

## SECTION 8

# ADOPTION AND REVIEW

### Overview

The *Moor than meets the eye* Landscape Partnership has developed since initial discussions in 2011 into a partnership committed to deliver the vision of the Landscape Partnership Scheme, which is:

*“Our vision is for the unique historic landscape of south east Dartmoor to be recognised as a truly special place: one where wildlife thrives, heritage is conserved and appreciated, and people draw inspiration and value from the landscape, today and for future generations.*

*It is an area where local residents, businesses, farmers, visitors and agencies work together to share, understand and appreciate the importance of this landscape and together have the skills and opportunities to contribute to its future.”*

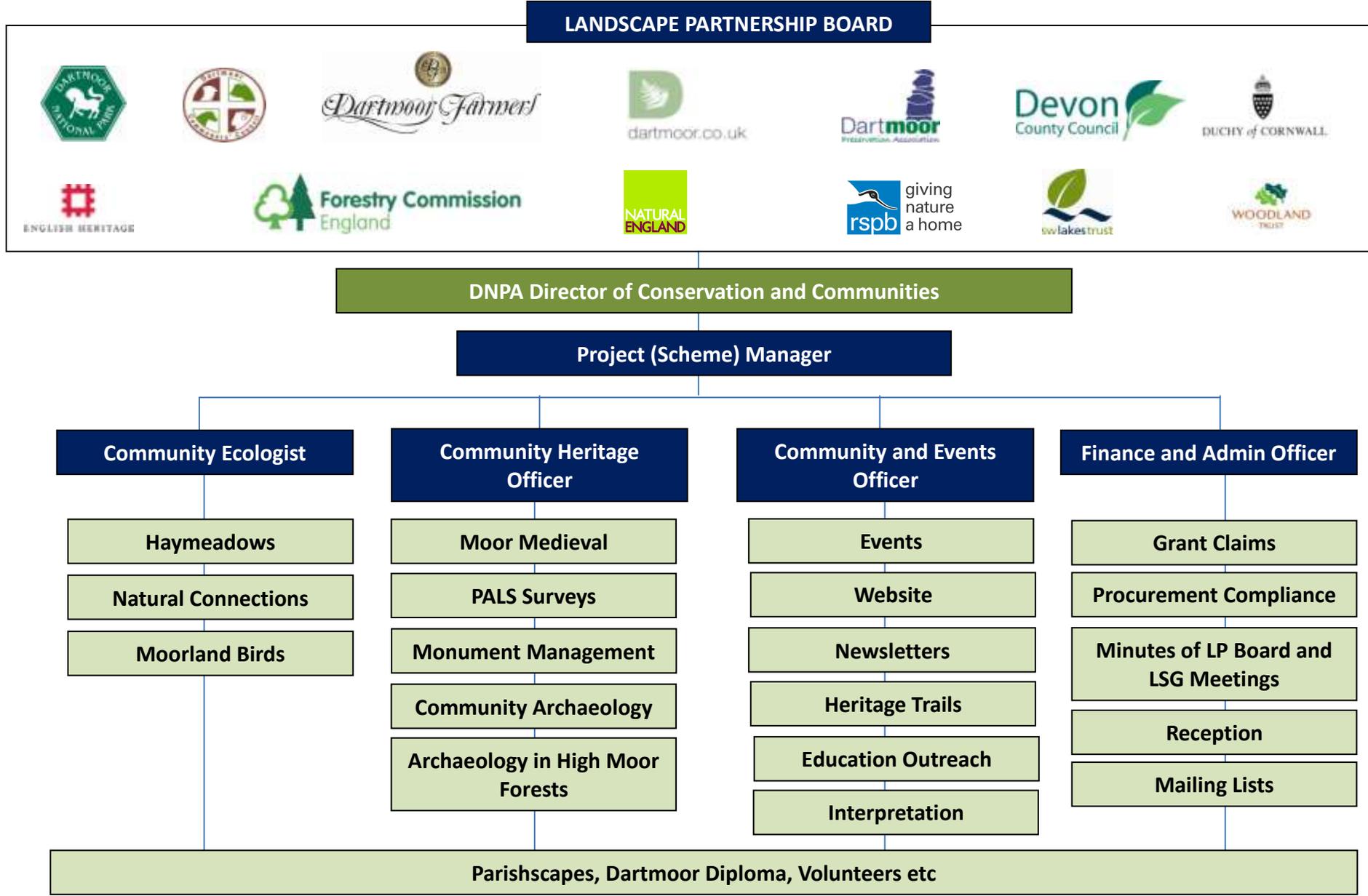
This Landscape Conservation Action Plan sets out in detail how the Partnership will deliver this vision. To oversee this commitment, and provide guidance where necessary, is the Landscape Partnership Board (LP Board) and Local Stakeholders Group.

The LP Board consists of representatives of a range of organisations from the public, private and voluntary sectors, led by Dartmoor National Park Authority. Those bodies with statutory responsibilities which relate directly to Scheme implementation are fundamental to the successful delivery of *Moor than meets the eye* and their ongoing involvement is necessary to ensure long-term sustainability.

The Local Stakeholder Group will be made up of interested community and user/interest group representatives identified through the audience development of the scheme. The establishment of this group will take into account the recommendations of the Local Stakeholders Group that advised the LP Board during the development of *Moor than meets the eye*. It will ensure that the views of the local communities central to the success of the scheme can easily be fed back into the delivery of the scheme.

The link from steering and advice to the delivery partners will be overseen by the Landscape Partnership team. This team will be hosted by Dartmoor National Park Authority, which acts as the accountable body for the Landscape Partnership. Line management is through DNPA’s Director of Conservation and Communities.

The structure of the Landscape Partnership can be seen on the following page:



## Adoption of the Landscape Conservation Action Plan

The Landscape Partnership Board formally adopted this Landscape Conservation Action Plan at their meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> January 2014, which included signing the Memorandum of Understanding and Constitution. The Local Stakeholders Group have been involved in developing the suite of projects that deliver the LCAP and has been consulted in the writing of the LCAP.

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As the Lead Partner (and Accountable Body), Dartmoor National Park Authority formally adopted this Landscape Conservation Action Plan at its Authority Meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

## Availability of the Landscape Conservation Action Plan

The full plan will be available on the scheme website and will be linked from partners' websites, where appropriate. Hard copies of this plan will be held by:

- The Lead Partner
- The staff team
- All organisations on the Landscape Partnership Board
- Members of the Local Stakeholders Group
- The Heritage Lottery Fund.

An abridged version will be held by all partners and a 'LCAP light' will be produced for a wider, non-technical public audience, particularly to all individuals and organisations consulted during the development phase.

## Review of the Landscape Conservation Action Plan

This document will be reviewed on an annual basis over the life of the scheme, to tie in with the submission of a detailed delivery plan for the forthcoming year. This review will ensure that the aims and objectives of the scheme are still being met, thoughts from the local communities are taken into consideration, and any new opportunities incorporated. A thorough evaluation of the scheme will take place through a tendering process for independent consultants to devise a methodology for monitoring and evaluation. This will include a review at or around the mid-term point and in the final year to measure its success and ensure that plans for the legacy are still relevant and can be delivered.

### Review period:

Ongoing Scheme: Manager and staff

Quarterly: MTMTE Landscape Partnership Board, Local Stakeholder Group and reports to HLF

Annual: MTMTE Landscape Partnership Board, Local Stakeholders Group, wider delivery partners, reports to and discussion with local communities, and annual detailed action plan with HLF

Monitoring and  
Evaluation Plan:  
Year 1

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Within first 6 months of LP Scheme

- Review the proposed monitoring indicators to ensure they will provide an adequate evidence base for effective evaluation
- Devise standard survey and feedback forms
- Provide mentoring and support for the Project Manager and delivery staff to ensure monitoring and evaluation is fully embedded in the LP Scheme delivery
- Provide a methodology for evaluating the overall impact of the LP Scheme on people, places and communities

Year 2/3

Mid-point review:

- Evaluation of progress against identified outputs and outcomes for the Project
- Evaluation of the impact of the Project on people, places and communities
- Interim report on the effectiveness of the Partnership in delivering the Project
- Recommendations for improvement

Year 5

6 months before end of the LP Scheme

- Produce a detailed final monitoring & evaluation report in the format recommended by HLF guidance. The final report will verify the impact and benefits to the area, the value of individual initiatives, activities and staff, and identify key issues and messages to maintain or continue.

**Summary**

Ultimately this plan is an operating manual for the scheme. It will naturally evolve as *Moor than meets the eye* progresses, and all agreed changes will be published via the channels described above in amended versions.