



Moor than meets the eye

Landscape Partnership

The story of the people and landscape over 4,000 years on Dartmoor.

Frequently Asked Questions

1.	<p>What is <i>Moor than meets the eye</i>?</p> <p>It is a Heritage Lottery Funded Landscape Partnership Scheme which will show that there is more than meets the eye to Dartmoor and the story of its landscape and people over 4,000 years. It will be delivered through 28 projects which will bring people together to explore Dartmoor's past, conserve its wildlife and archaeology, improve understanding of the landscape and share and develop the skills to look after it for generations to come. In short, the projects will, together, help tell the story of Dartmoor; a landscape forged by nature and shaped by humans from prehistoric times to today.</p>
2.	<p>Who are members of the Landscape Partnership?</p> <p>The Partnership is made up of 13 public, private and voluntary sector organisations with interests on Dartmoor. They are: Dartmoor Commoners Council, Dartmoor Farmers Association, Dartmoor Partnership, Dartmoor Preservation Association, Devon County Council, Duchy of Cornwall, English Heritage, Forestry Commission, Natural England, RSPB, South West Lakes Trust, Woodland Trust, and the Dartmoor National Park Authority as the lead partner.</p>
3.	<p>Why is the Dartmoor National Park Authority (DNPA) the lead partner?</p> <p>DNPA was one of the founding members of the Landscape Partnership Board, with more partners coming on board during the development phase of the <i>MTMTE</i> Scheme. The early phase of the Scheme required the completion of a number of key research projects leading to the production of the Landscape Conservation Plan, which was produced on behalf of the partnership by the DNPA. As custodian of Dartmoor, DNPA is ideally suited to host, guide and nurture a Scheme of this scope.</p>
4.	<p>What is the difference between the Scheme and a Project?</p> <p><i>Moor than meets the eye</i> is a scheme made up of 28 projects. Scheme refers to the overall umbrella of <i>Moor than meets the eye</i>. Project refers to the individual elements which make up <i>Moor than meets the eye</i>.</p>
5.	<p>How many projects are in the scheme?</p> <p>The <i>MTMTE</i> Scheme is made up of 28 individual projects which are presented in four</p>

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themes or chapters:

- **Dartmoor through the ages**

This theme will help people to reveal how our ancestors lived and worked on Dartmoor. Projects like “Unveiling the Heritage of the High Moor Forest” will involve them in research, archaeology and the conservation of some of our most important heritage assets. The “Parishscapes” project will provide grants and advice for communities to develop their own community heritage projects and explore their own parish.

- **The wildlife of Dartmoor**

Dartmoor is important for its diverse wildlife and rich habitats. This is reflected in projects like “Haymeadows” and “Moorland birds”. These will ensure that important conservation work and the sharing of good practice are undertaken to benefit Dartmoor’s wildlife.

- **Discovering the Dartmoor Story**

Education and interpretive projects like “Discovering the Dartmoor Story” are a key element. They will help visitors to Dartmoor and the communities who live here make new connections with the landscape and develop a better understanding of its heritage through a range of media including leaflets, interactive guides, interpretation and project work.

- **Conserving Dartmoor**

The final part of the scheme will look at how we share and maintain the skills to look after Dartmoor for future generations. This will include the launch of the “Dartmoor Diploma”; a formal qualification which will help people gain these skills.

6. What is the duration of the Scheme?

The entire Scheme will be delivered over a five year period with each project having its own planned schedule within that time period.

7. Why does the Scheme take 5 years?

MTMTE is a significant commitment on the part of the participating members, requiring the input and support from a diverse group of people and organisations. The central aim of *MTMTE* is to involve and engage local communities and those who work on and visit Dartmoor in the restoration, conservation and promotion of the natural and cultural heritage of the area. The intention is to build momentum over the duration of the Scheme to ensure the continuation of local support and interest in future projects beyond the completion of *MTMTE* and to inspire initiatives in the future. Over the course of five years, the Scheme will also have developed and supported many skills necessary for the long term management of the area and will have fostered a deeper understanding of the area’s heritage for visitors and the next generation of volunteers and heritage managers.

8. Why have you chosen the Scheme area?

The chosen area is the south east corner of the Dartmoor National Park covering 280 square km. It contains six of the primary landscape character types considered to be quintessentially ‘Dartmoor’: unsettled high upper moorland, upland moorland with tors, moorland edge slopes, upper farmed and wooded slopes, lowland and plain. In technical terms it is one of the finest examples of a ‘palimpsest’ in the UK – see Question 9.

9. What is a palimpsest?

A palimpsest is the name given by archaeologists to an area on which layer upon layer of human activity has left its mark. Its unique character has been shaped over millennia

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ensuring that people and place are intrinsically linked. The *MTMTE* scheme area is an excellent example of a palimpsest and rich in both natural and human heritage throughout the ages. This fits in well with the ‘chapters’ of the Dartmoor story – see Question 5.

10. Why doesn't the Scheme cover my area/the whole of Dartmoor?

The development of the Scheme was produced alongside the Dartmoor National Park Management Plan 2014-19. There are a number of links between the two and *MTMTE* was identified as a potential delivery vehicle for some of the actions contained in it. The area defined by the Landscape Partnership was identified as a good fit with the scope of potential projects contained within the Scheme. However, the intention is to use the Scheme as a way of learning and developing skills and other innovative projects in the future that can be used across the Dartmoor National Park.

11. Who is paying for the Scheme?

The Scheme is funded from a variety of sources. Approximately half is funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF). The HLF contribution is matched by a collective contribution from the other funding partners who will/have donated to the Scheme in a variety of ways: for example by cash donations, providing in-kind support of professional staff and through the participation of volunteers. The Scheme represents an investment of £3.843 million into the conservation of Dartmoor's heritage. The HLF has awarded the Scheme £1.9 million.

12. Why is the tax-payer paying for the Scheme?

Although a percentage of the funding for the Scheme comes from local authority partners, approximately half of the total cost is funded by the HLF which is not supported by the tax-payer at all. There is also significant support from a variety of other organisations and partners which is not derived from taxes. The benefits to Dartmoor National Park from the successful completion of the Scheme will be accessible to everyone who lives on, works on or visits the moor for generations to come and is an important factor in protecting this unique national asset.

13. How can I find out more about the Scheme or get involved?

MTMTE has a regularly updated website where we put all the information about the Scheme and the Projects. You can also contact the Scheme team who are based in the Old Duchy Hotel at Princetown (above the National Park Visitor Centre). We will be running events, activities and volunteering days throughout the Scheme for people to get involved in. To find out more contact us in person, by phone or drop us an email.

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