

A scenic landscape photograph of the Peak District National Park. In the foreground, there are large, grey, craggy rocks and dense, low-lying vegetation in shades of brown, orange, and green. To the right, a prominent rock stack (The Shipman's Tomb) rises from the ground. The middle ground shows rolling hills covered in similar vegetation, with a deep valley visible. The background features distant, hazy mountain ranges under a clear blue sky with a few wispy clouds. The text is overlaid in the upper left quadrant.

Peak District National Park Management Plan 2018-23 Overall Progress Report

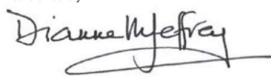
FOREWORD

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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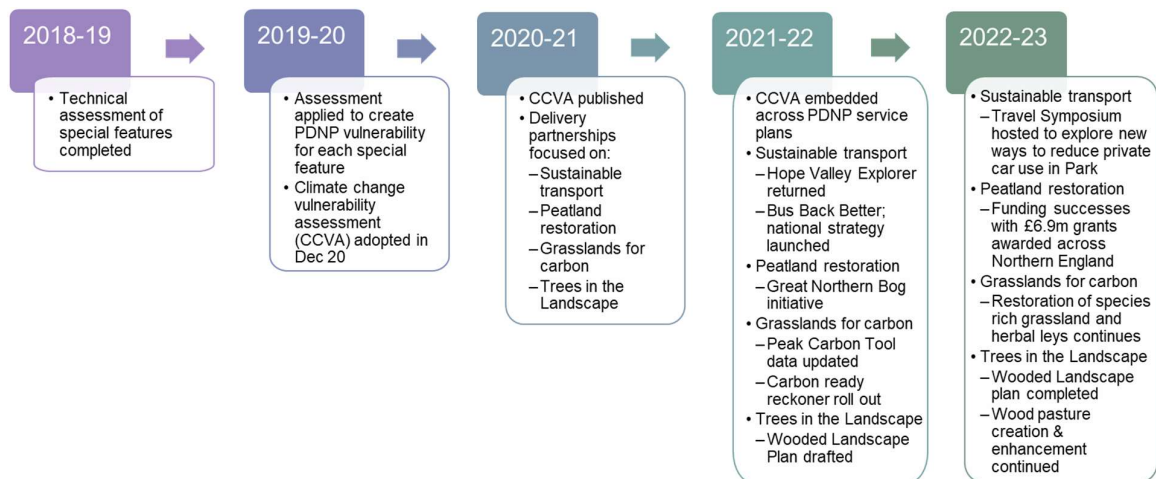
PREPARING FOR A FUTURE CLIMATE

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.

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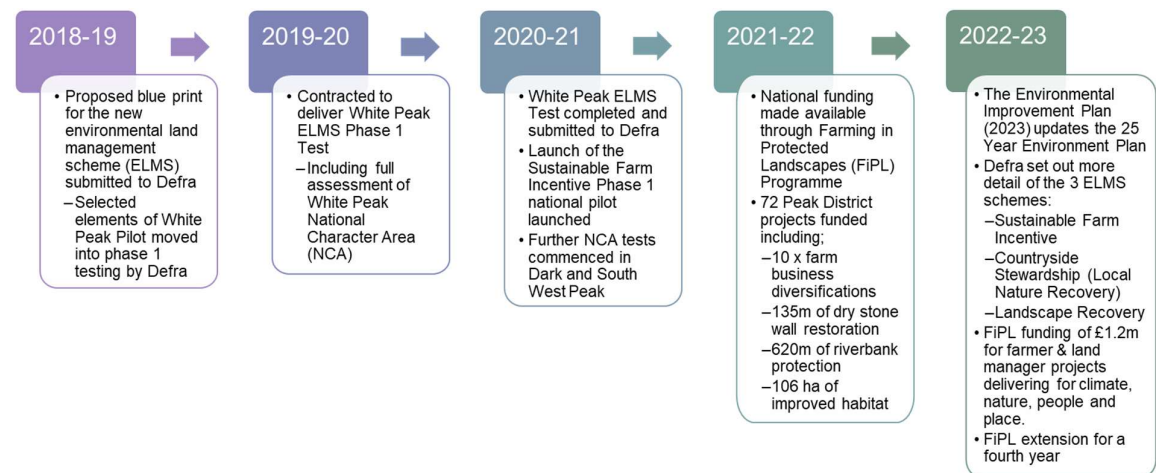
ENSURING A FUTURE FOR FARMING AND LAND MANAGEMENT

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.

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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

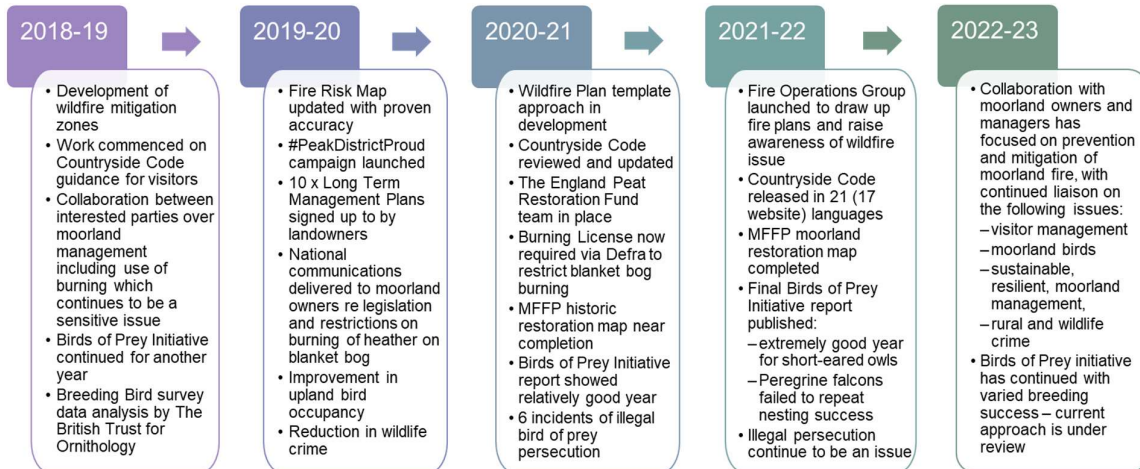
To ensure that the management of upland moors delivers environmental, social & economic benefits; we will seek to restore populations of birds of prey to at least the levels present in the late 1990s, with the addition of hen harrier as a regularly successful breeding species.

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.

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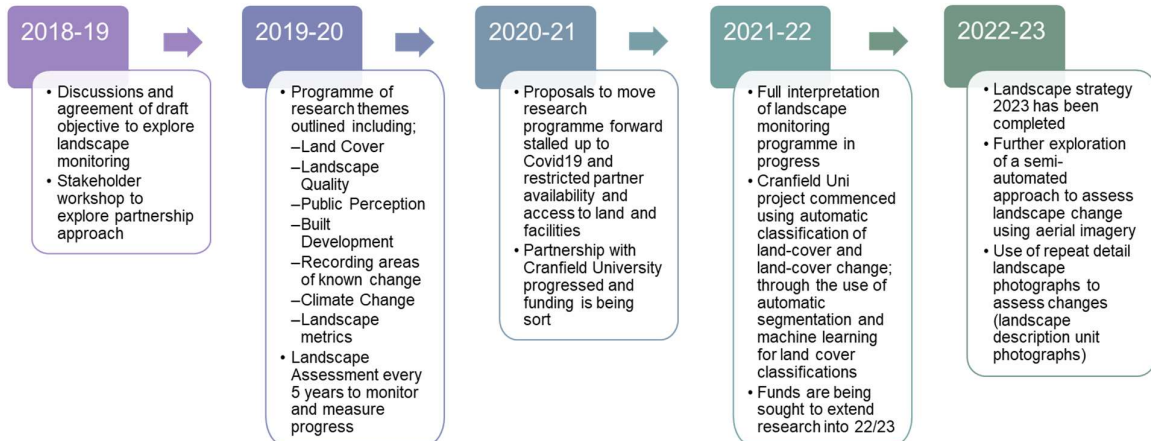
MANAGING LANDSCAPE CONSERVATION ON A BIG SCALE

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.

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AREA OF IMPACT 3:

MANAGING LANDSCAPE CONSERVATION ON A BIG SCALE

INTENTION 3.2: DEVELOP A WHITE PEAK PARTNERSHIP

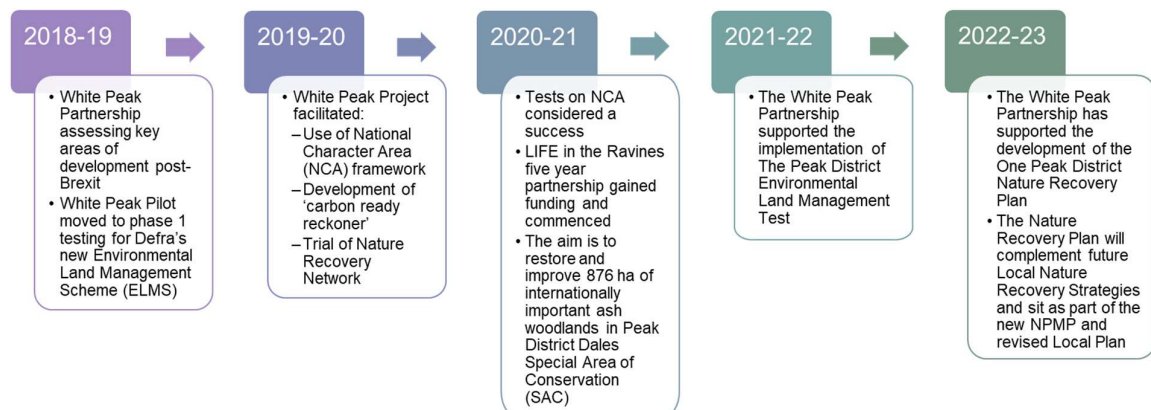
ACTION

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.

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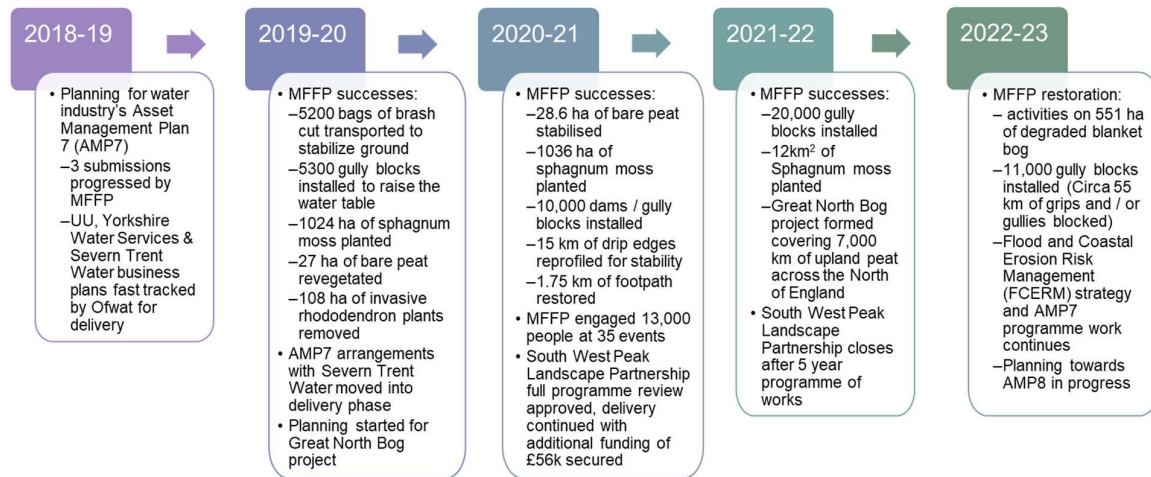
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INTENTION 3.3: MAINTAIN EXISTING LANDSCAPE SCALE DELIVERY

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.

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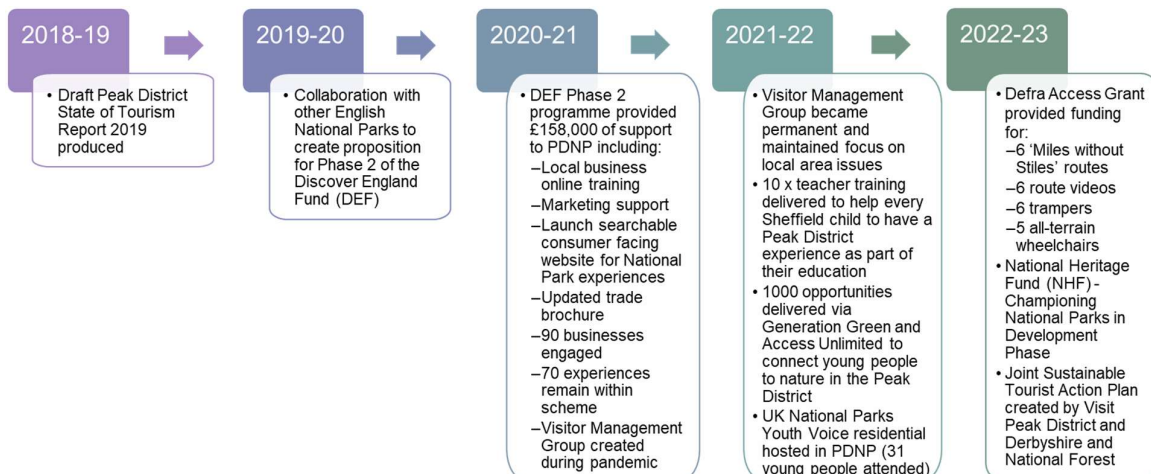
A NATIONAL PARK FOR EVERYONE

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.

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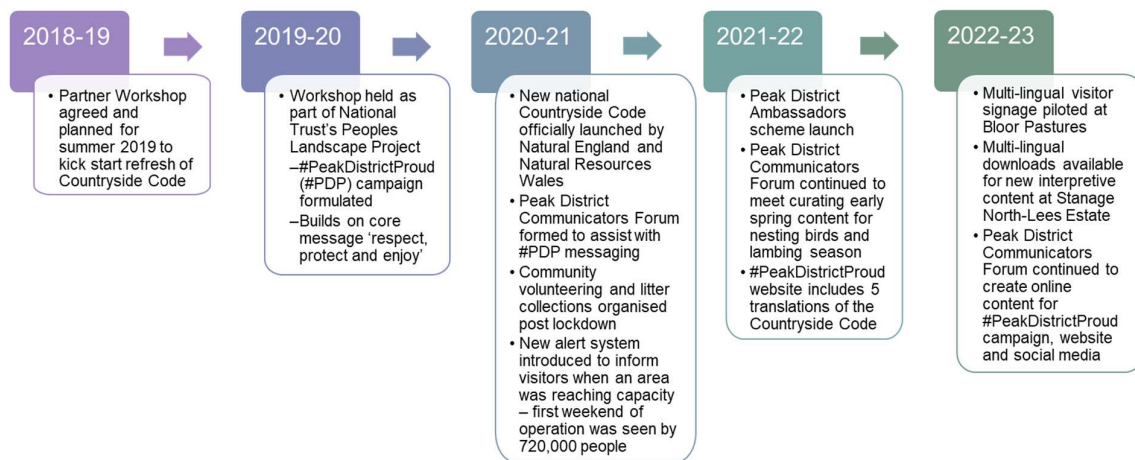
ENCOURAGING ENJOYMENT WITH UNDERSTANDING

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 on a lead. The initiative also helps to foster a sense of community belonging and association with the place for local businesses and residents.

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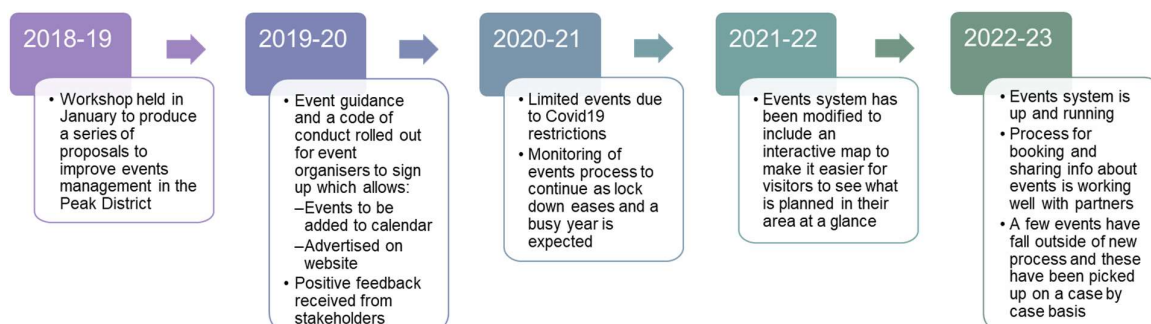
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INTENTION 5.2: ENSURE SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

ACTION

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

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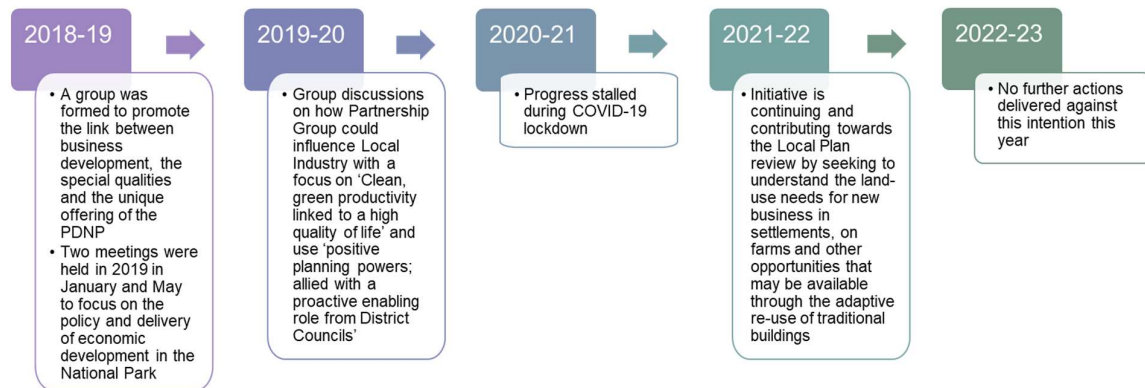
ENCOURAGING ENJOYMENT WITH UNDERSTANDING

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.

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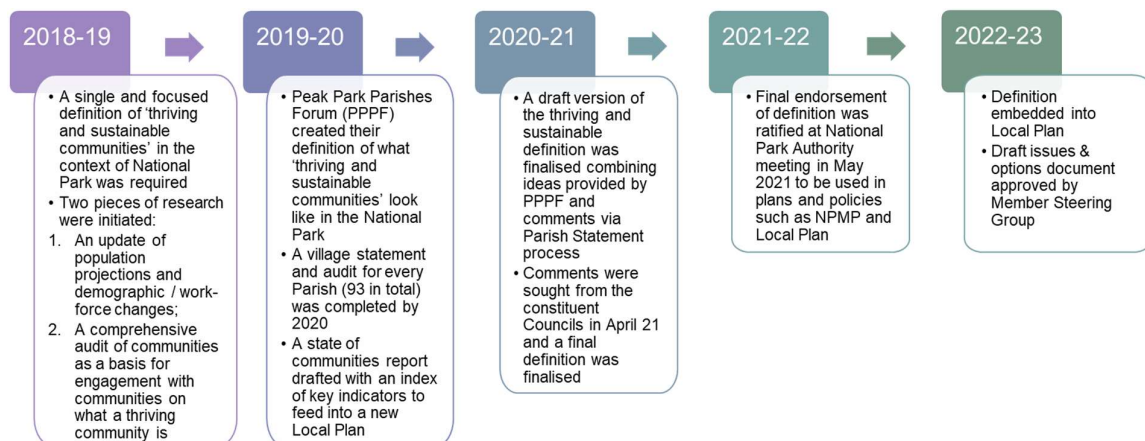
SUPPORTING THRIVING AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES AND ECONOMY

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.

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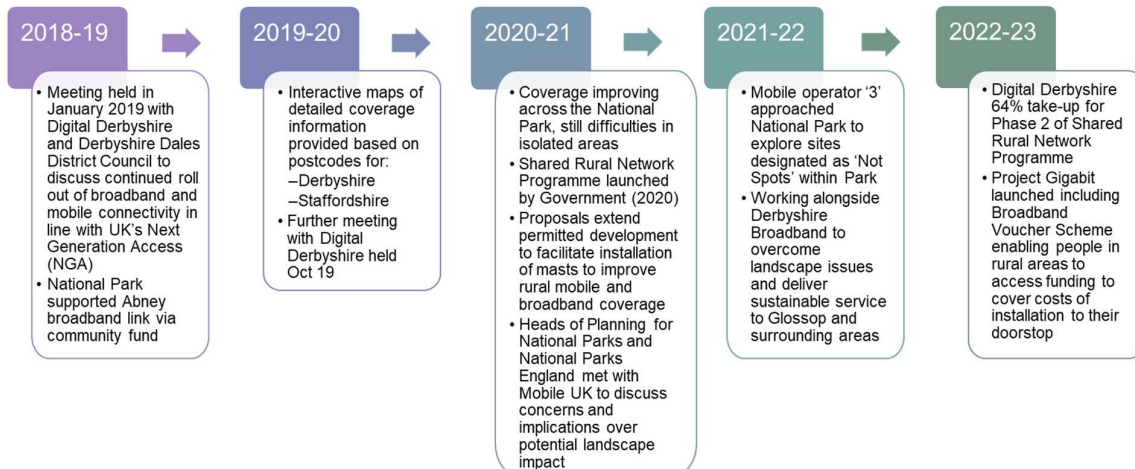
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INTENTION 6.1: IMPROVE ACCESS TO SERVICES

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.

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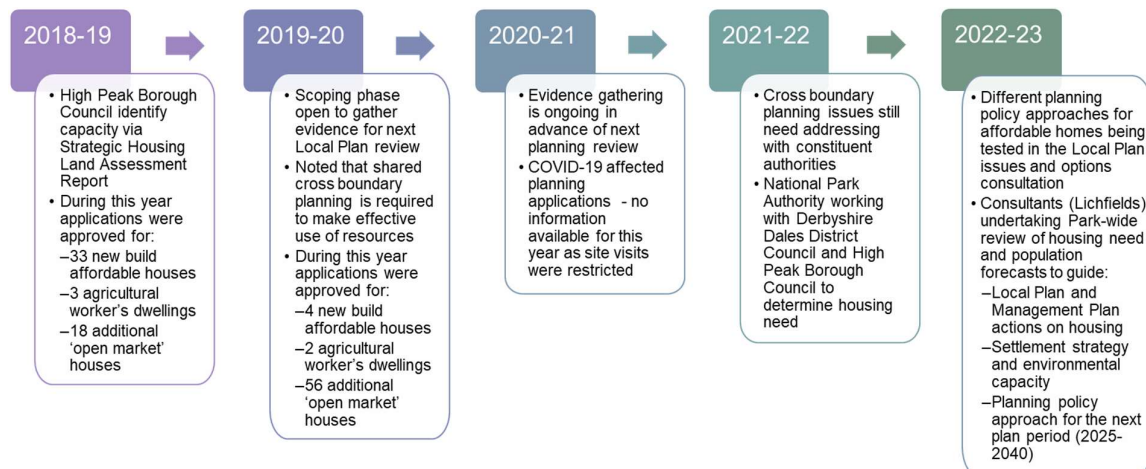
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INTENTION 6.2: SUPPORT THE PROVISION OF LOCALLY NEEDED HOUSING

ACTION

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.

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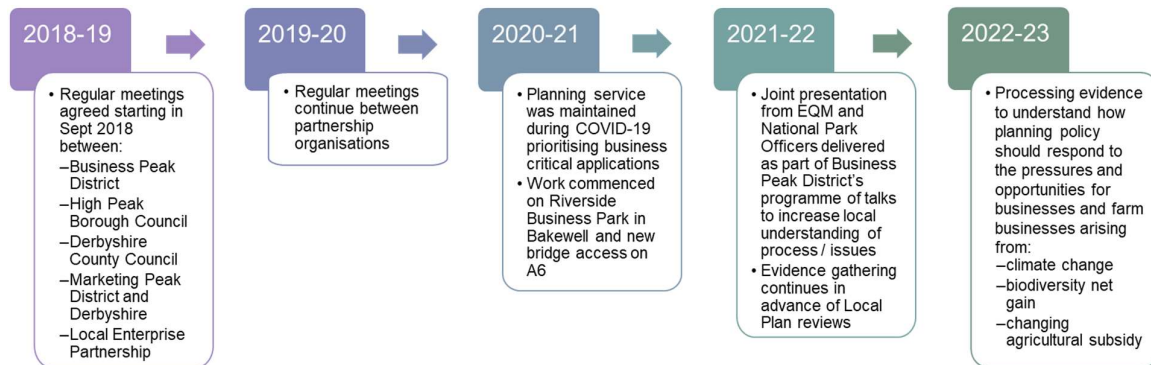
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INTENTION 6.3: ENABLE LOCAL BUSINESSES TO THRIVE IN A WAY THAT IS COMPATIBLE AND WHEREVER POSSIBLE ENHANCES THE SPECIAL QUALITIES OF THE PEAK DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK

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.

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