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AONB Family Update - September 2017

And then there was one The NAAONB has brought together its three websites under www.landscapesforlife.org.uk. The new website gives information about the AONB Family and also promotes the value and relevance of its work using case studies, news of events and activity, collaborative work, consultation responses, publications and images of our outstanding landscapes to support this promotion. Please add a link to your own website and encourage others to add a link to their websites. If you would like to add any information to the website please contact [Jill](#).



Outstanding Week 16-24th September 2017

Outstanding Week The AONB Family has come together, for the third year running, to organise a week (and a bit) long programme of events to help people enjoy and be inspired by Britain's Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs). Running from this Saturday until next Sunday, **Outstanding Week**

shows people how to get involved and get out into the AONBs' **outstanding landscapes** to enjoy country shows, dark sky discovery nights, walking festivals, archaeology walks, wood fairs, foraging and local food festivals, wildlife walks, coastal and marine days, thatching courses, drystone walling competitions, charcoal making, bioblitz, inspiration through art and music and many, many other activities. **Outstanding Week** shows how our AONBs are **Landscapes for Life** in so many different ways.

Over 80 events can be found on www.landscapesforlife.org.uk/events/outstanding-week/ and more are being added daily.

Demonstrating value for money using Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) AONB Lead Officers gather annually to review the work of the AONB Family over the previous year. This year, under discussion were the KPIs agreed last year and how they have been, and might be, used to show the value of AONB Family work. Information is now being collated for this year's AONB Family Annual Review – see [Basecamp Lead Officer Forum](#) (members only). In the meantime, case studies demonstrating the value and relevance of the work of the AONB Family can be found [here](#). If you would like your AONB partnership's work showcased on the Landscapes for Life website please complete the template on the page and submit it for inclusion.



Evidence based value for money The NAAONB celebrates collaborative work across the AONB Family. This week, we are pleased to highlight the work being done by the North Pennines AONB Partnership. The [Nectarworks](#) project focusses on the enhancement, restoration and celebration of flower-rich habitats and the nectar-feeding invertebrates that depend on them. The project was the recipient of the [Bowland Award](#) at this year's [Landscapes for Life Conference](#).

Leading on liaison with CPRE A collaborative project between the NAAONB and CPRE to jointly commission independent research to initially investigate how national policies, such as the five-year land supply policy, interacts with policies at the local level, such as a local plan has gone ahead and data is currently being collated by the appointed consultees. The project focuses on all English AONBs and analyses housing development both pre- and post NPPF, to consider both national and local policy context. An area on Basecamp has been set up to manage this project. Members can see more information [here](#).



Leading on liaison with WCPA The NAAONB is working with the Global Protected Area Survey Team, which includes the World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA), which is carrying out the first global survey of protected area staff numbers and jobs. There are 200,000 protected areas in the world, covering over 15% of the land surface and 10% of the seas; but no record of how many people are engaged in managing them, or the range of jobs that they do. AONBs make up part of this total as Category V Protected Areas, recognised by the IUCN (of which the WCPA is part). Members can view the rationale for this survey on [WCPA Survey](#) or can contact Lauren Naylor lnaylor@globalwildlife.org for more information. The deadline for completion is end of September.

Leading on liaison with the Forestry Commission The NAAONB is working with the Forestry Commission to collate information on woodland creation and tree planting activity in England. The FC is seeking to collect data on the quantity and location of new planting of trees that has been funded by the UK Government within AONBs). Further information can be found on [Forestry Commission survey](#).



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