



South Devon
National
Landscape

Partnership Meeting

to be held at

10am on Friday 19 July 2024

Repton Room at Follaton House and via Zoom

Agenda & Papers

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National Landscape Partnership Membership

Members nominated by local authorities

Devon County Council

Cllr Roger Croad
Cllr Jonathan Hawkins
(officer advising Kate Hind)
tbc following restructure
Cllr Georgina Allen
Cllr John McKay
(officer advising Chris Brook)
Cllr Christine Carter
(officer advising Tracy Brooks)

Plymouth City Council
South Hams District Council

Torbay Council

Members nominated by statutory agencies

Environment Agency
Forestry Commission
Historic England
Natural England

Emma Magee
Joshua Bennett
Ross Simmonds
Eamon Crowe

Members co-opted by Partnership

Independent
National Trust
Plymouth University
South West Coast Path Association

Peter Sandover (Chair)
Richard Snow
John Martin (Vice Chair)
Ken Carter

Community Representatives

Amenity groups
Business community
Coast and marine sector
Community/voluntary groups
Environmental organisations (NGOs)
Landowning/farming community
Parish Councils
Tourism community

Penny Mills
Gary Jolliffe
Natasha Bradshaw
Vacant
Ed Parr-Ferris
Leah Harris
Peter Hinchliffe
Laura Campbell

National Landscape team staff attending

Manager
Office Manager

Roger English
Vanessa Gray

Additional attendees

Plymouth Sound National Marine Park

Elaine Hayes (attending in-person)
Chief Executive Officer

National Trails UK

Kate Jury (attending remotely)
Coastal Wildbelt Project Officer

Agenda

Item 1 (5 mins)	Briefing on Plymouth and South Devon Freeport for National Landscape Partnership members & statements from members of the public	
The formal meeting and live recording to YouTube will immediately follow any statements from members of the public.		
Item 2 (5 mins)	Introductions & apologies for absence	
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Item 8 (20 mins) (5 mins) (5 mins) (5 mins) (5 mins)	South Devon National Landscape Management 8a) Plymouth Sound National Marine Park & The Horizons Project – Elaine Hayes, National Marine Park 8b) Progress towards a Devon Local Nature Recovery Strategy 8c) Management Plan Delivery Plan - highlights of actions 8d) Summary of National Landscape Core Funding Group April 2024 8e) Review of the 2019-2025 area of outstanding natural beauty Management Plan	Verbal Page 30 Page 33 Verbal Verbal
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ITEM 4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOUTH DEVON NATIONAL LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP HELD AT FOLLATON HOUSE AND VIA ZOOM ON FRIDAY 15 MARCH 2024

1. PUBLIC STATEMENTS

- 1.1. One statement was given by a member of the public on the subject of "Plymouth and South Devon Freeport's proposed economic uplift, development, screening and ramifications in relation to targets and outcomes, priorities and the review of the AONB Management Plan". The Chair thanked the member of the public and requested a copy of the statement which shall be shared with Partnership members and will report back in consultation with SHDC.

2. INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Those present were:

Peter Chamberlain	PC	Devon County Council
Cllr Georgina Allen	GA	South Hams District Council
Cllr John McKay	JM	South Hams District Council
Chris Brook	CB	South Hams District Council
Cllr Christine Carter	CC	Torbay Council
Tracy Brooks	TB	Torbay Council
Eamon Crowe	EC	Natural England
Peter Sandover	Chair	Independent
Ken Carter	KC	South West Coast Path Association
Penny Mills	PM	Representative: amenity groups
Natasha Bradshaw	NB	Representative: coast and marine
Leah Harris	LH	Representative: Landowning & farming
Peter Hinchliffe	PH	Representative: parish and town councils
Laura Campbell	LC	Representative: tourism

Also attending

Becky Hughes	BH	Natural England: from item 6A onwards
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National Landscape staff attending:

Roger English	RE	NL Manager
Nicky Bailey	NB	NL Community Projects Officer (presenter)
Phoebe Rhead		NL FiPL Administrator (meeting assistance)

Apologies for absence were received from:

Cllr Roger Croad	RC	Devon County Council
Graham Swiss	GS	South Hams District Council
Emma Magee	EM	Environment Agency
Joshua Bennett	JB	Forestry Commission
Matthew Odgers-Brown	MOB	Forestry Commission
Richard Snow		National Trust
Ed Parr Ferris		Representative: environmental organisations

Observers:

Observers were requested to follow the meeting live via YouTube.

The Chair apologised for late issue of meeting papers; best endeavours will be made to issue in a more timely fashion for the next meeting.

The Chair welcomed Leah Harris to the Partnership, who initially attended as an observer pending co-option to the landowning and farming representative role.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

3.1. No interests were declared.

4. MINUTES OF THE 24 NOVEMBER 2023 PARTNERSHIP MEETING FOR APPROVAL & ANY MATTERS ARISING

4.1. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARTNERSHIP MEETING ON 24 NOVEMBER 2023

Proposed: Eamon Crowe

Seconded: Peter Chamberlain

Resolved: No objections, the minutes were approved.

4.2. Matters arising:

- i. March meeting action 7 (Vice-chair): Contact the AONB Manager regarding the two year research project. Update provided by the NL Manager: meeting arranged for next week, covering a number of items.
- ii. June meeting action 3 (NL Manager): circulate rebranding information pack when received with an invitation for feedback. This was circulated with the minutes of the November meeting.
- iii. Action 1 (Diane Lethbridge): Investigate options to cover existing gateway signs and develop a programme to replace. Update provided by the NL Manager: A programme for replacing signage when required in addition to new signage is in development. Additionally, a capital fund has been made available by Defra for spend in 2024/25
- iv. Action 2 (NL Manager): Is there scope within the neighbourhood proportion of Community Infrastructure Levy funding that parish councils may have available for any necessary rebranding. Update provided by the NL Manager: the principal for this is under discussion.
- v. Action 3 (Cllr McKay): Connect the NL Manager with Jane Nichols at Sustainable South Hams and provide contact information to Peter Hinchliffe. Nicky Bailey: I have been in contact with SusSH.
- vi. Action 4 (All): Contact the NL Manager with ideas for sources of information and suggested approach to consultations. NL Manager: there are still opportunities to assist with the Management Plan review. Chair: there is an opportunity for myself and Peter Hinchliffe to work together to engage clusters of parishes in the process.
- vii. Action 5 (NL Manager): Draw on findings from the University of West England report. NL Manager: we have a copy and the agenda item covering Management Plan review will show how we draw on evidence such as this.
- viii. Action 6 (Eamon Crowe): Arrange a meeting to discuss further with the NL Manager, Emma Magee and James Mason (Forestry Commission). Eamon Crowe: Conversations have taken place independently, next step to have a meeting together.

- ix. Action 7 (Diane Lethbridge): Send a list of parish and town councils in and partly in the South Devon National Landscape. Complete.
- x. Penny Mills requested an update on the shared planning resource; getting someone on board will clearly help and the sooner the better. NL Manager: Despite repeatedly seeking contractor support pending recruitment, found either the rates are unaffordable or there are significant conflicts of interest. There is a window of opportunity next week, before Chris Woodruff leaves East Devon, to finalise the Partnership agreement between the three National Landscapes. Chair: I appreciate the concern and the NL Manager is working hard to fill the post which in turn will ease some pressure on the team.
Penny Mills: Is there a timescale to get the position advertised? NL Manager: from the point the Partnership Agreement is finalised together with costings, there should be no more than a four to five week period between going through the HR panel process at SHDC, going out to advert and then shortlisting. The period of time to get someone in post will depend on additional factors such as any notice period and availability to work.

ACTION 1 (NL MANAGER): REPORT PROGRESS ON RECRUITING PLANNING SUPPORT AT THE NEXT PARTNERSHIP MEETING.

5B CO-OPTION OF COMMUNITY GROUP REPRESENTATIVES

This item was introduced for the co-option of Leah Harris to the Partnership as the community representative for the farming and landowning community in the South Devon National Landscape. Partnership members were asked to consider a personal statement from Leah Harris in support of her co-option, circulated with the meeting papers on Wednesday. Leah was asked to step out of the room while voting took place.

5b.1 TO APPROVE THE CO-OPTION OF LEAH HARRIS TO THE VACANT COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE LANDOWNING AND FARMING COMMUNITY ROLE

Resolved: No objections, Leah Harris was duly co-opted.

5b.2 Upon return to the room, Leah took up the role and continued the remainder of the meeting as a member of the South Devon National Landscape Partnership.

5b.3 The NL Manager gave an update on co-option to the role of community or voluntary groups of the National Landscape: Jackie Wesley from South Hams Community Action had been hopeful to be able to take on the role however pressures of work mean this is no longer an option. Now in conversation with Sustainable South Hams, seeking their nomination for consideration. An email will be circulated if this is resolved between meetings, as hoped.

5A PARTNERSHIP CHAIR REPORT

The report provided a summary of activity over the last few months undertaken on behalf of the National Landscape Partnership by the Chair, Peter Sandover.

Partnership members are recommended to note the report and are encouraged to provide brief reports where possible in advance of scheduled meetings to assist with Item 8 Partner updates.

5a.1 Since writing the report, the Chair has visited Loddiswell and Yealmpton parish councils, who he sees as one of the ways to engage communities in the Management Plan review.

5a.2 Every parish has its own difficulties and sensitivities, one of the constant ones is the challenge of planning. One of my responses is that there is a protocol within which we work. However, parish councils that have a particular concern over an application are encouraged to feed this back to me

or the National Landscape team at the earliest opportunity. This also applied to members of this Partnership.

5a.3 **Comments and in discussion**

- i. Cllr McKay: You are not a statutory consultee so do you get notification of planning applications that could affect you?

NL Manager: South Hams District Council and Plymouth City Council provide me with copies of the weekly planning lists. Additionally, we have a planning protocol¹ in place for the local planning authorities and the Marine Management Organisation. There are a series of triggers within the protocol to determine with the SDNL team should be formally consulted. We operate a triage system on applications that have been referred to us so that the most impactful applications are prioritised and can be looked at. This will change once a planning support officer is in post.

6A **TARGETS AND OUTCOMES FRAMEWORK FOR PROTECTED LANDSCAPES**

This item covers the introduction of a new Targets and Outcomes Framework for Protected Landscapes in England and will explore implications and expectations for the South Devon National Landscape area, team, Partnership, Management Plan and group of 'relevant authorities'.

Partnership members are recommended to note the introduction of the Targets and Outcomes Framework together with links to Environment Improvement Plan 2023 outcomes; give early consideration to supporting delivery that will advance the South Devon position on the items covered by the nine pertinent targets ahead of the formal Management Plan review and are recommended to use the nine targets pertinent to the South Devon National Landscape in advocacy work.

6a.1 **Observations and in discussion**

- i. Becky Hughes, Natural England:
 - Understanding what this means will differ by each Protected Landscape.
 - This is not a reductive framework, so we need to continue to represent everything the NL is doing.
 - NE need to facilitate the work, in particular in relation to SSSI targets where there will need to be dialogue.
 - It is interesting there is no specific target for landscape condition, quality, maintain/enhance natural beauty. It may be because these do not directly link back to Environment Improvement Plan targets. It will be interesting to see if there is an appetite for proposing a specific target or how this is represented in Management Plans.
- ii. Peter Hinchliffe, representative for parish and town councils:
 - Who is responsible for monitoring?

NL Manager: the data sets, which are core for the monitoring, are overseen by Natural England on behalf of Defra. The nature of the targets mean they stray into the territory

¹ [Planning page \[South Devon NL website\]](#)

of other bodies. Progress and monitoring will only be as good as the data going in. These are important as they set the direction of travel and we have an opportunity, as part of the Management Plan process and working out what these mean in the South Devon National Landscape context, to be clear on where we are now and what contributions can be and what project activity can be undertaken.

iii. Peter Chamberlain, Devon County Council

- Some of the targets placed on Protected Landscapes are up to 50% of the national target contained in the Environmental Improvement Plan 2023, highlighting the importance of National Landscapes in delivery of the national EIP.

iv. Ken Carter, South West Coast Path Association

- Will National Trail Partnerships have a role within these targets or will they have their own set of Targets and Outcomes?
Becky Hughes: National Trails UK are not included but may be considered under this framework in the future.

v. Chris Brook, South Hams District Council

- Regarding alignment and targets and the need to build these into the Management Plan. As it is not possible to mandate partners to make improvement, there is a gap between expectation and reality.
NL Manager: You are right, the level of need and ambition does not match the funding levels now. The introduction of the enhanced duty in Countryside and Rights of Way Act means that 'must seek to further the purpose of' is being lent on heavily. This also embeds the requirement for all relevant authorities to contribute to delivery of the Management Plan, holding all partners to account. There is an expectation that the Management Plan is used as the vehicle to articulate what is needed locally. The statutory instrument is coming down the line however in its absence, some non-statutory guidance is expected in a month or two. This will help pitch the bar at the right level. The new Duty is a seismic change, as discussed at a previous Partnership meeting. Some partners may be shocked when they see the nature of the guidance and what is expected; this is a shared endeavour. Regarding funding, the amount that is really required does not match the ask. Green Finance is being lent on to bridge the gap and is largely untapped at the moment.

vi. Eamon Crowe, Natural England

- It will be useful to have a meeting with all the Devon National Landscapes, ensuring a consistent and co-ordinated approach. This can be followed up individual meetings with each National Landscape.

ACTION 2 (BH): Arrange a co-ordinated meeting with all Devon, Cornwall & IoS National Landscapes.

6B NATIONAL LANDSCAPES ASSOCIATION AND NETWORK PRIORITIES

6b.1 The NL Manager provided a verbal update and presented a few slides.

6b.2 Observations and in discussion

- i. Peter Sandover, Chair
 - Is item 4, Integrated Local Plan for each National Landscape, linked to our LPAs and to inform future Local Plans?
NL Manager: This is down to individual circumstances. I am aware that colleagues within the Joint Local Plan team have looked at and are considering the best parts of the Arnside Silverdale model.
- ii. Ken Carter, South West Coast Path Association
 - Requested a copy of the slides.
ACTION 3 (NL MANAGER): Circulate slides the NL Manager used in this meeting.
Post meeting update: meeting slides were circulated by email on the afternoon of 15 March.

6b.3 The NL Manager provided details on the 2024 National Landscapes Annual Conference² taking place 3 – 5 July at Harper Adams University and invited members of Partnership to indicate whether they are interested in attending. There is an opportunity through Defra funding to sponsor a place or two if your own organisation is unable to support a place.

Chair: I encourage Partnership members to go along and get up to date and spend time with the team and other National Landscapes attending.

6C NATIONAL CONSULTATION ON BATHING WATERS

This item provides Partnership members with an update on the Bathing Waters consultation and National Landscape response.

Partnership members are recommended to note the scope of the consultation and wider benefits should bathing water status be approved.

6c.1 Observations and in discussion

- i. Peter Hinchliffe, representative for parish and town councils:
Is this process closed or can more waters apply?
NL Manager: My understanding is the consultation based on submissions is closed however there is likely to be a further round in future where more waters, likely to include inland, can apply.
- ii. Cllr McKay, South Hams District Council
I visited a company called Valeport recently, a technology monitoring company based in Totnes. They are interested in working with SHDC, using SDF funding, to help monitor rivers like the Dart and gather data.
NL Manager: Good news. Having telemetry based system using Sondes is a good way forward.
- iii. Laura Campbell, representative for tourism community (from Zoom chat):
Particular thanks to the Friends of the Dart group, all volunteers, that have done so much to get us to this point.

7A LIFE ON THE EDGE FIVE YEAR DELIVERY PHASE

² <https://www.national-landscapes-conference.org.uk/>

The item provides an overview of the Delivery Phase to Life on the Edge (LotE), following a successful bid to the National Lottery Heritage Fund for £2.24 million, awarded to South Devon National Landscape in December 2023.

Partnership members are recommended to appoint a member to represent the Partnership on the LotE Project Advisory Group (it is suggested that this should be the Chair); to appoint the Partnership Community Representatives to the LotE Grants panel; to note the South Devon National Landscape Core Funding Group continues to provide financial oversight of LotE budgets, reported to by the LotE Project Manager; that Partnership members advocate, support and promote LotE as a flagship project of the South Devon National Landscape, to their communities and partners.

7a.1 Nicky Bailey, National Landscape Community Projects Officer, gave a presentation and provided further detail in the meeting.

7a.2 **Observations and in discussion**

- i. The Chair congratulated Nicky, the NL Manager and the team on the work invested in this.
- ii. Natasha Bradshaw, representative for coast and marine:
 - Congratulations, brilliant project. Is there an ambition to purchase any coastline within the project?
Nicky Bailey: no capital money to buy land. However, one of our key partners is the National Trust who own and manage 60% of the coastline in the project area. We also have good buy in from smaller landowners on the coastal strip.
 - Can you seek opportunities to speak about this project nationally; in an ideal world this would be happening all around the English coast. I may be able to help with this, for example through the Coastal Futures Conference³.
Nicky Bailey: The coastal wild belt project tie-in with the England Coast Path and South West Coast Path will hopefully show what has been achieved in our patch. Anything else you can think of that may be useful is welcome.
- iii. Peter Chamberlain, Devon County Council
 - Have you any gaps in match funding?
NL Manager: There is £96k still to find, which is underwritten by the District Council. However we would like to exceed the £96k target.
Peter Chamberlain: Whilst Devon County Council has been supportive of the project, I do not believe it has contributed to funding it so far, but it is possible a contribution could be made. *Post meeting update: DCC have proposed a contribution of £10,000 towards the shortfall in project funding, to be made available in early 2024/25.*
Nicky Bailey: Buglife as a charity can access funding unavailable to us. By partnering with them, the project has funding from Devon Environment Foundation, Milkywire (ethical crowd funding) and FatFace.
- iv. Laura Campbell, representative for tourism community:
 - I sit on the England's Coast Group, representing tourism on the coast. I can connect you to the group and reach more people who will be very interested in the project.
- v. Ken Carter, South West Coast Path Association:

³ <https://coastal-futures.net/>

- National Trails UK have been looking at the creation of coastal wild belt linked to the England Coast Path. We have funding and an officer in post looking at the feasibility of rolling out elements of what has been applied in Life on the Edge to other parts of the country. We are working with Defra targeting FiPL type funding to support this type of work around the coast.
- vi. Chris Brook, South Hams District Council:
- Chris Shears team have UK SPF funding focussed on delivering a regenerative agriculture programme. Ensure links are made with this.

vii. **DECISIONS**

- For the Partnership Chair to represent the Partnership on the Life on the Edge Project Advisory Group:

Proposed: As recommended in the meeting papers

Resolved: No objections

The South Devon National Landscape Partnership Chair will represent Partnership on the LotE Project Advisory Group.

- To appoint Partnership Community Representatives to the Life on the Edge Project Grants panel:

Proposed: As recommended in the meeting papers

Discussion:

- The Chair invited the community representatives attending the meeting whether they would be happy to be involved in the LotE Grants panel.

Nicky Bailey: There will be four meetings each year with one in person meeting and the rest on Teams. Four need to attend for the meeting to be quorate.

- Natasha Bradshaw, representative for coast and marine:

Four meetings a year may be challenging but happy in principle.

Resolved: No objections

The South Devon National Landscape community representatives are appointed to the LotE Project Grants panel.

7B SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL 'KEEPING IT LOCAL' PROGRAMME

Cllr John McKay provided a verbal report. Summary here

7b.1 Main points

- i. Working with the agriculture sector to develop a 'Keep It Local' scheme to promote local produce and reduce food miles.
- ii. There is a real need for a programme to help local producers get their product to local markets, create a food hub network, shorten supply chains and address emissions, with traffic representing 25% of emissions across the District.
- iii. A Keep it Local Symposium was held last November with forty delegates from across the area attending.
 - I have been speaking with those that attended the Symposium, to build a project the Council can take forward. Something about funding???
 - Dartington Estate are very interested and can see opportunities.

- The Apricot Centre project for regenerative farming and learning, part funded by the UK SPF fund, are really interested in taking the project forward and playing a key role.
- iv. I am aiming to present a reasonably well defined programme to take this forward, together with some costings, in the next month or so.
- v. We are currently recruiting a Food and Agriculture Officer who will be key to help drive this forward.
- vi. We are planning an Arts festival in 2025, with a climate change and biodiversity theme.

7b.2 **Observations and in discussion**

- i. Nicky Bailey:
 - Regarding the themed arts festival in 2025, we have art funding for LotE so it would be good to discuss this with you.
- ii. Chair:
 - I have been involved in a feasibility study for a food hub in Cornwall and can share the research and business case with you.
- iii. Leah Harris, representative for farming and landowning community:
 - Will there be links back into school catering?
Cllr McKay: I would expect schools to be involved in this.

7C **KEY PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS FROM SOUTH DEVON'S RIVER CATCHMENTS**

The item outlines three key priorities and associated actions from across South Devon's River Catchments.

Partnership members are recommended to note the scope of work undertaken by the National Landscape Estuaries Officer, other members of the team and Partnership in support of the water environment and suggest other areas of estuaries and catchment work Partnership members would like to hear more detail on within future meetings of the National Landscape Partnership.

7c.1 **Observations and in discussion**

- i. Peter Hinchliffe:
 - Interested in having more detail on initiatives relating to the Yealm estuary at a future meeting.

7D **REVIEW OF THE AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY MANAGEMENT PLAN**

The NL Manager provided a verbal report with slides. A copy of the slides will be circulated. *Post meeting update: meeting slides were circulated by email on the afternoon of 15 March.*

7E **NATIONAL LANDSCAPE TEAM PRIORITIES FOR 2024/25 FINANCIAL YEAR**

The NL Manager provided a verbal report with slides. A copy of the slides will be circulated. *Post meeting update: meeting slides were circulated by email on the afternoon of 15 March.*

7e.1 **Observations and in discussion**

- i. Chair:
 - Requests all partners to provide feedback once they have had time to digest the information, and before the next meeting.

ACTION 4 (ALL): PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON TEAM PRIORITIES**8. PARTNER UPDATES**

An opportunity for Partners to update Partnership on their projects contributing to conserving and enhancing the South Devon National Landscape and work towards Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Management Plan priorities.

8.1. Peter Chamberlain, Devon County Council

- i. We have previously spoken about the Devon Local Nature Partnership and the production of a Devon Tree and Woodland Strategy. The document will be adopted this coming Monday and will be available after Easter on the website⁴.
- ii. In relation to my departure, my role will be split into two: head of flood & coastal risk management and head of environment. The head of environment will be your key link into the County Council. The person likely to take that role is Melanie Croll. *Post meeting update: Head of Environment is Doug Eltham; County Landscape Officer Melanie Croll has been confirmed as officer advising on Partnership and Core Funding Group.*
- iii. Chair - On behalf of Partnership, thank you very much for all your hard work and commitment to the South Devon National Landscape Partnership.

8.2. Tracy Brooks, Torbay Council

- i. There are a number of things presently going through legislation. Biodiversity Net Gain⁵ came in for major applications on 12th February and is coming on 2nd April for minor. This will start coming through the planning process soon, with the potential for a number of application sites in the National Landscape.

8.3. Eamon Crowe, Natural England

- i. Countryside Stewardship Higher Tier is presently in abeyance, pending Defra publishing new rates. We anticipate news will come between May and main elections. This could mean schemes would not be up and running until next year. We will go to monthly start dates, which will help with resources to some extent and there will potentially be some good finance available.
- ii. We have had around 200 applications in Devon and Cornwall for the Slurry Infrastructure grant⁶, 25% of the national total.

8.4. Becky Hughes, Natural England

- i. The latest I have heard is that hopefully there will be 'core' guidance for the Management Plan Review out next month.

8.5. Ken Carter, South West Coast Path Association

- i. The Government target is for the whole of the King Charles III England Coast Path to be complete by the end of this year. There is concern over funding and delivery although this is not expected to be an issue in South Devon as the County Council can apply for funding for changes.

⁴ [Devon Tree and Woodland Strategy \[Devon LNP website\]](#)

⁵ [Understanding Biodiversity Net Gain \[GOV.UK\]](#)

⁶ [Slurry Infrastructure grant round 2 \[GOV.UK\]](#)

- ii. Meetings have taken place on the Cremyll to Kingswear section and works to a new section of Coast Path are due at Stoke Fleming.
- iii. Natural England are considering looking at how National Trails funding is distributed. There is concern as it is not known how much it will cost to maintain the ECP until its completion.
- iv. It is likely that we will have an underspend of £175k on NE projects in the South West, mainly due to partners ability to deliver on time; there is one large project in Plymouth unable to go ahead.
- v. We have easy access routes on the website with quite a few in this region. Nationally there is work taking place ensuring consistency on the 'language' being used ensuring easy access.
- vi. The SWCPA base at Royal William Yard is moving location within the site to larger premises, nearer where the ferries arrive and depart.
- vii. The annual Coast Path Survey, undertaken by volunteers, will be complete by the end of March.
- viii. Chris Brook: The Mothecombe to Erme estuary stretch has a cliff fall, what is the co-ordinated response to that issue?
Ken Carter: The designation of the England Coast Path allows for roll back following negotiation with land owners.

8.6. Natasha Bradshaw, representative for coast and marine

- i. A statement was made on the Freeport. Will this be on the agenda of the next Partnership meeting?
Chair: We will circulate a summary of what was presented. This may not be the right forum but once Partnership have had an opportunity to digest the summary, partners who wish to respond can do so.

ACTION 5 (ALL): REVIEW THE CIRCULATED PUBLIC STATEMENT FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT PARTNERSHIP MEETING

Cllr Georgina Allen volunteered to be involved.

Chris Brook: If this group wishes, and to ensure a factual response, I can bring it back to Partnership in the future.

ACTION 6 (CHRIS BROOK): PROVIDE THE CHAIR AND NL MANAGER WITH A FACTUAL SUMMARY REGARDING THE FREEPORT.

Chair: Thank you, we may put this on the agenda at a future meeting.

Natasha Bradshaw: There is an important connection to be made with the Plymouth Sound National Marine Park because both are driven by Plymouth City Council so we need to ensure the National Landscape is connected in and has a voice.

Chair: PCC are on this Partnership.

- ii. Devon County Council are looking at a Local Nature Recovery Strategy, optional to extend into marine however I believe that is the intention. I am doing some work for NE on what makes an effective partnership for marine recovery. Thank you to Roger and Nigel, who were interviewed for national research and provided great input. Results will be available April/May. The Life on the Edge project is a good example of the kind of partnership working we need for marine nature recovery.

8.7. Peter Hinchliffe, representative for town and parish councils:

- i. I have shared responses to my second email to all parishes with the Chair and NL Manager. Questions have included:

- Was rebranding necessary and cost effective in the current financial situation?
 NL Manager: This was a recommendation from the Glover Review that concluded in 2019 and has also been a strong push from Defra. Funding for the rebrand has come from Defra and the national approach to this has ensured a cost effective solution.
 Chair: This was not at a great cost to this Partnership and staff team. The rename raises the profile and places us on the same par as National Parks and National Trails. For engagement of the younger generation and others, who did not know what the AONB stood for, National Landscape is easier on the tongue and easier to understand what it means. Whilst I appreciate a lot of people are attached to the old initialism even though it was occasionally misspelled and mispronounced, the engagement of more people to celebrate our National Landscape is primary.
 Becky Hughes: Consistency of branding is important but for me, this more comprehensively represents everything you do as an organisation. The AONB brand is very much the aesthetic and natural beauty, but now National Landscape starts to encompass, for example, connecting people with nature, climate, species etc. As well as broadening out, there is still the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty statutory designation underpinning it all. The branding and awareness will build up in the coming months and years.
- South West Water sewage treatment works at Leonards Cove regularly discharges raw sewage into the sea at Stoke Fleming. The PC request pressure be put on SWW to stop the discharges.
 NL Manager: These points are being made really strongly to SWW to advocate fixing the problems in our area and putting money into the asset management programme.
- Seeking 30x30 funding for the Erme catchment between the National Landscape and Dartmoor National Park.
 NL Manager: There is no specific 30x30 fund however there is the Dartmoor Dynamic Landscape project, led by Dartmoor National Park Authority. We are an integral partner and have been in conversation with DNPA and other partners of the National Lottery funded project, currently in its development phase, to extend the boundary southwards. This would include a large part of the Erme catchment and the parish of Ermington will be involved in this project in the future.

ii. Planning

- Page 4 of the annex to the meeting papers shows an appeal on a refused application on Yealm Road, Newton Ferrers. It would be good if the NL could lodge an objection.
 NL Manager: our Estuaries Officer lodged a robust objection the first time this came around. We were reviewing the objection yesterday to see if there is anything additional to add. The NL Manager requested any further details and we will take another look. Cllr Allen also requested a copy.
- If the MMO refuses the licence application from National Paints, who will then save £1m on remediation as a result, we plan to approach them for a share of the money to spend on the local community. Could the National Landscape help us with this?
 NL Manager: Nigel input into the scientific elements. We will help where we can.

8.8. Laura Campbell, representative for tourism community

- i. Three or four years ago the Government initiated a review of tourism in the UK. Devon was noted as having a multitude of tourism organisations. This is not necessarily a good thing as there is therefore no central voice or method that can go through channels such as Visit

England into Department for Culture, Media and Sport etc. As a Devon Local Visitor Economy Partnership, we have submitted our proposal, the main focus of which is around collaborations and partnerships. Devon County Council and many others are involved. I have sat in LVEP workshops and am trying to model that locally in Dartmouth and align this with our South Hams partners. There is a lot of change at the present time and more opportunities for collaborations and partnerships.

9. PLANNING UPDATE

This is a 'for information' item. A planning annex paper was circulated prior to the meeting.

10. PARTNERSHIP MEETING DATES

Remaining meeting dates in 2024

- 19 July, Follaton House Repton Room and online via Zoom
- 29 November, Follaton House Repton Room and online via Zoom

MEETING CLOSED

ITEM 5 Partner updates

ITEM FOR	INFORMATION & FEEDBACK	REPORT BY	members of the South Devon NL Partnership
SUMMARY	Reports from partners updating Partnership on their contributions to conserving and enhancing the South Devon National Landscape and Management Plan priorities – recent, current and year ahead.		
MANAGEMENT PLAN THEMES	<p>All PARTNERSHIP: Awareness & communication; Management, organisation & partnerships.</p> <p>Others – underpins and links to all other Management Plan themes.</p>		
RECOMMENDATION	<p>Partnership members are recommended to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Note the SWCPA report and other verbal reports ii. provide brief reports where possible in advance of scheduled meetings to assist with the standing agenda item on Partner Updates. 		

South West Coast Path Association

1. The annual Coast Path Survey was undertaken by our team of Path Volunteers this Winter in incredibly wet conditions. Over 97% of the trail was surveyed and we are now working with the Trail partners to deliver the needed improvement works.
2. The SWCPA successfully obtained funding of just under £174K from Natural England Underspend for projects along the whole of the SWCP. In the South Devon area this funded £75k and 22 improvement projects. Two projects (Hallsands Interpretation project and Farming info Panel project) were completed in partnership with the SDNL team.
3. We are getting closer to the SWCPA office move which will make the charity more prominent and right on the line of the SWCP in Royal William Yard. In addition to an office space, there is an opportunity to provide a visitor centre to raise awareness of the work of the charity in championing the benefits of walking the Coast Path and engaging more support for it.
4. Our 2023 Annual Report has been published and available on our website. This provides a full breakdown of all the work undertaken by the charity during 2023⁷.
5. At our AGM a vote was passed to amend the Objects of the Association to include the King Charles III England Coast Path in the South West in addition to the South West Coast Path. This is important especially in areas where the SWCP and KCIII ECP are different (i.e. alternative routes around the Estuaries in South Devon) as both the SWCP and KCIII ECP in the SWCP area will come under the remit of the National Trail Officer.
6. The previous government set the target for the whole of the King Charles III England Coast Path to be walkable by the end of this year. There is still ongoing concern over funding and delivery although this should not be an issue in the South Devon area as Devon County Council is applying for the establishment works grants needed to complete the works this Financial Year. Meetings have taken place on the Cremyll to Kingswear section and works to a new section of Coast Path are due at Stoke Fleming.

⁷ [SWCPA Annual Report \[southwestcoastpath.org.uk\]](https://southwestcoastpath.org.uk)

An improved signage plan through Plymouth towards Bovisand is currently being worked on.

7. Unfortunately, the funding needed for Beach of Dreams was unsuccessful and therefore the full project planned for the South West in May 2025 will not be going ahead. There is hope that some form of Beach of Dreams works may still take place in the SW in May 2025.
8. Both Lorna (National Trail Officer) and Julian (Director) have been selected as speakers at The World Trails Conference in Ottawa. This links in perfectly with the World Friendship Trail Programme where the SWCP is twinning with the 550 mile Bruce Trail which runs from Niagara to Tobermory in Canada.
9. Natural England are still looking at how National Trails funding is distributed. The National Trails family is providing evidence to show the need for increased funding especially with regards to the effects of climate changes on a coastal trail.
10. The Protected landscape Partnership held equity and diversity training around the country and one workshop was held in Plymouth. This was attended by many of the SWCPA team as well as the SDNL team.
11. We have been in discussions with the film company producing the Salt Path Film. We have been informed of the 'hotspot' locations which will be easily identifiable (none are in the South Devon area) and will be making sure that these areas can cope with an increased footfall. The film is due to be released in early 2025.
12. Our National Lottery Heritage Funded Coast Path Connectors is a 2 year project running 2023-2024 which supports local people to make use of the South West Coast Path for health and wellbeing through a network of volunteer community rangers. These are trained volunteers who act as walk leaders, points of contact and advocates for the Coast Path in their local communities. The project works with community organisations to develop walking programmes with the ambition of overcoming barriers to using the trail and engaging a wider range of people in walking and related subjects such as climate change, natural history and heritage. The project has so far connected with 4100 participants on over 400 walks with 41 trained Coast Path Connectors Community Ranger volunteers. We have learnt so much over the time that the project has been running and we have seen the project evolve and change to adapt to the need in the area. As we are still learning we are not at a point to be able to finalise the project legacy and so we are actively seeking grant funding to extend the project for a further 12 months till the end of 2025. This will allow us to learn more and make fully informed decisions to guide us for the project legacy and ensure that this beneficial and needed work continues to break down the barriers so that everyone who wants to gain the health and wellbeing benefits of connecting with nature has the opportunity.
13. Coastal Wildbelt – The creation of the coastal margin through the KCIII ECP legislation introduces a new right of access to the public. Taken together, the creation of the coastal margin and the coast path offer an exceptional opportunity for people to enjoy and engage with landscapes and nature around the coast of England. The concept of the Coastal Wildbelt is to embrace this opportunity and drive forward the protection, improvement and enhancement of conditions for people and nature at the coast. The programme will identify the opportunities, challenges and framework to best advocate and expand delivery for better access and nature, for people along our dynamic coast.

Two pilot sites have been chosen one of which being the SWCP. Kate Jury, Coastal Wildbelt Project Officer is in attendance at this Partnership meeting to explain more about the Coastal Wildbelt.

SWCPA update ends.

ITEM 6 South Devon National Landscape Partnership matters

6A. Partnership Chair's Report

ITEM FOR	INFORMATION & FEEDBACK	REPORT BY	Peter Sandover, South Devon NL Partnership Chair
SUMMARY	This report provides a summary of activity over the last few months undertaken on behalf of the National Landscape Partnership by the Chair, Peter Sandover		
MANAGEMENT PLAN THEMES	<p>All PARTNERSHIP: Awareness & communication; Management, organisation & partnerships.</p> <p>Others – underpins and links to all other Management Plan themes.</p>		
RECOMMENDATION	<p>Partnership members are recommended to:</p> <p>iii. Note the report and are encouraged to provide brief reports where possible in advance of scheduled meetings to assist with the standing agenda item on Partner Updates.</p>		

Staffing matters

1. Welcome to new members of our expanding Life on the Edge project; Rob Skinner Project Manager who is already a familiar face to the Partnership working on the development phase of LotE and Community Officer Stuart Riddle.
2. We also welcome a Management Plan Support Officer and specialist GIS support from the University of Plymouth.
3. Welcome too to Melanie Croll from Devon County Council who takes over Peter Chamberlain's role.
4. Many thanks to Diane Lethbridge our communications officer for another great newsletter (for June) this keeps us all up to date with news and events. There are updates on FiPL and heritage projects, news on LotE, DCC tree programmes and a diary of public events over the month. If Partners do not receive these please let us know and also share them with your groups.
5. Progress has been made with the planning support role which we shall update you on at the meeting. We have also put in place temporary arrangements as an interim measure.

Engagement

6. This quarter I met Parish Councils at East Portlemouth, Dittisham, Loddiswell, Wembury and Yealmpton. I am scheduled to meet South Pool in October. This takes me to almost half the parishes wholly or partly in our National Landscape. Peter Hinchliffe joined me for the Wembury meeting and more joint meetings are planned for the future.
7. Issues raised included measures to secure better tree protection (East Portlemouth) light pollution and inappropriate design (Dittisham) planned and emerging Neighbourhood Plans (Yealmpton, Loddiswell and Dittisham) improved access to river and coastal paths (Loddiswell and Wembury) concerns over the Primrose Trail (Loddiswell).

8. I again received very positive feedback on the FiPL programme from many of the Parishes.
9. I attended the South Ham Society AGM in April where there was a presentation and discussion on the Freeport. As a follow up to this, and the public forum presentation at our last Partnership meeting, I welcome this meeting's agenda item on the subject, particularly on the environmental impact on the National Landscape.

Item Ends.

6B. Updates to Partnership Terms of Reference and arrangements for election of Community Representatives

ITEM FOR	INFORMATION & FEEDBACK	REPORT BY	Roger English, National Landscape Manager
SUMMARY	This report in conjunction with its Appendix introduces proposed updates to the Partnership's terms of reference, in recognition of the rebranding to National Landscapes, and other timely updates to reflect the current operating position.		
MANAGEMENT PLAN THEMES	<p>All PARTNERSHIP: Awareness & communication; Management, organisation & partnerships.</p> <p>Others – underpins and links to all other Management Plan themes.</p>		
RECOMMENDATION	Partnership members are recommended to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Note the report and Annex ii. Provide feedback on the proposed modifications 		

Background

1. Review of the Terms of Reference for the Partnership was last undertaken through its March 2022 meeting. Since this date, minor 'matters of fact' modifications have been made. For consistency and accuracy the national rebranding from AONBs to National Landscapes requires an update to the Terms of Reference for the Partnership.
2. This items also covers proposed changes to the membership of the Partnership, arrangements for upcoming election of the eight Community Representatives.

Key principles and changes proposed to Terms of Reference

3. Appendix 1 to this item provides a draft updated version of the Partnership Terms of Reference for consideration by Partnership members. Substantive review of the Terms of Reference alongside any more fundamental review of governance await national guidance from Natural England and any associated requirements from Defra. Other minor amendments have been included where they aid clarity.
4. Proposed deletions are shown in black text with a strikethrough, while replacement text or insertions are shown in blue text. Minor amendments have been included where they aid clarity such as Part 2 (2) relating to the geographical remit.
5. Where reference to 'AONB' or 'area of outstanding natural beauty' is made due to the designation, law or policy, the phrase has been retained in order to be factually accurate. The South Devon National Landscape remains designated as an area of outstanding natural beauty.
6. Partnership membership has been adjusted to fit both need and interest.
7. Following high levels of engagement during the last election of community representatives to the Partnership, this continues to be separated from the former and outdated 'annual community conference' format.
8. Relevant authorities, partner organisations and other organisations and bodies contributing to delivery of management plan priorities will be brought together through events that form part of the Management Plan review and delivery process.

The latter will be given a boost by recent changes to Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, anticipated guidance from Defra on the new duties and responsibilities followed by statutory instrument in due course.

Partnership Membership

9. To provide consistency with other National Landscape Partnerships, particularly those in Devon, it is proposed to include the CPRE Devon Director as a co-option to the South Devon Partnership. This change will also provide greater opportunity for reporting on the positive initiatives undertaken by CPRE to benefit the conservation and enhancement of the National Landscape's natural beauty.
10. The above change will reduce the number of community representatives to seven with the area's amenity groups continuing to be included as in the earlier operation of the Partnership through the member representing community or voluntary groups of the National Landscape.

2024 Elections of community representatives

11. The three year term for our volunteer community representatives concludes in late autumn this year. Their support and involvement in the Partnership over the last three years and longer in some cases is particularly highly valued. While all sitting community representatives are encouraged and welcome to stand again, community elections are required currently by the Partnership's constitution and proposed to be run in October/November this year.
12. Following high levels of engagement during the last election of community representatives to the Partnership when an online system was utilised for the first time, it is proposed to use this method again with ebulletin and social media to announce the results in advance of the 29th November meeting of the full Partnership.

Management Plan delivery and engagement with audiences

13. Following earlier work by a small working group of the Partnership the former approach to holding an annual community conference was suspended. This decision recognised the wide mix of different audiences to which this event was originally intended to reach, past subjects, levels of attendance and success in meeting the aims set out in Part 12 to the terms of reference.
14. Since then, on recommendation of the working group, project and initiative focused events and other awareness raising activities have been undertaken to reach communities highlighting the designation, natural beauty and special qualities.
15. Separately, relevant authorities, partner organisations and other organisations and bodies contributing to delivery of management plan priorities will be brought together at suitable intervals through the management plan review process and development of the annual delivery plan in support of management plan priorities. Appropriate text for a new Part 12 to the terms of reference needs to reflect guidance yet to be issued by Defra to relevant authorities. For now this section is proposed for deletion.

Item Ends.

Appendix 1 to Item 6B



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SOUTH DEVON AONB NATIONAL LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP
MEMBERSHIP, TERMS OF REFERENCE, STRUCTURE AND OPERATION

updated July 2024 ~~March 2022~~

PART 1: The Purpose of the AONB National Landscape Partnership

- i. To provide a strategic lead in the protection, conservation and enhancement of the [natural beauty of the South Devon AONB National Landscape](#), designated an area of outstanding natural beauty.
- ii. To prepare, monitor and review the AONB Management Plan on behalf of the Local Authorities responsible.
- iii. To coordinate the implementation of the AONB Management Plan.
- iv. To promote the distinctive qualities and national status of the AONB designation.
- v. To secure the core priorities of the Partnership members in the South Devon [AONB National Landscape](#).

PART 2: Terms of reference and role of the AONB National Landscape Partnership

1. The AONB Management Plan

- i. To prepare and review the AONB Management Plan on behalf of the local authorities responsible, at intervals of not more than five years.
- ii. To co-ordinate the implementation of the AONB Management Plan Delivery Plan, with actions undertaken by a wide range of organisations as well as directly by the ~~AONB Staff Unit~~ [National Landscape Team](#).
- iii. To monitor and publish an annual report on progress in the implementation of AONB Management Plan targets.

2. Geographical remit

- i. To focus on the [designated area of the South Devon AONB](#) while having regard for the wider [setting](#), hinterland and communities insofar as they interact with the AONB.

3. Staffing and resources

- i. To provide guidance and advice to the ~~AONB~~ [National Landscape](#) Core Funding Group concerning the direction of the ~~AONB Staff Unit~~ [National Landscape Team](#) and use of resources, recognising that the Core Funding Group carries responsibility for those areas.
- ii. To identify and secure the resources required for ~~AONB~~ [National Landscape](#) management.
- iii. To provide an accountable structure for the investment of government resources in the ~~AONB~~ [National Landscape](#).

4. The purpose of the AONB designation

- i. To develop and promote the vision for the ~~AONB~~ [National Landscape](#) and the objectives for its management.

- ii. To identify, protect and conserve the distinctive environmental and cultural features of the [AONB National Landscape](#).
 - iii. To raise awareness of the AONB designation with the local community, with visitors and with all who have an influence on it.
 - iv. To identify and address the major issues affecting the [AONB National Landscape](#) through the Management Plan process.
5. Consultation and liaison
- i. To hold an annual [AONB National Landscape](#) conference or open forum.
 - ii. To engage with a wide range of organisations in seeking consensus about [AONB National Landscape](#) management.
 - iii. To forge links with other relevant fora, in particular the Local Strategic Partnerships and the community planning process.
 - iv. To develop links with local estuary management projects and other local environmental partnerships and initiatives.
 - v. To develop and disseminate good practice in [AONB National Landscape](#) management.
 - vi. To establish links with other protected landscapes ~~areas~~ including the National Parks, [National Trails](#) and the wider [AONB National Landscapes](#) movement through the National [Landscapes Association of AONBs](#), the ~~South West Protected Landscapes Forum~~, [Protected Landscapes Partnership](#) and the Devon [AONB Protected Landscapes Managers' Group](#).
 - vii. To support community initiatives which conserve and enhance the [AONB National Landscape](#) and to encourage the participation of the community in the care and management of the [AONB National Landscape](#).
6. Management structures and governance
- i. To maintain a management structure that is effective and relevant to the [AONB National Landscape](#).
 - ii. To review and revise the governance structures for the [AONB National Landscape](#) every three years alongside the review of the [AONB National Landscape](#) Memorandum of Agreement, or sooner if circumstances require.
 - iii. To keep under review the membership of the Partnership, introducing change as required.
7. Influencing
- i. To promote the [AONB National Landscape](#) and its purposes to a range of bodies and engage them in its management.
 - ii. To act as an advocate for the [AONB National Landscape](#).
 - iii. To advise other bodies about their role in the management of the [AONB National Landscape](#) and in particular promote the statutory ~~duty~~ [duties for all public bodies relevant authorities: to have regard for AONB seek to further the conservation and enhancement of natural beauty purposes in the conduct of their functions; contribute toward delivery of management plan priorities; and protected landscape targets and outcomes.](#)
 - iv. To influence regional, local and unitary planning policies affecting the AONB through the development plan process.
 - v. To seek effective linkage between the management of the [AONB National Landscape](#) and its adjoining marine areas through integrated coastal zone management.
8. Information and research
- i. To commission research and studies relevant to the [AONB National Landscape](#).
 - ii. To monitor the condition of the [AONB National Landscape](#).
9. Task groups
- i. To establish task groups or technical groups as required.

PART 3: Membership of the AONB National Landscape Partnership

The AONB National Landscape Partnership will comprise the following organisations and parties:

- i. The four AONB National Landscape local authorities (South Hams District Council, Devon County Council, Torbay Council and Plymouth City Council),
- ii. Four statutory agencies (Historic England⁸, Forestry Commission¹, Natural England and the Environment Agency)
- iii. The National Trust, Plymouth University, and the South West Coast Path Association and CPRE Devon.
- iv. ~~Eight~~ Seven members representing key communities of interest (see Part 4iii below).

PART 4: The AONB National Landscape Partnership Committee

The AONB National Landscape Partnership will operate through the AONB National Landscape Partnership Committee. The South Devon AONB National Landscape Partnership Committee will comprise the following members:

- i. Six representatives of the local authorities, as follows:
 - o Two Members representing South Hams District Council
 - o Two Members representing Devon County Council
 - o One Member representing Torbay Council
 - o One Member representing Plymouth City Council
 (A local authority Member may be accompanied by an officer in an advisory capacity).
- ii. Four members representing statutory agencies, as follows:
 - o One member representing the Environment Agency
 - o One member representing Historic England
 - o One member representing Natural England
 - o One member representing Forestry Commission
- iii. Eight members appointed ~~at the AONB Annual Conference~~ though elections of community representatives who will normally serve for a period of three years from the date of appointment, as follows:
 - ~~o One member representing amenity groups within the AONB.~~
 - o One member representing the business community of the AONB National Landscape.
 - o One member representing the coast and marine sector of the AONB National Landscape.
 - o One member representing community or voluntary groups of the AONB National Landscape.
 - o One member representing non-governmental professional organisations active in environmental management within the AONB National Landscape.
 - o One member representing the landowning and farming community of the AONB National Landscape.
 - o One member representing parish councils within the AONB National Landscape.
 - o One member representing the tourism community of the AONB National Landscape.
- iv. One member representing the National Trust.
- v. One member representing the University of Plymouth.
- vi. One member representing the South West Coast Path Association.

⁸ Not expected to regularly attend meetings. Kept informed of agendas and provided with minutes

- vii. One member representing CPRE Devon
- viii. Any independent Chair appointed by invitation, under Part 7 to these Terms of Reference, for the duration of their term.
- ix. The Chair of any Technical Group established by the Partnership will be seconded to the Partnership ~~Committee~~ and serve as a member for the duration of that Group's work.

PART 5: Attributes of AONB National Landscape Partnership ~~Committee~~ Members

- i. Whilst each member of the Partnership ~~Committee~~ represents an organisation or stakeholder group, such interests should be considered in the context of Partnership's ~~the Committee's~~ collective purpose of conserving and enhancing the natural beauty of the AONB National Landscape. The principal role of individual Partnership ~~Committee~~ members is to bring their knowledge, skills, experience and expertise to this process and to assist the Partnership in the delivery of the Management Plan and maintaining the integrity of the designation.
- ii. It is expected that members of the Partnership ~~Committee~~ will:
 - o bring to the Partnership a wealth of experience and expertise of their own and of their respective organisations.
 - o take advice and information back to their respective organisations.
 - o act as an advocate for the AONB National Landscape within and through their respective organisations and networks.
 - o attend the Partnership ~~Committee~~ meetings.
 - o be active outside the scheduled Partnership ~~Committee~~ meetings.
 - o be committed to the purposes of AONB designation and management.
 - o on behalf of their organisations, arrange for the provision of relevant data sets and research material held by their organisations, in digitised format where possible, to the AONB staff unit National Landscape Team to assist with the purpose of monitoring the state of the AONB.
- iii. Local authority Members will have an important role in reflecting the views and aspirations of their local communities on the Partnership.
- iv. The partnership will seek to have an independent and non-political profile and be actively engaged with local communities and with the implementation of the Management Plan.
- v. An induction programme will be arranged for new Partnership members by the AONB National Landscape Manager.

PART 6: Appointment and termination of Partnership ~~Committee~~ membership

- i. It will be for each member organisation to appoint its representative to the Partnership ~~Committee~~. It is expected that each organisation will provide a nominated representative who will, in the interest of continuity, normally attend meetings. Substitutes may deputise but only in circumstances which prevent the attendance of the usual nominated representative.
- ii. A member of the AONB National Landscape Partnership ~~Committee~~ may resign his or her membership or may be replaced by a new nominated representative of his or her organisation.
- iii. The procedure for the appointment of those Partnership ~~Committee~~ members appointed at the annual AONB Conference through elections of community representatives will be agreed by the Partnership ~~Committee~~ and implemented by the AONB National Landscape Manager.

- iv. In the event of a vacancy occurring for one of the places normally appointed ~~at the AONB annual Conference~~ through elections of community representatives, the Partnership Committee may, at its discretion, fill that place by co-option until the next ~~annual Conference meeting~~ election of community representatives takes place.
- v. In the event of any representative failing to attend two consecutive Partnership Committee meetings, the Partnership will consider requesting the organisation to appoint a different representative to ensure a regular attendance and contribution to Partnership meetings⁹.
- vi. The membership of the Partnership Committee may be altered by decision of the Partnership Committee.

PART 7: Appointment of Partnership Committee Chair

- i. The Chair and Vice Chair of the Partnership Committee will be elected from the membership of the Partnership Committee, normally for a three year period.
- ii. Alternatively, the Chair may be appointed by invitation of the Partnership Committee from the wider community as an independent chair. In the latter case, it would be expected that any such independent chair would be a respected individual with significant relevant experience or skills and a good knowledge and understanding of the AONB National Landscape and its issues. An independent chair, if so appointed, would serve as a full member of the Partnership Committee for the duration of his or her period of office, but would not be entitled to appoint a substitute in the event of being unable to attend a Partnership Committee meeting.
- iii. In either case, the Chair would be expected to act as a “champion” for the AONB National Landscape at local, regional and national level; to be committed to the purposes of AONB designation and management, to act as an effective chair of the Partnership Committee meetings and ~~the AONB Annual~~ National Landscape events when appropriate; and to provide support and guidance to the AONB National Landscape Manager and wider staff team.

PART 8: Organisation of Partnership Committee meetings

- i. The Partnership Committee will normally meet three times a year. The quorum for meetings will be eight members.
- ii. The secretariat for the Partnership Committee will be provided by the ~~AONB Staff Unit~~ National Landscape Team.
- iii. Partnership Committee meetings may be held in person or via remote video meeting.
 - In person meetings may be held at Follaton House Totnes but may also be held at any other suitable location within the AONB National Landscape.
 - Remote video meetings will be held online
 - Hybrid meetings, allowing participation either in person or by remote video, may also be held, where technology allows.
- iv. Notice of Partnership Committee meetings will be sent out to members at least one month in advance of a meeting at which time members will be invited to submit items for inclusion in the agenda.

⁹ Historic England and Forestry Commission are not expected to regularly attend meetings

- v. Agendas and papers will be sent out to members at least one week in advance of meetings.
- vi. Minutes will be distributed to members within two weeks following a meeting.
- vii. Meetings will be open to members of the public and representatives of interested organisations to attend as observers. Members of the public or interested organisations may submit questions or information for consideration by the Partnership ~~Committee~~ meeting, provided that the question is submitted to the ~~AONB~~ National Landscape Manager in writing or by email at least three weeks in advance of the meeting date. The Partnership will provide a reply to any such questions through the ~~AONB~~ National Landscape Manager within two weeks of the Partnership ~~Committee~~ meeting. Where the meeting is held via remote video, observers should follow the meeting live via the South Devon ~~AONB~~ National Landscape YouTube channel. The live stream will commence after Public Statements have completed. Note that streaming to YouTube will be suspended prior to any agenda item containing privileged information that we are not entitled to make public, resuming immediately afterwards.
- viii. At the Chair's invitation, members of the public and representatives of interested organisations are able to make a statement or comment about any matter on the ~~Partnership meeting~~ ~~Committee's~~ agenda. The time may also be used to present a petition on any matter within ~~the Partnership's~~ ~~the Committee's~~ remit. ~~The total length of the Public Statement session time will be a maximum of no more than 15 minutes total with the amount of time for any individual statement restricted to 3 minutes.~~
- A slot for Public Statements will be set aside at the beginning of the meeting, prior to the formal agenda commencing.
 - Questions and comments from the presenter must be directed through the Chair; the presenter may not take direct part in the debate.
 - The Chair will decide when public participation is to finish.
 - If there are many people who wish to speak for one particular item, the Chair may direct that a representative should be nominated to present the views of a group.
 - The amount of time for anyone wishing to speak will be restricted, normally to three minutes only.
 - Presenters are requested to make their statements in a constructive and respectful manner, which refrains from making personal remarks about any one individual or organisation.
 - Presenters are respectfully reminded to ensure statements are factual. Responsibility for fact checking the statement, prior to delivery, rests with the presenter.
 - There is no formal response within the meeting however the Chair may clarify a point of fact or request the presenter to clarify a point of fact, in very exceptional circumstances.
- Anyone wishing to speak, should email enquiries@southdevonaonb.org.uk ~~enquiries@southdevon-nl.org.uk~~ providing a copy of ~~brief details on~~ their proposed statement at least ~~three one~~ weeks before the meeting.
- ix. The Partnership ~~Committee~~ may, at the discretion of the Chair, invite any person or representative of an organisation to address and take part in a meeting where his or her knowledge or experience would contribute to a relevant matter on the agenda.
- x. The Partnership ~~Committee~~ will endeavour to make decisions by agreement and consensus whenever possible. However, where a vote is required to resolve an issue, the decision will be by simple majority and members of the Partnership ~~Committee~~ will have equal voting powers. A local authority officer attending as an adviser to a local authority Member will not normally have

- voting powers; however, where a local authority Member is absent and no substitute is available, that Member's vote may be transferred to the officer if the Member's Authority so allows.
- xi. In respect of press and publicity, only the Chair and Vice Chair of the Partnership ~~Committee~~, the ~~AONB~~ National Landscape Manager, or any person with their specific authorisation, may speak on behalf of the ~~AONB~~ National Landscape Partnership.
- xii. The travel costs and any other costs of attending Partnership meetings incurred by members will be borne by their respective parent organisations. However, any member who is unable to claim travel expenses from a parent organisation will be entitled to claim reimbursement of reasonable expenses incurred, from the ~~AONB~~ National Landscape budget.
- xiii. Alterations to these organisational arrangements may be made by the Partnership ~~Committee~~, subject to the agreement of the funding authorities for any aspects relating to funding or staffing.

PART 9: The ~~AONB~~ National Landscape Partnership Core Funding Group

- i. The Core Funding Group will advise the Funding Authorities on matters relating to the staffing, pay, conditions and budget of the ~~AONB Staff Unit~~ National Landscape Team on behalf of the Partnership.
- ii. The Core Funding Group will develop and approve the annual Business Plan for the ~~AONB Staff Unit~~ National Landscape Team and recommend the Business Plan and annual budget to the Partnership ~~Committee~~ and each funding authority.
- iii. The Core Funding Group will comprise the following members who are also members of the Partnership ~~Committee~~:
- Two Members and one officer of South Hams District Council
 - Two Members and one officer of Devon County Council
 - One further member of the Partnership ~~Committee~~, usually the Chair, who is not a Member of South Hams District Council or Devon County Council. This member represents the Partnership ~~Committee~~ at Core Funding Group meetings and reports back to Partnership at the next available ~~Committee~~ meeting. Where the Chair is also a member of South Hams District Council or Devon County Council, another ~~Partnership~~ ~~Committee~~ member will be chosen.
- In acting in this capacity, the Partnership Chair will have a single Core Funding Group vote and will be entitled to nominate the Partnership Vice Chair as a substitute in the event of being unable to attend a meeting.
- iv. Officers of the Core Funding Authorities will meet with the ~~AONB~~ National Landscape Manager as and when required to progress matters between Core Funding Group meetings.

PART 10: Organisation of Core Funding Group Meetings

- i. The Core Funding Group will report to the Partnership ~~Committee~~ and to the Core Funding Authorities.
- ii. The Core Funding Group will normally meet twice a year, although additional meetings may be held as circumstances require. Meetings may be scheduled to take place on the same day as the Partnership ~~Committee~~ Meetings. The quorum for a Core Funding Group meeting will be when a representative of each of the Core Funding Authorities is present.

- iii. The Secretariat for the Core Funding Group will be provided by the ~~AONB Staff Unit~~ [National Landscape Team](#).
- iv. The Chair and Vice Chair of the Core Funding Group will be elected from the Group's Members and will normally serve for a period of two years. Notice of Core Funding Group meetings will be sent out to members at least one month in advance of a meeting at which time members will be invited to submit items for inclusion in the agenda. Agendas and papers will be sent out to members at least one week in advance of meetings. Minutes will be distributed to members within two weeks following a meeting.
- v. Meetings of the Core Funding Group will not normally be open to the public because of its role in dealing with staffing matters.

PART 11: AONB [National Landscape](#) Partnership Technical Groups

- i. The Partnership ~~Committee~~ may establish any Technical Group it considers appropriate, to provide a specialist focus on the implementation and monitoring of the AONB Management Plan or to undertake specific tasks. The Partnership ~~Committee~~ will provide clear terms of reference for any Technical Group so established.
- ii. Membership of Technical Groups may be invited from agencies, organisations or sectors of the community with special knowledge, experience, interest or influence within the identified theme. Any application from organisations or individuals wishing to join a Technical Group will be considered by the Partnership ~~Committee~~.
- iii. The secretariat for any working groups will be provided by the ~~AONB Staff Unit~~ [National Landscape Team](#). The Technical Groups will report to the Partnership ~~Committee~~.
- iv. A Chair will be elected for each Technical Group from the Technical Group members and will serve for a period of two years or until the Technical Group is wound up if less than two years. The Chair of any Technical Group established by the Partnership ~~Committee~~ may also serve as a member of the Partnership ~~Committee~~ for the duration of his or her chairmanship.
- v. A Technical Group may be wound up either by decision of the Group itself, for example on completion of its work, or by decision of the Partnership ~~Committee~~.

PART 12: AONB Annual Community Conference

- ~~i. A wider meeting of organisations, community groups, and the general public will be held once a year. The date and practical arrangements for holding the Conference will be agreed by the Partnership Committee with all administration arrangements thereafter being the responsibility of the AONB Staff Unit.~~
- ~~ii. The meetings will be advertised and be open to anyone to attend.~~
- ~~iii. The Conference will provide the opportunity for a wider exchange of information and views about the AONB and its management, and progress with the implementation of the AONB Management Plan. The Conference will discuss and recommend actions and priorities for AONB Management.~~
- ~~iv. The Conference will also be an opportunity for forging closer links between the Partnership and other local partnerships such as the Estuary Conservation Fora and local community strategy groups.~~

ITEM 8 South Devon National Landscape Management

8B. Progress towards a Devon Local Nature Recovery Strategy

ITEM FOR	INFORMATION & DISCUSSION	REPORT BY	Kate Hind, Natural Environment Officer (Partnerships), Devon County Council
SUMMARY	This report provides a brief update on the emerging Devon Local Nature Recovery Strategy. This report will be added to with slides in the meeting.		
MANAGEMENT PLAN THEMES	<p>ALL PLACE: Natural resources & climate; Biodiversity & geodiversity; Farming and land management; Historic Environment & Local Distinctiveness; Coast & marine; Rivers & estuaries; Landscape Character.</p> <p>ALL PEOPLE: Tourism, access & recreation; Planning & sustainable development; Transport & highways; Rural economy & services; Community & culture.</p> <p>ALL PARTNERSHIP: Awareness & communication; Management, organisation & partnerships.</p>		
RECOMMENDATION	<p>Partnership members are recommended to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Note the scope of the emerging Local Nature Recovery Strategy ii. Take opportunities for engagement iii. Suggest areas for further collaboration and action consistent with furthering the purpose of conserving and enhancing natural beauty. 		

Background

1. Local Nature Recovery Strategies (LNRS) are a new approach to setting priorities for nature at a local level in England. They are a statutory requirement, defined in Sections 104 to 106 of the Environment Act 2021. More information can be found in the Defra regulations and guidance summary document¹⁰.

What will the LNRS strategy contain?

2. The statutory requirements are a 'statement of biodiversity priorities' and a 'local habitat map'. The Strategies must include:
 - A Description of the area and its wildlife
 - Opportunities
 - Priorities for restoring wildlife.
 - Actions need to achieve the wildlife priorities and achieve other socio/economic priorities such as food control, clean water, improved health and wellbeing and carbon sequestration (through nature-based solutions).
 - A Map – showing areas of existing importance for wildlife and areas where we want to focus action.

Who will prepare them?

3. The Secretary of State has appointed Devon County Council as the Responsible Authority to develop the LNRS in conjunction with Supporting Authorities and all other interested stakeholders, especially landowners and managers. Supporting Authorities

¹⁰ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-nature-recovery-strategy-what-to-include>

include all Devon Local Authorities (East Devon District, Teignbridge, South Hams, West Devon, Torridge, North Devon, Exeter City, Mid Devon, Torbay Council and Plymouth City Council), Dartmoor National Park, Exmoor National Park, and Natural England.

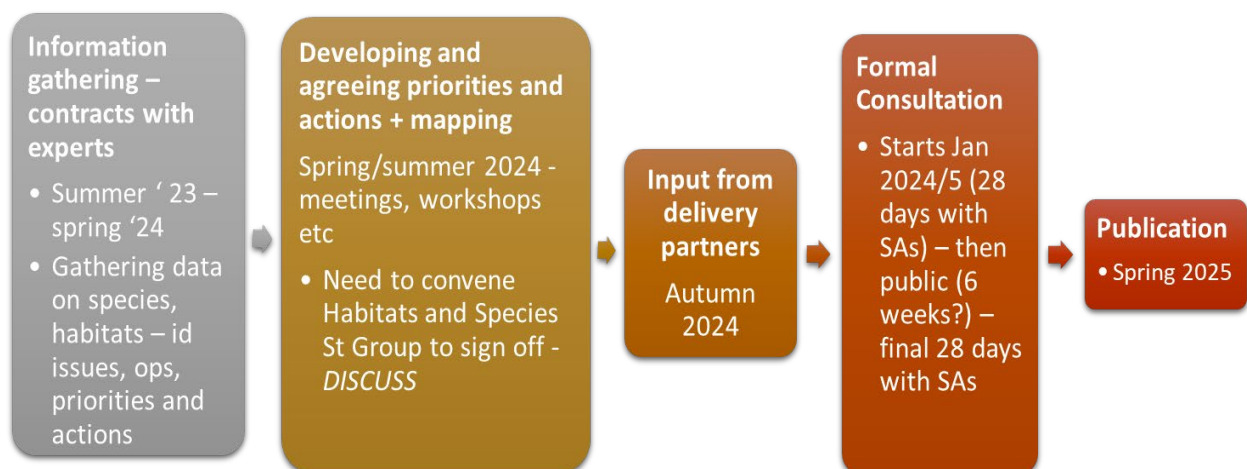
What are we doing in Devon?

- Updating our baseline information on habitats and species.
- Talking to wildlife experts to identify the wildlife priorities (updating our Devon Special Species list etc).
- Mapping our habitats and investigating models to see if they can help us identify where we want to focus effort.
- Talking to partners to identify how nature restoration can help achieve. targets relating to water quality, flood control, health, and wellbeing etc.
- Starting to talk to delivery partners to identify how we can ensure the LNRS helps them to deliver the priorities in the LNRS.
- We held a warmup webinar on 14th of November 2022 to set the scene.
- We also held a Conference for 220 partners on 13th June 2023.
- We have created a questionnaire where you can contribute any thoughts at any time – see below.

How will the LNRS be used?

4. It will provide local planning authorities and developers with information to enhance the planning system, including the delivery of Biodiversity Net Gain requirements, and investment in our urban green spaces. It will guide public and private investment, including through the new Environmental Land Management Schemes (ELMS). It will support communities and businesses in their actions to protect and enhance Devon’s land and marine environments, and the benefits we gain from them, such as health, access, and learning.

Current Timetable



Latest information

Emerging Guidance and Consistency

5. Various guidance notes are still emerging, leading to inconsistencies. Natural England is in the process of producing a checklist to address this issue.

Marine Considerations

6. The Local Authority (LA) boundary must follow the low water mark for marine areas. Recently, it was strongly advised against including a marine non-statutory element in the Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS).

Deadline and Funding

7. Initially, there was no specific deadline for the LNRSs, but the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (Defra) now requires them to be largely finalised by the end of March 2025.
8. Defra is in discussions with funders to coordinate efforts with the LNRSs. Follow-up inquiries have been made to obtain more information on this matter.

Information Gathering and Focus Areas

9. We are currently deep in the information gathering phase, aiming to identify Focus Areas where actions are most needed to create or enhance habitats for key species and habitats. This is an iterative process involving stakeholder workshops and input from county experts.

Mapping Platform

10. We will develop an easy-to-use mapping platform to highlight areas where actions should be focused. Potential options include a story map, interactive websites, or the DCC Environment Viewer, which, despite not being highly user-friendly, ensures that mapping can be viewed in the context of other environmental information such as Public Rights of Way.

South Devon National Landscape involvement

Representation and Board Participation

11. South Devon National Landscape represents the five National Landscapes of Devon on the Devon Local Nature Partnership Board. The board last met in June, providing an opportunity to discuss the LNRS and address questions.

Marine Stakeholder Group

12. The South Devon estuaries officer is part of the marine stakeholder group and has been a key contributor in shaping the marine component of the LNRS.

Priority Areas

13. The South Devon coast and estuaries are identified as priority areas for the LNRS in Devon. This prioritization builds on the Devon special species work previously undertaken by the Local Nature Partnership (LNP) and contributed to the Life on the Edge project.

Item Ends.

8C. Management Plan Delivery Plan - highlights from key actions

ITEM FOR	INFORMATION and FEEDBACK	REPORT BY	Henry Lucas, Phoebe Rhead, Diane Lethbridge, Rob Skinner, Nicky Bailey
SUMMARY	This report provides brief updates on key project programmes in support of South Devon AONB Management Plan priorities		
MANAGEMENT PLAN THEMES	<p>ALL PLACE: Natural resources & climate; Biodiversity & geodiversity; Farming and land management; Historic Environment & Local Distinctiveness; Coast & marine; Rivers & estuaries; Landscape Character.</p> <p>ALL PEOPLE: Tourism, access & recreation; Planning & sustainable development; Transport & highways; Rural economy & services; Community & culture.</p> <p>ALL PARTNERSHIP: Awareness & communication; Management, organisation & partnerships.</p>		
RECOMMENDATION	<p>Partnership members are recommended to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Note the scope and scale of work undertaken by the National Landscape Team and partners through the projects ii. Note the strong partnership work delivering impactful actions of mutual benefit 		

Farming in Protected Landscapes programme

1. Farming in Protected Landscapes is a fully funded, multi-year, national programme.

Funding						
	Y1 21/22	Y2 22/23	Y3 23/24	Y4 24/25	Y5 25/26	Y6 26/27
Delivery Allocation (£)	£201,188.00	£267,501.89	£299,414.12	£513,033.88*	£0.00	£0.00
Advice and Guidance Allocation (£)	£45,722.00	£45,722.00	£74,865.62	£73,597.00	£74,866.00	£74,866.00
Admin Allocation (£)	£26,895.00	£26,895.00	£44,038.60	£43,292.00	£22,019.00	£0.00

* Our year 4 delivery allocation was £478,341.08 + £34,692.80 access funding secured through round one, takes our delivery allocation to £513,033.88.

2. Year 4, 2024/2025, budget

Year 4 (2024/2025) Budget			
	Budget	Spend	Remaining
Project Delivery	£513,033.88	£484,448.16	£28,585.72
Admin	£43,292.00	£6,460.99	£36,831.01
Advice & Guidance	£73,597.00	£14,343.02	£59,253.98

3. There will be an opportunity to apply for some 'National Pot Funding' in the autumn as done in previous years. We have been successful in the past and secured an additional £25,344.48 of funding through the 'National Pot' (£10,903.11 in year 2 and £14,441.37 in year 3).

4. Project underspend

Project Underspend			
	Budget	Underclaimed	Percentage of Funding Underclaimed
Year 1	£201,188.00	£15,395.59	7.65%
Year 2	£267,501.89	£10,966.99	4.09%
Year 3	£299,414.12	£22,774.94	7.60%

Every year we have had projects underspend and fail to deliver their full project due to a wide range of factors such as extreme weather conditions, contractor availability, change in circumstances etc. The table above shows the underclaims so far. Last year we overcommitted funds and also had the luxury to rejig applications around and bring others with a quick turnaround forward a year to ensure we spent our full allocation. We would be looking to overspend by 6% this year to ensure we fully spend our allocation. 6% is the average underspend we have experienced over the last 3 years of the project. This would equate to £28,700.46 (6% of £478,341.08, our year 4 allocation), this is encouraged by Defra to ensure all PL's spend their full allocation by the deadline.

5. Advice & Guidance and Admin Spend

Advice and Guidance Spend				
	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4
Advice and Guidance Allocation	£45,722.00	£45,722.00	£74,865.62	£73,597.00
Actual Advice and Guidance Spend	£0.00	£0.00	£58,662.44	£14,343.02
Total Allocation Remaining	£45,722.00	£45,722.00	£16,203.18	£59,253.98
Total Allocation Remaining (%)	100.0%	100.0%	21.6%	80.5%

Admin Spend				
	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4
Admin Allocation	£26,895.00	£26,895.00	£44,038.60	£43,292.00
Actual Admin Spend	£0.00	£0.00	£37,048.23	£6,460.99
Total Allocation Remaining	£26,895.00	£26,895.00	£6,990.37	£36,831.01
Total Allocation Remaining (%)	100.0%	100.0%	15.9%	85.1%

Last year we had a combined Admin and Advice and Guidance Underspend of £23,193.55. This year as Phoebe has reduced her FiPL hours to 15 per week we are looking at around a £30,000.00 underspend which will be moved across to the project delivery pot. However, we will be reviewing this monthly and releasing funds little an often to ensure we have some money left in case we may need to buy in some support, especially towards the end of the year and for the busy claim period.

6. Access fund

This year for the first time Defra announced that there was an additional fund available through FiPL to support access related projects. We submitted four access projects to utilise all of the £50,000.00 offered for round one. These applications were approved by the LAP (Local assessment panel) then judged by the Defra team. We were successful with three projects, amounting to £34,692.80. The National Trust application was deferred by Defra:

SDevon221 Approved	South Devon Food Hub (collective of local provenance processors on a working farm) – Requesting a 39 seater Pedestrian trailer and 300 square foot commercial kitchen.	Defra reduced funding for the commercial kitchen to 40%; the trailer funding remaining unchanged at 70% as approved by the LAP Total funding = £31,473.48
SDevon230 Approved	Providing 1 beach friendly wheelchair for disabled users.	£1,624.32 Approved - no additional conditions
SDevon225 Approved	The project is to install 2 compost loos in each vineyard to replace the current “portaloo” which has been on hire for several years.	£1,595.00 Approved – no additional conditions
SDevon222 Deferred	South Devon Countryside Access Improvement Projects. Pedestrian gates, and disabled handles, 2 bespoke Viewpoint benches, 1no. Bespoke Aircraft bench, Accessible picnic benches, and resurfacing 310m of the Bolberry Down accessible path.	Despite the quick turnaround of the application, Defra were unsatisfied with the single quote, and high cost in comparison to a typical bench. Rather than fix the queries – the South Devon NL will fund these via alternative funding – thereby removing the item. Defra also queried the surfacing, and would like to see pictures of the path’s current condition, as well as full details of the quote. NT will solve this and reapply. Original funding requested £13,479.60.

The second round of Access funding has been made available for an additional £50,000 per protected landscape. £43,948.40 will be available for new projects as the National Trust’s deferred application through round one will be resubmitted as a scaled back application of £6051.60, taking on board the comments from Defra.

7. Claims

No claims for year 4 yet, we have tried to stagger the claim deadlines and are allowing applicants to make multiple claims throughout the year to help with cashflow and also ensure all works are completed by the year 4 deadline (31st March 2025).

8. Project pipeline

There are over £250,000.00 worth of projects in the pipeline for projects including wetland enhancement; Integration of regenerative grazing; Removal of brash from a green hay donor site; Restoration of historical orchards; Providing farm nature trail to enhance the visitor experience; Sea Grass reintroduction on mud flats; Tree planting within an ancient woodland; Hedge improvements and volunteer engagement; Measures to reduce soil erosion into the Kingsbridge estuary SSSI; Water monitoring equipment and much more

9. Historic Building Restoration Grant

The FiPL Historic Building Restoration Grant (HBRG) amounts to £5 million over the next financial year FY24/25, split with £4.5 million allocated to capital project delivery, and £500,000 allocated in additional revenue funding to support developing, advising, and managing approved projects (including provision of specialist advice).

This funding builds on the previous Historic Buildings Restoration Pilot in five National Parks managed by Historic England and Natural England, launched in 2018. The funding recognises the importance of historic buildings in our protected landscapes

and for farmers and land managers. It is an excellent opportunity for FiPL to target restoration of historic buildings under the existing “Place” theme to enhance the special qualities of your own landscapes.

This additional funding is specific to Historic Building restoration and repair as capital spend. Funding was awarded to landscapes through a competitive application process and assessment from a Defra HBRG panel, including representatives from Defra and Historic England.

We have been successful in securing 2 Historic Building Restoration Grants:

- SDevon228 Lizzie Luckes – Threshing Barn - awarded £279,955.20
- SDevon227 Julian Carnell – Reroofing barn in prominent location – awarded £73,924.12.

10. Projects supported through FiPL

Projects supported	
Number of projects to date	94
Funding claimed to date	£797,027.27
Total value of projects funded to date	£2,642.054.07

11. The future of Farming in Protected Landscapes post March 2025

- As highlighted in the table, there will be £74,866 available per year for Advice and Guidance. This is well in excess of the salary needs of an employee. Whilst the role is yet to be fully defined its likely it will offer advice and support with regards to the agricultural transition - optimising the effectiveness of farmer and land manager uptake of ELMS aligned to Protected Landscapes' management plans to meet Farming and Countryside Programme (FCP) objectives and wider Defra targets.
- There is the possibility of additional project funds to be allocated to each National Landscape, however this will be dependent on the priorities of the new incoming government. If project funds are available, we will have to continue to target bespoke projects which fall outside of the parameters of Countryside Stewardship and the Farming Transformation Fund. With the Local Assessment Panel currently favouring public engagement in agriculture, sustainable tourism, and regenerative farm infrastructure – we will continue to encourage such applications.
- However, the project funds are not guaranteed. In the later part of 2024, we will therefore begin planning how best to use the excess A&G funding to ensure maximum benefit for farmers. This will likely include plans for specialist workshops, and study trips for farmer groups – which will provide farmers with greater confidence to undertake practices which will better align with ELMs and the South Devon NL management plan.

South Devon Farm Connectivity Facilitation Group

- The group came together in 2023 following a successful application led by the South Devon National Landscape Team to the Countryside Stewardship Farm Facilitation Fund and recently completed its first full year of operation. During this time membership of the group has shown a steady increase and now stands at 35 farmers

and land managers involving a mix of farms closely associated with the Dart estuary and other holdings that participated in an earlier FiPL supported Farm Carbon project.

2. Highlights

i. Mid Tier

The facilitation group ran two mini workshops and an endorsement event for members who were interested to see if Countryside Stewardship Mid-tier was suitable for their holdings/ businesses. From those sessions, eight mid-tier applications were submitted covering 389ha of land. In total these will yield revenue payments of £382,182 for annual options and £665,665 of capital works in support of positive environmental outcomes.

ii. Farming in Protected Landscapes Programme

The group secured FiPL grant to establish six new Dittisham Plum orchards in the Dittisham/Cornworthy area. The programme included services from orchard experts for training, soil sampling and capital items to ensure optimum chance of successful establishment.

iii. Events

Fifteen events were held including sessions on:

- Soil and grassland management
- Introduction to FiPL
- Rotational grazing – improving your bottom line
- Linking soil biomes to animal and human health
- Hedge restoration and encouraging new hedgerow trees in the landscape
- Grants and schemes update
- Screening of 'six inches of soil – regenerative farming journey

As the year has progressed, the group has grown in confidence and become comfortable openly sharing their experiences and thoughts with one another. This has led to good engagement at sessions for example discussing the practicalities of implementing grazing platforms, pro's and cons of using bio-fertilisers and a debate over regenerative farming techniques.

Events to date in July:

- 11th Soil health to improve water quality of the Dart. Nigel Mortimer and West Country Rivers Trust at Sandridge Barton
- 2nd Pruning - for Dittisham Plum orchard group, Hound Orchard Dittisham
- 16th Rotational grazing in practice Willings Farm

August

- Ash Dieback - Watkins Wood, Avon Valley

Life on the Edge (LotE)

1. From early project launch, the Life on the Edge team has embraced the enthusiasm of project partners, delivering a wide range of events for both target and general audiences, reaching a broad range of people across a wide span of ages. A particular stand out event has been the 'Big day out on the farm', which attracted over 200 people, enjoying the farming landscape of East Soar near Bolt Head, through a mixture of arts performances, craft activities and bug hunts with experts. Another fantastic event to be involved with was the Kingsbridge Nature Festival, organised by Sustainable South Hams, with both formal Life on the Edge talks and a crafts.
2. Initial planning meetings with Doorstep Arts, LotE's Cultural Partner, have begun to structure a LotE themed undergrad drama course with Exeter University and explore how partnering with Villages in Action can enable the theatre to tour around the project area. Plans with other delivery partners are shaping up well, starting to detail the first year of project delivery.
3. Recruitment of the project team was slightly protracted, requiring two rounds of recruitment for the Community Officer. The second round of interviews were successful and with this role now filled, the team is complete and getting up to full speed. The Communications Intern placement is currently live (closing on the 16th July) and being advertised through Exeter University. Learning from the success of Development phase, the role will be supported by the South Devon National Landscape Team again, boosting the role to a Full time position for a 1 year fixed term placement. This will give the opportunity to be involved with both focused project work while also enabling a broader remit with wider National Landscape work.
4. Quick to respond to partners and landowners interest, the project team has been very busy in getting back in touch with those who expressed an interest in Development Phase. Year one works plans are beginning to shape up well with site visits to discuss on the ground interventions. As well as discussions with potential seed donor field sites for which the project will look to harvest local seed. Parallel to this work there has been a significant amount of project advocacy and advertising the project particularly focusing on the difference it will make to the south Devon Landscape. Excitingly this has attracted new audiences and potential landowners in hotspot areas as well as those along the coastal margin.

Life on the Edge Community Grant Scheme

1. An important and exciting part of our Life on the Edge project will be the community grant schemes. We will be offering a range of grants to support delivery of projects which meet the project outcomes. These will be delivered by community groups, organisations and landowners, in conjunction with LotE team – particularly the Conservation and Community Officers, who will offer advice and support to develop the project ideas into grant applications.
2. There will be two kinds of grants: one a capital grant for conservation works; the other an activity grant to support community engagement. Both grants will be administered in exactly the same way, using the same procedures, but each will have a different focus. As with the former AONB Sustainable Development Fund, the schemes aim to impose a minimum of bureaucracy and constraints. Further information can be found in

Appendix 1 to this item “Life on the Edge Area Action Plan - Section 6. Community and Conservation Land Management Grants”.

3. The grants will run in tandem with the project strands and complement activity. We will promote the scheme to partners, landowners, local community groups, volunteers, and through parish councils. Groups will be advised by the Conservation Officer, or Community Officer and invited to make an application if it fulfils the criteria and meets LotE aims. Groups carrying out projects in the Coastal B-lines, which meet the application criteria will be eligible.
4. **Conservation grants** will be available for all landowners or land managers, for example farmers, parish councils, community groups, holiday parks and schools, for added value works where Agri-environment funding does not apply. The maximum grant will be £5,000 and must be matched by at least 25% of in-kind work by the landowner or manager (including volunteer time).

If the grant is for capital works on private land, buildings or heritage, the applicants will need to sign a landowner agreement to secure management and maintenance for 10 years from completion of the project.

The total grants pot available for these grants will be £149,500 split over the five years of Delivery.

5. **Community Activity Grants**

These grants will be available to facilitate community engagement by local groups to achieve the outcomes of LotE. They can be used by the group to add value to works carried out through the conservation grants or as standalone projects, for example to provide training, events materials and refreshments, artist or activity leader fees or promotion. The maximum grant will be £2000 and must be matched by at least 25% of in-kind support or volunteer time.

The total grants pot available for these grants will be £50,000 split evenly over the five years of delivery.

6. **Decision making**

After an initial assessment against criteria, the application will be passed to the Grants Panel. The Grants Panel will be the decision makers on distribution of the grants and will be made up of the elected Community Representatives of the South Devon National Landscape Partnership.

7. **Training**

We will shortly be running a short online early evening training session for all the Community Reps, to go through the assessment criteria and scoring mechanisms. This should only take an hour or so and we will send some dates round to secure a suitable date and time.

Item Ends.

Appendix 1 to Item 8C

Life on the Edge

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Life on the Edge Area Action Plan – Section 6. Community and Conservation Land Management Grants



Chivelstone Church graveyard wildflower meadow creation – a trial community LotE project. Before ...
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Section 6. Community and Conservation Land Management Grants



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		Annex 8. Conservation grant final report form
		Annex 9. Grant claim form
		Annex 10. Volunteer in-kind record sheet

1. Why do we need a grant scheme?

Through our experience in the AONB of engaging with community groups and smaller businesses or organisations, we have found that providing small pots of funding which enable them to complete discreet projects to meet the aims of our larger project or management aims is a very successful approach. This funding can be matched with in kind support, non-cash contributions and volunteer time to create a much higher value project than if the funding was spent directly by the AONB. It also gives ownership of the project to the community or organisation we are working with, and a sense of pride in completing it.

In South Devon AONB we have a good track record of running community and conservation grants schemes through the Sustainable Development Fund (SDF). This national grant scheme distributed funding allocated from Natural England, through Protected Landscapes (AONBs and National Parks). In South Devon AONB the grants scheme ran from 2005 – 2016 and funded 88 separate projects. The total grants given over this time was £272,570.26 with a combined project value of £2,100,440.60. The scheme came to an end due to government funding cuts to AONB core budget.

Community engagement is key to Life on the Edge and by providing grant funding to groups and organisations, there is a much greater opportunity to engage people who might not ordinarily be able to take part in the project. Through conversations during our Development Phase and whilst developing our initial application, we found that there is a lot of enthusiasm and willingness to take part amongst a variety of groups, communities, and organisations, but funding availability often restricts this possibility.

Through discussions with farmers, land managers and other businesses and community organisations, we have seen that some habitat enhancement projects don't fall within agri-environment schemes. Some types of work are excluded from these schemes, and some landowners are not registered as farmers (eg holiday parks, parish councils). These projects therefore need funding.

2. Our grant scheme

From this scoping work we have decided to offer two separate grant schemes. One will be a capital grant for conservation works; the other will be an activity grant to support community engagement.

Both grants will be administered in exactly the same way, using the same procedures, but each will have a different focus. As with SDF, the schemes aim to impose a minimum of bureaucracy and constraints.

The grants will run in tandem with the project strands and complement activity. We will promote the scheme to partners, landowners, local community groups, volunteers, and through parish councils. Groups will be advised by the Conservation Officer, or Community Officer and invited to make an application if it fulfils the criteria and meets LotE aims. Groups carrying out projects in the Coastal B-lines, which meet the application criteria will be eligible.

We will incorporate information about the grant schemes into training sessions to encourage groups or volunteers to utilise them to carry out projects on their own sites. We have already been building up a cohort of groups through our Development Phase, who are keen to take part in the Delivery Phase. In addition, we will promote it through our community contacts, community representatives on the AONB Partnership Committee, via the AONB e-bulletin, the Life on the Edge newsletter, press releases and social media content.

Conservation Grants

These grants will be available for all landowners or land managers, for example farmers, parish councils, community groups, holiday parks and schools, for added value works where Agri-environment funding does not apply. They must be matched by at least 25% of in-kind work by the landowner or manager (including volunteer time).

Where the grant is for conservation works outside of a Hotspot but within the B-Line, or wherever the recipient is a community organisation (eg parish council, school), the grantee will work with the Conservation Officer to draw up a Pollinator Plan and this will set the context for the work they are undertaking.

If the grant is for capital works on private land, buildings or heritage, the applicants will need to sign a landowner agreement to secure management and maintenance for 10 years from completion of the project.

The total grants pot available for these grants will be £149,500 split over the five years of Delivery.

Community Activity Grants

These grants will be available to facilitate community engagement by local groups to achieve the outcomes of LotE. They can be used by the group to add value to works carried out through the conservation grants or as standalone projects, for example to provide training, events materials and refreshments, artist or activity leader fees or promotion. The maximum grant will be £2000 and must be matched by at least 25% of in-kind support or volunteer time.

The total grants pot available for these grants will be £50,000 split evenly over the five years of delivery.

3. The LotE grants process

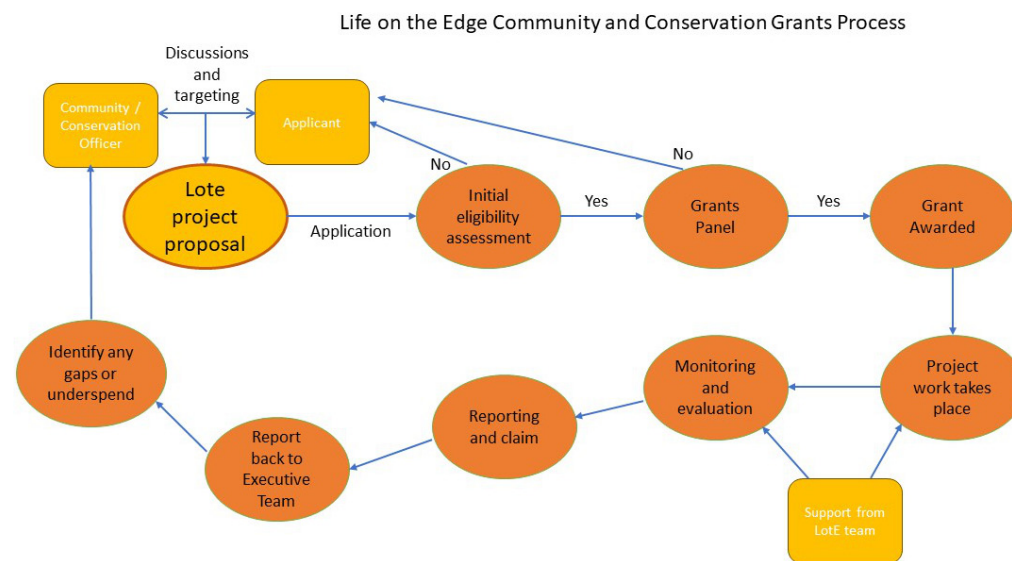
Administering the grant schemes

The grant schemes will be overseen by the Project Manager with support from the Finance and Admin officer. The Communities Officer and the Conservation Officer will work directly with groups to develop project proposals, supporting the applicants and offering advice to make an application. On application an initial assessment against the eligibility criteria will be carried out. It will then be passed on to the Grants Panel for decision making. This process will be open and transparent, allowing the groups to receive the support from the Officers without it prejudicing the assessment.

An application pack, with scheme guidance and application form, will be available in the LotE section of the South Devon AONB website. This will include grants eligibility, and criteria.

Decision making

After an initial assessment against criteria, the application will be passed to the Grants Panel. The Grants Panel will be the decision makers on distribution of the grants and will be made up of the elected Community Representatives of the South Devon AONB Partnership Committee (as was the case with SDF). The Partnership Committee is the governing body of the AONB and made up of Local Authority members, statutory agencies, co-opted members and the Community Representatives. In addition to the Community Reps, the AONB manager will sit on the panel.



There are eight Community Representatives, one from each of the following sectors and this gives the panel a good spread of specialisms covering all the LotE themes of work:

- Landscape amenity groups
- Businesses
- Community or voluntary groups
- Environmental organisations (NGOs)
- Coast and marine
- Landowning and farming
- Parish Councils
- Tourism

The Community Representatives are elected by a public vote (eligible votes being from any community group or business within the AONB) held every three years. Together they have expertise in conservation and community sectors across all areas of the grant scheme. They will act as the link between their LotE community and the AONB Partnership.

Grant Panel Procedures

Before the Panel meeting takes place, members receive copies of the applications. The decisions of the panel and the ability of the panel to operate is governed by the Grant Panel Assessment Criteria

- A quorum of 4 members is necessary for the Panel to make decisions.
- Eligibility criteria are assessed before the panel meeting.
- Assessment criteria are discussed by the panel.
- Decisions are usually made by consensus but there is provision for a vote to take place with the chair of the panel having the casting vote in the event of a tie.
- All applications that meet the criteria and the quality threshold are awarded a grant if there is sufficient budget. The panel reserves the right to use a scoring system in the event of the grants scheme becoming competitive and not being able to make an award to all qualifying applications.

The decisions that the panel can make are as follows:

- Reject application.
- Make recommendations and suggest a resubmission.
- Make an award but impose additional conditions to the standard grant conditions.
- Make an award without additional conditions.
- Offer a lower amount.

Assessment criteria:

Projects must meet the essential criteria listed below and the application form must clearly identify how this is to be achieved.

Conservation grants	Essential	Desirable
Primarily benefit the Life on the Edge project	X	
Help deliver outputs and outcomes of the Life on the Edge project	X	
Promote sustainability and good environmental practise	X	
Have the demonstrable support or involvement of communities		X
Be accessible to the public	X	
Have clearly identified outputs and provide good value for money	X	
Make significant improvements to biodiversity or conservation value for key species identified for LotE	X	
Help deliver the South Devon AONB management plan		X

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Be accessible to the public.	X	
Have clearly identified outputs and provide good value for money	X	
Make significant improvements to community engagement, nature connection	X	
Engage target audiences identified by Life on the Edge		X
Help deliver the South Devon AONB management plan		X

Post Grant Panel procedures

Rejected Applications

- Send rejection letter by email and phone applicant and explain the reason for the decision.

Resubmission

- Phone applicant and explain reason for decision made and what needs to be addressed. Invite applicant to resubmit.
- Confirm decision by email.

Approved

- Phone applicant to give them the good news!
 - Discuss conditions if any.
 - Discuss payment details and schedule.
 - Milestones.
 - Progress report and claiming.
 - Volunteer time recording.
- Send offer letter, recording sheets, claim form and final report form.
- Applicant to sign and send back signed project agreement attached to offer letter.
- If the project requires a landowner agreement, this will be signed and returned.

Monitoring

The grantee will be expected to complete an interim report and claim if needed. This will help ensure that the projects are on course and reduce risk of the project failing or not completing on time. The LotE team will be available for project support or advice if required and the relevant Community Representative will be put in contact with the grantee. A final project report and grant claim will be submitted at the end of the project and if signed off as completed, the payment will be made. The grant report will include details of in-kind contribution and volunteer time recording to support the LotE outputs. All payments will be made through the host authority (South Hams District Council).



These grants will enable vital LotE landscape enhancement works, empower people to take positive environmental action in their community and engage people to connect with nature.

Evaluation

The LotE team will produce updates to the LotE Executive team (ET), with detail of outputs and outcomes achieved as well as a budget breakdown of expected spend. The ET will then advise on any underspend or audience gaps which can be addressed by the LotE team (with additional support from the PAG).

The grantees will be asked to evaluate the project from their point of view, on their final report form. In addition the staff team will evaluate it from a LotE perspective when making the end of year report to ET. This will help identify any gaps which could be targeted for the next years allocation.

Acknowledgement

We will follow the criteria for acknowledging the grant which we have been given by the NLHF, badging this up as part of Life on the Edge. We will work closely with the AONB Comms officer and the Comms Intern to look for opportunities for press coverage and make full use of this potential.



..... and after! Chivelstone Church graveyard wildflower meadow - a community LotE project © South Devon AONB

Diary dates

Remaining meeting in 2024

- Friday 29 November, Repton room at Follaton House and online.



South Devon
National
Landscape

Partnership Meeting

to be held at

10am on Friday 19 July 2024

Repton Room at Follaton House and via Zoom

Annex to Meeting Papers

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Agenda item 9A: Planning applications consultations *updated 8 July 2024*

ITEM FOR	INFORMATION	REPORT BY	Roger English, National Landscape Manager
SUMMARY	This report provides a brief update on Local Planning Authority development management consultations since the March 2024 Partnership meeting pertinent to the South Devon National Landscape.		
MANAGEMENT PLAN THEMES	<p>All PLACE: Landscape character; Natural resources & climate; Biodiversity & geodiversity; Historic environment; Farming and land management; Coast & marine; Rivers & estuaries.</p> <p>All PEOPLE: Tourism, access & recreation; Planning & sustainable development; Transport & highways; Rural economy & services; Community & culture.</p>		
RECOMMENDATION	<p>Partnership members are recommended to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Note the level of resource commitment currently applied to the type of development management consultations, bearing in mind the South Devon National Landscape Planning Protocol, in addition to strategic and neighbourhood plan demand across the local planning authority areas. Keep this under review. ii. Continue to provide early notification of significant planning matters to the National Landscape Manager to enable timely and appropriate action to be taken. 		

Key Activity

Planning Caseload

1. In the rolling year 2023/2024 to date, Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) have formally consulted the National Landscape team on 65 applications plus 2 appeals. In addition, the National Landscape team has been consulted on 6 pre-applications, 6 Marine License applications, 6 felling/restocking licences, 4 woodland creation proposals, 3 Environmental Impact Applications, a Caravan Club equivalent Notification, 3 communications applications, a netting consultation, a Transport Strategy, a Torbay Local Validation List Consultation and a Strategic Environmental Assessment Scoping Report consultation.
2. In total, there have been 18 new consultations since the last update.
3. Summary of activity since the last update:
 - 20 cases that LPAs have determined
 - 0 completed responses on cases that LPAs/MMO are yet to determine
 - 7 cases under consideration with responses currently in development
 - 1 pre- application responded to / response in development
 - 1 communications installation application
4. Note the 15 applications with completed responses and an LPA decision as at the March Partnership meeting are treated as closed and are not reported again in the table below. Wording in 'normal' text signifies this appeared on the last planning update, with any changes/updates noted in '**bold**' text
5. The following table lists the planning cases relevant to the period:

App Ref	Application Type	Decision	In accordance with NL advice / guidance	NL Major	Comments
20 Applications - LPA decision made					
2786/20/FUL	West Buckland Barn Bantham Erection of new agricultural store	Refused	Objection	N	Readvertised (revised plans)
P/2023/0480	Land To The Southwest Of Copythorne Road Brixham Outline application for 77 dwellings	Refusal	Objection	Y	
4211/23/FUL	Old Coastguard Cottages, Wembury Construct timber platform/ landing stage/jetty	Approved	No objection subject to conditions	N	
4158/19/FUL	Development Site At Sx 734 439, Land to Northwest of junction between Ropewalk and Kingsway Park Ropewalk Kingsbridge 15 dwellings	Withdrawn	-	N	READVERTISED – Revised plans
0384/23/OPA	Land At Sx 652 517 Modbury Outline Application demolish existing buildings & construct up to 40 dwellings	Refused	-	N	READVERTISEMENT (Amended Description) Revised plans Mar 23 SHDC Landscape comments – no objection but further information required
APPEAL 1803/23/VAR	Land at Garden Mill, Kingsbridge Outline application for 32no. dwellings	Appeal dismissed	-	N	APPEAL REF: APP/K1128/W/23/3325969 START DATE: 7 Sep 2023 Relates to Condition 1 of the Outline permission. Condition 7 of the Reserved Matters permission. (Outline: 28/1560/15/O (granted on appeal: APP/K1128/W/16/3156062) Reserved Matters: 0826/20/ARM)
3540/23/FUL	Sheerwater Devon Road Salcombe Replacement dwelling	Withdrawn	-	N	Resubmission of 3273/22/FUL
3732/23/FUL, 3733/23/FUL, 3734/23/FUL, 3735/23/FUL	Land At Sx 805 583, Ashprington Agricultural livestock building & engineering works to create a level yard area (applications 1 to 4)	Approved	-	N	
P/2023/1014	Land At Northfields Lane, Brixham Change of use of land from holiday accommodation to residential and construct dwelling	Permission With Legal Agreement	-	N	
0149/24/FUL	Land At Sx 668 437 Bantham Proposed stabilisation of cliff slope	Approved	-	N	
0278/24/ARM	Land at SX 855 508 Violet Drive Dartmouth Reserved matters application Erection of a 3-storey, 105-bedroom hotel with ancillary restaurant	Approved	-	N	Related outline approval 0479/21/VAR
4213/23/FUL	Land At SX 745 386, East Portlemouth Temporary change of use of land to host Charity Art Installation from August 2024 to January 2025	Approved	-	N	
4207/23/FUL	Collapit Creek House, West Alvington Replace Collapit Creek House, Coach House & annex, outbuildings, driveway, parking, new swimming pool	Refused	-	Y/N	Initially raised by Tree Officer and Landscape Officer
0388/24/FUL	Land at SX663 436 Bantham Change of use of land to surf school & siting of two storage containers	Refused	-	N	Retrospective

App Ref	Application Type	Decision	In accordance with NL advice / guidance	NL Major	Comments
0607/24/HHO	1 Parrots Close Malborough Single storey rear extension, new decking, access gate, external cladding	Approved		N	
0596/24/HHO	Avalon House West Charleton Construct store room & install Air Source Heat Pump	Approved		N	
0311/24/FUL	Blackpool Sands Cafe Blackpool Refurbish restaurant, increase internal seating & toilet facilities	Withdrawn		N	
APPEAL 2167/19/FUL	Gara Rock Hotel, East Portlemouth Erect 3 holiday units	Appeal dismissed		N	READVERTISED (revised plans) APPEAL REF: APP/K1128/W/24/3336818 HEARING DATE: 8 May 2024
P/2024/0170	92 Summercourt Way, Brixham Formation of entrance porch	Approval		N	
1380/24/ARC	Curlew Point, West Charleton Approval of reserved matters	Refused	Holding objection	N	Related planning consent 3334/22/HHO
2 Applications - Response submitted - LPA still to determine					
P/2022/0339	Site Adjacent To Brixham Cricket Club Change of use from agricultural land to outdoor football pitch.	-	Objection	N	Part retrospective. Respond by 26.4.23 Reconsulted 3.4.23
2798/23/FUL	North Embankment Dartmouth Proposed new slipway	-	Holding Objection	N	
12 Applications - Responses in development					
2982/21/FUL	Land Opposite Butts Park Newton Ferrers Erection of 20 residential units	-	-	Y	Revised plans Sep'23 (NL objected to original plans) Awaiting legal agreement
P/2023/0553	Land Off St Mary's Road, Brixham Demolish industrial buildings, erect 28 residential dwellings	-	-	N	
DCC/4366/2023	Land adjacent to Malborough Waste Water Treatment Works Install additional & replacement infrastructure and change of use from undeveloped land to an operational site	-	-	N	Extends the operational site area on land at (and adjacent to) Malborough Waste Water Treatment Works
P/2023/1025	39 Wall Park Road Brixham Construct dwelling and garage.	-	-	N	Amended plans uploaded 16 January 2024
3995/23/FUL	Baltic Wharf Boatyard St Peters Quay Totnes Mixed-use development comprising marine workshops (Use Class B2) and boat storage, offices (Use Class E), care home (Use Class C2), houses and apartments (Use Class C3), mixed commercial uses (Use Class E).	-	-	N	Development as a whole was NL major development
APPEAL 3953/21/FUL	101, Yealm Road, Newton Ferrers Demolish 2 two-storey detached buildings & associated garage. Erect 2 four bed family homes and extend quay to provide a landing ramp for dwelling 2	-	-	N	Readvertised (amended plans) APPEAL REF: APP/K1128/W/23/3333422 START DATE: 26 March 2024

App Ref	Application Type	Decision	In accordance with NL advice / guidance	NL Major	Comments
0345/24/FUL	Stoke Gabriel Boating Association Clubhouse Construct accessway & secure concrete 'bridge head' on foreshore for onshore connection to gangway linking a new permanent pontoon	-	-	N	
3053/21/ARM	Noss Marina Approval of reserved matters	-	-	Y	Advice previously provided. Readvertised (amended plans)
P/2024/0219	Riviera Bay Holiday Park, Brixham Variation of Condition P1: Revised design of facilities building including amended layout, reduced height and footprint.	-	-	N	Related application P/2021/0173
1003/24/HHO	Harbour Watch, East Portlemouth Partially demolish, rebuild & extend dwelling, new boatstore, slipway, swimming pool, retaining wall replacing tyre sea defence	-	-	N	
1857/24/FUL	North Efford Aveton Gifford Convert traditional stone barn to dwelling	-	-	N	
1649/24/FUL	Smalls, East Portlemouth Construct boat house	-	-	N	

Item Ends.