



**North Devon  
Coast  
National  
Landscape**

## Partnership

### Background information

The North Devon Coast National Landscape is one of 34 nationally designated landscapes in England that together with National Parks, form the Protected Landscapes network that covers around 26% of England. Protected Landscapes are increasingly involved in delivering on national priorities to enhance landscape, recover nature, build climate resilience and improve public access to the coast and countryside.

The National Landscape was designated in 1959 as the North Devon Coast Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and confirmed by the Secretary of State in 1960. It was the first of the five Devon AONBs to be designated.

The Landscape covers an area of 171 square kilometres along North Devon coastline from Marsland Mouth at the Cornish border to Combe Martin and to the edge of the Exmoor National Park.

The coastal setting of the National Landscape and its landscape features provide a very high visual quality through the panoramic views both inland and out to sea. The predominantly undeveloped Heritage Coast retains its historic legacy of ancient earthworks and agricultural features combining with the coastal heritage of lime kilns, tourism and fishing villages. A high level of public access within the National Landscape reflects its special features such as beaches and dunes, and a network of rights of way including the South West Coast Path running along its entire length. All these features result in a feeling of timelessness, closeness to nature and wilderness with infinite skies, expansive sandy beaches and sheltered woodland combes.

### Our Vision

The North Devon Coast National Landscape will remain as one of England's finest landscapes and seascapes, protected, inspiring and valued by all where:

- Outstanding landscapes and coastal communities are resilient to climate change
- Wildlife and habitats are thriving, well managed, connected and expanding
- Land use and management balance the need of food and timber production, nature, people and climate adaptations
- More areas are accessible to all, with inclusive activities and opportunities to experience nature and the landscape
- Heritage and cultural traditions maintain a distinctive sense of place and community

### The Partnership

The Partnership brings together community representatives, organisations and representatives of statutory agencies in an advisory role to ensure and oversees the production and implementation of the Management Plan every 5-years. The Management Plan details how the natural beauty of the North Devon Coast National Landscape is conserved and enhanced.

Meeting three times a year, the Partnership champions the National Landscape, provides advice, develops policy, and guides work within the area.

## Members

Coastwise North Devon Country, Land and Business Association Campaign to Protect Rural England (Devon) Devon Wildlife Trust Environment Agency Exmoor National Park Authority Forestry Commission Historic England National Farmers Union National Trust Natural England	North Devon Archaeological Society North Devon UNESCO Biosphere Partnership North Devon World Surfing Reserve Earth Action North Devon Tarka Country Trust Taw Torridge Estuary Forum Devon County Council North Devon Council Torridge District Council  2 Parish Council representatives Up to 8 Community representatives
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## The National Landscape Team

The team is composed of a Manager, a National Landscape Officer and a People and Place Officer (2.6 FTE roles). The team provides: administrative support and reporting to the governance structures; planning and development advice to the local planning authorities; promotion, awareness raising and engagement activities about and in the National Landscape; administration of grant programmes; project development and external funding bids; partnership working and engagement at the local, regional and national level including participation in the National Landscapes Association, Devon Landscape Policy Group and the Devon Protected Landscapes Managers' Forum.



