

Your Dartmoor

Dartmoor National Park Management Plan

Progress Report

Year 2

2015

Our Vision

***Dartmoor** – an inspirational place where, in 2034:*

- *the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage are conserved, **sustained** and enhanced;*
- *local people and visitors **enjoy** and learn more about the National Park; and*
- *local communities and businesses **prosper** and benefit from Dartmoor's human and natural resources.*

The National Park is an exemplar in delivering a range of public benefits, and leading the way in developing new approaches and thinking.

Introduction

The Management Plan is the single most important plan for the future of Dartmoor National Park. It provides an opportunity to bring together a wide range of people and organisations around a set of common goals, building on the successes of the last Management Plan and responding to the challenges ahead. It is *the* strategic Plan for the National Park, one that will guide decisions affecting Dartmoor's future over the coming five years. The Management Plan is for the National Park as a whole and not just for the National Park Authority; although the Authority, along with many other stakeholders and the local community, will be key to the delivery of the Management Plan. 'Your Dartmoor' is a Plan for *all* who care about Dartmoor and its future.

Progress Reporting Arrangements

A Delivery Board with senior representatives from key delivery agencies will provide a strategic overview of how progress is being made towards the Vision and Priorities, and agree how resources and activity should be focused. The Delivery Board will be supported by three working groups based around the three themes of *Sustain, Enjoy* and *Prosper*. These will enable all those who will help to deliver the Management Plan to continue to be engaged with the process, to share ideas and experiences, and to strengthen working relationships throughout the Plan period

Due to the need to monitor progress, the action plans will be reviewed and refreshed annually, enabling changing circumstances and future issues to be taken into account. There may be other projects or organisations, not specifically identified at the time of preparing the Plan, which will also help deliver the priorities.

In order to monitor progress, celebrate success and identify areas of delay or problem, the Dartmoor National Park Authority set up a database with a reporting system that highlights progress through a system of coloured 'traffic lights'. There are three themes in the management Plan Sustain, Enjoy and Prosper. Under each theme there are a number of Priorities with identified actions. There are six priorities and 149 actions the following categories are used to easily identify performance:

- Completed
- In progress and on time
- Falling behind time
- Significantly delayed/unlikely to progress
- Not started

This report will present a snapshot of the situation at a point in time, and this illustrates the situation January 2015, when the report was prepared. It should be noted that there are a small number of actions for which updates have not been received at this time, which may slightly distort the picture.

Public access to the updated and refreshed action plans, indicators and targets document and this report will be via the 'Your Dartmoor' website.

Overall Progress

In total there are 149 actions, and each one of which is assigned a status showing its progress. As information is received from partner organisations the database is updated, and is therefore constantly changing.

Subsequent pages look at progress across the Plan's three main themes:

- Sustain
- Enjoy
- Prosper

Overall progress is shown in table/figure 1 below:

| Status | F & F | S L | C H | E D | P D | C F | Total |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Not started | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 7 |
| In progress & on time | 19 | 13 | 9 | 37 | 13 | 11 | 102 |
| Completed | 6 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 20 |
| Falling behind time | 1 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 17 |
| Significantly delayed /Unlikely to achieve | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 5 |
| Total | 21 | 18 | 14 | 45 | 16 | 20 | 134 |

Sustain

F & F = The Future of Farming and Forestry

S L = Spectacular Landscapes – Natural networks

C H = Making the most of Cultural Heritage

Enjoying Dartmoor

E D = Enjoying Dartmoor

Prosperous Dartmoor

P D = Prosperous Dartmoor

C F = Community Focus

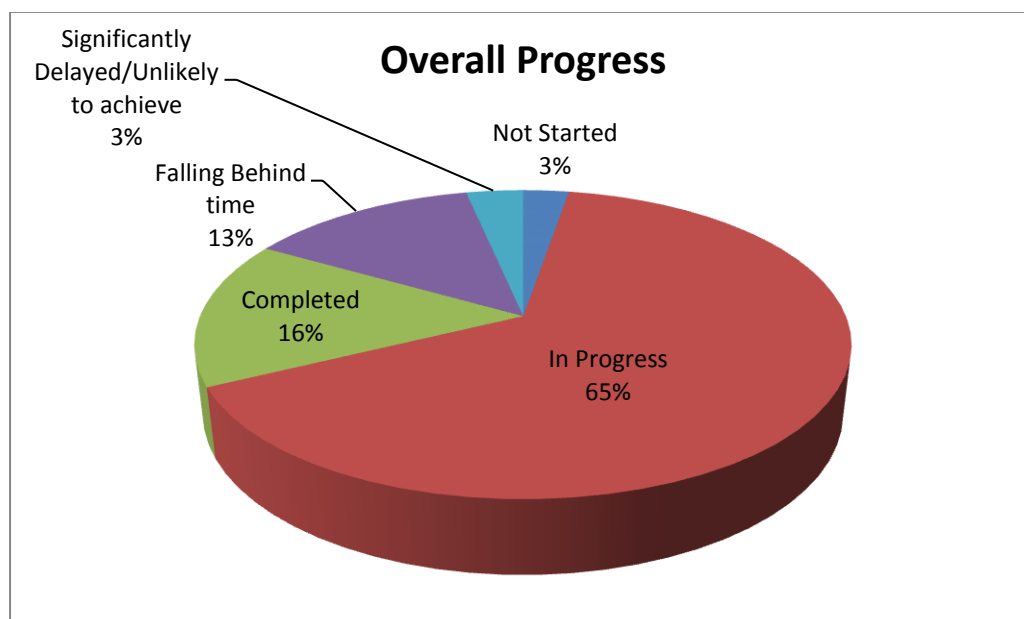


Figure 1

Sustain

| Status | F & F | S L | C H | Total |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Not started | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| In progress & on time | 19 | 13 | 9 | 41 |
| Completed | 6 | 6 | 1 | 13 |
| Falling behind time | 1 | 2 | 4 | 7 |
| Significantly delayed /Unlikely to achieve | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Total | 27 | 23 | 14 | 64 |

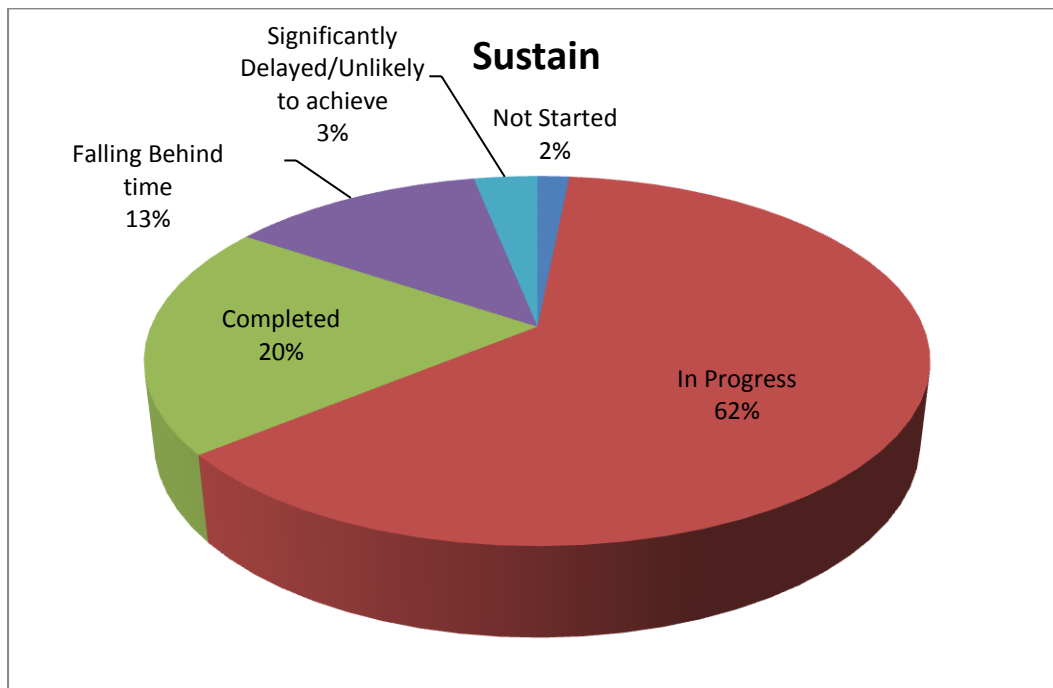


Figure 1

Of the actions under the theme Sustain the following actions are showing as

- not started - action 27
- Falling behind – actions 34, 40, 44, 47, 51, 54 & 140
- unlikely to achieve - actions 22 & 43
- Completed actions - 1, 4, 10, 11, 15, 16, 25, 26, 35, 36, 41, 42 & 45.
Of these action 11 has been replaced by a new action 141 and actions 15 & 16 have been combined and replaced by action 144

Please refer to the 2015 Action plan updates for the details.

Of those actions highlighted above we would like to draw particular attention to the following for further discussion.

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| Action 22 | Update 2015 |
| Undertake research into expansion of broadleaved woodland in moorland valleys through natural regeneration and woodland planting, and map opportunities linked to the Moorland Vision. | DNPA No progress to date on research, funding being the main issue. Could this be an opportunity for an internship or similar - are any partners interested in working together to take this forward? FC have reported that they are able to support appropriate woodland creation through Countryside Stewardship. |

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| Action 54 | Update 2015 |
| Complete surveys of the remaining Premier Archaeological Landscapes and identify priorities for management | DNPA - Rippon Tor survey completed. Others remain to be done, but funding not currently available. Historic England - continue to support this action although at present cannot provide funding. |

Enjoy

| Status | E D |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Not started | 0 |
| In progress & on time | 35 |
| Completed | 2 |
| Falling behind time | 9 |
| Significantly delayed /Unlikely to achieve | 1 |
| Total | 47 |

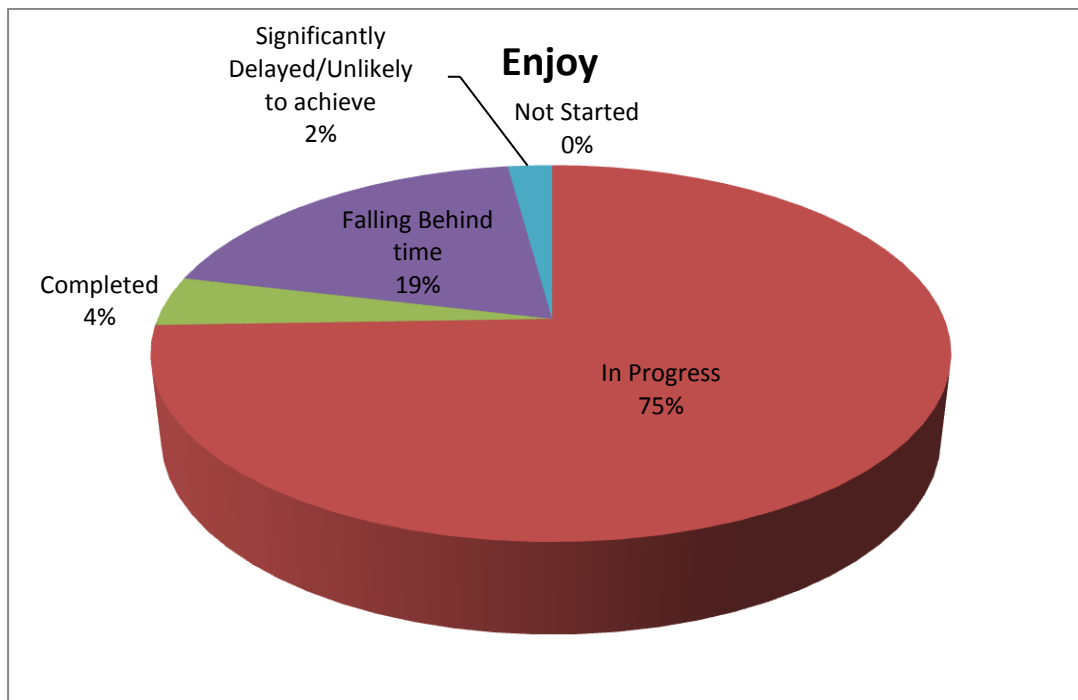


Figure 2

Of the actions under the theme Enjoy the following actions are showing as

- Falling behind – actions 62, 67, 73, 74, 77, 79, 83, 91& 94
Five of the falling behind actions are linked to the MTMTE project some of which are classed as falling behind time (but planned to recover).
- Unlikely to achieve – action 103.
- Completed - actions 58 & 92, of these action 58 has been replaced by a new action 147.

Please refer to the 2015 Action plan updates for the details.

Of those actions highlighted above we would like to draw particular attention to the following for further discussion.

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| <p>Action 74</p> <p>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.</p> | <p>Update 2015</p> <p>MTMTE: The Scheme has eight projects in the Postbridge/Bellever area, all being coordinated to improve visitor experience. The routes being delivered by PB1 – Postbridge and Bellever Trails have been re-scoped to deal with access problems and provide safe and themed routes. The next key stage is community engagement. DNPA - are producing a series of trails in and around the Bellever area. The proposed upgrade at Postbridge VC is now on hold due to questions on the value for money and increase of available retail and exhibition space. Visit Dartmoor- promotes various activities and the heritage of the area through its popular website.</p> |
| <p>Action 77</p> <p>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.</p> | <p>Update 2015</p> <p>MTMTE PC5 – Wray Valley Trail: A significant proportion of the route is complete through the MTMTE area and land negotiations by Devon County Council are on-going with the remaining sections. DCC - Progressing with land acquisition but still negotiating on some sections. Further section within Phase 2 to be constructed in April 2016. Additional funding required to complete scheme.</p> |
| <p>Action 103</p> <p>Develop a series of farm events and activities to explore the history of farming and its role in maintaining the fabric of the landscape.</p> | <p>Update 2015</p> <p>Not a priority for the HFP under its current funding stream; but would like to do.</p> |

Prosper

| Status | P D | C F | Total |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Not started | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| In progress & on time | 10 | 13 | 31 |
| Completed | 4 | 4 | 8 |
| Falling behind time | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Significantly delayed /Unlikely to achieve | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Total | 16 | 20 | 46 |

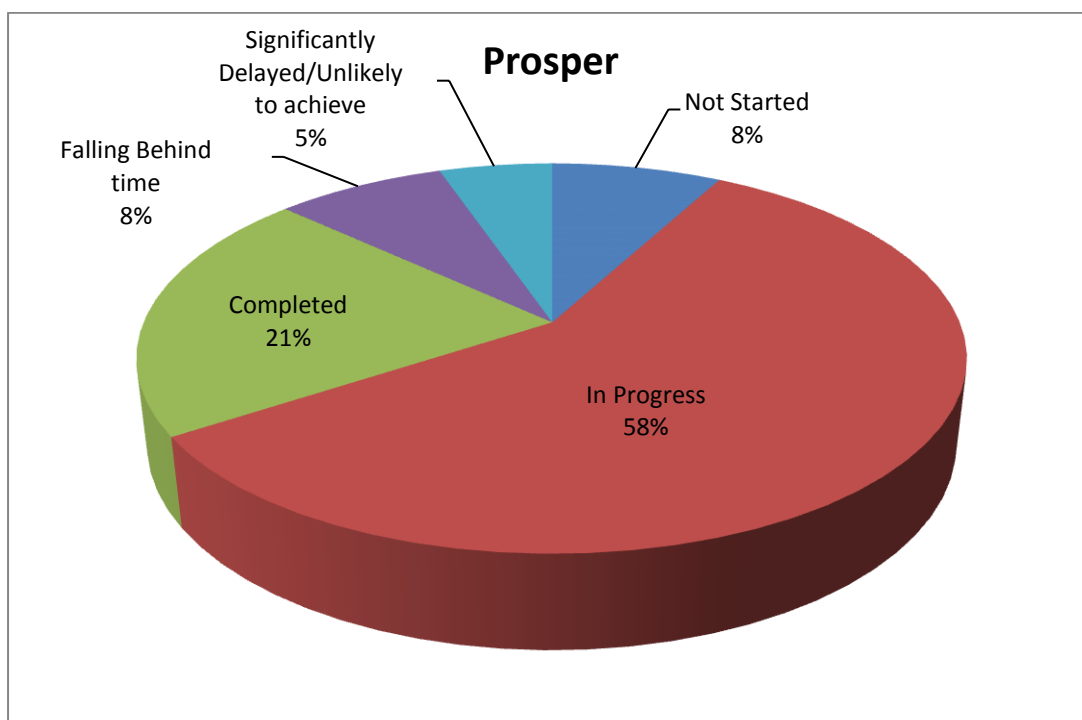


Figure 3

Of the actions under the theme Sustain the following actions are showing as

- not started – actions 124 & 135
- Falling behind or unlikely to achieve - actions 113, & 117
- Completed – actions 107, 108, 109, 112, 121, 130, 131 & 137.
Of these, action 107 has been replaced by an updated action 148 and 121 has been combined with 122.

Please refer to the 2015 Action plan updates for the details.

Of those actions highlighted above we would like to draw particular attention to the following for further discussion.

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| Action 124 | Update 2015 |
| Identify and support opportunities for local communities and interest groups to get involved in monitoring the State of the National Park. | Limited progress generally but some progress with volunteer/public involvement in things like recording the sightings of Cuckoos and the clearing of vegetation from around sensitive archaeological sites. |
| Action 135 | Update 2015 |
| 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. | Requirement for a refresh of the LCA and potentially an additional piece of work around Landscape Sensitivity identified to inform Duty to Co-operate discussions around sub regional housing apportionment, and as evidence to support the review of the local plan. |