

# Moors for the Future Partnership: 2025/26 Delivery and Programme Status Update

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APPENDIX 1



## Overview

- The work we do
- Moorland surveys last season
- Conservation works delivered last season
- Season overview and preparations for next 5 years
- Current status update, and expected 2026/7 conservation works season and beyond

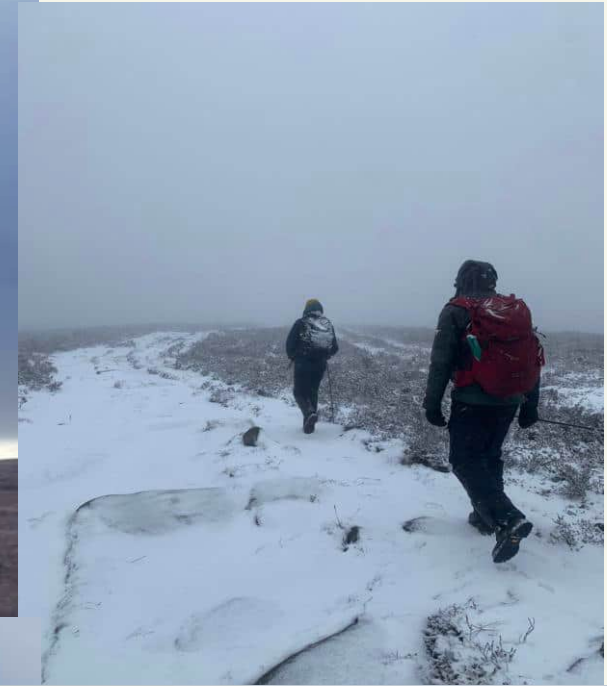
# The Work We do

- Peatland Restoration across the Peak District and Southern Pennines SAC
- £50 mill invested in this over the last 23 years across almost 250km sq of land. Primarily - revegetation and rewetting.
- Now one of several Peat Partnerships nationally.
- The sector is maturing, with standardized practices.
- Much has been done but there is more to do to face into the threats of climate change and biodiversity loss.



# Moorland Survey for 25/26

- 461 full survey days achieved by team of 10 Conservation Works Officers plus casual staff
- 11 whole moorland areas and two half sites surveyed, ready for restoration in future years.
- Over 12,500 Ha surveyed in total despite a lot of rain!



# Project Delivery totals 25/26

	Completed
Total dams	2965
Coir / heather bale	312
Peat / low peat	390
Stone	1621
Timber	642

32 works / airlifting contracts  
 3 archaeology contracts  
 1 peat depth contract  
 1 BNG survey contract  
 43 contracts delivered in total  
 £2.4mil spent on conservation

	Completed
Sphagnum moss plugs (n.)	1,610,573
Spagnum (ha.)	321.69
Gully Reprofilng	2,700
Heather Cutting	17.11
Bunding	0
Bare peat revegetated (ha.)	1.47
Bare peat (brash bags)	2193



# Season Overview 25/26

- 4 new Conservation Works staff hit the ground running in Sept 2025 & now advert out for more
  - Delivery Managers have been recruited
  - New works tenders & frameworks let to over 20 contractors
  - Comms team fully staffed – great engagement with Volunteers & on social media.
  - Science team have recruited and a new GIS team member
  - Business Development team – new private sector funds and National Highways contract secured
  - Programme management has moved to SharePoint ( more to come)
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- *Late start with works due to Water Co. delays in agreements and POs.*
  - *Very wet winter*
  - *Wildfires – but we have responded by support to FOGs & social media!*
  - *PDNPA restructure*
  - *Natural England changes*
  - *Global economy – fuel price uncertainty?!*



Programme status update and look-ahead to the 2026-27 season to be provided live in Resources Committee (5<sup>th</sup> June) using MFFP SharePoint Programme Dash-board.