

FOREWORD

The fifth year of the 2018 – 2023 Peak District National Park Management Plan has been full of change and we close this period of reporting with enthusiasm for the next plan period and optimism as we build on previous successes. The rhythm of life across the landscape of the park has returned to a 'new normal' following the turmoil of the previous few years. I am extremely proud of the progress within this Management Plan period and extend my sincerest thanks to all the partners involved in delivery.

Moorland restoration work has continued as the Moors for the Future partnership successfully delivered activities on 551 ha of degraded blanket bog and blocked erosion in over 11,000 gullies to the equivalent distance of circa 55km. Encouraging visitor enjoyment and engagement has been further boosted this year with a pilot of multi-lingual signage at Bloor Pastures and downloadable interpretive content at Stanage North-Lees Estate, plus an additional six 'Miles without Stiles' routes have been completed.

The following report provides detail on the overall progress on implementing the Peak District National Park Management Plan 2018-23. I am extremely proud of the partnership work which has contributed to the successful delivery over the past two plan periods, and after 10 years the Advisory Group, of which I am the Independent Chair, has come to a close with the end of this plan. I wish the Peak District National Park Authority and all the delivery partners all the best as they strive to achieve the ambitious aims outlined in the next National Park Management Plan (2023-28).

Yours sincerely

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INTRODUCTION

The National Park Management Plan provides the framework that encourages everyone to work together to achieve national park purposes. It is not a plan for an individual organisation or group but a plan for the place. It is, therefore, a partnership plan. It is the single most important strategic document for the Peak District National Park. It shares with everyone what the main issues and priorities are. It then sets out how, together, we are going to tackle those issues over the next five years.

The Management Plan 2018-23 was organised around six main themes known as Areas of Impact, which were in turn broken down into a series of intentions.

Areas of Impact

- 1. Preparing for a future climate
- 2. Ensuring a future for farming and land management
- 3. Managing landscape conservation on a big scale
- 4. A National Park for everyone
- 5. Encouraging enjoyment with understanding
- 6. Supporting thriving and sustainable communities and economy

This document provides a look back over the last five years to report key activity in the Areas of Impact as detailed above.

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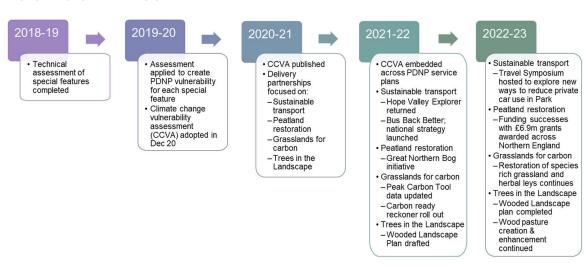
PREPARING FOR A FUTURE CLIMATE

INTENTION 1.1: REDUCE THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON THE SPECIAL **QUALITIES**

ACTION

To reduce the effects of climate change on the special qualities, we will know which special qualities are most affected by climate change, and focus action on reducing these impacts. We will undertake a climate change vulnerability assessment on the special qualities of the National Park & produce a mitigation/adaptation plan setting out priority actions.

2018 - 2023 KEY PROGRESS

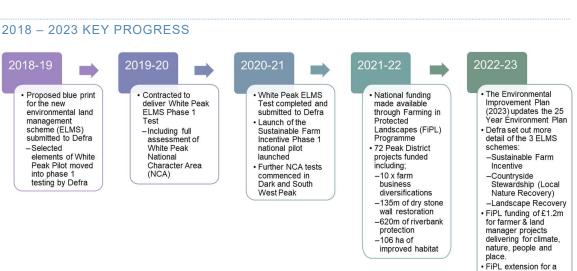


ENSURING A FUTURE FOR FARMING AND LAND MANAGEMENT

INTENTION 2.1: SECURE FUNDING FOR FUTURE LAND MANAGEMENT TO BENEFIT ALL

ACTION

To secure funding for future land management to benefit all, we will seek to create an ideal future farming and land management payment scheme in the Peak District National Park which helps to conserve and enhance the special qualities.



fourth year

AREA OF IMPACT 2:

ENSURING A FUTURE FOR FARMING AND LAND MANAGEMENT

INTENTION 2.2: ENSURE THAT THE MANAGEMENT OF UPLAND MOORS DELIVERS ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL & ECONOMIC BENEFITS

ACTION

To ensure that the management of upland moors delivers environmental, social & economic benefits; we will seek to restore populations of birds of prey to at least the levels present in the late 1990s, with the addition of hen harrier as a regularly successful breeding species.

Focusing on:

- 1. Fire risk
- 2. Visitor engagement
- 3. Resilient sustainable moorland
- 4. Moorland birds

Regular monitoring of progress against these areas of focus is carried out in partnership between Natural England, the Moorland Association and the National Park Authority. There is also an annual up-date on progress and agreement on the focus for the future year's activity with moorland owners, agents and keepers.

2018 - 2023 KEY PROGRESS

2018-19



- Development of wildfire mitigation zones
- Work commenced on Countryside Code guidance for visitors
- Collaboration between interested parties over moorland management including use of burning which continues to be a sensitive issue
- Birds of Prey Initiative continued for another year
- Breeding Bird survey data analysis by The British Trust for Ornithology

2019-20



- Fire Risk Map updated with proven
- accuracy

 #PeakDistrictProud
 campaign launched
- 10 x Long Term
 Management Plans signed up to by landowners
- National communications delivered to moorland owners re legislation and restrictions on burning of heather on blanket bog
- Improvement in upland bird occupancy
- Reduction in wildlife crime

2020-21



- approach in development

 Countryside Code
- Countryside Code reviewed and updated
 The England Peat
- Restoration Fund team in place

 Burning License now required via Defra to
- restrict blanket bog burning

 • MFFP historic restoration map near
- completion

 Birds of Prey Initiative report showed
- relatively good year

 6 incidents of illegal
 bird of prey
 persecution

2021-22

issue



- Countryside Code released in 21 (17 website) languages
- MFFP moorland restoration map completed
- Final Birds of Prey Initiative report published:
- extremely good year for short-eared owls
- -Peregrine falcons failed to repeat nesting success
- Illegal persecution continue to be an issue

2022-23

- Collaboration with moorland owners and managers has focused on prevention and mitigation of moorland fire, with continued liaison on the following issues:
- visitor managementmoorland birds
- sustainable, resilient, moorland management,
- -rural and wildlife
- crime
 Birds of Prey initiative has continued with varied breeding success current approach is under review

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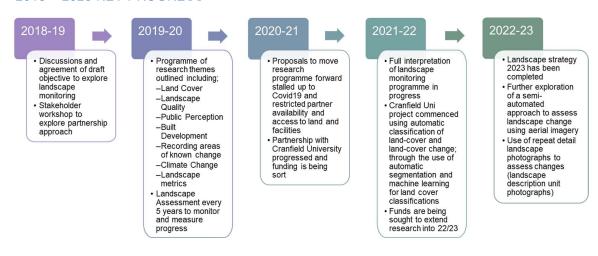
MANAGING LANDSCAPE CONSERVATION ON A BIG SCALE

INTENTION 3.1: ESTABLISH MONITORING AT A LANDSCAPE SCALE

ACTION

We want to work with partners to help us to understand how and why the landscape is changing, whether changes are positive or not and how we should address the changes to conserve and enhance the Special Qualities of the Peak District National Park.

2018 - 2023 KEY PROGRESS



AREA OF IMPACT 3:

MANAGING LANDSCAPE CONSERVATION ON A BIG SCALE

INTENTION 3.2: DEVELOP A WHITE PEAK PARTNERSHIP

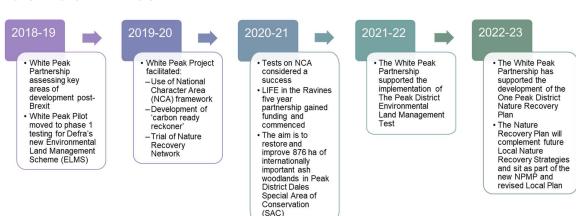
ACTION

The White Peak Partnership has been key to the delivery of Intention 2.1 securing funding for future land management for the benefit of all.

The White Peak Project tested the following:

- Use of a National Character Area framework to deliver public goods and the 25 Year Environment Plan in language accessible to land managers.
- Development of a 'ready reckoner' to show the public goods being delivered e.g. carbon.
- Trial of a nature recovery network.

2018 - 2023 KEY PROGRESS



AREA OF IMPACT 3:

MANAGING LANDSCAPE CONSERVATION ON A BIG SCALE

INTENTION 3.3: MAINTAIN EXISTING LANDSCAPE SCALE DELIVERY

ACTION

To maintain existing landscape scale delivery we will develop a clear long term vision, plan and have funding in place for the Dark Peak and South Pennines to 2050. We will develop a clear future plan and funding to develop and continue landscape scale delivery on the South West Peak.

2018 - 2023 PROGRESS

2021-22 2018-19 2019-20 2020-21 Planning for water industry's Asset Management Plan 7 (AMP7) MFFP successes: MFFP successes: MFFP successes: MFFP restoration: -5200 bags of brash -28.6 ha of bare peat -20,000 gully blocks installed activities on 551 ha cut transported to stabilised of degraded blanket stabilize ground -12km² of bog -1036 ha of -11,000 gully blocks installed (Circa 55 km of grips and / or gullies blocked) -3 submissions –5300 gully blocks installed to raise the sphagnum moss planted Sphagnum moss planted progressed by MFFP water table -10,000 dams / gully -Great North Bog -UU, Yorkshire -1024 ha of sphagnum project formed covering 7,000 blocks installed Water Services & Severn Trent Water business moss planted -15 km of drip edges -Flood and Coastal km of upland peat across the North -27 ha of bare peat reprofiled for stability Erosion Risk Management (FCERM) strategy revegetated -1.75 km of footpath restored plans fast tracked of England -108 ha of invasive and AMP7 programme work continues by Ofwat for South West Peak MFFP engaged 13,000 people at 35 events rhododendron plants Landscape Partnership closes removed AMP7 arrangements with Severn Trent · South West Peak after 5 year programme of -Planning towards AMP8 in progress Landscape Partnership Water moved into full programme review delivery phase approved, delivery Planning started for Great North Bog continued with additional funding of £56k secured project

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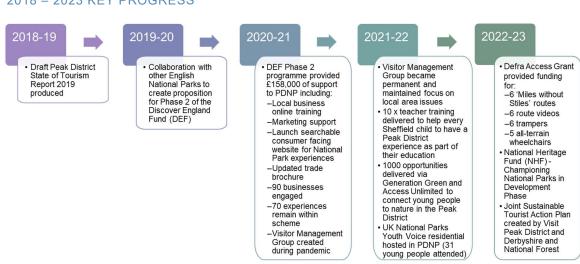
A NATIONAL PARK FOR EVERYONE

INTENTION 4.1 AND 4.2: OVERCOME PHYSICAL AND PERCEIVED BARRIERS TO ACCESS

ACTION

By 2023 we will be encouraging a wider range of people to enjoy the Peak District National Park at an appropriate scale and adding value to the visitor economy.

2018 - 2023 KEY PROGRESS



AREA OF IMPACT 5:

ENCOURAGING ENJOYMENT WITH UNDERSTANDING

INTENTION 5.1: BALANCE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENJOYMENT WITH CONSERVING A FRAGILE ENVIRONMENT

ACTION

To balance opportunities for enjoyment with conserving a fragile environment we provided a refreshed Countryside Code underpinning a Peak District brand which all relevant partners could promote equally and consistently. #PeakDistrictProud (#PDP) shares the positive ways in which people can help care for the national park; from taking home your litter and avoiding BBQs, to keeping your dog a lead. The initiative also help to foster a sense of community belonging and association with the place for local businesses and residents.

2018 - 2023 KEY PROGRESS 2018-19 2019-20 2020-21 Multi-lingual visitor Partner Workshop Workshop held as Peak District New national signage piloted at Bloor Pastures agreed and planned for part of National Trust's Peoples Countryside Code officially launched by Ambassadors scheme launch summer 2019 to Landscape Project Natural England and Peak District Multi-lingual kick start refresh of Countryside Code -#PeakDistrictProud Communicators downloads available (#PDP) campaign formulated Wales Forum continued to meet curating early for new interpretive Peak District content at Stanage North-Lees Estate Communicators Forum formed to assist with spring content for nesting birds and -Builds on core Peak District message 'respect protect and enjoy' #PDP messaging lambing season Communicators Forum continued to · #PeakDistrictProud Community volunteering and litter website includes 5 translations of the create online content for #PeakDistrictProud collections organised post lockdown Countryside Code campaign, website New alert system introduced to inform visitors when an area was reaching capacity - first weekend of operation was seen by 720,000 people

AREA OF IMPACT 5:

ENCOURAGING ENJOYMENT WITH UNDERSTANDING

INTENTION 5.2: ENSURE SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

ACTION

To ensure shared responsibility we will review and develop the current arrangements for events management in the Peak District.

2018 - 2023 KEY PROGRESS 2018-19 2020-21 2021-22 2019-20 Events system is up and running · Workshop held in · Limited events due Events system has Event guidance January to produce a series of and a code of conduct rolled out to Covid19 been modified to restrictions include an Process for booking and sharing info about events is working interactive man to proposals to for event Monitoring of improve events make it easier for organisers to sign events process to continue as lock management in the Peak District up which allows visitors to see what is planned in their well with partners -Events to be down eases and a added to calendar busy year is area at a glance A few events have expected fall outside of new -Advertised on process and these website have been picked Positive feedback up on a case by received from stakeholders case basis

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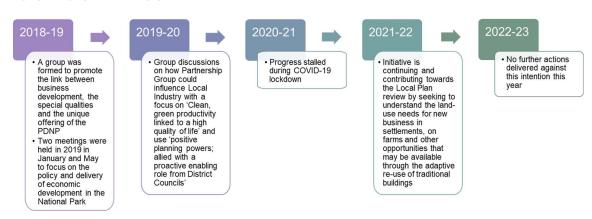
ENCOURAGING ENJOYMENT WITH UNDERSTANDING

INTENTION 5.3: DEVELOP AN AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE BENEFITS OF THE PEAK DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK

ACTION

Utilising the valuable work of Inspired by the Peak District and the Peak District Environmental Quality Mark, consider a revised approach to the promotion of the Peak District brand so we establish a provenance which is coherent and effective at promoting the link between business development, the special qualities and the unique offer of the Peak District National Park.

2018 - 2023 KEY PROGRESS



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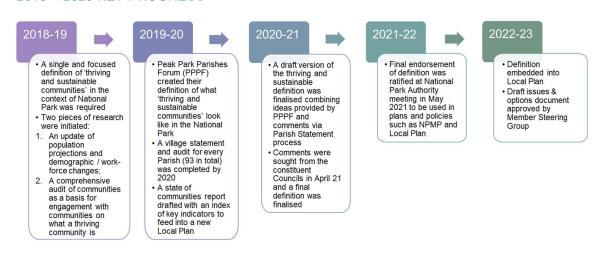
SUPPORTING THRIVING AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES AND ECONOMY

INTENTION 6: SUPPORTING THRIVING AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES AND ECONOMY

ACTION

To support thriving and sustainable communities and economy, we will first define what is meant by thriving and sustainable communities, in the context of the National Park Management Plan. This has now been completed and will be used to develop the National Park Authorities approach to supporting community development and help to inform the production and update of parish statements.

2018 - 2023 KEY PROGRESS



AREA OF IMPACT 6:

SUPPORTING THRIVING AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES AND ECONOMY

INTENTION 6.1: IMPROVE ACCESS TO SERVICES

ACTION

To improve access to services we will work with providers to improve broadband and mobile connectivity across the National Park in line with the UK's Next Generation Access (NGA) standards.

2018 - 2023 KEY PROGRESS

Meeting held in January 2019 with Digital Derbyshire and Derbyshire Dales District Council to discuss continued roll out of broadband and mobile connectivity in line with UK's Next Generation Access (NGA)

National Park supported Abney broadband link vi community fund

2019-20

- Interactive maps of detailed coverage information provided based on postcodes for -Derbyshire
- -Staffordshire
- Further meeting with Digital
 Derbyshire held
 Oct 19

2020-21

- Coverage improving across the National Park still difficulties in isolated areas
- Shared Rural Network Programme launched by Government (2020)
- Proposals extend permitted development to facilitate installation of masts to improve rural mobile and broadband coverage
- Heads of Planning for National Parks and National Parks England met with Mobile UK to discuss concerns and implications over potential landscape impact

2021-22 2022-23

- Mobile operator '3' approached National Park to explore sites designated as 'Not Spots' within Park
- Working alongside Derbyshire Broadband to overcome landscape issues and deliver sustainable service to Glossop and surrounding areas

- Digital Derbyshire 64% take-up for Phase 2 of Shared Rural Network Programme
- Project Gigabit launched including Broadband Voucher Scheme enabling people in rural areas to access funding to cover costs of installation to their

AREA OF IMPACT 6:

SUPPORTING THRIVING AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES AND ECONOMY

INTENTION 6.2: SUPPORT THE PROVISION OF LOCALLY NEEDED HOUSING

To support the provision of locally needed housing we will work through the National Park Management Plan Advisory Group Housing Sub-Group to address the local need for appropriate housing in the National Park.

2018 - 2023 KEY PROGRESS

2018-19

· High Peak Borough

- Council identify capacity via Strategic Housing Land Assessment Report
- During this year applications were approved for:
- -33 new build affordable houses -3 agricultural
- worker's dwellings -18 additional open market

houses

2019-20



- Scoping phase open to gather evidence for next Local Plan review
- · Noted that shared cross boundary
 planning is required to make effective use of resources
- During this year applications were
- approved for: -4 new build affordable houses
- 2 agricultural worker's dwellings -56 additional open market

houses

2020-21

- Evidence gathering is ongoing in advance of next planning review COVID-19 affected
- planning applications no information available for this year as site visits were restricted

2021-22

- Cross boundary planning issues still need addressing with constituent authorities
- National Park Authority working with Derbyshire Dales District
 Council and High Peak Borough Council to determine housing need

- Different planning policy approaches for affordable homes being tested in the Local Plan issues and options consultation
- Consultants (Lichfields) undertaking Park-wide review of housing need and population forecasts to guide:
- -Local Plan and Management Plan actions on housing
- -Settlement strategy and environmental capacity
- Planning policy approach for the next plan period (2025-2040)

AREA OF IMPACT 6:

SUPPORTING THRIVING AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES AND ECONOMY

INTENTION 6.3: ENABLE LOCAL BUSINESSES TO THRIVE IN A WAY THAT IS COMPATIBLE AND WHEREVER POSSIBLE ENHANCES THE SPECIAL QUALITIES OF THE PEAK DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK

ACTION

To enable local businesses to thrive in a way that is compatible and, wherever possible, enhances the special qualities of the Peak District National Park, we will assist the development of businesses in conjunction with relevant bodies. Linking business support, grant aid, planning and economic development.

2018 - 2023 KEY PROGRESS 2022-23 2019-20 2020-21 2021-22 Regular meetings agreed starting in Regular meetings continue between Planning service was maintained Joint presentation from EQM and • Processing evidence to understand how Sept 2018 between: partnership organisations during COVID-19 prioritising business National Park Officers delivered planning policy should respond to as part of Business Peak District's -Business Peak critical applications the pressures and Work commenced District opportunities for on Riverside Business Park in programme of talks to increase local -High Peak businesses and farm Borough Council businesses arising understanding of process / issues Bakewell and new -Derbyshire County Council from: bridge access on -climate change Evidence gathering -Marketing Peak -biodiversity net continues in District and Derbyshire advance of Local Plan reviews gain -changing agricultural subsidy –Local Enterprise Partnership