

# NORTH YORK MOORS HEATHLAND / MOORLAND

## ENVIRONMENT / HABITAT

### MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

#### ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP (AGRI-ENVIRONMENTAL SCHEME)

- Grants / support payments to farmers / landowners / land managers of up to £60 per hectare
- Money is to ensure the farmers look after the wildlife and the special habitats
- Farmers / landowners are encouraged to maintain the heathland and restore it where possible

##### THEY MUST :-

- Preserve / maintain the heathland
- seasonally exclude sheep

If farmers disobey then money will be not be paid

##### THEY MUST NOT :-

- Overgraze
- Use fertiliser of lime
- Use vehicle on open moorland
- Drain any areas
- Extract peat

#### MOORLAND MANAGEMENT SCHEME

Moorland restoration	Biodiversity Action Plan	Bracken control programme
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No burning April-August (may go out of control and kill wildlife/birds)</li> <li>• No burning near rivers</li> <li>• No burning near woodlands</li> <li>• Only every 15 years</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Restore / enhance habitats</li> <li>• No loss of habitats</li> <li>• Protect biodiversity</li> <li>• Educate farmers</li> <li>• Eradicate alien invasive species</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bracken lowers biodiversity</li> <li>• Bracken is poisonous to animals</li> <li>• Bracken houses ticks which affect sheep</li> <li>• Cutting and herbicides</li> </ul>

#### CONTROL OF FOOTPATH EROSION (EG CLEVELAND WAY PROJECT)

WHY	HOW
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overuse of footpaths</li> <li>• Destruction of vegetation</li> <li>• Compaction of soil</li> <li>• Erosion by rainwater</li> <li>• Widening of footpath</li> <li>• More gullying</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paved sections</li> <li>• Rock chippings</li> <li>• Compacted aggregate</li> </ul> <p>This stops the footpath widening effect, but is unsightly and destructive to habitats itself</p>

#### SITES OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST (SSSI's)

- Special protection in some areas for the protection of habitats. Especially for birds (Red Grouse, Curlew, Merlin, Golden Plover). Habitats, flora and fauna, supported by RSPB

#### PARK RANGERS AND EDUCATION / INFORMATION CENTRES

- To police the area      Inform and educate about habitats flora and fauna      To advise