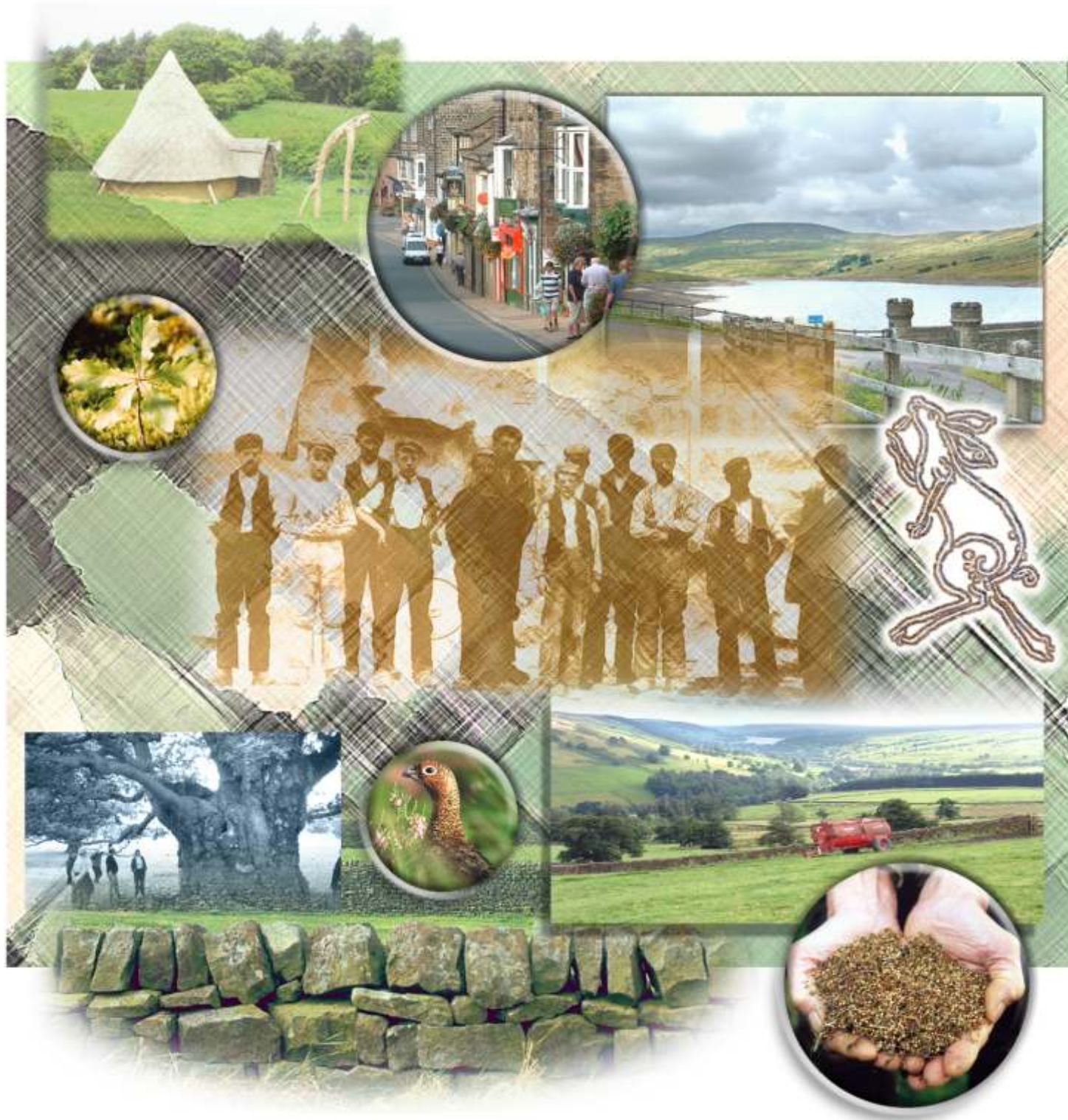


# Nidderdale AONB

## Education Pack



*“Landscapes Inspiring New Knowledge”*



## Introduction

**Welcome to Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty's (AONB) Educational Resource Pack. An AONB is an area of land protected at a national level because of its natural beauty. To help ensure the long-term protection of the AONB, education both of children and adults is essential. In 2005 the AONB secured funding to develop the AONB LINK project and this education resource pack has been developed as part of this. The aim of the pack is to encourage people to learn through interaction with this beautiful, protected landscape.**

We have chosen ten sites to visit within the AONB (plus Quarry Moor, Ripon which is close to the eastern boundary). Comprehensive background information is complemented by ideas and activities that can be done at the sites or in the classroom. Although primarily designed for Key Stage 2 the contents can be adapted for Key Stage 1 and 3. This resource is designed with curriculum links in mind, but the sites and activities are fun and interesting making the pack of interest to community groups like youth clubs, scouts and guides.

Teachers from the area were consulted on the content and design of the pack. Feedback during the development phase helped refine and tailor the information to be as useful as possible.

The pack is also available on the AONB website *Learning Zone* ([www.nidderdaleaonb.org.uk](http://www.nidderdaleaonb.org.uk)) with the opportunity to download the worksheets.

The website will be updated with new sites and information as these are produced.

We believe that learning in an outdoor classroom can contribute significantly to the overall learning experience of children throughout their school life and the hands-on approach in outdoor education helps to meet the needs of the whole class.

As today's children become more familiar with places away from home and even abroad, they can often overlook their local environment, its characteristics and how they can be involved in caring for it. We hope that the exciting contents of this pack will inspire both teachers and children to explore the natural beauty of the environment on their doorsteps.

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