

DETAILED PROJECT PLAN

HLF Programme Area			
Area	Programme Title	Main Area (tick one box only)	Links to Other Areas
A	Conserving or restoring the built and natural features that create the historic landscape character.		
B	Increasing community participation in local heritage	✓	
C	Increasing access to and learning about the landscape and its heritage		✓
D	Increasing training opportunities in local heritage skills		✓
E	Scheme staffing, overheads and running costs		

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Moor Medieval



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Heading	Content
Summary	A parish based project to develop understanding about medieval life and to explore the effect that early farming had on the landscape of Dartmoor over more than a thousand years.
Project description	<p>Dartmoor is a place of unique landscape heritage interest where all generations have left an impression of their time and place, each layer being more or less visible, all with at least high cultural significance.</p> <p>Medieval Dartmoor is no exception, and yet an informed understanding about the life of these generations, and the breadth and depth of their legacy over more than a thousand years, is both fragmentary and often unseen. Many connections wait to be made to help create the picture of medieval life on Dartmoor.</p> <p>The focus for the start of this project is around an area of particular medieval significance where the Ancient Tenements group around the East and West Dart to the east of Dartmoor Forest and near to the</p>

adjoining manor of Spitchwick (in the parish of Widecombe-in-the-Moor). This co-existence and relationship of land ownership and settlement, cheek by jowl, is one of law and order, land management, farming, economy, buildings, transhumance etc and forms a pattern of life presently elusive, but where undiscovered evidence abounds.

Moor Medieval will work with the Dartmoor Forest parish and five of the parishes that border it. The project will start in Widecombe-in-the-Moor and include the four parishes of Manaton, North Bovey, Chagford and Gidleigh, and take in relevant parts of Dartmoor Forest parish.

The project will be launched with a conference on Medieval Dartmoor. There will be a 'pool' of specialist knowledge to help inform and guide parish groups engaged in research and survey of Dartmoor's medieval life; farming practice, longhouses and settlement; manors and monastic structures; and the use of natural resources etc across the specified parishes and that associated part of Dartmoor Forest.

At the same time, as Widecombe-in-the-Moor will form be the first parish covered by Moor Medieval, a community excavation project will take place at North Hall, which is situated in the centre of the village. This will follow on from the highly successful community excavation at the site of the lost medieval manor house of North Hall that took place in 2012 which was based on over 15 years of research work undertaken by Peter Rennells, a member of the Widecombe History Group (WHG). The excavation will continue to investigate features within a possible moated site as well as looking at a possible earlier settlement to the north.

It is proposed that the excavation will run for 6 working days with an Open Day at the end. Two professional archaeological contractors will supervise a team of at least 20 volunteers each day drawn from the local community, Widecombe History Group and Exeter University undergraduates. We hope to increase the participation of local primary schools by having one school group attending each day.

For many volunteers this will be their first experience of partaking in an archaeological dig. Volunteers will have ample opportunities to learn new archaeological skills such as excavation, planning, drawing, finds identification and finds processing. The results of the dig will greatly enhance our understanding of the North Hall manor site which served as the medieval town manor for Widecombe.

Initial focus will cover an area like a lens into which more detailed investigation will take place. The process will gradually broaden and progressively work through the parishes to increase understanding of Dartmoor's medieval landscape, including its vernacular building tradition.

Each parish project group would consist of at least 5 members and include those with an interest in the appropriate area of Dartmoor Forest. In total, at least 30 people will be actively involved with the emerging 'Moor Medieval' project over the 5 years.

	<p>An annual report will provide information on findings and the story so far, including site surveys of the medieval landscape and buildings to spread information and progress across the western fringe of the Moor than meets the eye project area. This will be enabled through presentation of information on a GIS mapping layer linked to an associated website for those who are interested to track progress and learn more about Dartmoor's medieval life.</p> <p>During the planned 5-year period of the 'Moor Medieval' project, the initial starting point and focus identified above will move northwards around the circumference of the Forest of Dartmoor connecting with 4 other parishes, gradually passing-by prehistoric sites like Whitehorse Hill. From here, the momentum of the will move on as a legacy for all parishes bordering Dartmoor Forest. There is also scope to weave in the medieval legacy found in other parishes covered by <i>Moor than meets the eye</i>.</p> <p>Medieval Dartmoor – 5 Years On</p> <p>A subsequent conference and report will present findings and the picture that has emerged of the thus far untold story of Dartmoor's medieval heritage and landscape</p>
<p>Beneficiaries and communication</p>	<p>The beneficiaries for the project will be</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • members of the local communities who participate in the research and learn research skills and learn about the history of the area; • The wider community and visitors to the area who will learn about the history of the area; <p>Key message</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dartmoor farming and settlement in Medieval times other topics like water, monastic estates, mining and extraction etc will gradually be woven into the network of human activity on Dartmoor. This will also provide for greater understanding of contexts like farming today, sustainability for the future, cultural traditions associated with tin mining, and provide for progressive development of other topics of interest as they emerge. <p>Communication</p> <p>Communication about the project will be through the local history societies, parish and local magazines and the local press as well as through <i>Moor than meets the Eye</i> website and DNPA media.</p>
<p>Project buy-in</p>	<p>Discussions have taken place with the landowner of Spitchwick Manor and estate and he is fully supportive of the proposal. Widecombe in the Moor parish will therefore be the starting point for this project.</p> <p>The Duchy of Cornwall is also engaged with the project and is currently represented on the Project Board.</p> <p>The scheme has also been shared with local history societies at the annual meeting and through informal meetings.</p> <p>The Community Excavation project will greatly increase understanding of the archaeology of the area. We will know more about the date, development, extent and layout of the North Hall Manor. We will also</p>

	<p>understand the significance of the crop mark site which may be of great archaeological and historical importance. The findings will also inform our general knowledge of Widecombe during the medieval period. For this reason, the Widecombe community strongly support the excavation. DNPA Archaeology and the site owners, along with the Widecombe History Group, are keen to continue the project in order to answer remaining questions about the site and promote the local archaeology and site history.</p> <p>There will be many community benefits resulting from the project which we hope will be regarded as a community event. Feedback from volunteers partaking in the last excavation highlighted the opportunity the project provided for practically engaging with, and actively discovering their local history. Several volunteers caught the excavation “bug” and subsequently volunteered on other excavations in Devon.</p>
Project lead	<p>Lead Partner: DARTMOOR NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY Lead Person: KEITH McKAY (Historic Buildings Officer) for Moor Medieval ANDY CRABB (Archaeologist) for the North Hall Community Excavation</p> <p>Parke, Bovey Tracey Newton Abbot, Devon TQ13 9JQ Email: kmckay@dartmoor.gov.uk acrabb@dartmoor.gov.uk</p> <p>Tel: 01626 831008 (Keith McKay), or 831077 (Andy Crabb)</p>
Partners / contractors etc.	<p>Partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local History Groups, Parish Councils, schools and community groups in Widecombe-in-the-Moor, Manaton, North Bovey, Chagford, Gidleigh and Dartmoor Forest. Landowners including the Duchy of Cornwall, the Manor of Spitchwick and the Forestry Commission <p>Contractors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quotations for design, printing etc, will be sought from: Moor Print Short Run Press Halsgrove DNPA Imagemakers <p>North Hall Manor Community Excavation <u>Main partners:</u> Site Owners - Margaret Rogers & Michael Lamb Research - Peter Rennells & the Widecombe History Group</p>

	<p>Planning & Co-ordination – Archaeology Service, DNPA</p> <p><u>Minor Partners</u> Natural England. Administer the HLS scheme the land is under. DNPA – education and rangers.</p> <p><u>Contractors</u> Oakford Archaeology. Marc Stienmetzer –Director. 44 Hazel Road, Exeter.</p>
Project development	This is a development of the proposal contained in the first round submission.
Activities and Timetable	<p>September 2014 Project launch with conference on Dartmoor’s medieval heritage to provide the context for our current and emerging understanding of its survival within the wider historic landscape and historic environment. It will also introduce specialists who will form the ‘pool’ of knowledge and help for community groups within parishes as the project progresses</p> <p>Community dig at North Hall Manor, Widecombe</p> <p>2015-2019 Working with parishes to explore their Medieval roots</p> <p>Summer 2015,2016,2017,2018 An annual community workshop will be provided in the appropriate parish to provide access and exchange of information about Dartmoor’s medieval life for 100 people from around the area Summer 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018</p> <p>Spring 2019 A further conference to conclude and celebrate the project</p> <p>Summer 2019 Publication on Medieval Dartmoor in the <i>Moor than meets the eye</i> area</p>

Activity Timeline	Y1												Y2				Y3				Y4				Y5			
	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
PB3 Moor Medieval																												
a. Launch event (with Parishscapes)																												
b. North Hall Manor Archaeological Excavation																												
c. Work with Widecombe in the Moor																												
d. Work with Manaton, North Bovey																												
e. Work with Chagford																												
f. Work with Gidleigh and Dartmoor Forest																												
g. Annual Conference																												
h. Conference (Moor Medieval 5 yrs on)																												
i. Publication of report																												
j. Volunteers																												

	<p>A total budget of £25,000 has been allocated to this project which will be spent on the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Medieval Dartmoor Conference: 'What We Know So Far' £1,500 2. Research and learning resource for each parish: (historic mapping, learning resources etc additional to Parishscapes) £2,500 3. Parish Day and sharing with MTMTE stakeholders: 5 days @ £500 £2,500 4. Specialist advice pool: equivalent to 4 specialists @ £400 x 5 years £8,000 5. Mediaeval Dartmoor Conference: 'What We Have Learnt - 5 years on' £1,500 6. Publish Report and Interpretation: write up and provide graphics etc. £4,000 7. North hall dig – medieval manor - £5,000
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Budgets	Cost Breakdown		
Estimated Total Cost	Cost:		Contingency:
	£25,000		£0
VAT	a. Is VAT applicable?	b. Is VAT reclaimable?	c. VAT amount:
	Yes	Yes	£0
Lead Partner Contributions	Type:	Secured:	Unsecured:
	Cash (source):	£ 0	£
	Staff:	£ 0	£
	Volunteers: 50 X £50	£ 0	£2,500
	In-kind:	£ 0	£
	TOTAL:	£0	£2,500
Other Contributions	Type:	Secured:	Unsecured:
	Cash (source):	£0	£0
	Staff (source):	£0	£0
	Volunteers:	£0	£0
	In-kind:	£0	£0
	TOTAL:	£0	£0
<i>Moor than meets the eye contribution</i>	Contribution:		Intervention Rate (%)
	£22,500		90%

Outputs	<p>Launch conference on Dartmoor's medieval heritage</p> <p>Provision of 'pool' of specialists</p> <p>Range of resources provided on a parish by parish basis to provide support for each parish project group, eg historic mapping, web access and specialist support</p> <p>Annual community workshop to be presented in the appropriate parish to provide an exchange of information about Dartmoor's medieval life for up to 100 people from around the area.</p> <p>'Medieval Dartmoor - 5 Years On' conference to conclude the project and act as a springboard for further work across Dartmoor on the medieval heritage within the National Park as an ongoing legacy generated through the Moor than meets the eye 'Moor Medieval' project.</p> <p>'Moor Medieval' will provide significant outcomes for Dartmoor's heritage, people and communities in the Moor than meets the eye area, and beyond in line with HLF LPS objectives and outcomes.</p>
Output indicators and targets	<p>30 local people trained in historical research</p> <p>Website developed to have interactive GIS mapping (part of Heritage Trails map.)</p> <p>100 people attending the community workshops</p> <p>Initial conference and report – 50 people attend</p> <p>4 annual reports on findings and the story so far</p> <p>'Moor Medieval – 5 Years On' Conference and report 100 people attend</p> <p>Publication on the Medieval landscape and cultural heritage of <i>Moor than meets the eye</i></p>
Outcomes	<p>The project will aim to show that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heritage has been better identified and recorded • People will have developed research skills, learnt about heritage • People will have volunteered time • More people and a wider range of people will have engaged with the heritage
Evidence	<p>Evidence of this will be provided through the production of the outputs listed above and through the <i>Moor than meets the eye</i> Monitoring and Evaluation programme.</p> <p>Feedback forms at all community workshops and events</p>
Wider context	<p>The Medieval period spans a period where there are two fundamental changes – firstly, with the increasing growth in the economy and in population, there is resettlement of the moor through the development of farms and the Dartmoor longhouse, and secondly, the introduction of</p>

	<p>systems of recording not only give evidence of this resettlement but also mean that the landscape is an important store of information about this period.</p> <p>PA6 Higher Uppacott Medieval Longhouse PA7 Ponies, Pounds and Driftways PB2 Parishscapes PB5 Welcome to Widecombe PB6 Managing Volunteers PC1 Discovering the Dartmoor Story- MTMTE Interpretation PC6 Heritage Trails</p>			
Legacy and maintenance of benefits	<p>The project will have given a significant number of volunteers valuable experience in historical research on the medieval period. It will provide examples of methodologies that can be used across Dartmoor, but particularly in those parishes fringing the western boundary of the Forest of Dartmoor, to further research into medieval Dartmoor. This material will continue to be available to the wider public through the website (or may migrate to an alternative host website). There will also be the possibility that the publication can be reprinted. This information can also be supplied to the Dartmoor Trust for the Dartmoor Archive.</p>			
Risks and Risk Mitigation	Risk register			
	Risk	Severity	Likelihood	Measures undertaken
	Failure to recruit enough volunteer researchers to complete the project in the timescale.	H	L	Work with Community officer and Heritage Officer to recruit volunteers. Use of website and local links
	Some of the parishes fringing the Dartmoor Forest area not wishing to be involved.	M	L	This project has been developed by talking to local communities . It is about connecting people who might not otherwise engage with Heritage officer will work to enthuse communities to get involved. If people could not be engaged then spread of project might be smaller or they may come on board later.
Background information	<p>Newman, P (2011), <i>The Field Archaeology of Dartmoor</i>. Swindon: English Heritage.</p> <p>Chapter 5 – Early medieval Dartmoor, AD 410-1066; Chapter 6 – Castles and status around medieval Dartmoor; Chapter 7 – Medieval farming and settlement on the uplands; Chapter 8 – The medieval tin industry, 1150 - 1700</p>			