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This is the Vision for Dartmoor National Park, delivered through the Partnership Plan. It has been developed through public consultation, stakeholder engagement, and work with partners.

It sets a shared direction for Dartmoor to 2045 and reflects a collective commitment to care for the National Park, balancing the needs of people and place, and building long-term resilience. It is for all who help shape Dartmoor's future.

Dartmoor National Park is an extraordinary landscape, shaped by nature and people over time, rich in natural beauty, cultural heritage and significance. It supports nature, communities and livelihoods, and inspires people across generations.

THE PARTNERSHIP PLAN

The Partnership Plan sets out how we will work together in five-year cycles to deliver this Vision. It defines outcomes for each theme and identifies targets to measure progress.

It will be reviewed every five years to ensure it remains relevant, effective, and responsive to emerging challenges and opportunities.

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To deliver the Vision for Dartmoor, partners have identified seven key themes setting out priority areas for collaboration and the change we aim to achieve. These themes do not represent the full range of work within the National Park but highlight where working together can have the greatest transformative impact.

THEME



A BETTER RESPONSE TO CLIMATE CHANGE

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Dartmoor is a net carbon sink, playing a leading role in responding to climate change. Peatland restoration, woodland management and creation, and sustainable land and farming practices store carbon, water and strengthen soils and ecosystems. Climate action is embedded across all activities, with landscapes, habitats, communities and infrastructure adapting to a changing climate and strengthening resilience for nature, communities and future generations.



BETTER FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

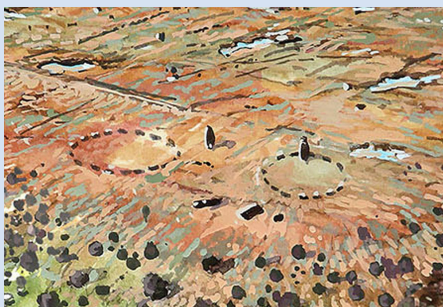
Dartmoor is a place where the next generation can live, work, explore, and care for a climate-resilient landscape. They are supported by reliable services, housing, and viable jobs and career opportunities that enable them to build their lives locally. Young people are empowered to shape and benefit from a resilient future for the National Park.



BETTER FOR NATURE AND NATURAL BEAUTY

Dartmoor's landscapes function as a rich, diverse and resilient living system, enabling nature to recover and thrive. Natural processes are enhanced and allowed to function at scale, shaping the landscape through healthy water, soils, vegetation and wildlife interactions. Habitats are protected, regenerated and reconnected so nature can flourish and adapt in a changing climate. The diversity and abundance of wildlife is increasing across a mosaic of dynamic habitats, supporting healthy ecosystems for future generations.

THEME



BETTER FOR CULTURAL HERITAGE

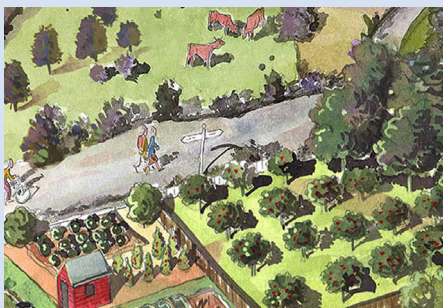
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Dartmoor's internationally important cultural heritage is protected, in good condition, and valued by local communities, visitors, and stakeholders. It is widely understood, with continued research deepening knowledge, appreciation, and engagement. The historic environment is conserved as part of a wider living landscape, where cultural and natural heritage are interdependent and thrive together. Traditional skills that sustain this heritage are recognised, supported, and passed on to future generations.



BETTER FOR FARMING AND FORESTRY

Farming and forestry systems produce healthy food and timber while sustaining a high-quality natural environment and adapting to climate change. They store carbon, remain economically viable, and deliver a wide range of public goods. They also support opportunities for farming succession and new entrants. In doing so, they underpin Dartmoor's cultural heritage and landscape, biodiversity, resilient rural communities, and strong connections between people and the land.



BETTER FOR PEOPLE

Dartmoor's diverse and unique landscape is respected as an important resource for recreation and leisure, enabling people from all backgrounds and ages to access and enjoy the National Park and benefit from its special qualities. Dartmoor is valued and understood beyond its boundary as well as within it. People take part in activities that respect Dartmoor's character and support their health and wellbeing. Everyone can find peace and tranquillity, with some areas remaining quiet as sanctuaries for nature, and people respect the environment, local communities and each other.



BETTER FOR BUSINESS AND COMMUNITIES

Dartmoor's communities are thriving and engaged in caring for the National Park, with access to affordable housing, essential services, facilities and sustainable travel options. New development is of the highest quality, energy efficient and adapted to climate change, conserving and enhancing natural and heritage assets. Dartmoor's diverse and resilient economy supports thriving rural businesses across traditional and emerging sectors, attracting investment into the area and sustaining long-term prosperity in line with its valued natural and cultural assets.

THE VISION FOR DARTMOOR IN 2045

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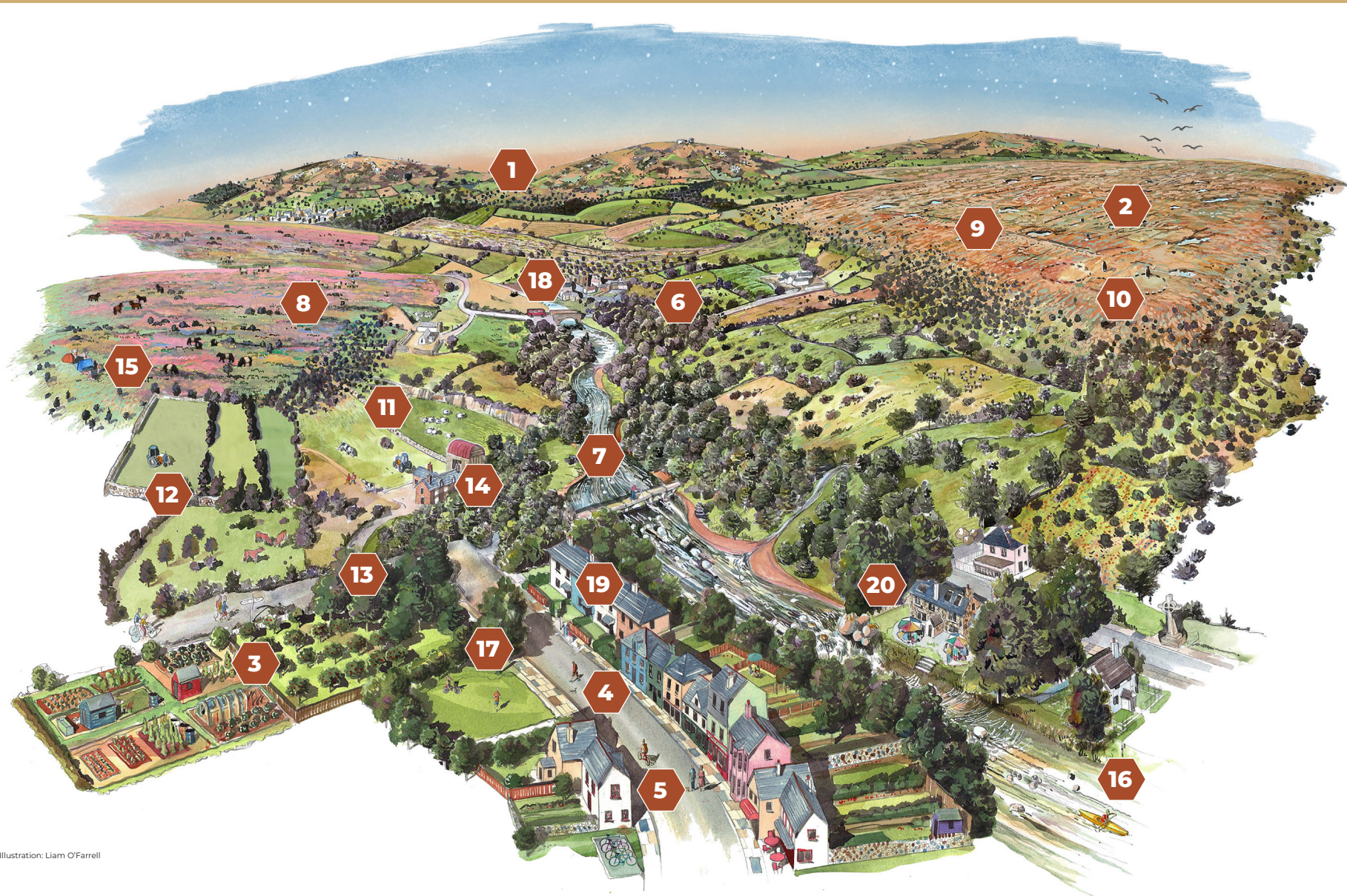


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1. Dartmoor is a net carbon sink.
2. Peatlands and woodlands are being enhanced and managed to store carbon and strengthen soils and ecosystems
3. Landscapes, communities and infrastructure are adapting to a changing climate.
4. Reliable services, housing and career opportunities enable young people to live, work and build their futures locally.
5. The next generation helps shape Dartmoor's future.
6. Habitats are enhanced and reconnected across Dartmoor.
7. Natural processes shape and sustain a dynamic, functioning landscape.
8. Wildlife flourishes across a mosaic of dynamic habitats.
9. Dartmoor's cultural heritage is protected, understood and valued.
10. Historic landscapes are conserved as part of a living landscape.
11. Traditional skills and knowledge are supported and passed on to future generations.
12. Farming and forestry systems remain economically viable and resilient and deliver a wide range of public goods.
13. Healthy food and high-quality timber are produced sustainably.
14. Opportunities for farming succession and new entrants are supported.
15. People from all backgrounds can access and enjoy Dartmoor responsibly.
16. Dartmoor supports health, wellbeing, tranquillity and connection with nature.
17. People respect the environment, local communities and each other.
18. Communities have access to quality affordable housing, essential services and sustainable transport.
19. New development is high quality, energy efficient and adapted to climate change.
20. Dartmoor's diverse economy supports resilient businesses and long-term prosperity.



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Discover more

More detail on how we are delivering the Vision for Dartmoor is set out in the Partnership Plan for the National Park - available at www.yourdartmoor.org. The Plan is led by Dartmoor National Park Authority but has been prepared collaboratively and its delivery relies on partnership with local, regional and national organisations and agencies, the voluntary and charitable sectors, communities, businesses and individuals.

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