



## AONB Management Plan – Delivery Actions and Progress Year 2

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North Devon Coast AONB Management Plan 2019-2024 - Delivery Priorities		Lead/ Partners	Progress / Target	Timescale		
		(where known)	<p style="text-align: center;"> <span style="background-color: #90EE90;">Achieved</span>  <span style="background-color: #FFFF00;">In progress</span>  <span style="background-color: #FFFFFF;">Not started</span>  <span style="background-color: #FF0000;">At risk</span> </p>	Short	Medium	Long
<b>1</b>	<b>Landscape and Seascape</b>					
1.1	Review of the designated AONB boundary to incorporate all the declared North Devon Heritage Coast (Lundy island, Braunton Great Field and Braunton Marshes) into the AONB	AONB	Request for review now on NE priority list Awaiting revised process.			
1.2	Research and evidence the potential contribution of key areas in the AONB's setting to deliver environmental enhancement and/or increased community engagement for the AONB (e.g. parts of the Taw-Torridge Estuary, Ilfracombe fringes)	AONB	Will partly address through Nature Recovery Plan and SDF grants			
1.3	Review Devon Landscape Character Assessments working with DCC, NDC and TDC and NE through the Devon Landscape Policy Group	DCC / AONB	Guidance developed and published.			
1.4	Continue to monitor and respond to landscape change	AONB	Fixed point photography			
1.5	Promote understanding and use of AONB landscape and seascape character assessments, and Devon LPG Advice Notes	AONB	Annual training of planning teams /agents.			
1.6	Deliver Morte Point & Brownsham Estate landscape and habitat enhancements	National Trust	Revised management of land. Wildlife monitoring ongoing			
1.7	Engage with and support cross-boundary initiatives to identify and protect tranquil areas	DCC	Awaiting updated tranquillity monitoring			
<b>2</b>	<b>Biodiversity and Geodiversity</b>					
2.1	Work with partners to develop Nature Recovery Networks to provide bigger, better, more and joined up habitats building on Strategic Nature Areas within the AONB	NAAONB / NE /AONB	AONB NR Plan – template & training, develop plan from July for 2021 Devon Nature Recovery Strategy 2022			
2.2	Support development work on new colonisations and species re-introductions appropriate to the AONB	Devon Wildlife Trust				
2.3	Development and implementation of the Net Gain for Biodiversity policy to ensure that development minimises impacts on wildlife within the AONB and contributes to net gains in biodiversity	NDC / TDC / ND Pioneer	Draft Net Gain SPD being produced for July 2020			

2.4	Support schemes for land managers which will benefit wildlife and farming	NE/ND Pioneer DBRC	North Devon ELM Test & Trial in AONB - Hartland. Ancient Woodland Inventory			
2.5	Promote community engagement opportunities that benefit wildlife and people – build on the legacy of Coastal Creatures and Devon Greater Horseshoe Bat Project	AONB / BR / partners  DWT Plantlife	Coastwise beach surveys/ events Life on the Verge - Biosphere Pledge for Nature activities Devon GH Bat activities Rapid Woodland Assessments – coast Dynamic Dunescapes activities			
2.6	Monitor and reduce the impact of invasive species and diseases on wildlife in the AONB	DWT  Coastwise / AONB	Saving Devon's Treescapes (ash dieback) – community engagement INNSHORE survey of marine invasive species			
2.7	Identify the Special Species in the AONB and how partners can work together to enhance their populations	DCC / DBRC	AONBs Colchester Declaration – Greater Horseshoe Bat & Brown Banded Carder Bee selected. Work with DWT and BBCT			
2.8	Play an active role in the Devon Local Nature Partnership	AONB	Naturally Healthy Forum member, providing funds and attending meetings			
2.9	Implement the Local Geodiversity Action Plan for the AONB	AONB	School resources and visitor interpretation			
<b>3</b>	<b>Historic Environment and Culture</b>					
3.1	Delivery of North Devon Coastal Heritage project with local partners including training volunteers to survey and monitor heritage assets, 75 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day commemorations, and community archaeology projects in Hartland	AONB & partners	Ongoing delivery of surveys, conservation work, interpretation and reporting New website content/video			
3.2	Monitoring, maintenance and interpretation of Scheduled Monuments	AONB / HE	Monument Management Scheme – surveys and maintenance - Clovelly Dykes, coastal hillforts			
3.3	Seeking protection for undesignated locally important heritage	AONB	Listing of WW2 sites – landing craft, rocket wall at Braunton Burrows and Putsborough arrow & dummy pill box			
3.4	Repair of East Titchberry Malthouse	National Trust	Planning proposals in development			
3.5	TIDE INTERREG project – developing Historical Maritime Tourism	DCC	New VR interpretation - N Devon sites			

<b>4</b>	<b>Environmental Quality and Climate Change</b>					
4.1	Support for actions through the North Devon Catchment Partnership and use of Water Environment Grants	NDCP - WRT	Exploring community water quality monitoring			
4.2	Small catchment natural flood management -Combe Martin & Kenwith	BR	Programme in progress			
4.3	Support beach cleans and litter picks in rural and village locations	AONB / PFND	Community groups and PFND organise monthly cleans			
4.4	Devon Climate Declaration and actions to reduce climate impact	AONB	Partnership signatory Researching monitoring system			
<b>5</b>	<b>Planning, Development and Infrastructure</b>					
5.1	Maintain planning advice service to local planning authorities	AONB	Ongoing by AONB officer and Panel			
5.2	Develop Design Guide SPD for North Devon	NDC / TDC	Draft & consultation			
5.3	Research affordable housing needs within the AONB	-	Assessment Report			
5.4	Training of local authority officers, planning advisors and agents on landscape issues within the AONB	AONB	Annual training of planning teams/agents.			
5.5	Support the development of a Marine Natural Capital Plan for the North Devon Marine Pioneer as part of the 25 Year Environment Plan	Marine Pioneer / BR	Marine Natural Capital Plan produced			
5.6	Undergrounding of Power Lines working with Western Power Distribution	AONB / WPD / NT	Mortehoe Stage 1 completed Stage 2 funding agreed for 2020			
<b>6</b>	<b>Farming and Land Management</b>					
6.1	Support environmental land management trials and work of Defra Landscape Pioneer to support 25 Year Environment Plan	ND Pioneer	ELM trial in Hartland area			
6.2	Develop a design guide for new farm buildings and conversions	DCC / DLPG	Agree Brief & contract			
6.3	Provide interpretation about farming and land management for visitors	AONB				
6.4	Facilitate advice services for farmers/land managers to support nature conservation, pollution management and business viability	NDCP / BR	ELM Trial for 6 farms in Hartland			

<b>7</b>	<b>Sustainable Rural and Visitor Economy</b>				
7.1	Improve interpretation of and engagement with heritage by residents and visitors	AONB	Coastal Heritage leaflets		
7.2	Review of interpretation information and boards to update/replace as appropriate	AONB			
7.3	Improve visitor facilities at Woolacombe	NT	Planning proposals		
7.4	Work with partners on Northern Devon Tourism action plan	NDMB	Plan produced 2019		
7.5	Work with Devon Local Nature Partnership, Biosphere Partnership and Defra Pioneer projects on valuing the environment	ND Pioneer	Natural Capital Plan & Investment options produced		
7.6	Tourism master planning and new products - Bio-Cultural Heritage Tourism	BR	Interreg funding secured - surveys & engagement		
7.7	New Visitor Centre for Northam Burrows Country Park	TDC	Planning & funds secured, on site 2020		
<b>8</b>	<b>Access, Health and Wellbeing</b>				
8.1	Deliver the North Devon Coastal Heritage project providing volunteering and activity opportunities	AONB	Around 70 volunteers engaged, wide range of activities delivered		
8.2	Address health and wellbeing issues working with Devon LNP, Biosphere Reserve, local health organisations and charities	AONB / BR	Nature's Tonic pilot project set up – on hold due to Covid-19; Wave Rangers project		
8.3	Improve information on access and activities on AONB and partner websites	AONB	Ongoing		
8.4	Develop new access and engagement activities using the arts and special interests to reach new audiences	AONB	SDF grants, 60 <sup>th</sup> anniversary boundary relay, public speaking competition, Nature's Tonic pilot, NAAONB 'art in the landscape'		
<b>9</b>	<b>Community Action, Learning and Understanding</b>				
9.1	Provide Beach Clean calendar on website and support community beach cleans	AONB	Web page established		
9.2	Promote the AONB and the work of the Partnership members	AONB	Ongoing		
9.3	Provide information, interpretation and educational materials on the AONB for a wide range of interests	AONB	AONB Nature map for visitors produced. Reprint of Spotter guide. Producing Iron Age heritage resources for primary schools.		

9.4	Develop an education/citizen science strategy for the AONB	AONB			
9.5	Work with Plastic Free North Devon Consortium on community and business engagement, understanding and behaviour change	PFND	Stop and Swap campaign; SDF grant for visitor awareness campaign; 'New Normal' survey 2020		
9.6	Publicise and celebrate the 70 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1949 Act and the 60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the North Devon AONB designation (9/19 – 5/20)	AONB	Boundary Relay challenge – 640 participants; celebration event in 2019		
9.7	Utilise national campaigns to engage new audiences (e.g. 2019 Year of Green Action, 2021 Year of the Coast)	AONB / LNP	Planning for Year of the Coast. England Coast Path developments		
	<b>Acronyms</b> <b>BR</b> - North Devon UNESCO Biosphere Reserve <b>BBCT</b> – Bumblebee Conservation Trust <b>DBRC</b> - Devon Biodiversity Records Centre <b>DLPG</b> – Devon Landscape Policy Group <b>DCC</b> - Devon County Council <b>HE</b> - Historic England <b>LNP</b> – Devon Local Nature Partnership <b>NDC</b> - North Devon Council <b>NDCP</b> - North Devon Catchment Partnership <b>NDMB</b> - North Devon Marketing Bureau <b>ND Pioneer</b> - North Devon Landscape Pioneer testing parts of the 25 Year Environment Plan <b>PFND</b> - Plastic Free North Devon <b>TDC</b> - Torridge District Council <b>WPD</b> – Western Power Distribution <b>WRT</b> – Westcountry Rivers Trust				

