

**'YOUR DARTMOOR'
DARTMOOR NATIONAL PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN**

ACTION PLANS

JANUARY 2014

ACTION PLAN UPDATES FOR YEAR ONE

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PRIORITY: THE FUTURE OF FARMING AND FORESTRY

➤ Supporting sustainable farming and woodland businesses that conserve and enhance the special qualities of Dartmoor.

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A policy framework for upland farming that supports sustainable farming practices and National Park purposes.	1.	Work with partners to influence and shape the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) and its implementation through national programmes to ensure adequate and appropriate support for the south west uplands.	South West Uplands Federation , Dartmoor National Park Authority, Dartmoor Commoners Council, National Farmers Union, Country Land and Business Association, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds	££						Some success securing a better Basic Payment above the moorland line. New agri-environment scheme still not clear but flexibility in form of Moorland Management plans welcomed. Loss of UELS (lower tier) scheme may have implications on non-priority areas. COMPLETED
	2.	Apply experience and evidence from Dartmoor Farming Futures to influence design of future agri-environment schemes.	Natural England , Dartmoor National Park Authority, Dartmoor Commoners Council, local Commoners Associations, Duchy of Cornwall, South West Water, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds	££						The experiences from the development of Farming Futures agreements on the Forest and Haytor have been fed into NELMS development.
	3.	Work with partners to ensure that Dartmoor's special qualities and needs are reflected in the targeting of future agri-environment schemes. (link to Spectacular Landscapes, Natural Networks and Making the Most of Cultural Heritage priorities)	Natural England , Dartmoor National Park Authority, Dartmoor Commoners Council, English Heritage, South West Water, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds	££						Natural England have included partners in the NELMS targeting process and there will be more involvement in the production of the targeting statements.
	4.	Develop a model for integrated delivery at a local level of the proposed six themes of the Rural Development Programme priorities.	Dartmoor National Park Authority, English National Park Authorities Association, Natural England, Dartmoor Commoners Council, Duchy of Cornwall, English Heritage, Heart of the South West LEP	££						Proposal submitted to DEFRA via National Parks England and discussions held. No specific National Park or upland measure included in draft Rural Development Programme. COMPLETED
	5.	Support for farmers during transition to new funding schemes through provision of information and advice (new Rural Development Programme for England anticipated from January 2015, new agri-environment schemes from January 2016).	Dartmoor Hill Farm Project , Natural England, Dartmoor National Park Authority	££ (to March 2014) ≈ (on-going role)						This is being carried out at present till March 14 262 attendees at events so far. Situation still very unclear on many funding streams. Extensive consultation completed.
	6.	Seek to ensure that importance of ponies for conservation grazing is recognised in future management and funding.	Dartmoor Commoners Council , Pony Action Group	££						Efforts to ensure only marked and legal ponies remain on the moor are beginning to pay off. Loss of market remains a real concern and may threaten future of ponies on the moor.

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Engage with and empower farmers to manage the landscape, deliver public	7.	Develop a shared understanding and demonstration of what the Moorland Vision (of a grazed landscape providing a range of public benefits) means on the ground and monitor its delivery.	Dartmoor Commoners Council , Dartmoor National Park Authority, Natural England, English Heritage, Dartmoor National Park Authority, Dartmoor Common Owners	££						This action needs discussion

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benefits and add value to their business.			Association, farming community							
	8.	Support the commons associations to help deliver the Moorland Vision through sharing of good practice on issues such as swaling and fire plans. (link to Spectacular Landscapes, Natural Networks priority)	Dartmoor Commoners Council (DaCC) , local Commoners Associations, Dartmoor Common Owners Association, Dartmoor National Park Authority, Natural England, South West Uplands Federation, Fire Partnership, Ministry of Defence	≈						DaCC supporting local commons associations to ensure agri-environment agreements are fair and deliverable and that the RPA correctly provides SPS to common rights holders.
	9.	Continue implementation and monitoring of Dartmoor Farming Futures pilots and use lessons learnt to influence future schemes (see <i>action 2</i>).	Haytor and Forest of Dartmoor Commons Associations , Natural England, Dartmoor National Park Authority, Dartmoor Commoners Council, Duchy of Cornwall, Environment Agency, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds	≈ (subject to continued agri-environment agreements for the two pilots)						Trials underway. Dartmoor farming Futures selected as a case study in Better Outcomes for Common Land (FCL).
	10.	Implement Dartmoor Healthy Livestock Initiative to provide advice and support for farmers in addressing animal diseases and monitor animal health conditions.	Dartmoor Hill Farm Project	££ (to March 2014)						On-going, low level Fec packs (monitoring parasites) bought out and out on local farms. Ram MOT event.
	11.	Explore future options for the Hill Farm Project to ensure on-going provision of information, advice and support to meet needs identified by farmers and land-based businesses.	Dartmoor National Park Authority and Duchy of Cornwall , Dartmoor Farmers Forum, Hill Farm Project Steering Group, Dartmoor Commoners Council	££						Business plan is being developed to identify future funding models.
	12.	Work with the farming community to support continued training and skills provision to meet needs identified through the 2013 Skills Audit.	Dartmoor Hill Farm Project , Moorskills Ltd, Duchy College, Devon Rural Skills Trust	≈						On-going – lots of vocational training being delivered in 2014
	13.	Support good management of ponies through infrastructure for drifts and pounds and seek solutions to issues around overall pony numbers on the commons.	Dartmoor Commoners Council , Pony Action Group, Landscape Partnership	MTMTE (work on infrastructure)						DaCC amnesty to ensure pony issues are resolved by commons associations has been successful. Pony numbers have been reduced but a long term solution evades implementation.
	14.	Investigate opportunities for private sector involvement in the funding of ecosystem services through OFWAT Price Review mechanism (PR14).	South West Water , Natural England, Environment Agency, Dartmoor Common Owners Association, Dartmoor Commoners Council, Duchy of Cornwall, Dartmoor National Park Authority	££						On-going. Without prejudice payment made to Forest of Dartmoor Commoner's Association by SWW whilst method for calculating formal payment developed.

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Next generation initiative for young farmers.	15.	Establish a mechanism to engage with young farmers on Dartmoor to share information and learn about issues.	Dartmoor Hill Farm Project , Young Farmers Clubs	≈						Next Generation Farmers and Young Commoners groups both established
	16.	Investigate pathways into farming for young people.	Dartmoor Hill Farm Project , Young Farmers Clubs, Dartmoor National Park Authority, Dartmoor Commoners Council, Dartmoor Common Owners Association, Duchy of Cornwall, local schools and colleges	≈						On-going Moorskills, Next Generation etc. has emerged as a strong priority through consultation with farmers.

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Encourage sustainable management of existing woodlands and opportunities for new woodlands.	17.	Explore opportunities for greater community engagement in woodlands.	Woodland Trust , Forest Enterprise, Silvanus Trust, Dartmoor National Park Authority, Duchy of Cornwall, Dartmoor Woodfuel Co-operative, local communities	≈						National Trust & Woodland Trust undertaking work in Fingle woods and Bovey Valley.
	18.	Support the opportunities from woodfuel through the provision of training, sharing of facilities, and marketing.	Dartmoor Woodfuel Co-operative , Forestry Commission, Silvanus Trust, woodland owners, Dartmoor National Park Authority	≈						Progress to come
	19.	Seek to improve the conservation of wildlife and archaeology of the public forest estate woodlands. Use the 2015 Dartmoor Forest Design Plan revision to identify changes to the moorland / woodland boundary.	Forest Enterprise England , Natural England, Woodland Trust, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds	££						Work is on-going
	20.	Soften the impact of privately-owned conifer plantations on the landscape where opportunities arise.	Forestry Commission , Forest owners, Dartmoor Woodfuel Co-operative, Woodland Trust	££ (via advice on felling licenses)						Grant led – currently no grants available
	21.	Encourage greater vigilance and reporting of tree health concerns and provide a co-ordinated response to tree diseases (including future contingency plans).	Forestry Commission , Dartmoor National Park Authority, farmers, foresters, woodland owners, Dartmoor Woodfuel Co-operative	££						Relies on national press coverage cascaded down at a local level
	22.	Undertake research into expansion of broadleaved woodland in moorland valleys through natural regeneration and woodland planting, and map opportunities linked to the Moorland Vision. (link to Spectacular Landscapes, Natural Networks priority)	Dartmoor National Park Authority , Forestry Commission, Natural England, landowners, Woodland Trust Dartmoor, Woodfuel Co-operative, South West Water, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds	≈						Funding not secured through MTMTE – unlikely to happen unless another source of funding can be secured.

PRIORITY: SPECTACULAR LANDSCAPES, NATURAL NETWORKS

➤ Conserving and enhancing Dartmoor's diverse landscapes, natural ecosystems and improving the connections between them, both within and across National Park boundaries.

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Build coherent and resilient ecological networks.	23.	Improve the condition of key wildlife areas on a landscape scale, identify opportunities to strengthen ecological networks and habitat connectivity, and support climate change mitigation and adaptation through the preparation and delivery of detailed action plans for four priority habitats (rhôs pasture, moorlands, woodlands, dry grasslands).	Dartmoor Biodiversity Partnership , South West Water	££ MTMTE						3 Habitat Action plans completed, with the last one programmed for this winter Two Moors Threatened Butterfly Project continuing. Community Ecologist post for MTMTE due to start early 2015.
	24.	Maintain a monitoring programme for 'Living Dartmoor' to assess the condition of key habitats and species.	Dartmoor Biodiversity Partnership	££						County Wildlife Site monitoring carried out at 13 sites.
	25.	Define and demonstrate what 'favourable condition' means for key habitats for Dartmoor, identify barriers to delivering 'favourable condition' targets and address these barriers where possible.	Dartmoor Biodiversity Partnership , Natural England	££						NE have produced maps of habitat units in the Forest of Dartmoor with indicators of Good/Favourable condition shown. COMPLETED
	26.	Complete the pilot phase of the Dartmoor Mires project to restore 104 ha of blanket bog by 2015. Evaluate the monitoring and learning from this and expand the work into new areas as appropriate.	Dartmoor Mires Project Partnership	££ (funded until 2015)						Mires Project currently carrying out restoration work at Flat Tor Pan where the hydrological monitoring equipment has been collecting pre-restoration data.
	27.	Develop and deliver a programme of co-ordinated activity to improve the ecological status of rivers on Dartmoor.	Environment Agency , Natural England, Dartmoor National Park Authority, Westcountry Rivers Trust, South West Water	££						Update to follow
		<i>See also action 3 relating to targeting of future agri-environment schemes to support Dartmoor's special qualities, which will also support delivery of 'Living Dartmoor'.</i>								

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Support stable or increasing populations of priority species.	28.	Develop and deliver 12 action plans for Living Dartmoor key species for conservation (greater horseshoe bat, dunlin, red-backed shrike, ring ouzel, southern damselfly, marsh fritillary butterfly, pearl-bordered and high brown fritillary butterflies, blue ground beetle, bog hoverfly, Deptford pink, vigur's eyebright, flax-leaved St John's-wort).	Dartmoor Biodiversity Partnership , farmers, commoners, local Commoners Associations, Duchy of Cornwall, Ministry of Defence	££						Twelve Action Plans have been developed.

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	29.	Maintain butterfly populations through delivery of the Two Moors Threatened Butterfly Project and explore how required actions can be integrated into wider farm management.	Butterfly Conservation	££ (to March 2015)						The project continues to offer advice and support to farmers, landowners and Natural England staff in the preparation of the final round Higher Level Stewardship (HLS) agreements prior to the closure of this scheme. Since April, conservation/management plans have been produced for 4 sites, which will be the last to enter into the scheme prior to its closure.
	30.	To improve understanding of the Barbastelle bat and lichen communities in East Dartmoor Natural Nature Reserve and implement management measures to ensure their long-term conservation as part of ancient woodland restoration.	Natural England , Woodlands Trust	MTMTE						The Moor than Meets the Eye LPS will deliver a programme of scientific research into Bovey Valley population of barbastelle bats, starting in 2015/16. Aspects of this programme will be delivered through local community participation, education and training events to monitor bat populations on an ongoing basis. Similarly, with local community input, the MTMTE scheme will survey and monitoring in and around East Dartmoor NNR to map and evaluate the status of key lichen species as well as undertake targeted habitat management to benefit lower plant communities.
	31.	Ensure the planning process and development do not threaten, and enhance where possible, protected and priority species	Dartmoor National Park Authority , Natural England	££						Work continues with applicants and through forward planning to protect and enhance wildlife.

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Connect people with nature.	32.	Continue use of volunteers to help with monitoring and conservation work and help deliver Living Dartmoor.	Dartmoor Biodiversity Partnership, Landscape Partnership	££ (potential enhanced capacity through MTMTE)						Several volunteer groups have carried out or are planning work on key sites, including Mires Project, HLS agreement sites, DNPA agreement sites and priority habitats.
	33.	Involve local community and wider public in project to 'tag and trace' cuckoos and develop further initiatives to engage the public in Dartmoor wildlife with an initial focus working with RSPB through the Dartmoor birds interpretation project.	Dartmoor National Park Authority , British Trust for Ornithology, Devon Biodiversity and Preservation Society	££ MTMTE (Dartmoor birds interpretation project)						Public involved in sending in 728 cuckoo records on the website. 3 new cuckoos tagged this year and followed back to Africa, along with one of the tagged birds from last year. Continuation of associated press releases and events. RSPB project Moorland Birds due to start 2015
	34.	Work with local communities to develop parish initiatives that support wider-scale nature conservation, co-ordinated through 'Living Dartmoor' including priorities for action.	Dartmoor Biodiversity Partnership , local communities	££						Planned through MTMTE linking with Parisheschemes scheme due to start 2015
		<i>See also action 123 under Community Focus to involve local communities and interest groups in monitoring wildlife as part of the State of the National Park report; and action 9 involving farmers and commoners monitoring outcomes through Dartmoor Farming Futures.</i>								

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					Conserve and enhance Dartmoor's distinctive landscapes.	35.	Collaborate on the delivery of the statements of environmental opportunity for the Dartmoor National Character Area and raise awareness of the profile. ¹	Natural England , Dartmoor National Park Authority	££	
36.	Submit Landscape Conservation Action Plan as phase 2 bid for 'Moor than Meets the Eye' Landscape Partnership programme. ²	Landscape Partnership	££							Conservation action plan submitted as part of the final bid and approved. COMPLETED
37.	Work with the farming community to protect important landscape features including stone walls, hedgebanks and ancient boundaries.	Dartmoor Hill Farm Project, Landscape Partnership	MTMTE							Details of project are currently being worked up
38.	Develop a better understanding of the medieval landscape on Dartmoor and help people to look after it through the 'Moor Medieval' project.	Dartmoor National Park Authority	MTMTE							Developing a pool of expertise & planning a seminar in 2015
	<i>See also actions 131-136 under Community Focus to manage development to protect the National Park.</i>									

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					Continued good environmental management of the Dartmoor Training Area.	39.	Implement the Integrated Rural Management Plan, and update the action plan annually.	Ministry of Defence , Duchy of Cornwall, Natural England, English Heritage, Environment Agency, Dartmoor Commoners Council	££	
40.	Review the Integrated Rural Management Plan in 2015.	Ministry of Defence , Duchy of Cornwall, Natural England, English Heritage, Environment Agency, Dartmoor Commoners Council	££							None – due for review in 2015
41.	Consider the implications of military troops returning from abroad and any potential impacts on military use of Dartmoor.	Ministry of Defence	££							Any increased demand for training on Dartmoor will be within the existing Duchy licence controls. COMPLETED
42.	Explore options for reducing the landscape impact of military training infrastructure, with particular focus on the proposals from the inter-visibility study on the location markers and other structures.	Ministry of Defence , Dartmoor National Park Authority	££							Ground truthing of the intervisibility study is in progress, and potential landscape improvements have been identified. When ground truthing exercise has been completed, any recommendation will be subject to Byelaw review and funding availability
43.	Consider options for the relocation of Holming beam hut and associated infrastructure to reduce landscape impact.	Ministry of Defence , Dartmoor National Park Authority, Duchy of Cornwall	££							Defence Infrastructure Organisation informed Dartmoor Steering Group that they no longer have any funding for this project and it will have to be considered afresh as part of their project management Scheme

¹ For further information on the Dartmoor National Character Area see Natural England's website

² For further information on 'Moor than Meets the Eye' see Dartmoor National Park Authority's website <http://www.dartmoor.gov.uk/aboutus/landpartbid>

PRIORITY: MAKING THE MOST OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

➤ Conserving and enhancing the archaeology and historic built environment, and helping people to discover more about Dartmoor's heritage.

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Community Heritage Projects	44.	Work with local communities to identify heritage assets and produce a Dartmoor Local Heritage List.	Dartmoor National Park Authority , English Heritage, local communities	≈						Proposal for funding developed At risk
	45.	Review options for the provision of archival storage facilities to support local community groups collecting information on their area.	Devon History Forum , Dartmoor Trust, Dartmoor National Park Authority, local history societies and museums	££ (initial scoping)						No progress in 2014. Further discussions to be held in 2015.
	46.	Continue to work with Local History Societies and other interested parties to facilitate communication, sharing of ideas and co-ordinate future projects at a local scale and across the National Park.	Dartmoor National Park Authority , Dartmoor Trust, Dartmoor Preservation Association, Devon Archaeological Society, English Heritage, Dartmoor Society, Dartmoor Tinworking Research Group, local history societies	££						Local History day held in May – 100 people Future involvement in local heritage list and weir survey project.
	47.	Implement a parishscapes project in the Moor than Meets the Eye area to enable local people to record, share and conserve heritage of special significance in their parish.	Landscape Partnership	MTMTE						4 pilot projects currently working up their ideas using a framework provided by MTMTE. The parishes are North Bovey, Lustleigh, Moretonhampstead and Ashburton.
		<i>See also action 102 under the Enjoying Dartmoor priority on enthusing young people, families and communities about Dartmoor's cultural heritage.</i>								

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Identify, protect and conserve heritage assets.	48.	Continue to record heritage assets through the Dartmoor Historic Environment Record, make it available online and raise awareness. Seek funding for ongoing maintenance and development beyond 2013/14.	Dartmoor National Park Authority , Devon County Council, English Heritage	££ (to March 2014) ≈ (on-going maintenance and development beyond March 2014)						On-going recording No funding streams identified as yet
	49.	Reduce heritage at risk numbers through monitoring, survey and practical conservation, including management plans for designated buildings and Monuments at Risk.	Dartmoor National Park Authority , English Heritage, Natural England, local Commoners Associations	££ (via agri-environment funding; potential enhanced capacity through MTMTE)						26% reduction in number of Scheduled Monuments at risk since May 2008. 2014/15 – 5 sites removed from the list. One listed building at risk removed from register NE - The 2014 HLS agreements have introduced/continued positive management on 33 SMs

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	50.	Continue to provide conservation advice to owners and occupiers of heritage assets.	Dartmoor National Park Authority , English Heritage,	££						On-going advice given on a weekly basis.
	51.	Scope the feasibility of establishing a Dartmoor Study Centre which is accessible to the public to view current and historical information (books, photographs and other documents) relating to Dartmoor.	Dartmoor Trust , Dartmoor Preservation Association, Dartmoor National Park Authority	MTMTE – not funding this project						This project did not make the final list as part of the MTMTE project. No funding stream identified
		<i>See also actions under The Future of Farming and Forestry priority – action 3 on the targeting of agri-environment schemes, action 7 on the Moorland Vision, and action 19 on the Forest Design Plan</i>								

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Increased understanding and awareness of Dartmoor's cultural heritage.	52.	Undertake further research in the Whitehorse Hill area to improve understanding of the area's significance following analysis of the artefacts recovered from the cist.	Dartmoor National Park Authority , English Heritage	MTMTE						All artefacts now conserved. WHH exhibition opened in September DNPA WHH guide to be published
	53.	Co-ordinate an annual list of historic environment research and new information and publish online.	Dartmoor National Park Authority , Universities, Devon Archaeological Society, Dartmoor Society, Dartmoor Trust, local history societies	££						No progress this year
	54.	Complete surveys of the remaining Premier Archaeological Landscapes and identify priorities for management.	Dartmoor National Park Authority , English Heritage, Natural England	≈						1 PAL to be surveyed (Rippon Tor) 2015
	55.	Increase understanding of the military heritage on Dartmoor through information provision.	Ministry of Defence , military heritage societies, Dartmoor National Park Authority, Dartmoor Trust, local museums, English Heritage	≈						Archaeological information leaflets printed and distributed to training units.
	56.	Develop Higher Uppacott as an exemplar of best practice in conservation, community engagement and interpretation of the historic environment.	Dartmoor National Park Authority , English Heritage, local community	MTMTE						Conservation management plan in place, feasibility study and repairs have taken place. Successful Heritage Open day weekend with 96 participants enjoying tours of the house for free.
	57.	Develop a project to commemorate World War 1 on Dartmoor including exhibition at Princetown National Park Visitor Centre, web resources for schools and research themes.	Dartmoor Trust , Dartmoor National Park Authority	HLF funding						Dartmoor trust co-ordinating this display in partnership with local history societies. Display goes live in 2015

PRIORITY: ENJOYING DARTMOOR

➤ Helping people to enjoy and learn about Dartmoor, with a particular focus on managing access and visitor pressure at areas of heavy recreation use.

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Clear and inspiring communication about how to enjoy and learn about Dartmoor.	58.	Improve communication and engagement with local resident communities and local businesses to share and discuss the opportunities for enjoying the National Park and discuss issues relating to visitor management. <i>(link to the Community Focus priority actions)</i>	Dartmoor National Park Authority , Parish Councils, local communities, volunteers, National Trust, Duchy of Cornwall, West Devon Borough Council, Teignbridge District Council, South Hams District Council, Woodland Trust, Natural England, South West Lakes Trust, Dartmoor Commoners Council	££						Upgrade to VC at Princetown with at least two community evenings. Further business and launch events also held. Use of DNPA & Ranger twitter to get messages out. Use of outreach van in joint initiative with West Devon/South Hams targeting settlements in those areas. Rangers also attend Parish Council meetings. The National Trust employs a number of media types to help inform visitors including blogs, twitter & facebook, articles in the press and community events.
	59.	Improve communication and engagement with local businesses to share and discuss the issues and opportunities for businesses in the National Park relating to enjoyment and understanding. <i>(link to the Prosperous Dartmoor priority actions)</i>	Dartmoor Partnership , Dartmoor National Park Authority, West Devon Borough Council, Teignbridge District Council, South Hams District Council, Devon County Council	££						DNPA intending to host an evening forum with businesses before Christmas to encourage dialogue.
	60.	Improve communication and engagement with communities in settlements surrounding Dartmoor, developing targeted information for different geographical areas.	Dartmoor National Park Authority , Plymouth City Council, West Devon Borough Council, Teignbridge District Council, South Hams District Council, Devon County Council, Parish Councils, Woodland Trust, Natural England, South West Lakes Trust, National Trust	≈						DNPA outreach programme includes attendance at shows and events in settlements surrounding Dartmoor. Also work with West Devon/South Hams connect programme to utilise opportunities to visit settlements in those areas. Visits to other urban centres are taken up as and when opportunities arise. The National Trust also does a lot of work in and around Plymouth regarding accessing and enjoying Dartmoor.
	61.	Utilise findings from the Audience Development Plan and interpretation strategy to tell the Dartmoor Story and agree a set of key messages that all partners can use to help people better understand and enjoy Dartmoor, and work in partnership to communicate them effectively.	Dartmoor National Park Authority (to act as enabler), Dartmoor Partnership, Natural England, Visit Devon, private sector, education providers, Voluntary Wardens, guides, accommodation providers, farmers, commoners, local people, tourism businesses, Dartmoor Commoners Council, National Trust	≈						DNPA developing brand guidance for Dartmoor Story theme. Will be shared & discussed with partners in Autumn. Presents a good opportunity to establish a set of key messages about Dartmoor. The National Trust has also produced individual Audience Development Plans for Castle Drogo & Fingle woods with Woodland Trust as part of the HLF process.
	62.	Develop a network of local 'ambassadors' who will help identify and promote key messages on the ground.	Dartmoor National Park Authority , Dartmoor Partnership, Natural England, English Heritage, National Trust, Visit Devon, private sector, education providers, Voluntary	MTMTE DNPA						Nothing progressed. Plans in place for network events and welcome host training in Spring 2015

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			Wardens, guides, accommodation providers, farmers, commoners, local people, tourism businesses							
	63.	Develop the National Park Visitor Centres as destination hubs with a focus on particular themes. Make the centres more family oriented and increase use by residents as well as visitors.	Dartmoor National Park Authority working with Forest Enterprise England (Postbridge); Devon Wildlife Trust, Natural England (Haytor); Dartmoor Partnership, Active Dartmoor (Princetown), Dartmoor Commoners Council	££ MTMTE (for Postbridge)						Visitor Figures up by nearly 10% year to date to the three National park Visitor Centres. Each centre has its own theme – ecology, archaeology, Dartmoor Story/activity. Princetown in particular more family oriented and greater range of local products to encourage residents to visit.
	64.	Maintain a network of Tourist Information Centres and information points across Dartmoor which carry consistent clear messages for the public.	South Hams District Council, Teignbridge District Council, West Devon Borough Council, Natural England , local businesses and communities, Dartmoor National Park Authority, National Trust	≈						On-going provision of Dartmoor leaflets to local information points and businesses. Dartmoor Welcome Guide to be available in 2015. As part of this network the National Trust properties at Parke, Finch Foundry, Lydford Gorge and the Sexton's Cottage in Widecombe act as mini tourist info centres.

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Understanding visitor needs and trends.	65.	Co-ordinate and share information on visitor profiling to identify and understand different audiences and user groups.	Dartmoor Partnership , Natural England, Dartmoor National Park Authority, South West Lakes Trust, Forest Enterprise, National Trust	££						DNPA - Continuing to gather data on visitor numbers on paths trails, car parks and at Visitor Centres. The National Trust are working with DNPA on visitor insight. There is a joint survey planned for 2015
	66.	Implement the Dartmoor Interpretation Strategy incorporating innovative ways of communicating with visitors and residents, and utilising websites and emerging technologies to ensure that we effectively reach all audiences.	Dartmoor National Park Authority , Dartmoor Partnership, Natural England, South West Lakes Trust, Forest Enterprise, National Trust, Devon County Council, Devon Wildlife Trust, English Heritage, Dartmoor Commoners Council, Dartmoor Common Owners Association	≈						DNPA is developing the 'Dartmoor Story' brand as part of the Dartmoor interpretation strategy. Alongside this NT embarking on Interpretation strategy for its countryside properties.
	67.	Co-ordinate promotion of Dartmoor as a destination by improving linkages and signposting between websites. (link to the Prosperous Dartmoor priority)	Dartmoor Partnership , Dartmoor National Park Authority, Natural England, South West Lakes Trust, Forest Enterprise, Devon County Council	≈						No progress in 2014. Action to be developed in 2015 with a strategy meeting to be held with key partners.

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Improved, sustainable recreation opportunities for all.	68.	Manage the rights of way network including remedial works required following erosion due to extreme weather, and implement priority rights of way improvements set out in the Dartmoor section of the Devon Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan for 2005-2015.	Dartmoor National Park Authority , local communities, Devon County Council, landowners	££ (implement within resource constraints)						Programme of repairs following winter floods identified and successful bid to Defra for additional funding to implement repairs. Annual work programme drawn up and being implemented for PROW works and improvements. Continuing to deliver improvements from within existing budgets such as stiles to gates but there is no specific funding to deliver ROWIP schemes.
	69.	Identify future priorities for rights of way improvements to input to review of the Dartmoor section of the Devon Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan.	Dartmoor Access Forum , Dartmoor National Park Authority, local communities, Devon County Council	≈						Work is due to start in 2015
	70.	Explore opportunities for greater public and local community engagement in the management of the Public Rights of Way and Access network. Initial work to focus on scoping a pilot scheme in 2014.	Dartmoor National Park Authority , Voluntary Wardens, Ramblers Association, local community/amenity groups, Parish Councils, user groups	££						DNPA - Review of PROW delivery is in progress (due to complete Nov 2014) looking at efficiencies and alternative delivery models - including greater use of local community groups, user organisations and volunteers. This will be shared with communities via Rangers.
	71.	Manage provisions for access under the <i>Dartmoor Commons Act 1985</i> and <i>Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000</i> including managing field furniture.	Dartmoor National Park Authority , Dartmoor Commoners Council, Dartmoor Common Owners Association, National Farmers Union, Country Land and Business Association	££						DNPA - Annual inspections of CROW infrastructure ongoing for access point infrastructure. Review of permissive access agreement links to CROW land needs to be undertaken 2015.
	72.	Develop the Plym Valley as a gateway to Dartmoor from Plymouth.	National Trust , Devon County Council English Heritage, Plymouth City Council, National Trust	££						Unfortunately the HLF application for was Plym Valley project was rejected. This action will now be developed by NT via Plym Valley Ranger team and their Sports Development Officer.
	73.	Develop a package of information and interpretation to enhance visitors' experience of the East Dartmoor Natural Nature Reserve and Bovey Valley and improve opportunities for people with disabilities.	Dartmoor National Park Authority , Natural England, Woodland Trust, National Trust, Devon Wildlife Trust, English Heritage, local communities, Devon County Council, Dartmoor Partnership	MTMTE						Update to follow
	74.	Improve the visitor experience at Postbridge and Bellever to encourage people to stay longer and support the local community with a range of activities focusing on the heritage of the area, including the finds from Whitehorse Hill.	Forest Enterprise England , Dartmoor National Park Authority , local community, Dartmoor Access Forum, Landscape Partnership, Dartmoor Partnership, Duchy of Cornwall	MTMTE (and potentially DfT Linking Communities Cycling Fund)						Through a series of stakeholder meetings a brief is being developed for the upgrade at Postbridge. MTMTE has commissioned an access & interpretation plan to help inform wider consultation with stakeholders.
	75.	Transform the visitor experience at Castle Drogo, linking the offer at Drogo with the river and woodland of the Teign Valley.	National Trust	££ Part of £11.5m HLF project now in year 2-3						The National Trust has produced individual Audience Development Plans for Castle Drogo & Fingle woods with Woodland Trust as part of the HLF process.

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	76.	Work up proposals for other 'Areas of Opportunity' (Southern Towns and Corridors, Eastern Woods and Reservoirs, North and West Dartmoor, High Dartmoor Forests) as defined in the Recreation and Access Strategy for Dartmoor 2011-2017 to divert pressure from sites of heavy recreation use.	Dartmoor National Park Authority , Teignbridge District Council, South Hams District Council, West Devon Borough Council, South West Lakes Trust, local communities, landowners, Dartmoor Partnership	≈ MTMTE (improvements to access and interpretation at Fernworthy reservoir)						Recent meeting to discuss cycling in Bellever & Soussons with the forestry Commission. This would link with the MTMTE project and the Granite & Gears work.
	77.	Implement the Wray Valley Trail to provide an off-road multi-use trail and improve the route between Newton Abbot and Bovey Tracey. Develop interpretation of the trail and the surrounding area based upon the influence of the Victorians.	Devon County Council , Dartmoor National Park Authority, landowners, Teignbridge District Council	££ (DfT Linking Communities Cycling Fund)						Route planning and design work are in progress and practical works continue. MTMTE 'In the footsteps of Victorians' will provide useful interpretation material. DCC - Phase 1 (Moretonhampstead to Stewards Wood) – Complete Phase 2 (Steward Wood to Lustleigh) – Ongoing negotiation with landowners Phase 3 (Parke Estate to Bovey Tracey) – Complete Parke Extension (Wilford Bridge to Lower Knowle Road) – Complete
	78.	Ensure co-ordinated and effective management of long distance promoted routes.	Devon County Council , Dartmoor National Park Authority, West Devon Borough Council, Teignbridge District Council, South Hams District Council, National Trust	££ (DfT Linking Communities Cycling Fund)						Officer management groups meet to ensure liaison between authorities and to consider trail management issues. Agency agreement is in place between DCC and DNPA for PRow management in the Park; management group meets 6 monthly. DNPA is currently undertaking a formal review of cost effectiveness of this relationship.
	79.	Develop the 'Dartmoor Way' round – Dartmoor walking and cycling circular routes.	Sustrans , Ramblers Association, Devon County Council, Dartmoor National Park Authority, West Devon Borough Council, South Hams District Council, National Trust	££ (partially funded)						Cycling work completed including signing of the route and updated website. Discussions are taking place re the walking route but funding is an issue.
	80.	Explore the development of Heritage Trails to promote economic growth, link local businesses and help interpret the cultural and natural heritage of the area.	Dartmoor National Park Authority , English Heritage, National Trust, Dartmoor Partnership	MTMTE						Work has started on this to deliver an interactive web based map showing a range of heritage trails will continue to be populated over the coming year

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Focused and co-ordinated management of visitors to ensure that areas for exploration and tranquillity remain for quiet enjoyment.	81.	Focus resources and co-ordinate on the ground presence at sites of heavy recreation use to inform and help manage visitor pressure, and explore innovative solutions for ongoing resourcing and maintenance of facilities at these sites.	Dartmoor National Park Authority (as enabler), National Trust, South West Lakes Trust, Natural England, Dartmoor Partnership landowners, Teignbridge District Council	££						The National Trust has carried out specific work at Cadover Bridge and Fingle Bridge but have been hindered by lack of funding from HLF for Cadover Bridge. NT & DNPA Rangers have also held 2 joint events at Cadover. DNPA Rangers have a presence and patrol key heavy recreational use sites at weekends. Voluntary Wardens have also helped out over the main summer holiday weekends.

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										Litter campaign promoted over summer months, with outreach vehicle present at weekends and in hot weather at Newbridge and Spitchwick. DCC – yellow lines in the Dart Valley developed in consultation with DNPA & local community. Joint approach on information with Devon Wildlife Trust
	82.	Provide more visible information (with minimal landscape impact) at key sites to influence visitor behaviour and raise awareness of the special qualities of the National Park.	Dartmoor National Park Authority , National Trust, Forest Enterprise, South West Lakes Trust, Natural England, landowners, Dartmoor Partnership	≈						DNPA - A supply of informative leaflets that can be distributed to the public have been revised and updated. Wooden signs regarding no Overnight motor home parking and camping have been erected at key problem car parks.
	83.	Improve the visitor experience at Widecombe-in-the-Moor to encourage people to stay longer, support the local community and learn more about the area.	Widecombe Community , Landscape Partnership, National Trust	MTMTE ££NT operating resources						MTMTE project to be developed to start in autumn 2015. Additional work is being carried out by the NT on the Sexton's Cottage in Widecombe
	84.	Continue to monitor and influence the growth of large-scale recreation events to ensure their sustainability through the Organised Events System, and promote sustainable access opportunities.	Dartmoor National Park Authority , Dartmoor Commoners Council, Dartmoor Common Owners Association, Duchy of Cornwall, Natural England, Parish and Town Councils, Dartmoor Partnership	££						Continued to monitor and engage with event organisers. Closer involvement and liaison with Safety Advisory Groups developed in response to concerns about cycling events. Cycling code of conduct being developed includes cycle sportive events information.
	85.	Manage Ten Tors to minimise the environmental impact and maximise the opportunities for improved understanding of the National Park and benefits for local communities. Particular focus in 2014 on working in partnership to develop and monitor the proposed new arrangements to increase resilience and enhance safety of the event.	Ministry of Defence , Dartmoor Steering Group and Working Party	££						The Ten Tors Policy group and its smaller practical working party have revised the new 2014 routes and instigated small amendments ready for the Team Managers training day on 11 October 2014 ready for the 2015 event.
	86.	Facilitate negotiation over conflicts around recreational use of rivers and their access.	Dartmoor Access Forum , Dartmoor National Park Authority, Canoe England, riparian owners and associations, canoe clubs, landowners, National Trust	££						DNPA will continue to support the work of DAF and help liaise with key stakeholders. The National Trust are Involved at a number of sites in the Teign Valley and elsewhere.
	87.	Develop 'Pound for the Park' and review other opportunities to raise funding, from events and users, for the conservation and enjoyment of the National Park.	Dartmoor National Park Authority , Dartmoor Partnership, Ministry of Defence, local businesses, landowners, local communities	££						Continuing to promote to event organisers and have strengthened message to them regarding impact their event can have. PROW review work includes donations, funding and possible sponsorship.

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Better understanding of, and access to, the health and wellbeing	88.	Develop the concept of Dartmoor's Natural Health Service as part of the Devon Local Nature Partnership's (LNP) Naturally Active priority. Scope a pilot project working with local surgeries, GPs and commissioners	Devon LNP , Devon Health and Well-being Board, Dartmoor National Park Authority, GPs, Natural England, Active Devon, National Trust, Devon County	££ Post is jointly funded by Dartmoor National Park						DNPA have appointed a Naturally Healthy Project Officer who will work to increase community confidence in accessing health benefits derived outdoors, will increase GP confidence in referral routes and contribute to

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benefits of Dartmoor.		supporting health and well-being by providing access and recreation opportunities for all.	Council, Woodland Trust	Authority and Devon County Council – Public Health for three years.						action research to ensure that project outcomes are widely disseminated.
	89.	Encourage more adventure activities for people with limited mobility.	Countryside Mobility South West , Moorland Guides, Natural England, Dartmoor National Park Authority, South West Lakes Trust, Dartmoor Partnership	££						DNPA ranger supported Disabled Ramblers visit in 2014, 151 visitor days. The National Trust now have Trampers available at Parke and Lydford Gorge

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Sustainable modes of travel onto and around Dartmoor.	90.	Promote the Haytor Hoppa and seek new funding sources to support bus links, different public transport services and sustainable transport options to improve access to and within Dartmoor, including working with the voluntary sector.	Dartmoor National Park Authority , Devon County Council, local businesses, Natural England	££ (2014)						Hoppa had a successful season with funding from 5 sources plus ticket sales. Further work in promotion with Green Traveller. COMPLETED
	91.	Develop opportunities to improve information provision (e.g. through real-time information) on how to access Dartmoor via public transport with a focus on gateway towns.	Devon County Council	££						The Devon Real Time project aims to provide up-to-the-minute information about bus services - mainly via internet and mobile telephone apps, but also through on-street electronic information displays at key locations. It is anticipated that the information stream from the system will come on line in stages from Autumn 2014, with completion expected for Spring 2015.
	92.	Work with taxi operators to identify options and seek funding to develop a bike/ramblers rescue offer giving visitors the confidence to access the Moor by alternatives to the car.	Devon County Council	££						No progress to date. It is anticipated that partners will be contacted in the next year to progress a pilot

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Opportunities for everyone to learn more about Dartmoor.	93.	Promote events, activities and guided walks for all, with a particular focus on specific audiences who are hard to reach or currently not catered for, and ensure that a selection are accessible to everyone (e.g. with tramper hire, suitable for families with pushchairs, etc).	Dartmoor National Park Authority (as enabler), Natural England, Moorland Guides, Countryside Mobility SW, South West Lakes Trust, National Trust	££						DNPA organises a formal programme of public events offering a range of experiences. Rangers also work with local groups and organisations to take groups out on the moor e.g. disabled rambles association, sure start groups. The National Trust organises a range of events across its Dartmoor properties.
	94.	Develop 'heritage and helping hands' holiday itineraries to help people better understand and explore Dartmoor and get involved in volunteering activities.	Dartmoor Partnership	MTMTE						Not developed at this time At risk

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	95.	Continue to develop the network provided by Dartmoor Educators Forum including an annual event.	Dartmoor National Park Authority , education providers	££						Dartmoor Educators' Forum meets annually with additional ad-hoc training opportunities provided from within the network to consolidate the 'outdoor learning' offer that Dartmoor provides.
	96.	Continue to provide Learning Outside the Classroom against backdrop of Curriculum review.	Dartmoor Educators Forum	££						The members of Dartmoor Educators' Forum report steady numbers of school, teacher and student enquiries. The curriculum review has seen some change in the emphasis on ancient history
	97.	Continue development of supportive web-resources, both locally and through National Parks UK / National Parks England with case studies, teaching and learning materials.	Dartmoor National Park Authority (as enabler), Association of National Parks UK / National Parks England	££ (funding dependent on continued resourcing of web presence by National Parks UK / National Parks England)						Dartmoor National Park Authority will contribute to a review and re-write of the web based resources hosted on the ANPA 'portal' website
	98.	Provide supportive training and information to help teachers and group leaders to use Dartmoor, aided by other providers.	Dartmoor Educators Forum , Dartmoor National Park Authority,	££						Dartmoor National Park Authority undertake specific teacher training and CPD activities for local HE establishments (Marjon and University of Plymouth) and also contribute to the SW Institute of Outdoor learning's <i>Enabling Outdoor learning</i> teacher development events.
	99.	Support direct learning experiences on Dartmoor, particularly through volunteer-led activities and programmes.	Dartmoor Educators Forum , Dartmoor National Park Authority, education providers	££						Dartmoor National Park Authority provided 57 events for over 2000 students in 2013-14. In addition nearly 500 young people benefitted from 'informal education' opportunities.
	100.	Encourage young people to enjoy and understand Dartmoor by exploring opportunities to engage with them about Dartmoor on subjects and activities that motivate them.	Dartmoor Educators Forum , Dartmoor National Park Authority, education providers	MTMTE (limited funding available)						The Ranger Ralph club provides opportunities for family learning with activities planned to suit a ranger of interests. Following on from the ranger ralph club is the Pilot Junior Ranger programme launched in December 2014. DNPA is actively engaged with both Ten Tors organisation and team manager training and Duke of Edinburgh groups.
	101.	Use innovative activities and events to reach out to a young and diverse audience, including opportunities for family (adult) learning.	Dartmoor National Park Authority, Natural England, Woodlands Trust, Devon Wildlife Trust, Devon County Council, local schools and colleges, Dartmoor Commoners Council, National Trust	MTMTE						Through the Ranger Ralph Club a cohort of families achieved their John Muir Awards in summer 2014. This involved discovery and exploration to understand Dartmoor's special qualities but importantly also gave participants the opportunity to contribute through practical volunteer activity. MTMTE has delivered a number of public events celebrating the biodiversity of the Bovey valley.
	102.	Involve schools, families and communities in Dartmoor-based conservation projects to enthuse them about Dartmoor's natural and	Dartmoor Educators Forum , Dartmoor National Park Authority, education providers,	££ (specific projects subject						MTMTE will be offering a John Muir element with a view to developing closer links to communities. Wildlife hit squad provides

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		cultural heritage, learn more about it, and encourage them to become the custodians of the future.	Devon County Council, local schools and colleges	to funding including MTMTE)						opportunities for local people to get involved in practical conservation tasks.
	103.	Develop a series of farm events and activities to explore the history of farming and its role in maintaining the fabric of the landscape.	Dartmoor Hill Farm Project , Dartmoor Farmers Association	MTMTE						Original project did not make it into final MTMTE bid. However there is a level of interpretation in the 'Ancient Boundaries', modern farming element

PRIORITY: PROSPEROUS DARTMOOR

➤ Enabling a diverse, resilient economy that is consistent with the special qualities of the National Park.

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Linking prosperity and protection.	104.	Work with partners to identify and promote opportunities for growth within the National Park (in terms of target sectors and locations).	Dartmoor National Park Authority , Devon County Council, West Devon Borough Council, South Hams District Council, Teignbridge District Council, local businesses, Parish and Town Councils, relevant representative organisations	££						Joint Economic Prospectus being developed with ENPA to demonstrate positive growth opportunities offered within NP's, showcase range of projects and demonstrate positive NPA approach to engaging with growth agenda
	105.	Communicate National Park policies to support appropriate business opportunities and address perceived barriers.	Dartmoor National Park Authority , local businesses, local farmers	££						Two business workshops have taken place in 2014 focusing on funding opportunities and addressing planning barriers and updates on the Greater Dartmoor LEAF. Each event has attracted approximately 40 participants. Planning Surgeries have been developed in Princetown to serve Hill Farm Community.
	106.	Work with the partners to highlight Dartmoor's high-quality environment as an economic opportunity and to assist the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) in developing a rural theme to its business plan and growth strategy.	Dartmoor National Park Authority, Heart of the South West LEP and Devon County Council	££						Joint Economic Prospectus being developed with ENPA to demonstrate positive growth opportunities offered within NP's, showcase range of projects and demonstrate positive NPA approach to engaging with growth agenda.
	107.	Explore how to develop a strong business voice for Greater Dartmoor.	Dartmoor Partnership , Dartmoor National Park Authority, local businesses	≈						Workshop held in the Autumn (as above) but no clear steer on who might lead on this.
	108.	Support the 'Love Your National Parks' celebration to help deliver rural growth.	National Parks England , Dartmoor National Park Authority	££						NPE has developed this celebration via their website and 'postcards' from key people explaining why they 'Love National Parks'
	109.	Building on the experience of Greater Dartmoor LEAF, develop proposals for next round of EU funding.	Greater Dartmoor Local Action Group , Dartmoor National Park Authority, Teignbridge District Council, South Hams District Council, West Devon Borough Council, Devon County Council, Heart of the South West LEP, Dartmoor Partnership	££						The Greater Dartmoor LEAF Partnership submitted its Local Development Strategy for 2015-20 to DEFRA in early September. As a result a significant amount of new funding for the Greater Dartmoor area for the period 2015-2020 has been secured. A final decision on all new programme LEADER Local Action Groups is expected during February 2015 and it is hoped that the new Greater Dartmoor LEAF fund will be open to applications in the late Spring of 2015. Please read this GD LEAF Presentation Oct 2014 for the latest summary, information and timetable on the new Leader programme for Greater Dartmoor. COMPLETED
		<i>See also actions relating to farming and forestry businesses under The Future of Farming and Forestry priority.</i>								

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Boosting the green economy.	110.	Develop support networks for tourism and trade businesses, including mentoring, advice lines, training and marketing.	Dartmoor Partnership	££						Potential for LEADER funding but no progress to date
	111.	Develop local supply chains with an initial focus on food and drink.	Dartmoor Partnership , Dartmoor National Park Authority, Devon County Council, South Hams District Council, West Devon Borough Council, Teignbridge District Council	££						Due to hiatus, work not developed to date but work with Dartmoor farmers developed following Lenk trip in 2013.
	112.	Maximise the local economic benefits from military use of the National Park through working with service providers to encourage local supply chains and community benefit clauses.	Ministry of Defence	££						Members of the military Dartmoor Working Party have examined the potential to maximise the local benefits of the military presence. The use of local contractors for maintenance, training agreements and training providers is being maximised. Local contacts have been established with the SW Local Enterprise Partnership, and the process for small and medium sized businesses to contribute to the food supply chain have been clarified
	113.	Develop, test and promote products from Dartmoor which help sustain local businesses and the environment.	Dartmoor Hill Farm Project and Landscape Partnership?	LEADER?						On-going potential projects with wool and wool compost in pipeline.

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Entrepreneurship and skills development.	114.	Develop and implement the Dartmoor Diploma to improve heritage and business skills and knowledge for people looking after, sharing or working in the National Park.	Landscape Partnership	MTMTE						Tenders being developed seeking to issue a contract to deliver the Dartmoor Diploma
	115.	Investigate opportunities for apprenticeships on Dartmoor linked to delivery of the National Park's purposes.	Dartmoor National Park Authority , Dartmoor Hill Farm Project, Dartmoor Woodfuel Co-operative	MTMTE						NE Eco skills project at Yarner

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Infrastructure to support business development and employment.	116.	Deliver superfast broadband roll out on Dartmoor.	Connecting Devon and Somerset , Connecting Dartmoor	≈ (potential funding to March 2015)						Based on DNPA's successful stage one bid to RCBF in 2012, a joint Exmoor/Dartmoor bid submitted by DCC and supported by the NPA's has secured funding of over £700,000 to extend coverage for superfast broadband (equal or

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										over 24 Mbps speed) in hard to reach communities across the 2 Parks by the end of 2016. As a result, the level of superfast coverage will extend to 75% of all premises on Dartmoor and 69% on Exmoor'
	117.	Work with partner organisations to increase mobile coverage throughout the National Park including through pre-application advice to guide mobile phone operators to the most suitable sites or to encourage opportunities for site sharing.	Dartmoor National Park Authority , DCMS/BDUK, telecoms providers	££ (to March 2015)						Supporting rollout of additional mobile coverage through government funded Mobile Infrastructure Project. Possible sites coming forward over the next 6 months to address identified not spots, with no current provision.
	118.	Seek rail service enhancements through the Great Western Rail Franchise process and encourage linkages with bus services and walking and cycling opportunities.	Devon County Council , Heart of South West Local Enterprise Partnership, Teignbridge District Council, South Hams District Council, West Devon Borough Council	≈						We are actively involved in seeking a more accessible rail network for Devon to be provided through the franchise process. Our work with the Devon & Cornwall Rail Partnership complements this through extensive promotion and publicity for sustainable travel opportunities
	119.	Review the Dartmoor section of the Devon and Torbay Local Transport Plan.	Devon County Council , Dartmoor National Park Authority, Teignbridge District Council, South Hams District Council, West Devon Borough Council	££						There is no specific Dartmoor section of the LTP anymore in the current LTP3. There is no scheduled date for a formal review of the plan but the investment programme, including external funding opportunities such as Granite and Gears, is reviewed every year

PRIORITY: COMMUNITY FOCUS

- Supporting and empowering local communities to help meet identified needs.

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Resilient and empowered local communities.	120.	Explore and further develop ways of engaging with local communities (including communities of interest) to help identify needs and deliver National Park purposes.	Dartmoor National Park Authority , Parish Councils, local authorities, National Park Forum, Dartmoor Commoners Council	££						Your Dartmoor fund developed to help communities identify and deliver schemes to implement
	121.	Develop the Buckfastleigh Neighbourhood Plan and share lessons learnt with other communities.	Buckfastleigh Town Council , Dartmoor National Park Authority, Teignbridge District Council	££ (specific funding from CLG)						Buckfastleigh continues to progress consultation and community engagement to support the development of a Neighbourhood Plan.
	122.	Support communities who wish to identify local goals and development opportunities through community-led planning.	Dartmoor National Park Authority , Teignbridge District Council, South Hams District Council, West Devon Borough Council, Community Council for Devon	≈						Now 4 Neighbourhood Planning Groups underway, Buckfastleigh, Ashburton, Buckland Monachorum and Bridestowe/Sourton joint. In addition North Bovey are pursuing a Parish Plan.
	123.	Develop and sustain a co-ordinated approach to volunteering in the National Park.	Dartmoor National Park Authority , Natural England, Dartmoor Preservation Association and other groups	MTMTE						MTMTE will recruit volunteers to help with develop/deliver projects but will also support volunteers by developing a support skills share network. DNPA volunteer support grant to local Volunteer groups resulted in 3,782 volunteer days contributed to 'looking after' Dartmoor. DNPA continues to develop the use of volunteer both formal roles such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voluntary wardens • Volunteer Education guides and informal drop in events for all.
	124.	Identify and support opportunities for local communities and interest groups to get involved in monitoring the State of the National Park.	Dartmoor National Park Authority , Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, Natural England, Devon Wildlife Trust, Dartmoor Commoners Council and other groups	££						No progress this year
	125.	Work with the local community to develop a shared vision for the regeneration of Princetown and a project plan to deliver the vision.	Dartmoor National Park Authority , local community and businesses, Duchy of Cornwall, Dartmoor Forest Parish Council, West Devon Borough Council, Moor Trees and HM Prison Dartmoor	££ (development of vision and project plan) ≈ (specific proposals arising from this)						Princetown public realm project developed with partners. Wider community consultation to take place 2014/15
126.	Involve local communities in the preparation of Masterplans for development sites at Chagford, Ashburton and Buckfastleigh.	Dartmoor National Park Authority , local communities and businesses, Parish	££ (including funds from						Chagford – Masterplan approved by NPA in April 2014. First application for development of the site now in. Steering Group established with	

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			Councils, Teignbridge District Council, West Devon Borough Council, Devon County Council	developers)						community (Parish Council/Community Land Trust). Ashburton – Second Draft Masterplan due for public consultation October 2014. Buckfastleigh – currently landowner has no appetite for site redevelopment. No progress to date.

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Help meet identified needs for local affordable housing and other services.	127.	Continue to work with local communities to identify affordable housing needs, and opportunities to deliver these.	Devon Rural Housing Partnership , Dartmoor National Park Authority, Teignbridge District Council, West Devon Borough Council, South Hams District Council, Community Council of Devon, Housing Associations, housing providers	££						Housing Needs Assessment commissioned for Buckfastleigh. NPA supporting consideration of exception site development to meet identified local needs at South Tawton, N Brentor and others. Continued joint working with CCD in particular around exploration of self-build opportunities.
	128.	Assist communities with exploring alternative transport options, including community transport schemes, through advice on funding, governance arrangements and making best use of existing transport.	Devon County Council	££						We continue to seek the most appropriate and cost-effective means of transport provision for local communities. This includes optimizing available resources and promoting community-based solutions where available. This process becomes particularly important as budgets are subjected to increased pressure.
	129.	Explore how partners can work together and with volunteers and local communities to support independent living, addressing issues of an ageing population, rural isolation and vulnerability. Identify a pilot community on Dartmoor.	Devon Health & Wellbeing Board , Devon County Council, West Devon CVS, South Hams CVS, Teignbridge CVS, emergency services	≈						No update

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A robust and up to date policy base to guide new development	130.	Develop Supplementary Planning Guidance on affordable housing.	Dartmoor National Park Authority	££						Adopted April 2014 COMPLETED
	131.	Revise Local Development Scheme including consideration of policies for minerals and waste related development.	Dartmoor National Park Authority	££						Adopted May 2014 COMPLETED

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Development which enables communities to thrive, whilst conserving and enhancing the National Park	132.	Work together to assess the impact of development proposed outside the boundary of the National Park to avoid any harm to the setting of the National Park	Teignbridge District Council, South Hams District Council, West Devon Borough Council, Dartmoor National Park Authority, Parish Councils, Devon Landscape Policy Group	££						Some progress scoping a piece of research.
	133.	Protect dark night skies through continuing to work with local communities on the part-night operation street lighting programme.	Devon County Council, local communities	££						All parishes within the Park have been switched to part-night lighting except Moretonhampstead, which is anticipated by the end of 2014. All lighting on A and B roads is on all night
	134.	Minimise the effect of military training on tranquillity.	Ministry of Defence	££						On-going business as usual
	135.	Identify and monitor significant forces for change affecting the National Park and its setting to inform future policy and updates of the Landscape Character Assessment.	Dartmoor National Park Authority	££						Significant forces for change are noted and will be fed back into the review process e.g. changes in grant schemes, solar farms, wind turbines
	136.	With the energy distribution companies discuss and facilitate the opportunities to change to underground cabling where this will improve the landscape character of the National Park.	Dartmoor National Park Authority, utility companies	≈						Over 6km of undergrounding of WPD overhead line achieved through 2 schemes across Walkhampton and Holne Commons. Now exploring with DPA how it may lead on identifying and bringing forward further schemes for consideration for undergrounding by WPD in the next round.
	137.	Encourage the use of sustainable construction including sustainable urban drainage systems (SUDS) on new development schemes.	Dartmoor National Park Authority, Devon County Council, Environment Agency	Through Local Plan policies and development management						DMD policies to encourage SUDS. Pre-application advice given on new Developments.

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Low carbon communities.	138.	Work together through the South West Devon Community Energy Partnership to deliver initiatives on energy efficiency and retrofit (linked to ECO and the Green Deal), and renewable energy.	South West Devon Community Energy Partnership, Teignbridge District Council	££ (to April 2014) Beyond this the Partnership will need to be self-sustaining						SWDCEP continues to be active and partners bringing forward a number of projects looking to promote energy efficiency measures and secure appropriate renewable energy schemes. For example recent projects include Energy Savers, Energy Champions training and Renewable Energy Opportunities. http://www.swdcep.org.uk/ Supported by DSDF

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	139.	Help to make Dartmoor local communities and businesses more resilient in the event of incidents and emergencies, including flooding, to help them adapt to the long-term implications of climate change.	Devon County Council , Devon Cornwall & Isles of Scilly Local Resilience Forum, Teignbridge District Council, South Hams District Council, West Devon Borough Council, Dartmoor National Park Authority, Parish Councils, local communities, Environment Agency, Dartmoor Partnership	££ (Devon County Council Pathfinder project funded until March 2014)					

2 communities based in, or near, Dartmoor are participating in the Pathfinder Community Flood resilience project funded by DEFRA. (total of 24 communities involved in Devon, Plymouth and Torbay): Buckfastleigh and Tavistock. The project offers support to communities to raise awareness about flooding, create a flood group, write a flood plan or community emergency plan, purchase flood resilience equipment (grant) that would help the group respond to a flood (sand bags, sand bag stores, signs, high viz jackets etc..) and flood warning systems such as telemetered rain and river gauges. A flood warden training will also be available to all communities at the end of the Autumn to train volunteers on risk management, flood risks and the role of the emergency services.

Buckfastleigh
 Buckfastleigh was badly hit in 2012 with over 30 properties flooded. Some suffered from surface water flooding and some from fluvial flooding from the river Mardle and the Dear Byrn around Station Road (confluence of the 2 rivers). Two groups involved: Buckfastleigh Town Council and Station Road Flood Group. Buckfastleigh Town Council is using its existing Community Emergency Plan to act in case of flooding. Their flood group is made of the Town Councillors and the clerk. The council purchased sand bags and sand stores as well as high viz jackets etc. as part of the equipment grant. Two river gauges are scheduled to be installed in the autumn. The flood warning will be sent to flood group coordinators. They are waiting for the flood warden training to be scheduled at the end of the autumn to recruit flood warden/volunteers. The Station Road Flood Group is currently drawing up their own specific flood plan for the road. Will also benefit from the flood warning systems and other advice.

Key to resources: ££ – funded ≈ – subject to funding MTMTE – subject to funding from Landscape Partnership bid
 Key to timeframe (calendar years): Year 1 = 2014 Year 2 = 2015 Year 3 = 2016 Year 4 = 2017 Year 5 = 2018