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DARTMOOR NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

Friday 03 July 2026

The next meeting of the Authority will be held on the above date, **commencing at 11.30am, or on the rising of the Annual Authority Meeting**, whichever is the later, in the Ian Mercer Meeting Room at Parke, Bovey Tracey, TQ13 9JQ to consider the following matters. Registered speakers are able to participate remotely or in person by following [our procedure](#).

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Tom Surrey
Chief Executive (National Park Officer)

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 Dartmoor National Park

 Dartmoor National Park Authority

Will Dracup Chair **Tom Surrey** Chief Executive (National Park Officer)

The purposes of the Dartmoor National Park Authority are to conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the National Park and to promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the area's special qualities.

In pursuing these purposes, the Authority has a duty to seek to foster the economic and social well-being of the local community

AGENDA

PART I - OPEN PROCEEDINGS

1 Welcome and Apologies

2 Declarations of Interest

Members are invited to declare any pecuniary, registerable or personal interest relating to any agenda item at this stage in the meeting.

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Please raise any issues or questions with the relevant officer **before** the meeting.

4 Chair's Report

5 Items Requiring Urgent Attention

6 Public Participation

To answer any questions or to receive any statements, representations or petitions which relate to the published reports in Part I of the Agenda. Representations will be heard immediately prior to the item to which they refer.

7 Update on Dartmoor's Dynamic Landscapes Programme

Report of the Strategic Planning & Projects Manager NPA/26/015 (Pg. 8)

PART II - ITEMS WHICH MAY BE TAKEN IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ON THE GROUNDS THAT EXEMPT INFORMATION MAY BE DISCLOSED

None

MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO SIGN THE ATTENDANCE REGISTER

Membership: W Dracup, M Fife Cook, J Galbenu, G Hill, M Jeffery, R Keeling, J Major, S Morgan, C Mott, J Nutley, M Owen, G Pannell, M Renders, S Rogers, M Seddon, P Smerdon, D Thomas, M Williams, P Woods*

** subject to confirmation of extension to term of appointment*

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Public Minutes of the Authority Meeting held on 1 May 2026

Present: Will Dracup (Chair), Catherine Shewan (Independent Person), Michael Fife Cook, Julia Galbenu, Gay Hill, Mike Jeffery, Sally Morgan, Caroline Mott, John Nutley, Mark Owen, Mark Renders, Mary Seddon, Peter Smerdon, Dan Thomas, Mark Williams, Pamela Woods

Apologies: Jack Major, Guy Pannell, Richard Keeling, Stuart Rogers

Officers in attendance: Tom Surrey Chief Executive (National Park Officer), Richard Drysdale (Director of Conservation and Communities), Dean Kinsella (Director of Spatial Planning), Liz Payne (Senior Planning Policy Officer), Charlotte Easton (Head of Communications & Engagement), Simon Lee (Head Ranger), Luke Engel (Sector Ranger), Jamie Halton (Assistant Ranger), Penny Bailey (Minutes), Jad Kozuch (Minutes)

3758 Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed Catherine Shewan, Independent Person together with any members of the press and public who may be listening in.

3759 Declarations of Interest

Mr Dracup, Mr Owen, Mr Williams declared personal interests in items featuring Farming in Protected Landscapes, Central Dartmoor Landscape Recovery and Dartmoor's Dynamic Landscapes.

3760 Minutes of the meeting held on 6 March 2026

The public minutes of the meeting held on 6 March 2026, having been printed and circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

3761 Chair's Report

The Chair reported:

- Attendance at a meeting in the Lake District with Members of Parliament, noting that although it involved significant travel, it was a productive and enjoyable engagement;
- Various events held over recent months in connection with the transition of the Chief Executive, including a farewell to Dr Kevin Bishop (outgoing Chief Executive) and activities to welcome and induct his successor Mr Tom Surrey.
- A particularly busy period personally, including the lambing season, during which the DNPA Youth Rangers participated, providing a positive and enjoyable experience.
- A Rural Crime Initiative meeting held recently, which was well attended and highlighted Dartmoor's leading role in addressing rural crime, with thanks extended to Mr Drysdale and the team for their support in delivering this work.

3762 Items Requiring Urgent Attention

None.

3763 Public Participation

None.

3764 Introductory remarks from Tom Surrey, new Chief Executive (National Park Officer)

Mr Surrey expressed his thanks to Members for his appointment as Chief Executive, noting that it was a significant personal milestone and a privilege to take on the role.

First comments and observations:

- A strong personal connection to Dartmoor, having grown up in the area, and his belief in the importance of empowering local communities to achieve the best outcomes.
- He had now completed his first five weeks in post and expressed appreciation to officers and partners, including those in the farming, commoning and environmental communities, for their warm welcome and support.
- Expressed gratitude to his predecessor, Dr Kevin Bishop, for his support during the transition, and recognition of the legacy of previous National Park Officers.
- That the 75th anniversary of the National Park provides an opportunity to reflect on past achievements and consider future ambitions, highlighting the importance of national parks as part of the country's infrastructure.
- The challenges facing Dartmoor, including climate change, demographic changes in the Southwest, increasing development pressures and the need for the Authority to respond accordingly.
- Key areas of focus moving forward, including work relating to the Dartmoor land use management group, landscape recovery programmes, the review of the uplands and partnership working through Dartmoor Futures.
- The importance of collaboration with local communities, partners, and stakeholders, recognising both residents and the significant number of visitors to the National Park.
- The need to strengthen engagement with young people as part of the Authority's long-term vision.
- Upcoming opportunities, including consultation on the next five-year Partnership Plan and the development of a new Local Plan, emphasising the importance of partnership working, clear priorities, and accountability in delivery.

3765 Annual review 2025-26

Considered: The report of the Head of Communications and Engagement (NPA/26/012)

Members noted:

- The Annual Review is produced each year to summarise work undertaken during the previous financial year, highlighting key achievements, challenges and notable contributions.
- Subject to Members' comments and approval, the final document would be designed, published on the Authority's website and circulated to key partners and stakeholders, including government departments, local MPs and constituent local authorities.
- The draft Annual Review had been submitted for comment prior to finalisation.
- The Review summarises delivery against the Authority's six Business Plan priorities: nature, cultural heritage, farming and forestry, people, communities and business, and organisational excellence.

- 2025/26 had been a year of strong achievement, made possible through the support and engagement of partners, communities, businesses, government agencies and volunteers, to whom formal thanks were extended.
- The year had also presented challenges, including increased public attention on Dartmoor, the outcome of the legal challenge relating to backpack camping, financial pressures affecting National Parks, and the closure of the Princetown Visitor Centre.
- The Authority had received recognition through awards, including success at the Devon Tourism Awards for its visitor centres, reflecting high-quality service and accessibility improvements.
- Progress made through key initiatives, including the FIPL programme supporting over 200 projects, expansion of the Miles Without Stiles network, and the launch of Dartmoor's Dynamic Landscapes programme, supporting job creation and partnership working.
- Advances in cultural heritage work, including new Mesolithic discoveries and ongoing analysis of the Cut Hill Bronze Age site, contributing to the protection and interpretation of Dartmoor's archaeology; and
- That the Annual Review provides a summary rather than a comprehensive account of all activities undertaken by the Authority.

Members welcomed the report and commended the work of officers, noting it provides a strong snapshot of activity, though not a full account of all work undertaken. They suggested enhancing the document through the inclusion of clearer links to supporting materials (e.g. via QR codes or similar tools) to provide additional context and accessibility for readers. A Member highlighted the valuable work of visitor centre staff and the high standards achieved, particularly in relation to external recognition.

Concern was raised that some sections, particularly relating to communities and business, lacked sufficient detail, and that greater emphasis should be placed on illustrating engagement and activity in these areas. In response, officers welcomed the feedback, noting that the Annual Review is an evolving document. It was confirmed that suggestions regarding improved accessibility, use of feedback, inclusion of supporting material, and strengthening content in specific areas would be considered in future iterations.

Resolved: Members noted the report and Dartmoor National Park Authority's Annual Review 2025/26.

3766 Presentation by the Ranger Team

Members received a presentation from the Ranger Team highlighting their work over the previous 12 months. They reported on the structure of the Ranger Team and staffing updates, including temporary support to address increased pressures on access and infrastructure; the range of core activities undertaken, including maintenance of rights of way and partnership working with landowners and organisations; ongoing outreach and engagement work with local communities, schools, volunteers and partner agencies, as well as attendance at events and parish meetings;

They emphasised the importance of public education in promoting responsible behaviour, with Rangers taking an advisory and supportive approach when engaging with visitors. Items covered include the increased visitor pressures at key locations and the associated impact on the National Park, including issues such as fires, fly camping and littering, and the work undertaken to address these.

The valuable contribution of volunteers was gratefully recognised. Ranger training and development was appreciated, including collaboration with partner organisations and emergency services. Project work delivered alongside core duties, including access improvements, car park enhancements and environmental restoration initiatives have taken place.

Members thanked the Ranger Team for an informative presentation and commended the breadth of work undertaken.

Members discussed:

- The importance of ongoing education and awareness, with emphasis on addressing unintentional harmful behaviour by visitors and strengthening public understanding of National Park rules;
- Increasing visitor pressures, including motorhomes, camping activity and general recreational use, and the need to adapt messaging and management approaches in response;
- The continued use and effectiveness of body-worn cameras for staff safety and evidential purposes;
- Concerns regarding dog fouling and wider responsible dog ownership, with support expressed for continued education campaigns such as “Dogs on Dartmoor” and partnership working;
- The value of partnership approaches and volunteer involvement in delivering education, enforcement support and visitor engagement;
- The need to maintain a visible Ranger presence on the ground alongside wider communications and education initiatives;
- Issues such as fly tipping and littering, with recognition of increasing incidents and the need for coordinated responses including signage, enforcement tools and potential surveillance measures;
- The importance of improving national-level public education around countryside behaviour, including suggestions for stronger government-led campaigns and early education in schools;
- The importance of engaging young people through programmes such as Junior Rangers and wider educational outreach;
- Changing patterns of behaviour, including increased recreational pressures and evolving attitudes towards compliance with National Park guidance.

The Chair thanked the Ranger Team for their work and presentation.

3767 Appointment of Interim Chief Financial Officer (Section 151 Officer)

Considered: The report of the Chief Executive (National Park Officer) (NPA/26/013).

Members noted the forthcoming departure of the current Section 151 Officer Angela Stirland, with thanks expressed for her long-standing service to the Authority;

It is proposed to appoint an interim Section 151 Officer on a temporary basis while the Authority undertakes a wider review of its organisational and financial arrangements. The proposed appointee is already working with the Authority and brings relevant experience, including familiarity with the new financial system and expertise in capital accounting.

Resolved: Members approved the appointment of the interim Chief Financial Officer (Section 151 Officer).

3768 Local Plan Timetable

Considered: The report of the Senior Planning Policy Officer (NPA/26/014).

Members were advised that new legislation has introduced a revised, more structured plan-making process with defined stages and fixed timescales, including approximately 23 months for preparation and six months for examination. Key statutory milestones include publication of the timetable, notice to commence plan-making, gateway assessments with the Planning Inspector, public consultations, and submission for examination. That initial preparatory work has already commenced, including review of the existing Local Plan, alignment with the emerging national policy framework, and identification of evidence base gaps;

In discussion, Members raised:

- The need for clarity regarding alignment with the national planning policy framework and the implications of ongoing national policy changes;
- Concerns regarding recruitment and availability of suitably qualified planning staff to support delivery of the timetable, noting wider national shortages in the profession.

In response, officers advised that:

- The evolving national policy context presents both challenges and opportunities, and the Authority will need to remain flexible and responsive as further details are confirmed;
- Securing additional funding will assist in resourcing the plan-making process, though recruitment of experienced planning professionals remains a recognised challenge across the sector.

A Member emphasised the importance of Member engagement in the Planning and Sustainable Development Panel and encouraged continued participation in future sessions.

- Resolved:** Members:
- i. agreed the timetable for the preparation of the new Dartmoor Local Plan;
 - ii. delegated authority to the Director of Spatial Planning to prepare the final timetable document and publish on the website on or before 30 June 2026;
 - iii. delegated authority to the Director of Spatial Planning to publish the notice to commence plan making on the website on or before 30 June 2026; and
 - iv. delegated authority to the Director of Spatial Planning to update the timetable as required.



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Dartmoor National Park Authority

3 July 2026

Update on Dartmoor's Dynamic Landscapes Programme

Report of the Strategic Planning & Projects Manager

Recommendation: **That Members take note of the contents of the report.**

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report provides a summary update on the progress of the Dartmoor's Dynamic Landscapes programme since the previous report, [being July 2025](#). The Partnership follow a quarterly reporting cycle and at the time of writing and presentation to Authority the formal April to June 2026 reports have not been received from Partners but commentary is provided based on our regular communication with project leads.

2. Background

- 2.1 In July 2024 Members approved submission of a bid to The National Lottery Heritage Fund (HF) for a partnership programme of work to be delivered between 2025 and 2030 ([NPA/24/032](#)), we duly submitted the bid for funding and were awarded a grant of £3,124,178, towards the total programme value of £5,559,384, at the end of 2024.
- 2.2 Dartmoor's Dynamic Landscapes (DDL) is a partnership comprising nine organisations, delivering fifteen projects (see Appendix A for a list of projects). Not all projects run throughout the full five years.
- 2.3 DDL has a landscape focus on three of Dartmoor's river catchments, the Okement, Dart, Erme & Yealm as well as Okehampton, Princetown and Ivybridge (a map of the programme area is shown in Appendix C).
- 2.4 DNPA is the lead partner, the Woodland Trust being the other principal partner. The rest of the delivery partnership is made up of the RSPB, Walk Wheel Cycle Trust (formerly Sustrans), South West Water (for the South West Peatland Partnership), Environment Agency through the Dartmoor Headwaters Project, Shallowford Trust, Emergency Exit Arts, and Westcountry Rivers Trust.
- 2.5 Over the course of the programme the DDL projects will:

- Gather information, vital to understanding natural and cultural heritage, by supporting around 150 new citizen scientists (through 5 projects looking at meadows, river health, moorland birds, ancient trees and tin streaming archaeology).
- Enhance and restore over 1,000 hectares of habitat for nature
- Contribute to Dartmoor's knowledge & skill base. Exploring the application of new technology, woodland management, access to funding and organisational sustainability for farmers and other land managers.
- Improve and encourage responsible car free access to green space around the three focus towns, through practical improvements and a project to encourage 3,000 people to walk, wheel and cycle.
- Celebrate and learn about Dartmoor's natural heritage through a series of events attended by over 20,000 people.

2.6 Critically the DDL programme will be delivering to the aims and outcomes of the National Park Partnership Plan.

3. Progress & milestones

- 3.1 All scheduled projects are underway (the Shallowford Trust's Farm to City project is not scheduled until 2028) with most making very good progress. Most of the new roles created through the programme were filled by the start of 2026 with people who are proving motivated and highly capable.
- 3.2 Collaboration between partners has started very well with both people engagement and land management project leads communicating regularly to coordinate their work and add value through the partnership model. The Champion Schools approach led by the Authority's Community Engagement Rangers has proved especially successful, being taken up by 12 of 13 schools in the immediate programme area. All projects with a youth/people engagement focus have joined in with this coordinated multi-partner approach to schools and their communities.
- 3.3 Dartmoor's Dynamic Landscapes is particularly focused on citizen science approaches, helping people play a greater role in understanding and caring for Dartmoor. The RSPB's Moorland Bird Surveys are now exceeding their aims for survey data and numbers of surveyors involved. The Woodland Trust and Westcountry Rivers Trust are also making excellent progress with their projects under this theme.
- 3.4 At the Woodland Trust's Hall Farm, Seb Powell and family have made exceptional progress in their project to demonstrate opportunities for trees, woodland and nature within a successful farm business. Thousands of trees have been planted, creating 4ha new woodland and 5ha wood pasture. Work is also underway to plan ambitious wetland restoration work there.
- 3.5 We are showing Peatland Restoration work within the DDL area as 'Behind schedule' as the South West Peatland Partnership (SWPP) prioritised other areas in the last restoration season. SWPP have a far wider remit than the DDL programme area and we have only planned to include a relatively small amount of their work within DDL, so are confident that the anticipated output will be achieved in future programme years.
- 3.6 Some good work has been delivered by the Dartmoor Headwaters Project in the DDL area so far with exciting prospects under development. However, the Headwaters team has recently been short of staff with new officers joining from mid-2026, so there will be a period of lower output while the team returns to a full complement of staff.

- 3.7 The Rivers & Moorland Festival delivered a range of valuable output and was very well received, so represents an excellent start in an ambitious project. The aim of the project is to celebrate Dartmoor's special qualities with our focus towns, and the approach was enthusiastically welcomed by Ivybridge to run alongside their own summer event (run for the first time in 2025). The event included a programme of walks, day of talks on the Friday and then a creative community day on the Saturday with a procession led by Lady Erme (a giant puppet) and local school children carrying an artistic representation of the river. The project supported two headline and a number of smaller art commissions, all of which were well received and provided a diverse mix of local people to showcase their talent. Despite rain throughout the morning and a yellow warning for wind on the Saturday, the event ran as planned and was enjoyed by over 2000 people.

4. Governance arrangements

- 4.1 The Partnership is overseen by an Executive Board, comprising representatives from DNPA and the Woodland Trust. This board meets quarterly (aligning with quarterly reporting and claims required by HF). The DDL Partnership are grateful to DNPA Member Dr Mary Seddon, for chairing the Executive Board and providing valuable insight, advocacy and support.
- 4.2 A full meeting of the Delivery Board, all Partners represented, should take place twice a year and the next full meeting of the Partnership is planned for 3rd August 2026.
- 4.3 Communication and collaboration across the Partnership is facilitated by a monthly meeting of project delivery leads which has been well attended and seems valued.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 Almost all projects are running within planned budgets relative to activity so far. Projects are set at differing funding requirements with some being net contributors to the overall programme finances and others being a net cost. The South West Peatland Partnership and Dartmoor Headwaters Project are fully funded out with the Heritage Fund grant and so are net contributors to the programme finance, the lower than expected level of peatland restoration work and Headwaters delivery to date creates a greater cash flow need for DNPA in the short term.
- 5.2 Partners are committed to finding additional match funding for the programme and included a Fundraising Plan valued at £389,000 as part of the bid to HF. £195,000 of this additional funding is intended for the River & Moorland Festivals and £43,000 of this additional funding was secured against the first festival in Ivybridge (with £30,500 from Arts Council England (ACE)). Other match funding is being identified, including from DEFRA Access for All and Farming in Protected Landscapes, alongside bids for grants to be submitted shortly.
- 5.3 Most projects requiring additional match funding have the flexibility to be scaled down to still deliver at a reduced budget if this proves necessary.

6. Equality and Impact Assessment

- 6.1 The DDL Partnership specifically aims to increase understanding of and between under-represented groups and to provide access to nature and the National Park to a wider range of people, providing better physical access and better information. Specific examples include Girls Do Dartmoor, building confidence of teenage girls to enjoy the

National Park and outdoors generally, supporting creative people through our festival work, providing knowledge exchange activities for next generation Commoners.

7. Conclusion

- 7.1 The Dartmoor's Dynamic Landscapes programme provides a significant opportunity to deliver the aims of the National Park Partnership Plan by working in partnership with a range of other organisations, stakeholders and local community groups.
- 7.2 In 2026 Partners have the good fortune to have been joined by a number of excellent dedicated staff who, supported by enthusiastic colleagues across the Partnership, are delivering a wealth of valuable work. There are challenges to navigate but the Programme is off to a strong start.

JAMES SHARPE

Background Papers:

Report April 2022 (NPA/22/020)

Report January 2024 (NPA/24/01)

Report & decision July 2024 ([NPA/24/032](#))

Report July 2025

Attachments: **Appendix A - List of DDL projects including summary report**
 Appendix B - Table showing roles created within DDL
 Appendix C - Map of DDL area

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Appendix A: Showing brief summary of each progress by project

Code	Project title & description	Progress to date	Activity to date	Cost	Risk	Comment
RIV	Understanding Rivers: the Westcountry Rivers Trust (WRT) will recruit, train and support a network of volunteers and volunteer coordinators to undertake water quality and biological monitoring in the DDL focus rivers.	Progress as scheduled	Following planning and preparation in the early part of the year, this project became active in April '26 as planned. Run 2 Citizen Science Investigates (CSI) volunteer training sessions, run CSI sessions with Champion Schools also working with a Home Educators group, run training session for Riverfly Monitoring scheme, run introductory guided walks to river sites for prospective volunteers. Contribute to Rivers & Moorland Festival in Ivybridge with activity both days	As budget	Risk as expected	
BIR	Understanding Moorland Birds: establish a small team of skilled volunteers to undertake annual surveys, aims to help land managers and owners across the Commons and Newtakes understand more about the birds on their land.	Ahead of schedule	• 2024/2025 Breeding Bird Survey Reports complete • Volunteer training session in March, recruited new surveyors, co-ordinate with new sites & prep'd • Expanded new sites to survey – approached landowners/Common Associations – identified additional survey routes	As budget	Risk as expected	7 new volunteers recruited and volunteer registration undertaken, new sites and survey routes added to last years'
ATH	Dartmoor's Ancient Tree Hunt: work with local communities to raise awareness about and encourage people to survey and record Ancient and Veteran Trees. The Woodland Trust will collaborate with other partners engaging young people.	Late start - progressing	2 recorder training sessions in April, 1 for existing volunteers, 1 for 18-25yr olds with contractor engaged to deliver 4 more this year. 1 primary school session booked with 65 (approx) children to attend event in the wood in April.	Underspent to date	Risk as expected	Also attended 3 x school assemblies at champion schools with project partners with DNPA and Walk, Wheel, Cycle trust. This has created contacts with teachers for future events, created competition to go in first school newsletter. Outreach advisor in post from the 12 January. This has delayed event rollout.
HAL	Hall Farm: learning from a newly tenanted farm to understand how trees, woodland and other natural capital can be successfully incorporated into a viable family farm business.	Ahead of schedule	Since March 2025 the Woodland Trust have welcomed tenants Seb Powell and his family to Hall Farm, they have a dairy and beef herd, now well established at the farm. As part of the aspiration of demonstrating how trees can be integrated into a farmed landscape funding has been sought to fund all nature restoration works: Dartmoor Headwaters is writing a feasibility study (PA2) due to be submitted in September 2026 with aspiration of installing Natural Flood management across the farm utilising Higher level stewardship SW12. Woodland Trust supported by Plymouth and South Devon Community Forest have planted 7000 trees creating 4.08Ha of new woodland and 4.94Ha of new Wood pasture this winter. With Seb and the Woodland Trust 4 showcasing events have hosted at Hall Farm attended by 76 people. Two more events delivered in May.	As budget	Risk as expected	

WNM	Wood n' Moor: further developing an economically viable model for restoration of ancient semi-natural woodland sites on lower value plantations.	Progress as scheduled	Restoration work underway at 3 forestry plantations on ancient woodland sites. The WT has worked with 3 private landowners this winter felling Larch, Spruce and Douglas fir to restore the ancient woodland character. This timber is being sold to a variety of markets dependant on quality, but includes the Sout West Peatland Partnership. 2 demonstration days were well attended in April, and a further 1 is planned in August to present economically viable management options to woodland managers. Woodland Trust have made a film with one of the landowners explaining the work of Wood n' Moor, available soon.	As budget	Risk as expected	
PEA	Peatland Restoration: While the Peatland Partnership undertake restoration of important peatland sites, other DDL Partners will help people learn more about this natural resource and seek opportunities for other integrated benefits.	Behind schedule	Marked underspent/behind scheduled as, although peatland restoration across Dartmoor progresses very well, less delivered in DDL area last season. Should be temporary as difference should be made up next season or by Headwaters peatland restoration work.	Underspent to budget	Risk as expected	
WLD	The Dartmoor Headwaters Project: is an Environment Agency funded project that delivers natural flood management (NFM) interventions, alongside flood mitigation, the project aims to enhance biodiversity and build climate resilience across priority catchments, including those above Ivybridge and Okehampton.	Behind schedule	Woodland creation on Harford Moor and scrape/wetland creation in Erme catchment. Progressed pipeline projects and supported work at Hall Farm. Good opportunities under development in Okement and Erme catchments	Underspent to budget	Risk as expected	
FRM	Hillfarm Hub: will provide additional support through the Dartmoor Hill Farm Project, this will include knowledge sharing opportunities and targeted help to develop bespoke projects and access funding for farms and Commons.	Progress as scheduled	Consulting with Commons Associations and Commoners' Council regarding their needs (aim to support governance and administration) Working with new farmer cluster in Erme catchment and started discussions with a second possible cluster. SFI 26 guidance events being planned across the area during summer Young Commoners knowledge exchange trip planned with New Forest Develop 2 tech pilots (including biophone remote monitoring) with FiPL funding applications	As budget	Risk as expected	
HAB	Understanding Grasslands: training in grassland survey techniques and recording species rich grassland.	Behind schedule	Some meadow survey has taken place, now working to refocus of project with Moor Meadows, bid for additional funding, map and contact meadow landowners adjoining Central Dartmoor Landscape Recovery (CDLR)	As budget	Risk as expected	Exploring options for a re-focussed project with CDLR that should provide greater benefit.

FES	River and Moorland Festivals: A series of community focused arts festivals in the three towns, developed in consultation with local communities and creative people. The festivals provide a focus for partners to work together and help celebrate the landscape story.	Progress as scheduled	Successful Festival event was delivered on 5th & 6th June in Ivybridge despite unfavourable weather around 2000 people attended. Project review underway prior to planning next phase of work, responses are very positive, including from the Town Council and local businesses.	As budget	Risk as expected	
MSC	Moorscapes: a community grant scheme for smaller local organisations to deliver their own projects.	Late start - progressing	First enquiries received, working with community applicants to bring forward first applications Panel inducted	As budget	Risk as expected	
GWY12	Harnessing the Flow: volunteers will be trained and supported to undertake surveys of tin streaming features on Dartmoor.	Behind schedule	Reviewing survey method prior to launch, initial core of volunteers should be easy to find through Dartmoor Tin Research Group.	As budget	Risk as expected	Reviewing survey method prior to launch, initial core of volunteers should be easy to find through Dartmoor Tin Research Group.
GWYa	Gateway Hubs: improving knowledge of nature, as well as local green space in the three towns, with a focus on better understanding of Dartmoor as a living landscape and responsible visitor behaviour.	Progress as scheduled	Launched DDL Champion Schools project and successfully recruited local schools. Started by attending assemblies alongside other DDL Partners with school engagement aims, 5 primary schools over 1,000 children. Delivered nature based session to 13 primary aged children on residential at Shallowford. Now working on delivering Girls Do Dartmoor project while planning Future Skills week (introduction to career opportunities within our sector for young people) while continuing with Champion Schools Supported Rivers & Moorland Festival	As budget	Risk as expected	
GWYb	Gateway Hubs: improving accessibility and knowledge of local green space in the three towns.	Late start - progressing	Access improvements in Victoria Park, Ivybridge and at Nunn's Cross in planning & preparation stage.	As budget	Risk as expected	Quotes sought for access improvements in Ivybridge and work planned.
BIK	Bike It Moor: working with primary and secondary schools in Ivybridge, Okehampton and Princetown to increase the number of pupils and their families actively travelling (walk, wheel, scoot and cycle) and connect them to local green spaces.	Late start - progressing	Working with Partners through Champion Schools approach Engaged with five schools so far, supported Rivers & Moorland Festival	As budget	Risk as expected	Working with DDL Engagement Officers, WT and WRT
F2C	Farm to City: A programme of activities to connect and engage communities living in Wandsworth, London, with farming and conservation communities on Dartmoor. The project will take a Dartmoor farm to inner London.	Progress as scheduled	Due 2028	As budget	Risk as expected	
PRG	Programme Management - staffing	Late start - progressing	Full team inducted and working efficiently	As budget	Risk as expected	Comms Officer, Tilly Craig in post January '26 and delivering a substantial amount of good work. Alex Angevi started on 5th May and has immediately picked up priority project work and partnership support at a high standard.
PRG	Programme Management - Governance	Progress as scheduled	Regular partnership meetings running as planned with a full partner meeting scheduled for 3rd August.	As budget	Risk as expected	

PRG	Programme Management - Communications	Late start - progressing	Standalone Rivers & Moorland Festival website launched. DDL Programme pages on existing DNPA website a priority for Comms Officer in Q4, aim to have more developed DDL pages on new DNPA website as soon as it's launched (expected summer '26) Substantial support provided to Rivers & Moorland Festival (print flier and brochure, advertising, press releases and social media as well as photography at the event)	As budget	Risk as expected	
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Appendix B: Table showing roles created within DDL

Staff posts to be appointed (with Dartmoor National Park Authority for 5 years unless specified):	At June 2026
Conservation Adviser 0.6FTE (RSPB)	recruited during development phase
Programme Manager 1FTE	The Strategic Planning and Projects Manager has led for DNPA throughout and solely working on DDL from June 2025
Land Management Officer 1FTE	Dartmoor Farming Officer (Dartmoor Hill Farm Project) seconded to this post
Community Engagement Officer 0.6FTE	Community Engagement Ranger seconded to this post part time 0.6fte
Assistant Community Engagement Officer 0.6FTE	Assistant Community Engagement Ranger recruited* December 2025
Communications Officer 0.5FTE	recruited January 2026
Finance and Administration Assistant 0.6FTE	Assistance provided to this role part time
Business Support Support Officer 0.8FTE	Assistance provided to this role from May 2026
Woodland Adviser 1FTE (Woodland Trust)	recruited January 2026
Farm to City Project Officer 0.6FTE, 1 year (Shallowford Trust)	Not yet due for recruitment as project scheduled 2028
Bike It Moor Project Officer 1FTE, 3 years (Sustrans)	recruited January 2026
	* dates given as 'recruited' are start in post



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