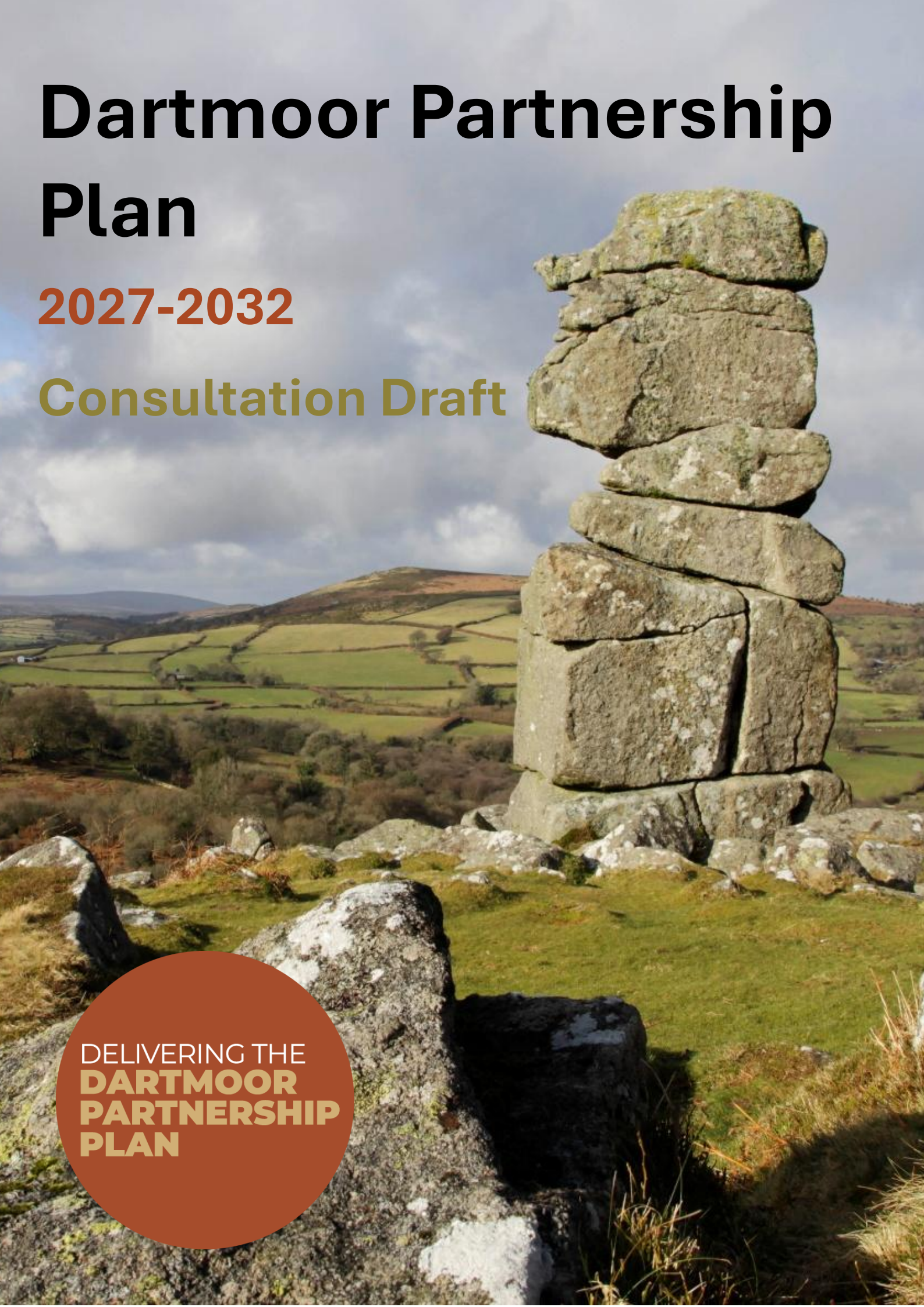
Dartmoor Partnership Plan

2027-2032

Consultation Draft



The Dartmoor Partnership Plan is a **shared plan** for the future of Dartmoor National Park. It is developed and delivered by organisations, communities, businesses, farmers and other partners working together to protect Dartmoor and make it a place where everyone feels welcome to live, work or visit.

The draft Partnership Plan sets out what we would like to achieve for Dartmoor by 2032. These goals are called **outcomes.**

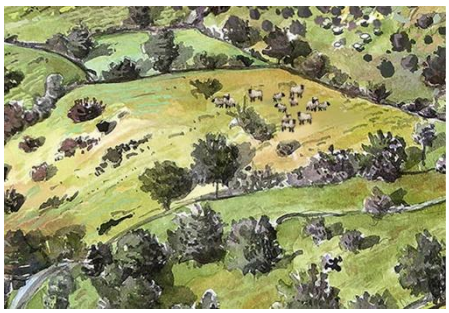
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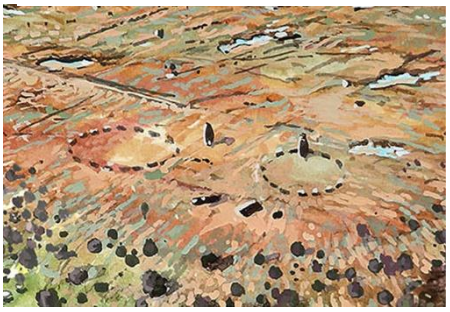
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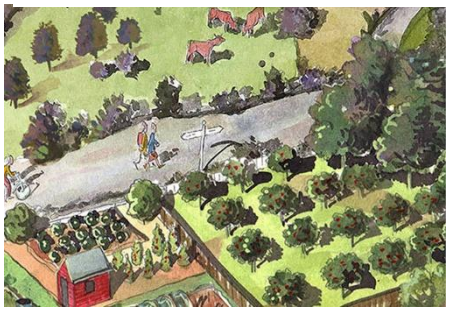
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Theme 1: A Better Response to Climate Change



Climate change affects Dartmoor's wildlife, landscapes, farms, businesses and communities. Dartmoor can also help tackle climate change by reducing emissions and protecting natural places, such as peatlands and woodlands, that store carbon.

Outcome 1: Working together on climate change

Organisations and communities across Dartmoor work together, share knowledge and use evidence to make better decisions about climate change.

Outcome 2: Helping Dartmoor tackle climate change

Dartmoor reduces greenhouse gas emissions and increases the amount of carbon stored in its landscapes and habitats, working towards becoming a net carbon sink by 2045.

A net carbon sink absorbs more carbon than it releases.

Outcome 3: Preparing Dartmoor for climate change

Dartmoor's landscapes, communities, businesses, cultural heritage and infrastructure are better prepared to cope with climate change and its impacts, such as flooding, drought and extreme weather.

Theme 2: Better for the Next Generation



Dartmoor's future depends on giving young people opportunities to experience the National Park, learn about it and have a say in what happens here. It also means supporting people of all ages to live, work and build a future on Dartmoor.

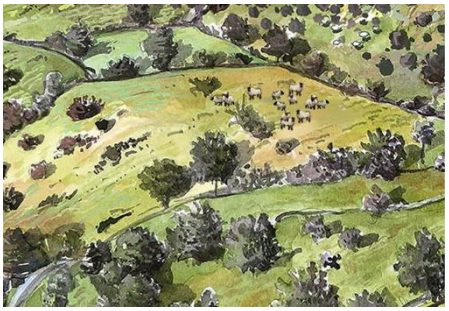
Outcome 1: More opportunities for young people

Children and young people have regular, inclusive opportunities to experience, enjoy and learn about Dartmoor, regardless of their background or where they live.

Outcome 2: Young people help shape Dartmoor's future

Young people have a genuine say in decisions about Dartmoor, and their needs and ideas are considered when organisations plan for the future.

Theme 3: Better for Nature and Natural Beauty



Dartmoor is home to important wildlife, habitats and landscapes. This theme aims to enhance nature, improve the health of rivers and soils, and help wildlife recover across the National Park.

Outcome 1: Nature comes first in decision-making

Nature and wildlife are considered in decisions across Dartmoor. Partners share information about the natural environment and use it to guide land management and nature recovery.

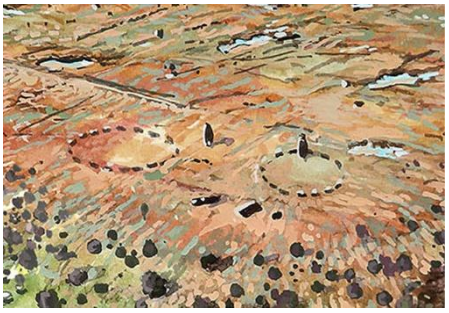
Outcome 2: Healthier and better-connected habitats

Habitats such as peatlands, wetlands, rivers and woodlands are healthier and better connected. This helps wildlife thrive, improves water quality, stores carbon and reduces flood risk.

Outcome 3: Wildlife and important species recover

Important species become more widespread and abundant across Dartmoor. Wildlife habitats improve, and species may be reintroduced where this is appropriate.

Theme 4: Better for Cultural Heritage



Dartmoor's historic buildings, ancient monuments, traditions and rural skills are an important part of what makes it special. This theme aims to protect this heritage and help people understand, enjoy and pass it on to future generations.

Outcome 1: Better understanding of Dartmoor's cultural heritage

We have better information about Dartmoor's historic assets, their condition and what they need. This helps people understand their importance and make informed decisions about looking after them.

Outcome 2: Protecting Dartmoor's historic places

Important historic buildings, monuments and other heritage features are better protected from damage, neglect and other threats, including climate change.

Outcome 3: Keeping Dartmoor's traditions and skills alive

Dartmoor’s cultural identity, traditions and rural skills continue to thrive and are celebrated, with increased opportunities for participation, learning and intergenerational knowledge-sharing of traditional crafts.

Theme 5: Better for Farming and Forestry



Farming and forestry play a major role in shaping Dartmoor's landscape, supporting wildlife and sustaining local communities. This theme aims to help farm and woodland businesses thrive, encourage nature-friendly land management and create opportunities for people entering these industries.

Outcome 1: Stronger and more resilient farm businesses

Farm businesses are better able to succeed in the long term, with access to advice, support, knowledge-sharing and opportunities to work together.

Outcome 2: Farming that is better for nature and the climate

Farming practices help improve soil health, water management, wildlife and carbon storage. Farms are also better prepared for climate-related challenges such as drought, flooding, extreme weather and wildfire.

Outcome 3: Stronger local food and woodland businesses

Local food and timber supply chains are strengthened, helping Dartmoor's farmers and woodland businesses sell their products and support the local economy. More locally produced food and sustainable woodland products are used.

Outcome 4: Better understanding of Dartmoor's woodlands

Partners build a clearer picture of Dartmoor's woodlands, including their size, condition and value for wildlife. This helps identify where woodland management and improvements are needed.

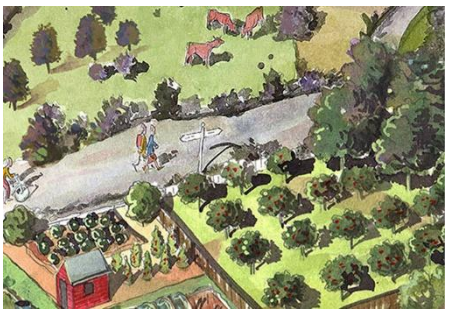
Outcome 5: Healthier woodlands and more tree-rich habitats

Dartmoor's woodlands, hedgerows and other tree-rich habitats are better managed, enhanced and expanded where appropriate. This supports wildlife, stores carbon and helps Dartmoor adapt to climate change.

Outcome 6: More opportunities in farming and forestry

Farmers, foresters and land managers have stronger networks to share knowledge, develop skills and work together. There are clearer opportunities for new entrants and younger people to start careers in farming, forestry and other land-based industries.

Theme 6: Better for People



Dartmoor should be a welcoming and enjoyable place for a wide range of people. This theme aims to improve access, create more opportunities to get involved and help people travel around Dartmoor more sustainably, while protecting the National Park.

Outcome 1: Dartmoor is more accessible and welcoming

People from a wider range of backgrounds have opportunities to visit, enjoy and get involved in Dartmoor. More people can take part in volunteering and other activities, including those who may face barriers to accessing the National Park.

Outcome 2: Better and more sustainable transport

Dartmoor's transport network is better connected, more reliable, and easier to use, enabling more people to access and enjoy Dartmoor sustainably.

Outcome 3: Enjoying Dartmoor while protecting what makes it special

People are encouraged to enjoy Dartmoor responsibly. Visitor facilities and information help manage busy areas, protect wildlife and landscapes, and maintain quieter places where people can experience Dartmoor's peace and tranquillity.

Theme 7: Better for Business and Communities



Dartmoor needs thriving local businesses and communities. This theme aims to improve access to jobs, skills, transport, digital connections, services and housing, while helping communities prepare for climate change and other challenges.

Outcome 1: Stronger businesses and communities

Local businesses and communities have stronger networks and work together more effectively. People have a greater sense of belonging, local culture is celebrated, and communities have a stronger voice in decisions affecting them.

Outcome 2: Better digital connectivity

Businesses and communities across Dartmoor have reliable digital connectivity that enables effective living, working, and access to services and opportunities.

Outcome 3: Better transport for local communities

Communities and businesses have access to more practical, accessible and sustainable transport options, making it easier for people to reach work, education, services and other opportunities.

Outcome 4: More opportunities for jobs and skills

Dartmoor has accessible employment, strong skills pathways, training, and enterprise opportunities that enable people to live and work and for businesses to thrive locally.

Outcome 5: Businesses and communities are better prepared for climate change

Businesses and communities understand climate-related risks and are better prepared to respond to challenges and emergencies. They can access support to take climate action, prepare for extreme weather and strengthen local resilience.

Outcome 6: Housing that meets local needs

Dartmoor has more housing options that meet the needs of local communities. Homes are affordable, energy efficient and cheaper to run, helping people live and build a future on Dartmoor.