

## MEMBER APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, WORKING PANELS 2025/26

Committee/Working Panel/Group	2024/25 Member	Expressions of Interest
<p><b>Development Management Committee</b></p> <p>Consisting of every Member of the Authority, unless they shall signify in writing that they do not wish to serve on the Committee.</p> <p>To exercise the Authority's development management functions as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- as a planning authority and mineral planning authority for Dartmoor National Park;</li> <li>- as the relevant authority under Parts I, II and III of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990; and</li> <li>- as the relevant authority for the purposes of the Town &amp; Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011.</li> </ul>	<p>Mr Jerry Brook Mr William Dracup Mr Peter Harper Mrs Gay Hill Mr Mike Jeffery Mr James McInnes Mrs Sally Morgan Mrs Caroline Mott Mr John Nutley Mr Mark Owen Mr Guy Pannell Mr Mark Renders Mrs Lois Samuel Mr Philip Sanders Dr Mary Seddon Mr Peter Smerdon Mr Daniel Thomas Mr Mark Williams Ms Pamela Woods</p>	<p>Mr William Dracup Mr Michael Fife Cook Mr Peter Harper Mrs Gay Hill Mr Mike Jeffery Mr Richard Keeling Mr Jack Major Mrs Sally Morgan Mrs Caroline Mott Mr John Nutley Mr Mark Owen Mr Guy Pannell Mr Mark Renders Mr Stuart Rogers Dr Mary Seddon Mr Peter Smerdon Mr Daniel Thomas Mr Mark Williams Ms Pamela Woods</p>
<p><b>Audit &amp; Governance Committee</b></p> <p>Consisting of <b>Ten</b> Members, of whom at least <b>one</b> is a local authority Member and <b>one</b> a Member appointed to the Authority by the Secretary of State.</p> <p>The functions of the Audit &amp; Governance Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to exercise such powers and decision-making duties as may be delegated to the committee by the Authority;</li> <li>to scrutinise the activity of the Authority with particular reference to audit, governance, risk management, performance management and use of resources (including financial and human);</li> <li>to maintain a sub-committee to deal with Standards issues;</li> <li>to provide assurance to and make recommendations to the Authority, its committees and sub-committees as appropriate;</li> <li>to report its findings and confirm the level of assurance that has received [In-year] to the whole Authority (via committee minutes, reviewed at Authority meetings, or other reports as determined);</li> <li>to consider any relevant issue referred to it by the Chief Executive, Chief Finance Officer, Monitoring Officer, Head of Internal Audit or External Audit</li> </ol> <p>The Chair and Deputy Chair of the Authority shall be ex officio members.</p>	<p>Mr William Dracup Mr Peter Harper Mrs Gay Hill Mr James McInnes Mrs Sally Morgan Mr John Nutley Mr Mark Renders Mr Philip Sanders Mr Peter Smerdon Ms Pamela Woods</p>	<p>Mr Peter Harper Mrs Gay Hill Mrs Sally Morgan Mr John Nutley Mr Mark Renders Dr Mary Seddon Mr Peter Smerdon Mr Mark Williams Ms Pamela Woods</p>

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<p><b>Standards sub-committee</b></p> <p>Consisting of <b>Six*</b> members of the Audit &amp; Governance Committee, of whom at least <b>two</b> shall be Members appointed by a local authority.</p> <p>The functions of the Standards sub-committee are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to promote and maintain high standards of conduct by Members;</li> <li>to advise the Authority on the adoption of a Code of Conduct pursuant to s.27(2) Localism Act 2010;</li> <li>to assist Members to observe the Code of Conduct ;</li> <li>to consider and determine complaints under the Code of Conduct.</li> </ul> <p><b>* Members agreed to increase to seven for 2024/2025</b></p>	<p>Mr Peter Harper Mrs Sally Morgan Mr John Nutley Mr Mark Renders Mr Philip Sanders</p> <p>Ex-officio Members: Mr William Dracup Ms Pamela Woods</p>	<p>Mrs Gay Hill Mrs Sally Morgan Mr John Nutley Mr Mark Renders Mr Mark Williams Ms Pamela Woods</p> <p>Ex-officio Members: Chair Deputy Chair</p>
<p><b>Park Management Working Panel</b></p> <p>The Panel will meet to consider matters relevant to policy, priorities and performance in relation to the Authority's statutory conservation and understanding and enjoyment purposes. The Panel is not a decision-making forum but aims to facilitate greater member involvement in policy development and the monitoring of delivery.</p> <p>There is no limit on the number of Members who can attend/be part of the Panel.</p>	<p>Mr William Dracup Mr Peter Harper Mrs Gay Hill Mrs Sally Morgan Mrs Caroline Mott Mr John Nutley Mr Mark Owen Mr Guy Pannell Mr Mark Renders Mrs Lois Samuel Mr Philip Sanders Mr Mark Williams</p>	<p>Mrs Gay Hill Mrs Sally Morgan Mrs Caroline Mott Mr John Nutley Mr Guy Pannell Mr Mark Renders Dr Mary Seddon Mr Mark Williams Ms Pamela Woods</p>
<p><b>Planning &amp; Sustainable Development Working Panel</b></p> <p>The Panel will meet to consider the work of the Authority relevant to its planning functions and engagement with socio-economic issues. The Panel is not a decision-making forum but aims to facilitate greater member involvement in policy development and the monitoring of delivery. There is no limit on the number of Members who can attend/be part of the Panel.</p>	<p>Mr William Dracup Mrs Gay Hill Mrs Sally Morgan Mrs Caroline Mott Mr James McInnes Mr John Nutley Mr Mark Renders Mr Philip Sanders Mr Peter Smerdon Mr Daniel Thomas Mr Mark Williams Ms Pamela Woods</p>	<p>Mr Peter Harper Mrs Gay Hill Mrs Sally Morgan Mrs Caroline Mott Mr John Nutley Mr Mark Renders Dr Mary Seddon Mr Peter Smerdon Mr Dan Thomas Mr Mark Williams Ms Pamela Woods</p>

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<p><b>Chair's Advisory Group (CAG)</b></p> <p><b>Membership</b> As determined by the Authority at its Annual Meeting, and usually:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair &amp; Deputy Chair of the Authority (ex officio)</li> <li>• Chair of the Development Management Committee</li> <li>• Chair of the Audit &amp; Governance Committee</li> <li>• Chair of the Park Management Working Panel</li> <li>• Chair of the Planning &amp; Sustainable Development Working Panel</li> <li>• Chief Executive (National Park Officer)</li> <li>• Other Officers or Members by invitation of the Chair of the Authority</li> </ul> <p><b>Remit</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) to provide an informal forum for the exchange of information, discussion and debate on matters relating to the Authority</li> <li>2) to facilitate greater member involvement on all matters relevant to the Authority</li> <li>3) to provide an opportunity for early consideration of matters likely to come before future Authority meetings</li> <li>4) to provide a forum for panels and committees to highlight or raise issues they believe require fuller debate</li> </ol>	<p>Dr Kevin Bishop Mr William Dracup Mr Peter Harper Mrs Sally Morgan Mr Philip Sanders Mr Peter Smerdon Ms Pamela Woods</p>	<p>To be determined by the Authority at the Annual Meeting</p>
<p><b>Chief Executive Performance Review Group (3)</b></p> <p>The purpose of the Committee is to carry out the target setting, performance review and appraisal functions in respect of the Chief Executive. The Review Group normally comprises the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Authority and the Chair of Development Management Committee.</p>	<p>Mr William Dracup Mr Philip Sanders Ms Pamela Woods</p>	<p>To be determined by the Authority at the Annual Meeting</p>

## MEMBER APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES 2025/2026

**Please Note:** When an appointed Member representative is unable to attend a meeting, that Member will be required to contact the appointed substitute Member direct, at the earliest opportunity, to arrange for the substitute Member to attend the meeting in their absence.

Body/Group	2024/25 Member	Expressions of Interest
<b>Campaign for National Parks (1)</b>  The Campaign for National Parks is a charity that works to protect and enhance the National Parks and areas that merit national park status, and to promote understanding and quiet enjoyment of them. (The member is invited by the Campaign, but approved by the Authority)	Mr Philip Sanders  Mrs Caroline Mott (Substitute)	Mrs Caroline Mott  Dr Mary Seddon
<b>Dartmoor Access Forum (2)</b>  The Local Access Forum is a statutory advisory body established by the DNPA in accordance with the requirements of the CROW Act 2000. The Forum meets four times a year. At least one member should be a serving member of the Park Management Working Panel.	Mrs Sally Morgan  Mr Mark Owen	Mrs Sally Morgan  Mr Mark Owen
<b>Dartmoor Commoners' Council (1 Member plus a substitute)</b>  The Dartmoor Commoners' Council was set up under the provisions of the 1985 Dartmoor Commons Act, to regulate agricultural use of the commons. It consists of representatives of the commoners, the DNPA, the Duchy of Cornwall, common land owners and a Veterinarian Surgeon. It meets eight times a year.	Mr William Dracup  Mr Peter Smerdon (Substitute)	
<b>Dartmoor Hill Farm Project Steering Group (1)</b>  The DNPA has secured funding from a variety of sources to extend work of the Dartmoor Hill Farm Project. The overall aim of the project is to contribute to the viability of farm businesses on Dartmoor in ways that help sustain the special qualities of the National Park. In the coming year there will be a review of the project and associated steering group.	Mr Peter Harper  Mrs Lois Samuel (Substitute)	Mr Mark Williams
<b>Dartmoor Rural Crime Partnership (5)</b>  A joint initiative with Devon and Cornwall Police and other partners. It is recommended that the four Secretary of State Parish Members are appointed as 'community representatives' plus the Chair of the Authority. It is proposed to meet twice a year.	Mrs Gay Hill Mr Mike Jeffery Mr Mark Renders Mr Mark Williams Ms Pamela Woods	Mr Peter Harper Mrs Gay Hill Mr Mark Renders Mr Peter Smerdon Mr Mark Williams Ms Pamela Woods
<b>Dartmoor Steering Group (3)</b> The Steering Group was set up by Parliament following the 1975/76 inquiry conducted by Lady Sharp into the military training use of Dartmoor. Its purpose is to reconcile the (sometimes) competing interests of military training and national park designation and to seek ways of minimising the adverse impact of the training requirement at any one time. More recently the Group has focussed in a positive way on conservation and access benefits of the Defence Estate on Dartmoor. It consists of representatives of all the military interest, the DNPA, the Duchy of Cornwall, Natural England, Historic England and the Dartmoor Commoners' Council. It is served by the Dartmoor Working Party comprised of officers of the DNPA, MoD and other bodies. The Steering Group reports to the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and the Ministry for Defence. It meets annually. <b>(It is customary for the Chair and Deputy Chair to take two of these seats)</b>	Mr Peter Harper Mrs Caroline Mott Ms Pamela Woods	Mrs Caroline Mott Dr Mary Seddon Ms Pamela Woods

<b>Dartmoor Trust (1)</b>  The Dartmoor Trust has one DNPA Member representative on the Board of Management. The purposes of the Trust closely reflect National Park purposes. The Trust was established by the DNPA as an independent charitable Trust in the early 1990s in order to harness public and other donations for the good of Dartmoor.	Dr Mary Seddon	Dr Mary Seddon
<b>Dartmoor's Dynamic Landscapes Executive Board (1)</b>  DDL is a partnership bringing the Authority together alongside a number of partners to deliver the National Lottery heritage funded programme from 2025 until 2030.  The partnership has a landscape focus on Dartmoor's river catchments of the Okement, the Dart and the Erme & Yealm. The programme also has a particular focus on the communities of Okehampton, Princetown and Ivybridge.  <b>Requirement:</b> <b>Chair of the Authority to Chair the Executive Board which meets four times per annum. A named member should be identified as a substitute.</b>	<b>NEW</b>	
<b>Devon Communities Together (1)</b>  Devon Communities Together (former Community Council for Devon) exists to promote local community interests. Member representation is required only at the Annual Conference and the Annual General Meeting.	Mr Peter Smerdon	Mr Peter Harper Mr Peter Smerdon
<b>Joint Advisory Committee on Provision of Housing for Local Needs (3)</b>  This is a joint advisory committee of the three District Councils in the National Park, the DNPA, Devon Communities Together and the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA). It exists to co-ordinate the planning functions of the NPA with the housing functions of the other bodies. It meets twice a year and is chaired by an Authority Member.  <b>Members agreed increase to 5 for 2024/25</b>	Mrs Gay Hill Mr Guy Pannell Mr Mark Renders Mrs Lois Samuel Mr Philip Sanders	Mrs Gay Hill Mr Guy Pannell Mr Mark Renders Mr Mark Williams
<b>Land Availability Assessment Panel (3)</b>  The Land Availability Assessment (LAA) Panel is set up to consider land submitted to the Call for Sites for the Local Plan. The Panel comprises professionals in their field such as land and estate agents, small and large developers, the Environment Agency and Highways Agency. Three Community Representatives, appointed from the Authority, may also attend the Panel. The purpose of the Panel is to consider whether a potential housing or employment site may be technically deliverable.  <b>Members agreed increase to 4 for 2024/25</b>	Mrs Gay Hill Mr Guy Pannell Mrs Lois Samuel Mr Dan Thomas	Mrs Gay Hill Mr Guy Pannell
<b>Meldon Viaduct Company (1)</b>  In February 1999, the Meldon Viaduct Company was set up for the sole purpose of safeguarding and maintaining the Viaduct to ensure its future as a monument to Victorian engineering and as a valuable recreational resource. The appointed member will sit on the Board of Directors along with representatives from the Aggregate Industries Limited, Dartmoor Railway, Sustrans, and the County and Borough Councils. The group meets quarterly.	Mrs Caroline Mott	Mrs Caroline Mott

<p><b>National Parks England (1)</b></p> <p>A limited Company established by the ten English National Park Authorities to represent their views and promote their needs at a national level. The Directors of the Company are the respective Chairs of the National Park Authorities.</p>	<p>Ms Pamela Woods</p>	<p>Chair</p>
<p><b>National Parks Partnerships Limited (1)</b></p> <p><i>A limited liability partnership established by all 15 UK National Parks as a vehicle to secure commercial sponsorship to fund conservation and recreation projects in the National Parks. It is recommended that the Chair of the Authority is formally appointed to the Partnership Board, as the Authority's representative, with the Chief Executive (National Park Officer) acting as a deputy. The Board will meet once a year.</i></p> <p><b>NB. During 2023/24 the Chair agreed that the Deputy Chair of the Authority (Mr Harper) would replace the Chair as the Authority's representative on the Partnership Board. During 2024/25 it was agreed that Mr Harper continue with this role, with Mr Dracup acting as Deputy.</b></p>	<p>Mr Peter Harper</p> <p>Mr William Dracup (Substitute)</p>	
<p><b>Team Devon Joint Committee (1 plus a substitute)</b></p> <p>Team Devon (Leaders and Chief Executives) have established this Joint Committee to formalise the existing partnership that would create opportunities to strengthen joint work, partnership and collaboration. The Joint Committee will focus on how Devon's National Park Authorities, parish, town, district and county councils will work jointly on shared priorities for the benefit of people and places across the county.</p> <p>The functions of the Joint Committee will be to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support continuous improvement and value for money in the ways that Devon's National Park Authorities, parish, town, district and county councils exercise their duties and responsibilities through, for example, aligning performance measures and sharing or integrating services.</li> <li>• Contribute strategically to the environmental, economic and social wellbeing objectives for Devon's people and communities.</li> </ul> <p><b>The Chair of the Authority will be the Authority's representative on the Team Devon Joint Committee and that the Deputy Chair of the Authority will substitute for the Chair on the Team Devon Joint Committee.</b></p>	<p>Ms Pamela Woods</p> <p>Mr William Dracup (Substitute)</p>	

<p><b>Dartmoor Partnership Plan Board (1)</b></p> <p>The Dartmoor Partnership Plan outlines the strategic oversight to shape the future of Dartmoor, aiming for a climate-resilient and nature-rich environment by 2045. The Board's role includes ensuring alignment with statutory purposes, collaboration, monitoring, and promoting the plan effectively.</p> <p>The Partnership Board, comprising representatives from various organisations, focus is on strategic leadership, collaboration, monitoring progress, data collection, and consensus building to support the Dartmoor Partnership Plan's development.</p> <p>The Board meets quarterly (4 meetings per year) to discuss the plan's progress, with the Dartmoor National Park Authority facilitating the meetings and maintaining oversight of the plan's production and monitoring.</p> <p><b>The Chair of the Authority will be appointed to the Board, with the Deputy Chair acting as substitute.</b></p>		<p>Chair</p> <p>Substitute: Deputy Chair</p>
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# DARTMOOR NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

## CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2025-26

Meetings of the **Authority**, its **Development Management Committee** and **Audit and Governance Committee** will be held on the dates and at the times shown below. Meetings of the **Standards Sub-Committee** will take place in November and June each year, immediately after the meeting of the Audit and Governance Committee. All Members are welcome to attend meetings of the Planning and Sustainable Development Working Panel and the Park Management Working Panel.

*\*Meetings open to the public*

July 2025		
3 July 2025	National Park Forum (2.00pm)	Parke
11 July 2025	Site Inspection <i>(if needed)</i>	On Site
25 July 2025	Development Management Committee* (10.00am)	Parke
25 July 2025	<b>Authority Meeting*</b> <i>(on rising of DM committee)</i>	Parke
August 2025		
15 August 2025	Site Inspection <i>(if needed)</i>	On Site
September 2025		
5 September 2025	Development Management Committee* (10.00am)	Parke
5 September 2025	<b>Authority Meeting*</b> <i>(on rising of DM committee)</i>	Parke
12 September 2025	Annual Member Workshop	Parke
19 September 2025	Site Inspection <i>(if needed)</i>	On Site
October 2025		
3 October 2025	Development Management Committee* (10.00am)	Parke
10 October 2025	Park Management Working Panel – All Day Tour	On Site
17 October 2025	Site Inspection <i>(if needed)</i>	On Site
November 2025		
7 November 2025	<b>Authority Meeting *</b> (10.00am)	Parke
7 November 2025	Audit & Governance Committee* <i>(on rising of Authority)</i>	Parke
7 November 2025	Standards Sub-Committee* <i>(on rising of A&amp;G committee)</i>	Parke
13 November 2025	National Park Forum (2.00pm)	Parke
December 2025		
5 December 2025	Development Management Committee* (10.00am)	Parke
5 December 2025	<b>Authority Meeting*</b> <i>(on rising of DM committee)</i>	Parke
10 December 2025	DNPA Conference	On Site
12 December 2025	Planning & Sustainable Development Working Panel	Parke
19 December 2025	Site Inspection <i>(if needed)</i>	On Site



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<b>January 2026</b>		
<i>No meetings scheduled</i>		
<b>February 2026</b>		
6 February 2026	Development Management Committee* (10.00am)	Parke
6 February 2026	Audit & Governance Committee* (on rising of DM committee)	Parke
20 February 2026	Site Inspection (if needed)	On Site
<b>March 2026</b>		
6 March 2026	Development Management Committee* (10.00am)	Parke
6 March 2026	<b>Authority Meeting*</b> (on rising of DM committee)	Parke
20 March 2026	Site Inspection (if needed)	On Site
<b>April 2026</b>		
17 April 2026	Park Management Working Panel	Parke
<b>May 2026</b>		
1 May 2026	Development Management Committee* (10.00am)	Parke
1 May 2026	<b>Authority Meeting*</b> (on rising of DM committee)	Parke
15 May 2026	Site Inspection (if needed)	On Site
<b>June 2026</b>		
5 June 2026	Development Management Committee* (10.00am)	Parke
5 June 2026	Audit & Governance Committee* (on rising of DM committee)	Parke
5 June 2026	Standards Sub-Committee* (on rising of A&G committee)	Parke
19 June 2026	Planning & Sustainable Development Working Panel – All Day Tour	On Site
24 June 2026	Team Dartmoor Day	On Site
26 June 2026	Site Inspection (if needed)	On Site
<b>July 2026</b>		
3 July 2026	<b>Annual Authority Meeting*</b>	Parke
3 July 2026	<b>Authority Meeting*</b>	Parke
24 July 2026	National Park Forum (2.00pm)	Parke
<b>August 2026</b>		
<i>No meetings scheduled</i>		

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September 2026		
4 September 2026	Development Management Committee* (10.00am)	Parke
4 September 2026	<b>Authority Meeting*</b> (on rising of DM committee)	Parke
11 September 2026	Annual Member Workshop	Parke
18 September 2026	Site Inspection (if needed)	On Site
October 2026		
2 October 2026	Development Management Committee* (10.00am)	Parke
9 October 2026	Park Management Working Panel – All Day Tour	On Site
16 October 2026	Site Inspection (if needed)	On Site
November 2026		
6 November 2026	<b>Authority Meeting*</b> (10:00am)	Parke
6 November 2026	Audit & Governance Committee* (on rising of Authority)	Parke
6 November 2026	Standards Sub-Committee* (on rising of A&G committee)	Parke
12 November 2026	National Park Forum (2.00pm)	Parke
December 2026		
4 December 2026	Development Management Committee* (10.00am)	Parke
4 December 2026	<b>Authority Meeting*</b> (on rising of DM committee)	Parke
9 December 2026	DNPA Conference	On Site
11 December 2026	Planning & Sustainable Development Working Panel	Parke
18 December 2026	Site Inspection (if needed)	On Site