Dell Quay. Surface upgrade to the Salterns Way cycle route at Itchenor Park Farm. WSCC - Routine Maintenance cycle completed. CAFWS – Advising WSCC pm the preparation of an Annual Action Plan following publication of the Rights of Way Improvement Plan in 2008. Started to develop proposals for improved bridleway access on the Manhood Peninsula through the LEADER programme.
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	CHC - Salterns Way leaflet distributed through Tourist Office and local cycle shops. Information also available on website and in Harbour News. Surface upgrade to the Salterns Way cycle route at Itchenor Park Farm. CAFWS – Worked closely with Sustrans towards developing a coastal cycle route.
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. Small scale improvement projects include installing two new boardwalks, and resurfacing sections of footpath with shingle. The coastal footpath at Dell Quay has been significantly improved with strengthened sea defences and a new all weather surface.

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	CAFWS - Started to develop proposals for improved bridleway access on the Manhood Peninsula through the LEADER programme. Consultation on proposals within the Marine and Coastal Access Bill. CHC – On-going work to identify potential realigned routes and negotiate access with landowners.
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. Installed a new box-style kissing gate at Rookwood and a replacement swinging gate at Ellanore. Delivered footpath enhancement project at Dell Quay to improve access for those with mobility impairments.
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	HCC - Coastal Access Audit completed in 2008 could contain useful information to complement this work. CHC – Engaged in consultation with Natural England and Rights of Way authorities regarding the Coastal Access proposals within the new Marine and Coastal Access Bill.
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 - Access All Areas article in Harbour News. On-going monitoring of dog-waste issue through Harbour Watch volunteer reporting scheme. Continued to revise signage at problem areas. CDC – Adopted Dog Fouling of Land Act (1996) requiring owners to remove dog waste on public footpaths.
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 – Five year visitor survey completed in 2007 and due again in 2012.
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 - Access All Areas article in Harbour News. Green Day article in Harbour News. New website section Days Out with sustainable transport options.
13-EL	Discourage the unlawful use of public footpaths by cyclists.	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	EL4	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Local Authorities	CHC – No cycling plaques produced in partnership with WSCC and installed on rights of way finger posts and furniture. 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 Ship Canal Trust	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 to discourage car use in the AONB.

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)	A11; A12; A13	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Sailing clubs; Ramblers; Local Authorities; museums; Natural England	CHC - Displays held at East Wittering, Chichester & Havant libraries and at other events. Harbour News circulation of 33,000 copies. Website received over 160,000 unique visitors in 2008. Year round programme of walks and activities, 68 led by the Conservancy and 12 by partner organisations. Gave 12 talks and walks to local Community Groups. RNLI donated use of their education room for indoor events whilst harbour classroom closed for renovation. HCC rangers led 8 events at HCC sites on Hayling Island. Pallant House art gallery held month-long exhibition of art inspired by Chichester Harbour.
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)	A11; A12; A13	Chichester Harbour Conservancy		CHC - What Lies Beneath exhibition at Emsworth Library using information from the sub-tidal survey. Harbour New 2008 contained informative articles with a circulation of 33,000. Educational walks and talks as part of the annual activities programme. Ongoing maintenance and updates to CHC website.
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)	A11; A12; A13	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Natural England	NE - Regional communications team worked with CHC to promote good new stories and best practice projects. CHC - 23 press releases issued in 2008. Distributed to local media and via the eNewsletter. Friends Newsletter used to inform the harbour community about CHC activities. Website kept up to date with current projects, news etc.
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	CHC – On-going liason with WSCC rights of way team and representation on the coastal plain sub-forum of the West Sussex Countryside Access Forum.
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)	A11; A12; A13	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Friends of Chichester Harbour; Chichester Wildfowl Association; Volunteer conservation groups	FCH, CHC – Held weekly volunteer conservation work parties to undertake practical conservation projects in the AONB. CHC, CCV - Supported conservation activities in the AONB. CHC – Continued to produce and promote the volunteer information pack. Available to download from CHC website.
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)	A11; A12; A13	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Educational establishments; Natural England	CHC - Ongoing. 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)	AI2; AI3	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Local Authorities	CHC - Informative articles in Harbour News. Issues discussed during public events and community talks and walks.
8-AI	Provide information on the partnership organisations' roles in managing Chichester Harbour AONB.	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	AI1; AI2; AI3	Chichester Harbour Conservancy		CHC - Article in Harbour News relating to the work of Sussex Sea Fisheries, Friends of Chichester Harbour and the Harbour Trust. Production of Annual Progress Report.
9-AI	Provide information to individual enquiries.	Medium On-going (Review Year 5)	AI1; AI2; AI3	Chichester Harbour Conservancy		CHC – The Conservancy website provides a feedback form and enquiry form, and the website forum is regularly monitored. 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)	AI1; AI2; AI3	Chichester Harbour Conservancy		CHC - Press cuttings recorded from local newspapers and magazines. Website feedback forms showed that 95%of users found the website easy to use; 96% would recommend it. Records kept of attendance figures and feedback from events which, are evaluated each year before planning the next season to keep in tune with changes in interests and lifestyle. All feedback acknowledged.

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 – Continued to deliver a diverse programme of educational activity for students of all ages, including those who are disadvantaged or who have special educational needs. There were 8251 student sessions in total during 2008-09. There were 181 visits or field trips. 25 of these were for students who are disadvantaged or who have special educational needs. The 'Get Afloat' programme provided 10 free educational visits ashore and afloat for disadvantaged groups. Special schools have continued to visit Chichester Harbour on a regular basis for work relating to the National Curriculum, the Prince's Trust and Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme. CHC Education team liaised with local field centres including Portsmouth Outdoor Centre and Pagham Harbour Reserve. The service also established preliminary links with Tuppeny Barn and Northney Farm to plan future farm trips.
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 increase the quantity, quality and diversity of activities offered by the Education team. Contributed regularly to the WSCC annual programme for children who are 'Gifted and Talented'. Students who have severe learning difficulties benefitted from educational activity in the AONB linked with the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme. This work has again been supported by CHC Rangers. Projects developed include Junior Conservancy, the Migration Story, the Undersea Study, the Stuka Project and the Havant Arts Centre Heritage display. It is anticipated that the Seal study and Stream Watch will be fully operational in 2009. Placements were offered for work experience and PGCE students. 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 - The educational web pages www.conservancy.co.uk/learn have continued to be widely used by students of all ages. Plans developed to introduce three internet linked web cams and a weather station at Dell Quay. Work continued on the 'Migration Story', including a new roadshow to visit schools and the construction of a new foodchain demonstration box. New equipment to support this project, including two pairs of binoculars and a second telescope, were funded by SDF. The Educational 'Sea Chests' were in regular use. The programme of school visits now includes a History Workshop and an increasingly well equipped Marine Technology and Sustainability Roadshow. FCH –Continued to fund education resources.

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	CHC – The refurbishment of the Dell Quay Education Centre was successfully completed to provide new office space for the Education team. The permissive path and improved shoreline path to the north of Dell Quay permit better access for younger children and people with disabilities in particular. Solar Heritage continued to be popular as a 'floating classroom' for schools, colleges and interest groups. Working links continued to be maintained with other field education centres and local resources including Staunton Park, Pagham Harbour Reserve, Portsmouth Outdoor Centre, Cobnor Activity Centre, Chichester Museum, Fishbourne Roman Palace and Havant Arts centre. RNLI –Education and Training Room provided facilities ashore to educate and inform Schools, Youth Groups and other interest 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 continued to provide increased opportunity for resource development and enabled the Education team to be more actively involved with planning, development, implementation and follow up. The service maintains working links with the Universities in Chichester and Portsmouth.
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 - Improved databases allowed feedback from schools, colleges and interest groups to be recorded and monitored more systematically. This information informs further development.
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 - Projects developed under the HLF programme including Streamwatch, Migration Story, Junior Conservancy, Sea Chests, the Outreach programme and sponsored visits for disadvantaged groups have been preserved and are being modified and further developed. www.conservancy.co.uk/learn is now more interactive and is routinely accessed by the education community locally and further afield. The teaching team continues to employ the use of information emerging from research including the Harbour Seals project, the Greenshanks project, Archaeology and the Undersea Project.
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 continue to maintain links with Sussex Environmental Educators Forum , Hampshire Environmental Educators Group and Hampshire Outdoor Forum. The service is linked with Field Centres and local resources including Portsmouth Outdoor Centre, Staunton Park, Pagham Harbour Reserve, Goodwood Farm, Weald and Downland Museum, Fishbourne Roman Palace, Chichester Museum, Chichester Festival Theatre Education Service, Havant Arts Centre and Havant Council Urban Regeneration scheme. The Education Service took part in an Open Day for environmental educationists in West Sussex. CHC teachers worked to develop links with the South East Sustainable Schools network, Sustainability and Environmental Education, Food for Life, the farming community and local sailing clubs.

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)	CI1; CI2	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Parish Councils and Residents Associations; Youth Groups; Disability Groups; Natural England	CHC – The Education team continues to work with local partners and community groups including the Manhood Community Forum, Bourne Community Forum, the Manhood Peninsula Partnership and Chichester District Council Local Strategic Partnership. Close links were maintained with a working party of the Local Strategic Partnership which exists to reduce isolation among older people. Regular educational days out in the harbour for groups of isolated elderly people and carers. Maintain close links with local special schools and with a Hampshire Pupil Referral Unit. 12 talks and walks were held for local community groups reaching 628 people. SDF funded 14 community projects within the AONB. NE - Liaison and input from CHC into Natural England SE regional diversity forum.
2-CI	Develop activities that engage all sectors of society in the management of the AONB.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	CI1; CI2	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 - Officers engaged with sectors of the local community including Residents' Associations, Parish Councils, Parish Council Forums, the armed services, farmers, fishermen, wildfowlers, sailing clubs, marinas and local tourism and marine businesses. Maintained an extensive programme of activities and talks for local community and interest groups. Continued to work closely with the Friends of Chichester Harbour. SDF funding made available to local businesses, interest groups and voluntary organisations for projects which benefit the AONB. NEHRA – Continued membership of FCH
3-CI	Develop good communications through the website, email links, meetings and events with the local community.	High On-going (Review Year 5)	CI1	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 - Website continued to serve the local community and beyond. The education website is now more interactive and is being further developed to include live web cams and a weather station at Dell Quay. Officers continue to attend community group meetings including the Manhood Peninsula Partnership, Parish Councils and Community Forums and the Local Strategic Partnership. A link has been established with Havant Council Urban Regeneration scheme and the Service is working cooperatively on an ongoing basis with Havant Arts Centre. A close link is maintained between CHC and FCH. Regular eNewsletters were circulated with information about AONB. Events and projects disseminated via press releases to local media.
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)	CI1; CI2; CI3	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Local Authorities; Local Forums	CHC - Officers contributed to the Manhood Peninsula Partnership, Bourne Community Forum 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)	CI1; CI2	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Parish Councils and Residents Associations; Havant Resident Associations; Youth Groups; Disability Groups	CHC - Officers worked closely with the Manhood Peninsula Partnership, Bourne Community Forum, Parish Councils and Residents Associations.
6-CI	Hold a Conference to provide a public forum for question and debate on the management of Chichester Harbour AONB.	Medium Year 3	CI1; CI2	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Parish Councils and Residents Associations; Local Authorities; Friends of Chichester Harbour; Youth Groups; Disability Groups; Natural England	CHC – Completed 2006.
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)	CI1; CI2; CI3	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	Local Authorities	CHC - Worked cooperatively with Chichester District Council and Havant Borough Council and organisations including Action in Rural Sussex, Age Concern, Carers Liaison Project, CVS, West Sussex County Council and MIND.
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)	CI1; CI2; CI3	Local Authorities	Chichester Harbour Conservancy; Parish Councils and Residents Associations	CHC – On-going work of CHC Planning Officer. Planning Guidelines updated as part of the 5-year AONB Management Plan review.
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)	CI1; CI2	Local Authorities	Chichester Harbour Conservancy; Friends of Chichester Harbour	CHC - Provided continued support for and liaison with FCH. CHC SDF widely promoted to local groups; over £56,000 in grant aid was allocated to 14 projects during 08/09.

Abbreviations used in Action Summary Tables

BAP : Biodiversity Action Plan
BMF : British Marine Federation
Birdham C of E Primary School : Birdham Church of England Primary School
CAFWS : Countryside Access Forum West Sussex
CCV : Chichester Conservation Volunteers
CDAS : Chichester and District Archaeology Society
CDC : Chichester District Council
CEFAS : Centre for Environment Fisheries and Aquaculture Science
CHAPs : Chichester Harbour Archaeology Partnership
CHC : Chichester Harbour Conservancy
CH Fed : Chichester Harbour Federation
CH SDF : Chichester Harbour Sustainable Development Fund
CH Trust : Chichester Harbour Trust
DDO : Delivering Development Opportunities
DPD : Development Plan Document
DfT : Department for Transport
EA : Environment Agency
EIP : Examination in Public
ELS : Entry Level Stewardship
Emsworth RA : Emsworth Residents' Association
FCH : Friends of Chichester Harbour
FWAG : Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group
GOSE : Government Office for the South East
HBC : Havant Borough Council
HBIC : Hampshire Biological Information Centre
HCC : Hampshire County Council
HEEG : Hampshire Environmental Educators Forum
HISC : Hayling Island Sailing Club
HLF : Heritage Lottery Fund
HLS : Higher Level Stewardship
HWTMA : Hampshire and Wight Trust for Maritime Archaeology
JAC : Joint Advisory Committee
LCA : Landscape Character Assessment

LDf : Local Development Framework
LNTM : Local Notices to Mariners
MCA : Maritime and Coastguard Agency
NE : Natural England
NEHRA : North East Hayling Residents' Association
NT : National Trust
NVC : National Vegetation Classification
PMSC : Port Marine Safety Code
PP : Parish Plan
RNLI : Royal National Lifeboat Institute
RSPB : Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
RYA : Royal Yachting Association
SAM : Scheduled Ancient Monument
SASHMA : Solent and South coast Harbour Master's Association
SCOPAC : Standing Conference on Problems Associated with the Coastline
SDJC : South Downs Joint Committee
Seasearch : Volunteer diving project
SEEDA : South East England Development Agency
SEEF : Sussex Environmental Educators Forum
SEMS : Solent European Marine Sites
SMP : Shoreline Management Plan
SPG : Supplementary Planning Guidance
SPD : Supplementary Planning Document
SSFDC : Southern Sea Fisheries District Council
Sustrans : Sustainable transport charity
VDS : Village Design Statement
WFD : Water Framework Directive
WSCC : West Sussex County Council
WWE : West Wittering Estate
WWPC : West Wittering Parish Council



The Working Water - Fishing, Angling & Bait-Digging



A small fishery operates in Chichester Harbour harvesting oysters, cuttlefish, lobsters and sole. Recreational angling from boats and shore is growing in popularity with five angling associations within the Harbour.

- The *Valuing Chichester Harbour* study estimated the value of commercial fishing in Chichester Harbour at £245,500. The combined estimated value of angling and wildfowling activities is in the region of £1.05 million.
- The Harbour Working Boats Festival in April 2008 provided an opportunity for members of the public to visit many of the working boats operating in Chichester Harbour.

Water Quality & Waste Disposal

The water quality of Chichester Harbour is largely affected by inputs from the wider Solent, agricultural run-off and discharges from the three sewage treatment works and eight combined outflows. The quality of the harbour's waters not only impacts on the health of the environment, but can affect the enjoyment of harbour users. The Conservancy continues to monitor the water quality in the harbour, respond to planning applications regarding capacity to discharge additional sewage, and engage in the Water Framework Directive process.

- The results of regular water quality testing at 11 sites in the harbour are available online on the Conservancy and Chichester District Council websites. Email alerts are now sent by Southern Water to Chichester District Council and the Conservancy when the waste water treatment works are storm discharging. These alerts are forwarded to the sailing clubs. The Conservancy remains concerned by the reduction in water quality during storm discharge periods.
- 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 2008, 326 bags of rubbish were collected by volunteers.

Enjoying Chichester Harbour on the Water

The sheltered waters of Chichester Harbour are a haven for those who enjoy getting afloat. The Conservancy continues to deploy policies to manage overcrowding and promote cooperation between different user groups through the *Harmony* campaign and maintaining a patrol presence on the water.

- The Harbour Patrol assisted 353 people on the water, including 7 collisions or near misses, 26 collisions with moored boats and 50 vessels requiring a tow.
- Three prosecutions were brought for excess speed; all resulting in fines in excess of £500 by the magistrates.
- The restored Victorian Oyster boat *Terror* ran 29 public trips with 163 passengers and the *Solar Heritage* ran 46 trips with 1368 passengers.
- The Chichester Harbour Sustainable Development provided grant support for Cobnor Activities Centre and the Hayling Island Sailing Club Community Youth Sailing Scheme to increase small boat training in Chichester Harbour.

Top: Sir James Scott was just one of the boats on display at the bi-annual Working Boats Day

Above: The restored oyster boat *Terror* is still up to taking her passengers for a thrilling ride

Below: The Harbour Patrol team provide essential support on the water for the many thousands of people who use Chichester Harbour





Coastal Defence & Sea Level Rise



Top: working to improve the sea defences and footpath on the popular route north of Dell Quay

Above: Thousands of tons of sand and shingle were used to strengthen a vulnerable section of East Head

Below: cyclists enjoy the Salterns Way route which provides a safe and scenic link between the city and the sea



The threat of climate change and associated sea level rise causes concern for the potential loss of the harbour's intertidal habitats through coastal squeeze, and the erosion of the valuable coastal footpaths. The Conservancy continues to monitor the impacts of climate change on coastal habitats and species, and to identify projects to secure long term access to the harbour's shoreline paths.

- The Conservancy coordinated the recharge of 15,000 tons of sand and shingle to strengthen the vulnerable hinge and neck area of East Head. The work was the first step in implementing the new Pagham to East Head Coastal Defence Strategy and was supported by the East Head Coastal Issue Advisory Group. The works will safeguard access to the popular sand spit and maintain safe navigation through the Harbour's entrance channel.
- The existing sea defences north of Dell Quay have been strengthened to protect the important public footpath linking Dell Quay to Fishbourne. Coastal erosion was causing the path to become undercut and unstable, threatening long term public access to this important route. With funding from Natural England, West Sussex County Council and the Friends of Chichester Harbour, the path will be available for people to enjoy for many years to come.

Enjoying Chichester Harbour from the Land - Sustainable Transport

Chichester Harbour AONB provides a range of recreational activities on land enjoyed by residents and visitors alike. The network of public footpaths, wheelchair-friendly paths and Salterns Way cycle route provide opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to enjoy the AONB in a low-impact and sustainable way. However, increased pressure for housing development adjacent to the AONB raises concerns about recreational capacity of the AONB without adversely impacting the character and tranquillity of the area. The Conservancy has worked closely with West Sussex County Council and Natural England to evaluate the potential impacts of the coastal access proposals of the Marine and Coastal Access Bill.

- The Conservancy works closely with West Sussex County Council rights of way team, and has successfully implemented an annual footpath maintenance and upgrade programme to provide a high quality network of footpaths, wheelchair paths and cycle routes within the AONB. A section of the coastal footpath linking Dell Quay to Fishbourne has been resurfaced to improve access for those with mobility difficulties. An additional section of the Salterns Way was laid to Fittleworth Stone to provide an all-weather surface.
- 15 additional new cycle-lock posts were installed at Hayling Island (RNLI Station), East Head, two sites at Chidham, and Bosham Ferry in partnership with the Friends of Chichester Harbour to promote access to the AONB by bike.



Education, Activities and Information



The Conservancy's Education Team delivered a comprehensive programme of educational activity for students of all ages and abilities during 2008/09. The "Get Afloat" scheme provided ten free educational visits for disadvantaged groups. The programme of guided walks, activities and boat trips provided diverse opportunities for the public to learn about the AONB in an informal way.

- The Conservancy's Education Team delivered 8251 student sessions in total during 2008-09. There were 181 visits or field trips of which 25 were for students who are disadvantaged or who have special educational needs.
- Through the Guided walks and activities programme, 80 events were held in the AONB with 68 led by the Conservancy and 12 by partner organisations. For those led by the Conservancy, there were 2117 attendees, giving an average of 31 attendees per event. Amongst the most popular were the bi-annual Working Boats Festival, the Festival of Harbour Walks, Woodland Animal Orienteering, Introduction to Fishing, Mud Hunt, Heritage History Walk and Introduction to Harbour Bird Watching. The Little Cockles sessions for families with children up to 5 years old were all well attended.

Top: The annual programme of guided walks and activities continued to attract people of all ages, including these younger ones who were trying out their orienteering skills

Above: Over 8,500 student sessions were held by the Education Team. Groups at all stages of the curriculum come to Chichester Harbour for field trips

Right: The Sustainable Development Fund distributed grants to 14 local projects including interpretation at Old Bridge Meadow

Community Involvement

The Conservancy has continued to maintain a strong relationship with the AONB community through representation on parish councils and community forums, involvement in the Local Strategic Partnership, and by supporting community projects through the Sustainable Development Fund. Regular communication through the local media, website and talks enables key messages about the management of the AONB to be delivered. Community participation is encouraged through volunteer opportunities and the programme of activities.

- The Chichester Harbour AONB Sustainable Development Fund was fully allocated; distributing over £56,000 in grants to 14 local projects with a total value of £180,272 that deliver environmental, social and economic benefits to the AONB.
- Conservancy officers provided 12 talks and walks for local community groups reaching 628 people, giving an average of 52 per session, including the WI Sussex Conference 'Sussex by the Sea', and Emsworth Valley U3A.





Working as a Team

Education Team

The education team (photo above) were in desperate need of a new home when the lease on their temporary office at the Grainstore came to an end. In fact the answer to their problem was right above their head!

The Education Centre had a large roof area that was mainly used for storage. A local architect drew up plans for a loft conversion in sympathy with the Conservation Area and work began.

In early 2009, the team moved into their spacious new office area which makes good use of natural light



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 X.

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
Advisory Committee 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) David Swayne, CHF Peter Taylor MBE, CHF Robert Macdonald, CHF Mike Smith MBE, Commercial Interests Anne Collins, Emsworth Harbour Fishermen's Federation Jon Curson, Natural England Nicola Davies, Natural England Simon Sprackling, Farming & Landowning Interests Peter Henshaw, Friends of Chichester Harbour
Chichester District Council David Myers, Adrian Moss	Steve Gilbert, Naturalists Steven Schrier, Havant Residents James Davis, Royal Yachting Association Tony Delahunty, Sussex Sea Fisheries Lee Freeston, Wildfowlers
Hampshire County Council Ann Buckley, Ted Gale MBE, Tim Knight (Vice-Chairman), Alan Rice TD	
Havant Borough Council Sheila Pearce, Virginia Wilson-Smith	
West Sussex County Council Bill Acraman, Martin Daws-Chew, Deborah Urquhart, Louise Goldsmith (Chairman)	



Monitoring Table

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

Data Source	Surveys/Monitoring undertaken	Interpretation
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Biological indicators

Natural England SSSI Condition Monitoring	Regular monitoring of SSSI condition.	No planned revision of SSSI conditions undertaken within this time period.
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. Dunlin numbers continued an increasing trend, this increase is the opposite of the observed national trend and is not mirrored by local sites.
Intertidal vegetation monitoring	Saltmarsh and Eelgrass monitoring.	Detailed monitoring of Eelgrass (<i>Zostera</i>) beds undertaken, early results indicate a mixed picture, with expansion in some areas and declines apparent in other beds.
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.	Nearly 6,000 saplings and trees were planted at 11 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.	Eames Farm Higher Level Stewardship scheme approved.
Planning applications and consents	Recording the number and type of planning applications received on a computer database.	290 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 Pilsey 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. The annual time series of photographs for the managed realignment and habitat creation sites at Cobnor Cottage Nature Reserve, Chalkdock Marsh and Thornham Point clearly show the development of intertidal habitats and plant communities.

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.	Undertaken 2007. Next survey due in 2012.
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Education and awareness indicators

Educational and activity visits	The Conservancy's Education Team ran 8,251 student sessions.	This represents an increase from last year.
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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 2008-09 Chichester Harbour Conservancy spent a total of £1,654,000. Of this £1,019,000 was spent on the Harbour. Harbour operations generated income of £1,147,000 giving a surplus of £128,000. £636,000 was spent on Environmental activities including £197,000 on the core AONB unit and £439,000 on the AONB area, of which £158,000 was spent on environmental projects and £281,000 on Sustainable Development Fund (SDF) projects.

Expenditure 2008-9 £1,654,000



£439,000 was spent on the AONB area which included a range of projects such as the installation of new interpretation boards at popular locations

Environmental activities were funded by precepts on Hampshire and West Sussex County Councils (£304,800), funding from Natural England for SDF, core and project work (£194,800), funds brought forward from 2007-08 (£42,500) and other income (£136,200). An underspending on environmental activities of £40,300 was carried forward to 2009-10. Natural England met 60% of the cost of the AONB core unit.

Income 2008-9 £1,783,000

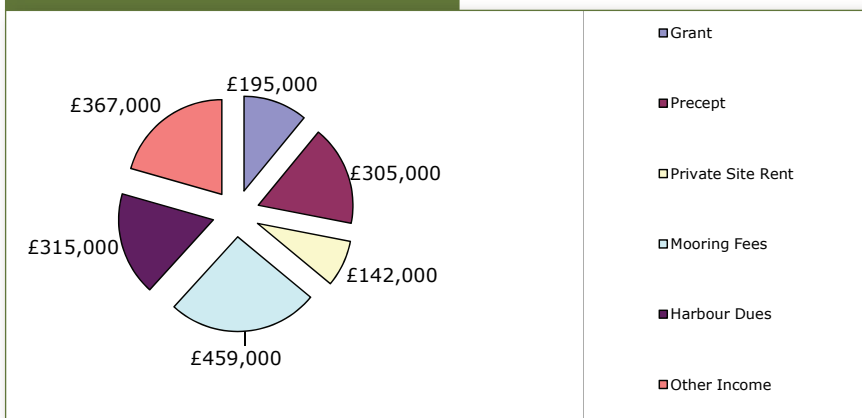


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2009-2014

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