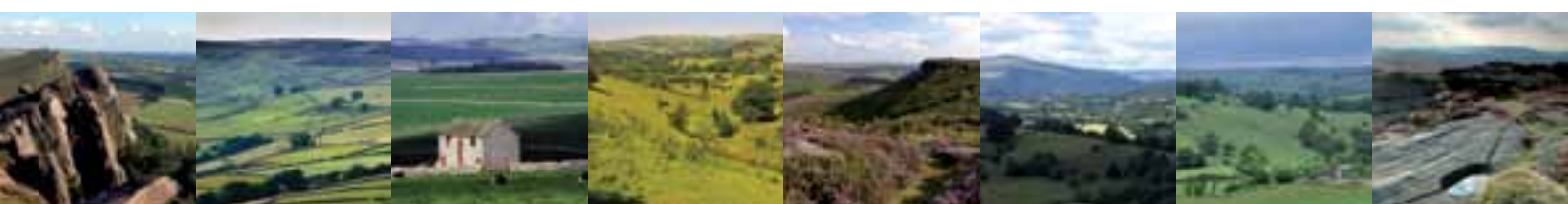


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Introduction



Heather and hill near Glossop © Peak District National Park Authority

This Action Plan sets out how the Landscape Strategy and Guidelines will be delivered across the National Park as a whole. It is important that the appropriate sections of the Landscape Strategy are read to provide background information and to inform the Action Plan. The Action Plan has been produced by the Peak District National Park Authority, with input from many stakeholders, including community groups and individuals. The Action Plan is for the whole National Park, and the delivery of these actions will often require a partnership approach. Appropriate lead partners have therefore been identified for each action. Implementation of these actions will be by various means; some will be part of day-to-day work, others will be specific projects and some will be resource-reliant, both in terms of funding and staffing.

The timescale for actions have been broken down into short (2010-12), medium (2012-15) and long term (2015+). In addition, some projects will require occasional action at infrequent periods of time (as appropriate), or require continuous action at regular periods of time (continuous action).

Recognise landscape in law

Action	Lead partners	Timescale	Measures of success
1.1 Influence the UK Government to ensure that landscape is recognised in all relevant legislation	Peak District National Park Authority English National Park Authorities Association Association of National Park Authorities	As appropriate	English National Park Authorities Association Landscape Group has a clear remit to review national legislation
	Natural England Campaign to Protect Rural England (national office) Campaign for National Parks English Heritage	As appropriate	Ensure that landscape is fully considered in Peak District National Park Authority responses to national legislation

Integrate landscape into policy

Action	Lead partners	Timescale	Measures of success
2.1 Ensure that the Local Development Framework Core Strategy takes full account of landscape and uses the Landscape Character Assessment and Strategy as a framework for spatial planning	Peak District National Park Authority	2009 - 2011	Local Development Framework policy based on understanding of landscape character
		2009 - 2011	Natural Zone and Section 3 map reviewed
2.2 Ensure that Natural England's emerging Protected Landscapes policy is relevant and appropriate to the Peak District	Natural England Peak District National Park Authority English National Park Authorities Association	2009 and as appropriate	Natural England Protected Landscapes policy is relevant to the Peak District
2.3 Landscape 'proof' all National Park Authority policies, plans and strategies	Peak District National Park Authority	2010 - 2012	Landscape proofing checklist agreed with Peak District National Park Authority
		As appropriate	Landscape proofing checklist applied to all policy development

Integrate landscape into policy (continued)

Action	Lead partners	Timescale	Measures of success
2.4 Influence policies and strategies of adjoining planning authorities	Peak District National Park Authority Friends of the Peak District	2010 – 2011 and as appropriate	Workshop held for senior officers and planning committee members of adjoining planning authorities
	Sheffield Area Geology Trust	As appropriate	Comments submitted for all policies and strategies affecting the Peak District
		Continuous action	Input into regional policies relevant to landscape
2.5 Ensure agri-environment and woodland management scheme targeting responds to distinctive landscape character	Natural England Forestry Commission Peak District National Park Authority	Continuous action	Targeting of agri-environment and woodland management scheme agreements responds to distinctive landscape character
2.6 Protect Peak District landscapes from inappropriate effects of major infrastructure developments and their cumulative effects	Regional Development Agencies Peak District National Park Authority Highways Agency UK Government Adjacent planning authorities Statutory undertakers	As appropriate	Peak District National Park Authority minerals, energy generation and infrastructure policies in place

Identify and assess landscapes

Action	Lead partners	Timescale	Measures of success
3.1 Review Landscape Character Assessment	Peak District National Park Authority	2018	Landscape Character Assessment updated
3.2 Facilitate Community Landscape Character Assessments	Peak District National Park Authority Friends of the Peak District Communities/Parish Councils Sheffield Area Geology Trust	2010 - 2012	Resource pack developed to support Community Landscape Character Assessments
		2012 - 2015	Community landscape projects initiated
3.3 Work with adjacent authorities to identify continuities in landscape character types	Peak District National Park Authority Other adjacent authorities	As appropriate	Joint responses developed to European Landscape Convention – “protect, manage and plan”



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Set landscape objectives

Action	Lead partners	Timescale	Measures of success
4.1 Review landscape description unit condition assessments in liaison with Area Teams and stakeholders, and identify priorities for mitigating landscape detractors and for enhancement	Peak District National Park Authority Communities	2013 – 2015	Priorities for site/feature-specific landscape enhancement/mitigation identified, e.g. field boundaries
4.2 Set climate change adaptation and mitigation objectives for all landscapes	Peak District National Park Authority Natural England	2015 +	Priorities for climate change adaptation and mitigation identified for each landscape character area
4.3 Mid-term review of Landscape Action Plan with stakeholders	Peak District National Park Authority	2013 – 2015	Mid-term review of actions completed and revised
4.4 Review Landscape Strategy and Action Plan	Peak District National Park Authority	2019	Landscape Strategy and Action Plan updated
4.5 Review outputs of Community Landscape Character Assessments and assess implications for Landscape Strategy and Action Plan	Peak District National Park Authority	As appropriate, as Assessments are completed	Implications of Community Landscape Character Assessments incorporated into mid-term review of the Landscape Action Plan

Protect landscapes

Action	Lead partners	Timescale	Measures of success
5.1 Identify priorities for protecting cultural heritage features and landscapes, and explore options for sustainable management	Peak District National Park Authority English Heritage Natural England	2010 - 2012	Clear priorities for cultural heritage features agreed
5.2 Identify priorities for protecting locally distinctive traditional farm buildings, including field barns, and initiate action	Peak District National Park Authority English Heritage Natural England	2013 - 2015	Advice note issued on sustainable future use of agricultural buildings
5.3 Implement action to protect and restore field boundaries, with a focus on those boundaries identified as priorities	Peak District National Park Authority Natural England	Continuous action	Programme of field boundary protection and restoration established and underway

Manage landscapes

Action	Lead partners	Timescale	Measures of success
6.1 Adjoining planning authorities to take due care when considering development on the fringes of the National Park to avoid adverse impacts on the National Park and its valued characteristics	Constituent and adjacent planning authorities	Continuous action	Annual review of significant new development on the fringes of the National Park
	Peak District National Park Authority	2015 +	Develop sensitivity mapping to include areas beyond the edge of the National Park
6.2 Continue and expand project to underground key overhead electricity lines, and ensure new development does not result in inappropriate overhead lines	Electricity supply companies	2009 - 2012	Current programme to underground cables implemented
	Electricity regulator English National Park Authorities Association Peak District National Park Authority Friends of the Peak District	2013 – 2015	Park-wide priorities for undergrounding identified and implementation programme agreed

Manage landscapes (continued)

Action	Lead partners	Timescale	Measures of success
6.3 Reduce the landscape impacts of transport infrastructure, including road furniture and improve road safety	Highways Authorities Highways Agency	2013 – 2015	Road Signage Agreements established to uphold National Park purposes
	Peak District National Park Authority	Continuous action	Annual review with Highways Authorities of problem areas and priorities for action
6.4 Manage road verges, tracks and footpaths to protect the cultural features and enhance biodiversity and attractiveness	Highways Authorities Highways Agency	2015 +	Priority road verges for conservation/enhancement identified and managed
	Peak District National Park Authority Wildlife Trusts	2015 +	Code of practice provided to contractors working on road verges, footpaths and tracks to ensure protection of valued features
6.5 Ensure development control decisions consider landscape character	Peak District National Park Authority	Continuous action	Regular landscape training course for all Planning Services staff and Authority members
		2010 - 2012	Forms of development requiring landscape advice agreed
		2013 – 2015 +	Priorities for planning enforcement agreed
6.6 Diversify agricultural grasslands to enhance biodiversity and enjoyment of the landscape	Peak District National Park Authority	2010 - 2012	Grassland management guidance provided to landowners and agri-environment advisers
	Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) Partnership Natural England	2013 - 2015	Research conducted to identify focus areas to diversify grassland
6.7 Enhance woodland management	Forestry Commission BAP Partnership	2013 – 2015	Report developed detailing means of improving the management of small woodlands, especially in the White Peak
	Peak District National Park Authority Natural England Small Woods Association	As appropriate	Management agreements established for woodlands
6.8 Influence management of small land holdings	National Smallholders Organisation Peak District National Park Authority Country Land and Business Association British Horse Society	2012	Guidelines developed for horse-owners and small-holdings in the Peak District



Mam Tor in early morning mist © Peak District National Park Authority

Manage landscapes (continued)

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6.9 Continue restoration of blanket bog and other moorland landscapes	Moors for the Future Partnership	Continuous action	Continued funding for Moors for the Future Partnership and water companies' Asset Management Plans secured
	National Trust		
	Water companies	Continuous action	Plan to apply lessons learned from Moors for the Future in other moorland landscapes developed
	RSPB		
	Large Estates and Landowners		

Plan landscapes

Action	Lead partners	Timescale	Measures of success
7.1 Address landscape impacts of coniferous woodland through a combination of reshaping/restructuring, restoration of open habitats and replacement with broadleaved woodland as appropriate	Forestry Commission	2013 - 2015	Five year target for management of conifer woodlands established
	United Utilities		
	Severn Trent Water	2015 +	Assess impact of conifer removal on landscape
	Yorkshire Water		
	National Trust		
	Wildlife Trusts		
7.2 Increase broadleaved woodland cover in appropriate locations	Forestry Commission	Continuous action	Sites suitable for woodland creation identified
	Woodland Trust		
	National Trust	2013 – 2015	Appropriate new woodland creation encouraged in liaison with Forestry Commission and landowners
	Natural England		
	BAP Partnership		
	Country Land and Business Association		
	Small Woods Association		
	Larger Estates and Landowners		

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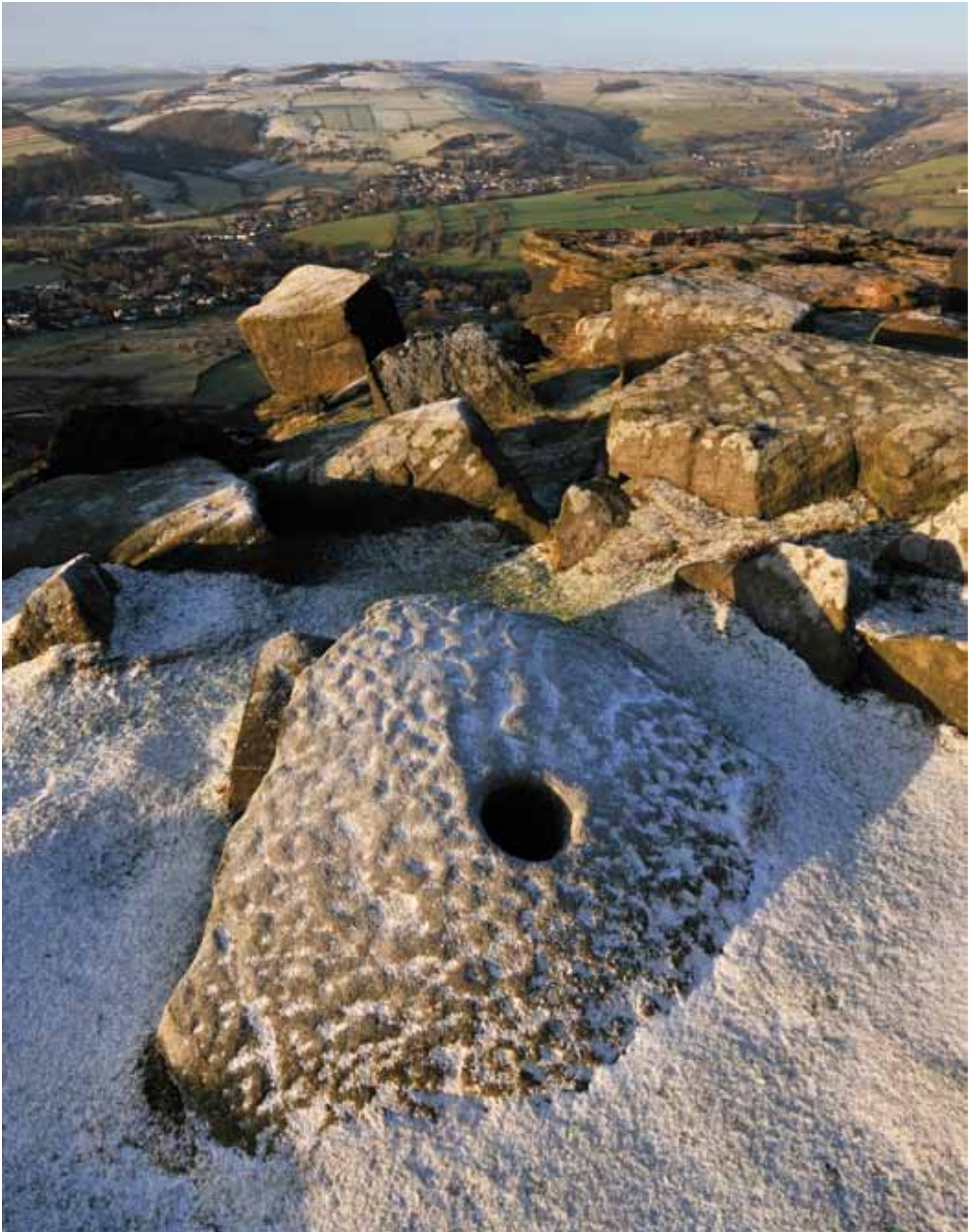
Action	Lead partners	Timescale	Measures of success
<p>7.3 Ensure landscape scale perspective on any project development and implementation scheme in the Peak District</p>	<p>Peak District National Park Authority</p> <p>Natural England</p> <p>Friends of the Peak District</p> <p>The Wildlife Trusts</p> <p>BAP Partnership</p> <p>English Heritage</p> <p>RSPB</p> <p>National Trust</p> <p>Utility Companies</p>	As appropriate	All appropriate projects assessed against the landscape strategy
<p>7.4 Establish a landscape framework for the delivery of the Peak District BAP so that habitat planning is targeted at the most appropriate landscapes</p>	<p>Peak District National Park Authority</p> <p>Members of BAP Partnership</p> <p>Natural England</p>	2013 – 2015	Supplementary report and table developed setting out guidelines
<p>7.5 Ensure landscape scale perspective on any project development and implementation scheme in the Peak District</p>	<p>Natural England</p> <p>East Midlands Geodiversity Forum</p> <p>Sheffield Area Geology Trust</p> <p>British Geological Survey</p> <p>Peak District National Park Authority</p> <p>Regionally Important Geological Sites local groups</p>	2015 +	Geodiversity Action Plan developed
<p>7.6 Review quarry restoration methods to ensure best practice</p>	<p>British Aggregates Association</p> <p>Mineral Products Association</p> <p>Peak District National Park Authority</p> <p>Natural England</p> <p>Wildlife Trusts</p> <p>Mineral Operators</p> <p>Mineral Planning Authorities</p>	2015 +	Position statement on quarry restoration published

Monitor change

Action	Lead partners	Timescale	Measures of success
8.1 Develop landscape monitoring programme, including Conservation Area Appraisals	Peak District National Park Authority	2010 - 2012	Monitoring programme established. Four Conservation Area Appraisals done each year
	Natural England English Heritage Sheffield Area Geology Trust	2015 +	Report on landscape change produced
8.2 Monitor policy	Peak District National Park Authority National Park Management Plan External Monitoring Group	Continuous action	Annual monitoring report on LDF and Management Plan takes account of landscape
8.3 Monitor people's perceptions	Peak District National Park Authority Peak Experience	As appropriate	Visitor and resident surveys consider valued characteristics of landscape and future priorities
8.4 Monitor light pollution and take action to reduce it	Peak District National Park Authority Campaign to Protect Rural England (national office)	2015 +	Annual monitoring of light pollution at fixed points across the Peak District
	Macclesfield and other Astronomical Societies	2015 +	Project to assess and reduce light pollution sources established

Promote education & training

Action	Lead partners	Timescale	Measures of success
9.1 Run training courses for professionals, land managers and farmers engaged in landscape issues	Losehill Hall	As appropriate	Landscape professionals, land managers and farmers trained in landscape issues that include biodiversity, cultural heritage and impact of climate change
9.2 Develop landscape education resources for schools, colleges and universities	Losehill Hall	2010 - 2012	Landscape educational materials linked to relevant areas of the curriculum developed
		As appropriate	Courses focussed on landscape for schools and colleges delivered
		As appropriate	Active liaison with university courses to promote understanding of landscape



Curbar Edge frosty millstone © Peak District National Park Authority

Raise awareness, understanding & involvement

Action	Lead partners	Timescale	Measures of success
10.1 Develop communications plan for Landscape Strategy and Action Plan	Peak District National Park Authority	2010 - 2012	Communications plan published
10.2 Landscape character based interpretation that takes account of geodiversity, biodiversity and cultural heritage	Peak District National Park Authority Peak District Interpretation Partnership Peak Experience	As appropriate	Approach to landscape interpretation agreed with Peak District Interpretation Partnership
10.3 Link Environmental Quality Mark and Live and Work Rural Programme to key landscape characteristics	Peak District National Park Authority	2010 - 2012	Measures to integrate landscape advice agreed with project officers

Co-operate across Europe

Action	Lead partners	Timescale	Measures of success
11.1 Share experience and good practice with other protected landscapes and public authorities in other European countries	Europarc Federation English National Park Authorities Association Peak District National Park Authority	As appropriate	Experiences shared with landscape organisations across Europe

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