

Peak District National Park Management Plan - Report on Performance to March 2015

This document provides an update on what has been happening since April 2014 under each of the five Peak District National Park Management Plan Signatures agreed by Advisory Group in 2012. Lead partners have provided updates on progress against the actions they had agreed to deliver during the year.

In summary:

- 108 Actions are on track or completed in 2014/15
- 34 Actions were behind schedule, late in starting or had priorities changed as of March 2015
- 1 action has been cancelled

<i>Environment Open for Business</i>	<i>Destination Pedal Peak District</i>	<i>Better, Bigger, more Joined Up</i>	<i>Community Led Planning</i>	<i>Inspiring Generations</i>
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Cancelled Action 40a - preparing a paper with UK national parks to lobby government to consider reinvesting in social housing in national parks.

Although there is still demand for social housing in national parks, in the lead up to an election lobbying was not felt to be the most appropriate mechanism to do this. Effort has been put into joint rural housing provider projects, which have gained some success. For example, 11 housing need surveys have been undertaken across communities in the High Peak and Derbyshire Dales. The National Park Authority supports the housing enabler at Derbyshire Dales District Council, and delivers housing enabling work to the High Peak Borough Council. Action 40a could be reconsidered as part of the next NPMP, but no new milestones have been identified for 2015-17.

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For more information on delayed and cancelled activities, see Page 12 Escalations Report.

Signature 1: An Environment Open for Business

- Despite limited funding availability during the transition period between old and new Rural Development Programmes, the target of 33 new agri-environment scheme entries, (which encourage nature conservation and heritage protection in farming) was achieved. A digital drop-in centre, which supports farmers registering for the new basic payment scheme was provided at the Bakewell Agricultural Centre in partnership between the NFU, Bagshaws and the National Park Authority.
- 10 new businesses have signed up to the Environmental Quality Mark during 2014/15. The target was reduced in year from 20 to 10, as staff and budgets were also reduced by 50%. Additionally, 7 Staffordshire businesses received Environmental Quality Mark business support during the year through European Regional Development funding in partnership with Destination Staffordshire.
- Derbyshire-wide Leader funding of £1.7 million for rural businesses has been secured with Derbyshire County Council as the accountable body. Allocation is split across categories of farming productivity (20%), small enterprises and farm diversification (45%), support for rural tourism (11%), developing rural services (11%), support for culture and heritage (4%) and increased forestry productivity(5%). Roll-out of funding has started with a focus on job creation, and improving productivity, with an intervention rate of 40%.
- Following a marketing campaign which includes website, marketing materials and exhibitions, 200 businesses are now signed up as ambassadors of the 'Inspired by the Peak District' brand, which is a 150% increase in take-up since the brand launch in 2013. A funding application has been submitted to increase brand awareness and maintain the momentum on this positive start to raising the profile of Peak District products. Case studies on inspirational businesses using the brand are now being compiled.
- Alignment of local tourism partner Visit Peak District with national agencies VisitEngland and VisitBritain has resulted in Regional Growth Fund support for national marketing of the area over a three year period 2012 -2015. During the campaign, billboards in Manchester and Birmingham have advertised the destination, as well as a first advert on national television. Results of the 3 year campaign will be made available in the Autumn, but early results show that benefits have exceeded the expectations of the campaign.

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- 50% of national park communities are connected to superfast broadband connection (as of April 15) with additional rollout planned until 95% of premises are connected by end of 2016. Access to up to date information can be found via the PDNPA website, as well as descriptions of broadband terminology and options available. The remaining 5% of rural premises remain a challenge, due to distance from the nearest local exchange. Appropriate sites for broadband cabinets and mobile phone infrastructure in 'not-spots', for example around Manifold Valley and Snake Pass have been identified, but no further progress was made in support of this on a national scale by Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS). There may be more certainty to the future of this work under the new Government in 2015/16. Connectivity remains a priority issue for rural Peak District businesses if they are to compete equally with urban businesses.
- A re-designed and user friendly Climate Change and Sustainable Building planning document has been developed and is available on-line. It promotes green technology in the national park, by demonstrating the positive role that sustainable buildings, low carbon and renewable energy can play in reducing greenhouse gases, as well as encouraging businesses to be more energy resilient.
- Business Peak District has led 23 local business events this year, attracting 180 businesses, held one to one advice sessions with 81 businesses, and supported 33 businesses working with the National Park Authority to deliver grants. Capacity to support the level of one to one advisory sessions is limited on an ongoing basis, however, and we are looking to longer term funding mechanisms via Local Enterprise Partnerships.
- Although work is ongoing to extend the reach of LEP 'growth hubs' to benefit Peak District businesses, and to develop the 'Inspired by the Peak District' brand, there is still a risk that rural areas such as the Peak District are overlooked in favour of jobs and growth in urban areas, and accessing finance to grow local businesses via LEP funding remains an issue.

Signature 2: Destination Pedal Peak District

- The first phase of the Pedal Peak Hope Valley cycling link has been completed between Hathersage and Bamford, and consultations on the second phase link between Bamford and Hope are also completed. The public consultation on the extension of the Monsal Trail into Matlock has now taken place, and discussion with other local land owners to identify details of the route is ongoing. The first part of the Staffordshire Moorlands link is open and the remainder of the route will be completed during 2015. The Cycle Friendly Places grant is also enabling a better cyclist welcome across the destination.
- In March 2015, plans for a second Eroica Britannia were well advanced, building on a successful start last year, and involving a wide range of local and national partners. Events

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such as Eroica have the potential to help reposition the brand position of the Peak District destination in the minds of visitors, journalists and businesses. It's interesting to see that the international language of design, physical endeavor and celebration of territory that cycling brings has the potential to shape a new dimension of tourism development. The event brings large number of international tourists to the Peak District, with the estimated value of £1 million from international cyclists in 2014.

- The Wider Peak District Cycle Strategy was launched in late 2014 and sets out short terms aims for delivering cycling related tourism improvements and products until 2017. Since the launch of the strategy, PDNPA has already secured additional DFT funding to develop cycling friendly facilities at Peak District youth hostels, and to develop a bookable Peak Cycle Shuttle with Bakewell and Eyam Community Transport.
- Plans for an on-demand bike bus operated by Bakewell and Eyam Community Transport were developed (and were later launched in early summer 2015) to provide flexible cycle carriage service linking the trail network with the towns of Matlock, a bookable service to/from accommodation and the Trail network. The Peak Cycle Shuttle addresses connectivity issues between elements of the White Peak Loop and the wider trail network.
- Visit Peak District and the PDNPA worked together to deliver a successful walking festival in 2014. Derbyshire Dales District Council and have delivered a health walks programme , which encourages visits to and walks in the countryside and promotes health benefits of an active lifestyle.
- The Chatsworth Estate, Visit Peak District and PDNPA have worked with travel and accommodation providers on a range of initiatives to attract international visitors, especially from China. Outcomes from this work range from provision of information in Mandarin on the Sheffield to Bakewell bus, the 'China Naming Campaign' which sought to find a new Chinese name for the Peak District as part of Visit Britain's GREAT campaign, to signing up to the Great China Welcome Charter.
- An access fund has been set up to accept donations for work to improve open access, including signage and maintenance of Rights of Way. New public footpaths have been created at Hayfield, and 5.5 km of towpath improvements along the Caldron Canal in Staffordshire.
- PDNPA surveyed 600 visitors to the Dark Peak in 2014, with similar surveys taking place during 2015 in the White Peak and South West Peak. This was the first survey to look at the habits and drivers for people visiting the Peak District since 2005. Information from these surveys will be used to improve the quality of visitor facilities and the sustainability of the built fabric at key visitor hubs. Surveys of why people do not visit the Peak District also took place in Manchester and Sheffield. Results of both surveys can be found on the PDNPA website [Visitor Survey 2014: Peak District National Park](#).
- The Stange Forum has worked closely with the PDNPA, and other stakeholders including Natural England, English Heritage, The Sheffield Moors Partnership, University of Sheffield, and Sheffield Wildlife Trust, to develop a long term vision for the Stange North Lees Estate.

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The new vision will care for the landscape, promote accessibility and understanding and will rely on sound management and financial planning. A new management plan for 2015-2015 is now being developed in partnership with all stakeholders. Some early initiatives have already been delivered, such as the fund raising 'Stick up for Stanage' carpark sticker.

- A promotion campaign to highlight the responsible visiting messages developed last year includes an animated film #DoThisPeak District, produced with involvement from young people from the Peak District Youth Forum, and other local youth groups, with funding from PDNPA. A pack including the film has been rolled out to schools. It can be viewed on-line on Youtube. Guidance for large scale events has also been developed and launched.
- Advisory Group convened a sustainable travel summit in March 2015, with attendance from transport providers, tourism business and local government partners, providing an opportunity for direct conversations between the different sectors. The conference identified short, medium and long term options to develop sustainable visitor travel options to and around the Peak District. A report from sustainable travel consultancy Green Traveller on progress since the conference proposes recommendations for a joint way forward within the national park. All outputs were published on the PDNPA website (<http://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/looking-after/strategies-and-policies/sustainable-transport-action-plan/travel-summit-2015>)
- Other early sustainable transport successes include a rebranded TM Travel 218 Peakline Service from Sheffield to Bakewell & Chatsworth, and the 222 Dambuster Bus, launched in July 2014, operating over peak summertime weekend and planned for restart in 2015.
- In 2014/15 £310,000 was made available through the Local Transport Plan to improve and signpost routes within the national park. The legal status of nine routes across the national park has been clarified, including six of the priority routes identified as being in urgent need of improved management. Derbyshire County Council are delivering rights of way maintenance on routes in the High Peak through Groundwork. Volunteers have begun working on the Pennine Bridleway National Trail, clearing drains and ditches and replacing signposts. Staffordshire Wildlife Trust have begun work to improve footpaths on the Roaches estate as part of a £30,000 grant from the European Outdoor Conservation Association.

Signature 3: Better, Bigger and More Joined Up

- There are significant landscape-scale estate management projects throughout the Peak District which are well underway creating new native broadleaf woodland. Examples include removal of 25 hectares of conifer plantation at Burbage in line with the Sheffield Moors Masterplan which will replace the conifers with 22.5 hectares of native woodland, such as oak, birch and rowan, and heather reseeding of 2.5 hectares. The Clough Woodland Project has completed 55ha of initial broadleaf woodland creation across the National Trust Peak District Estate. The project has also established strong working relationships with partners across the project area. Funding proposals have been submitted to Yorkshire Water to

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contribute to the project, and to the Woodland Trust to support with monitoring impacts of woodland creation on stream flows and water quality.

- The development phase for the South West Peak Landscape at a Crossroads Heritage Lottery Funds project was approved in November 2014, and the Development Officer recruited in January 2015. A project board structure is in place, development phase activity plan agreed, and working groups established for various projects, as well as the early work on the engagement process.
- Moorland restoration and management work continues through the Moors for the Future Partnership, and the National Trust Upland Vision, focusing on re-vegetating and re-wetting degraded moorlands. During 2014/15 £4.4 million of moorland restoration work was undertaken by Moors for the Future.
- The MoorLIFE project is due to be completed in 2015 and all MoorLiFE targets were achieved, including plug planting, heather brash application and Sphagnum application. A promotional video and podcasts were produced, and a community fire awareness campaign was developed and road tested with Edale primary school.
- Engagement with private land owners has continued through the Moors for the Future Private Lands Partnership. Six full and partial Higher Level Scheme works were agreed for Summer 2015, including Saddlesworth, Crowden, Moscar, Peaknaze and Stalybridge, and possible future assignments at other sites such as The Roych, Mossy Lea and Wessenden Head.
- The SSSI recovery project with Yorkshire Water concluded in March 2015 and resulted in progress towards favourable condition for their SSSI landholdings. During the five year duration of the project, 25 sites, covering 11,500ha have received treatment to tackle degraded upland habitats. Moors for the Future delivered a report on the outcomes of the project in April 2015, and are negotiating next steps to continue the project in subsequent years.
- The Dark Peak Nature Area Improvement Partnership has produced a 3 year monitoring report, showing progress made by the partnership to enhance the connectivity and condition of moorland and moorland fringe landscapes for nature and for people. Highlights of the partnership work include: 522 days of volunteer time mobilised, 997 gully blocks to restore hydrological integrity, improvement of 2073ha upland heath, 65ha of upland grassland, 153ha of upland deciduous woodland, and improvement of 21km of footpaths and bridleways.
- Start on the DerwentWise project was delayed by 6 months to allow the scope to be broadened to meet additional requirements. Since implementation started, the project has delivered 2 km of towpath improvement, 1ha of rhododendron clearance, and 6 ha of

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habitat restoration. Engagement has included working with 20 landowners and 20 volunteers. Two management conservation plans have also been produced.

- Although when the monitoring information was collated early in 2015, there had not yet been reports of chalara fraxinea (ash dieback) within the Peak District National Park, the disease has now been recorded locally. An Ash Dieback Partnership, made up of Natural England, the National Trust, local wildlife trusts and the Chatsworth estate, continues to closely monitor the local situation, and is developing a variety of management techniques to mitigate the effect of the disease. This includes encouraging greater diversity in Ash dominated woodlands, through planting and natural regeneration. The Ash Dieback Partnership has commissioned a baseline ecological survey of 100 plots within the Peak District dales, which will mark the start of a long-term monitoring project to understand the impacts both of ash dieback, and of different management regimes designed to mitigate the impact of ash dieback.
- The farmland wader project continued to address the decline of waders. In the South West Peak work has involved monitoring key sites, habitat management restoration work, and predator control. Monitoring shows that the number of lapwing breeding pairs, for example, broadly corresponds to 2002 levels, which is a good sign that that we are maintaining population numbers on those sites in the project. An increase of 33% of Curlews was also recorded. Predation appears to be the limiting factor, and is being addressed where possible. The South West Peak HLF Landscape Partnership scheme will include a wader project to continue this work.
- Good relationships around long term measures to boost birds of prey populations are being built between nature conservation organisations and the Moorland Association. Low numbers across key Birds of Prey continue to give rise to concerns, and to the need to build a long term perspective. Good partnership work is key to reaching our targets for these Birds of Prey, and it is hoped that the joint stance will begin to show an improvement in numbers the coming years. However, only 2 pairs of Peregrine were recorded in 2014, significantly less than the target of 15, and only 18 pairs of Merlin, with a target for the year as 32. Short eared owls are proving difficult to monitor.
- Two cross organisational workshops took place in late 2014 and early 2015 focusing on how joined up management of the Peak District National Park best delivers ecosystem services, (the services provided by nature, such as clean water, flood alleviation, wellbeing etc.). Working with partners, the National Park Authority has completed a self-assessment based on criteria produced by Defra. The self- assessment also produced an action plan which identifies key activities and opportunities over the next five years, and which will feed into the review of the national park management plan in 2016. The requirement for self-assessment will be rolled out to other national parks in Spring 2016.
- After Moors for the Future's successful stage 2 HLF bid in December 2014, recruitment of a project team to deliver the Citizen Science project took place early in 2015. Following a review of existing materials, work has started on designing additional surveys with the

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Stockholm Environmental Institute. A communications infrastructure is now in place which connects visitor services, rangers and educators with external organisations and members of the public to deliver the aims of the project, which closely reflect the aims of the national park management plan.

- Tenders have been requested to develop a carbon budget for the Warslow Moors Estate, considering domestic, agricultural and vehicular energy usage and land use. The objectives of the project will be to explore how the estate could become an exemplar in terms of carbon management, and explore external funding. A further benefit of this work will be sharing lessons learnt on this project with future projects.
- National parks worked with Defra in January 2015 to develop revised guidelines for climate change adaptation reporting. PDNPA have committed to report by end of December 2015. It is proposed that a climate change action plan is delivered through the next NPMP review and is embedded in partnership working, and reported through the NPMP annual process during the next plan period.
- Moors for the Future worked with Sheffield University to assess the relationship and impact of pressures and factors affecting ecosystem services in the Dark Peak blanket bog, and modelled them. Understanding the impact of changes in policy, in management and external factors such as climate change is a necessary step in assessing the value of ecosystem services, and developing a model for future payback schemes.
- Derbyshire Wildlife Trust has worked with the NFU, National Trust, and British Mountaineering Council to deliver a badger vaccination programme across 3 locations within the Peak District. They were successful in vaccinating over 70% of the badgers present in these setts. Derbyshire Wildlife Trust continues to raise funds to support this programme.
- With the help of volunteers, especially fishing clubs, modest funding of £1500 went a long way to control spreading Himalayan balsam. Along the rivers Manifold, Dove and Hamps, 13 km was cleared, and an additional 18ha of other key sites have also been targeted.
- Although a Heritage Lottery Fund bid focussing on restoration of the perennial uphill flow in the River Lathkill has been drafted following joint work of the National Park Authority, local residents and landowners, submission has been stalled pending the outcome of feasibility work by The Friends of Lathkill group and a specialist contractor.

Signature 4: Community Led Planning

- Progress has been made on 9 Neighbourhood Plans this year. The Bradwell plan is due to proceed to referendum in Autumn 2015. This is the final step before legal adoption. The Chapel plan is also due to reach the referendum stage in July 2015. Plans are still progressing in Bakewell, Whaley Bridge, Harington, Saddleworth, Holme Valley, Leekfirth and Dore.

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- PDNPA and partners have continued to support Youlgreave Community Land Trust (formed in January 2013) to acquire, hold and maintain community assets for the benefit of the local people in Youlgreave and the surrounding area of the Bradford Valley. Support has also been given to develop the Bradwell Community Land Trust which will help to retain a balance between employment and residential land within the parish. During 2014/15 'Assets of Community Value' have become more significant. A number of local pubs such as Rutland Arms, Baslow, and Bulls Head, Youlgrave, plus the village shop at Grindleford and Village Hall at Youlgrave are now on an asset list held by DDDC. Apart from giving the community first opportunity to purchase these assets, the registration also becomes a material planning consideration in any future application affecting the asset.
- Regular planning bulletins continue to be submitted every quarter to update Parish Councils on legal policy changes, pre-planning costs and to promote the PDNPA planning services. The annual Parish's Day was held in October 2014, in partnership with Peak Park Parishes Forum. Workshops and debates identified how the National Park Authority and parishes can work together to help rural communities thrive. Topics covered broadband and mobile connectivity, and the Peak District cycling strategy.
- 6 housing need surveys have been undertaken in the High Peak and 5 have been undertaken in the Derbyshire Dales. The National Park Authority supports the housing enabler at Derbyshire Dales District Council, and delivers housing enabling work to the High Peak Borough Council. Proactive search for housing sites has been carried out in Hathersage, and development capacity studies have been carried out in Bradwell and Tideswell. Public consultation has been undertaken in Bakewell, focusing on areas for protection and development.
- New Conservation Area Appraisals (CAA) were approved by Committee for Bradwell in April 2014 and in Pott Shringley March 2015. The Longor CAA is now scheduled to be completed by March 2016. Only 6 CAAs out of 109 remain to be completed, but decisions on when and how these will be delivered will depend on future resources. A Supplementary Planning Document for conversion of traditional buildings is in development but will not be completed until March 2017 as it is dependent on the adoption of other policies.
- All excavations and underground designations have been completed at Ecton mine, and the former copper mine's winding house was opened to the public. English Heritage and the National Park Authority have started work on a historic landscape characterisation report across the national park.
- In 2013/14 a World War 1 project bid was submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) but was unsuccessful. In 2014/15 the project has been streamlined and a new bid will be submitted to a specific World War 1 HLF grant fund. The more modest £10.5K project will aim to establish a portable exhibition that can travel between the national park visitor centres highlighting locations people can visit to gain understanding of how the First World War impacted on the landscape.
- During 2014/15 four Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) were consulted on and as a result orders were made at The Roych, Chapel Gate, Long Causeway and Leyslane. Ongoing

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consultation is underway at Washgate, Hollinsclough/Hartington and Brushfield-Upperdale. A 'Priority Routes Action Plan' was developed for 2015/16 identifying priority routes where the use of Traffic Regulation Orders should be considered.

- Rural Action Derbyshire have extended the 'Wheels to Work' (W2W) project to help people who do not otherwise have access to transport get to jobs. During 2014/15, 53 people received assistance in journey planning and of these 30 people received help with costs travelling to work or training during the first month until they were paid. 106 people were loaned a moped from W2W and of these 40 people were supported to set up a Credit Union account to enable them to buy the moped at the end of the 6-month loan period.
- The Great Escape Project is a joint programme commissioned by Derbyshire Dales Community Housing, and run in partnership with Derbyshire Dales CVS. The project aims to engage people living in supported accommodation or in receipt of floating support within the Derbyshire Dales into meaningful activities and to help them engage with their local community. The number of client referrals recorded on the Great Escape now stands at 156.
- A revision of the Supplementary Planning Document for Climate Change and Sustainable Building was released in December 2014. This was re-designed and updated to be more accessible and user friendly. The document continues to promote the positive role that sustainable buildings, and low carbon and renewable energy can play in reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The document is now available online.

Signature 5: Inspiring Generations

- Provision of family orientated events by partner organisations across the national park has now been mapped. The 'starting well' age group (under 5s) was identified as needing more development. The Inspiring Generations Steering Group have set up a working group with representation from the National Parks Educators Group to look at natural play in the Peak District to promote joint working and new opportunities to raise its profile. A target of 1 million opportunities across all the age groups was set for the next 10 years. The National Trust, RSPB and National Park Authority have already provided 100,000 opportunities in 2014/15 so we are already on target to achieve our joint aspiration.
- Formal constitution of the Peak District Youth Forum was agreed in July 2014, followed by a social media campaign to reach wider audiences. However, progress has been hampered by the collapse of many local youth services due to budgetary constraints.
- The Community Science project has been approved and funded until 2018, and will provide opportunities for local people and visitors to learn about and participate in protection of the moors, both through apps, and through walks gathering scientific data indicating the health of upland habitat.
- The National Trust opened concessionary bridleways around the main hub at the Longshaw estate. There are plans in place to develop visitor facilities at the estate to improve visitor

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experience and develop a desire for independent access, which will be implemented from 2015 onwards.

- New areas of open access and new concessionary routes , in addition to upgraded access points, were made at the Stanage North Lees Estate to facilitate access for all. A series of public guided walks took place on the estate, as well as the first in a series of Open Farm Sundays, which will be developed into a wider suite of activities and events in subsequent years.
- The South West Peak Landscape Partnership is developing key messages under the name 'Telling Tales – Bigger, Better & More Connected'. The intention is to develop an interpretation plan focussing on key locations, such as the Roaches, and create a fully costed Heritage Lottery Funding bid.
- Staffordshire Moorlands District Council has funded a three year National Park Authority run project to work with young people on conservation and green gym style activities. Activities will be targeted at young people and families, and will include junior rangers, dry stone walling, map reading and navigation. The aim is to improve confidence leading to better employment prospects longer term.
- Joint work with the Accessible Derbyshire group has been ongoing, and culminated recently in a presentation to the Local Access Forum, which gave a comprehensive picture of accessibility in the Peak District. The presentation included input from the Fieldfare Trust, Mountain Trikes, the Experience Community and the Better Outside projects.
- MOSAIC has been working with Derbyshire CVS to set the group up as an independent charity. This process is still on-going, and there is a new target of March 2016 for full constitution. The group now meets independently of the National Park Authority. Although strong links still exist between the two organisations, the National Park Authority role is now one of support to help MOSAIC establish itself and continue to flourish.
- Over 8,000 volunteers days were organised or supported by the National Park Authority, of which 1,600 were volunteers from under-represented groups, including young people, ethnic minorities, or people with a limiting long term illness or disability. This is a reduction in volunteering days from 2013/14, and reflects the move of MOSAIC to an independent status, as although their work continues, it is no longer counted as National Park Authority data.
- Funding to continue the work of the Peak District Award has been made through a number of funding applications, including an 'Our Environment Our future bid' from the Big Lottery and through a bid to the Lindley Trust. Both bids were unsuccessful. Schools and communities are still using the award and individuals can access the award from the PDNPA web site. However, funding is required to grow the award further.
- The South West Peak 'Landscape at a Crossroads' project has developed an engagement strategy, and a website and Twitter account are now established and kept up to date. Inputs as of March 2015 from the public include sharing memories of the South West Peak, and involvement in choice of logo for the project. The engagement strategy will be rolled out

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fully over the next few months, including involvement with creating a Conservation Action Plan and volunteering opportunities.

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Actions behind schedule, late starting or cancelled

Delivery Action How do we intend to achieve it?	Lead Partners	Delivery Milestones	Progress
AN ENVIRONMENT OPEN FOR BUSINESS			
3.b) Enterprise Peak District Outline Economic Growth Strategy Package is being progressed, in line with LEP Growth Strategies	Business Peak District, Local Authorities, Peak District National Park Authority, Peak Businesses	Ongoing delivery of actions based around the package of interventions as per the Enterprise Peak District	Ongoing but behind. Outline Economic Growth Package key examples: - - Developed 'Inspired Peak District Brand' - marketing campaign has been kicked started with 100 business signed up (Feb 2015). Web content improved, and marketing materials produced. Inspired by stand at Visit Peak District and Derbyshire Conference (19th March) Case studies being gathered on businesses using the brand -On going work on 'Growth Spokes - building the reach of LEP Growth Hubs for Peak District businesses. Together with Business Peak District and Local Authorities providing advice for Peak Businesses and negotiating to extend LEP proposals for business advice. Despite these examples, accessing finance to grow Peak District businesses is still an issues and issues remain regarding utilising LEPs to access funds

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<p>4.b) Mobile Infrastructure Project to erect new masts in Peak District area in 2015 to improve mobile coverage in current 'not-spots' e.g. around Manifold Valley and Snake Pass</p>	<p>Peak District National Park Authority, Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), BT and Arqiva</p>	<p>New masts in place and 'not-spots' issues targeted</p>	<p>Ongoing but behind. Work has been undertaken to identify appropriate sites for broadband cabinets and mobile phone infrastructure in 'not-spots' e.g. around Manifold Valley and Snake Pass but no further progress has been made in support of this on a national scale by Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS). This is likely due to the uncertainties surrounding the 2015 general election.</p>
<p>5. b) Green-building open days have been held at properties such as Big Fernyford Farm and Beechenhill Farm, which showcase green building techniques. Similar events may be held in 2015, although yet to be confirmed</p>	<p>Peak District National Park Authority,</p>	<p>Hold events showcasing green building techniques in 2014/15.</p>	<p>Ongoing but behind. No similar events were held in 2014/15 due to lack of resources but PDNPA are still hoping to promote green building techniques at future events if resources or opportunities become available.</p>

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10.d) An accord on mobile phone related development has been signed between National Parks England and the Mobile Operators Association, which aims to provide more extensive coverage whilst respecting national park qualities	Peak District National Park Authority,	Working with partners to promote and establish good broadband and mobile phone coverage in the National Park through to 2017.	Ongoing but behind. Work has been undertaken to identify appropriate sites for broadband cabinets and mobile phone infrastructure in 'not-spots' e.g. around Manifold Valley and Snake Pass but no further progress has been made in support of this on a national scale by Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS). This is likely due to the uncertainties surrounding the 2015 general election.
DESTINATION PEDAL PEAK DISTRICT			
13 a) A growth Plan for the Visitor Economy was presented to LEPs in March 2014. Since then plans were made for the development of a Tourism Strategy with Visit Peak District and partners – delayed but expected to resume 2015	Peak District National Park Authority, Visit Peak District	Tourism Strategy development in 2014/15	Ongoing but behind. Due to lack of resources there has been no progress on this action.
13 d) Opportunities to improve the visitor experience and brand awareness at hubs and gateways were identified as part of an audit in March 2014 – rangers. These will inform a new 'gateways project'	Peak District National Park Authority,	'Hubs and gateway' project in development during 2014/15	Ongoing but behind. In June 2015 it was agreed that a paper will be brought to the PDNPA Strategic Management Team (in summer 2015) outlining the approach for developing a framework for delivering high quality visitor experience across the National Park. The framework will help bridge the work that is undertaken on the ground with the strategic direction of the National Park and help provide a guide and focus to all the

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			visitor experience work that is delivered.
<p>14 a) Key recreation sites around the national park where experiences and impacts need to be managed have been identified, and specific planning policies are being developed to accommodate. Refining Development Management Policies on Visitor hubs, to allow more development of identified sites in ways sympathetic to national park purposes, should be completed by early 2016.</p>	<p>Peak District National Park Authority,</p>	<p>Refining Development Management Policies on Visitor hubs completed by early 2016</p>	<p>Ongoing but behind.</p> <p>The deadline for 'Recreation Hubs Area Action Plan' has been re-set in the Local Development Scheme and will now follow the completion of the Development Management Policies Document (Date for submission to Secretary of State is November 2017). However, through projects such as visitor's surveys/Gateway project we have an increasing understanding and knowledge in this area which will support with producing policies to improve the quality of visitor facilities and sustainability of built fabric at key visitor hub sites.</p>

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BETTER, BIGGER AND MORE JOINED UP			
17.a) Development of the Peak District Landscape Action plan	Peak District National Park Authority,	Peak District Landscape Action Plan	Ongoing but no fixed timeframe set The review of Peak District Landscape Action Plan is on hold pending discussions on linkages between the NPMP review and the LDF.
17.b) The Local Development Framework Development Management Policies are currently being finalised, having undergone significant consultation and review. They are due for adoption in Spring 2015, when they will replace the outgoing Local Plan.	Peak District National Park Authority,	Local Development Framework, Development Management Policies adopted by spring 2015.	Ongoing but behind. Changes in national planning policy have impacted on this action, as time and resources have been used up to response to government and protect/establish the position of the National Park in relation to these changes. The Local Development Scheme has been revised. During summer 2015 members will confirm and define all aspects of the policies and the emerging DPD will return to Authority in October 2015. This will trigger the formal consultation stage following which the plan and representations can be submitted to Government (Jan 2016). This will then activate the examination stage.

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<p>19.c) Delivery of DerwentWise project as per the 2013 Landscape Conservation Action Plan (LCAP) will protect and enhance the landscape, biodiversity and cultural heritage of an area of 75 square miles, just outside the National Park boundary.</p>	<p>Derbyshire Wildlife Trust</p>	<p>Delivery of DerwentWise project as per the 2013 Landscape Conservation Action Plan (LCAP)</p>	<p>Ongoing but behind (on track with revised timeframe)</p> <p>Although the project was approved on 03.12.2013, project delivery did not start until June 2014 in order to meet additional special requirements. Practical achievements have therefore been hindered but major achievements in 2014/15 include 1.94 km of towpath improved at Cromford Canal. 1.1ha of Rhododendron cleared in Lea Wood. 5.74ha of habitat restored including 2.19ha of meadow restored and four local wildlife sites. 20 Landowners engaged with. 18 volunteers involved in practical restoration. Two Landscape Management Conservation plans produced. One walking guide to the Heritage Way created.</p>
<p>20.c) Continue project to address decline of farmland waders to Jan 2015, with further project funding sought by Staffs Wildlife Trust</p>	<p>Peak District National Park Authority, Staffordshire Wildlife Trust</p>	<p>Secure funding to ensure continuation of project and meet targets as per the Wader recovery plan.</p>	<p>Targets not met and funding not achieved – (but work on going through different projects)</p> <p>The Project Officer post was only funded until January 2015 and there are presently no funds to replace the post. However, PDNPA, through a project in the SWP Partnership, continue to work closely with Natural England to deliver the Wader recovery plan alongside, Wildlife Trusts and RSPB to address the continuing decline of waders. Work has involved monitoring key sites, habitat management restoration work and predator control Wader project. Numbers of lapwings in the Dark Peak core breeding areas, which have received input from the project officer and which have been monitored, broadly correspond to those recorded in 2002 so we are</p>

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			maintaining population numbers on these sites. However, elsewhere it is likely that overall declines have continued. Wader numbers continue to decline in the South West Peak but last year saw a 33% increase in the number of curlews recorded. Predation appears to be the limiting factor and is being addressed
20.e) LNP producing a State of Nature report which will help inform other aspects of PDNP work	The Peak District Local Nature Partnership	Produce State of Nature report by end of 2014/15	Ongoing but behind (on track with revised timeframe) The local nature partnership is leading on production of a State of Nature report which will help inform aspects of PDNP work. This work is being undertaken on a voluntary basis and is expected to be completed by Spring 2016. The report will include clear statements on why species and habitats are important, and identify priorities and ways forward with calls to action.
20 f) Birds of Prey partnership initiative is ongoing, with monitoring of Hen Harrier nest and activity in Upper Derwent Valley, successfully working with National Trust, Game keepers, raptors	Birds of Prey Partnership, Peak District National Park Authority	Population targets as follows: Peregrine – 15 pairs Merlin -32 pairs Short Eared Owl – 25 pairs	Targets not met but work continues Peregrine, Merlin and Short eared owl populations have been monitored. In the 2014 breeding season only 2 pairs of Peregrine were recorded (target was 15) only 18 pairs of merlin were recorded (the target was 32 – however a high number were recorded as fledging) and Short Eared Owls have been very difficult to monitor. Despite this, good relationships and trust has been built between nature conservation organisations and Moorland Association, but numbers continue to give rise to concerns and the need to

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			continue to build a long term perspective.
21 a) Work on restoring mineral sites for nature conservation end uses: There are 6 sites still subject to amenity restoration review: Longstone Edge, Stanton Moor, Birchover, Topley Pike, Shire Hill and Smalldale Quarries.	Peak District National Park Authority	Complete on 6 sites by March 2015.	<p>Stalled Review of Old Mineral Permissions (ROMP) sites subject to initial review:</p> <p><u>Longstone Edge</u> - work leading up to the Oxfordshire prohibition order was delayed until February 2015 due to complex issues. Following this the Oxfordshire prohibition was not confirmed. As a consequence, we are still potentially awaiting a date to deal with the Longstone Edge East prohibition order appeal.</p> <p><u>Stanton Moor Quarry</u> – In November 2013 the Authority decided that, although the site had been in suspension for more than two years, there was some evidence suggesting that there was an intention to resume work. Consequently a prohibition order was not issued, but the leaseholder was asked to provide further information, including restoration plans. Following receipt of the information in March 2014, further consultations took place. Some consultation responses received resulted in the need for further information to be provided by the leaseholder. Some questions were raised over the working plans and further amended working plans were submitted in March 2015, triggering the need for further consultation work to be undertaken.</p> <p><u>Birchover Quarry</u> – Following the decision by the Authority in</p>

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			<p>September 2013, to issue a permission to consolidate the old mineral permissions and amend the working area, extensive planning and legal work has continued to take place dealing with proposed working conditions and the s106 agreement. Once the S106 is signed the new mineral permission will be issued. This will negate the need to review the old mineral permissions. Conditions attached to the new permission include a restoration scheme incorporating nature conservation/amenity end uses.</p> <p><u>Topley Pike</u> – a consolidation/variation application was submitted and registered in August 2014. The application contains revised working and restoration proposals including a reduction to the end date for mineral working and the restoration of the Deepdale Tip. This proposal has the potential to negate the need to carry out the stalled initial review of the old mineral permission issued in 1966. The application is still in the process of being considered.</p> <p><u>Shire Hill</u> – the stalled ROMP application was considered by the Authority and the decision was issued on 26 November 2014. The scheme includes significant nature conservation benefits, including the protection of significant tree interests at the site.</p> <p><u>Smalldale</u> – the initial review of the old permission took place in 1997. This was appeal and effectively became a stalled ROMP. The review of the old permission continues to rest</p>
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			with the Secretary of State through the appeal procedure. An enforcement appeal against the alleged unauthorised working of limestone at the site was up-held by the Government and the High Court and Court of Appeal.
23 d) HLF bid submitted in 2014/15 based on the restoration of perennial flow upstream in the River Lathkill	PDNPA, Friends of Laithkill	HLF bid submitted	Ongoing but behind (on track with revised timeframe) Working with local residents a HLF bid has been drafted focusing on the restoration of perennial flow upstream in the River Lathkill. The project is delayed as the focus and contractual work included in HLF bid is being reviewed. Over summer 2015 The Friends of Laithkill will work with a contractor to assess the feasibility of the project.
25a) PDNPA will explore the value of carbon managing techniques (specifically carbon budgeting) through a business case on the Warslow Estate – possibly a low carbon demonstration – September 2015	PDNPA	Business case developed on Warslow Estate	Ongoing but behind (on track with revised timeframe) A brief has been agreed for the Warslow Estate carbon budget project, and once the budget has been agreed, we can tender for a consultant to undertake the work in 2015/16.
25 b) PDNPA are updating the current Climate Change Adaptation report as required by DEFRA by May 2015	PDNPA, DEFRA	Climate Change Adaptation revised by May 2015	Ongoing but behind (on track with revised timeframe) The national deadline for the Climate Change Adaptation Report has been extended by DEFRA to December 2015. In January 2015 Defra delivered a workshop around this. Extra

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			guidance has been given for considering the risks from climate change, and the measures to deal with those risks in order to make the report a useful and relevant tool for the National Park.
26a) PDNPA have set up a carbon, water and renewables advice project for farms in the National Park, and this should deliver 6 case studies by June 2015. This will culminate in a 'one-to-many' workshop event to showcase all case studies and findings	PDNPA	Deliver 6 case studies by June 2015	Ongoing but behind (on track with revised timeframe) The project timescale has been extended to run until the end of September 2015 but is still running on track for 6 case studies and the 'one-to-many' workshop event to showcase all case studies and findings. A funding application was submitted to the Prince's Countryside Fund to extend the project until September 2017
27 a) Development of an estate scale carbon audit model (as set out in 25 above) by September 2015	PDNPA	Model developed by September 2015	Behind due to budget complications The Mitsubishi funding was explored and found to be not suitable for the Warslow Estate Carbon budgeting project. However, a brief has been agreed for taking the Warslow Estate carbon budget project forward, and once the budget has been agreed (6/ 15), a tender for a consultant to undertake the work will be issued.
27 c) Review feasibility of a Natural England funded estate-scale carbon audit – currently delayed, pending Natural England	PDNPA		On hold No progress has been made on this NPA management plan action locally by Natural England due to lack of resources.

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Restructure and uplands evidence review			However, the Upland Evidence review published 2013/05/30 (and the follow-up actions) are still being rolled out.
29c) c) PDNPA, Natural England, Forestry Commission, National Trust, DWT, LNP, DDDC, SWT, working on White Peak ash monitoring and management project.	Ash Dieback Partnership	Understanding baseline monitoring during 2014/15 in response to ash dieback threat	Ongoing but behind (on track with revised timeframe) The Ash dieback Partnership has commissioned a contract to carry out a baseline ecological survey of 100 plots within the Ash woodlands of the Peak District Dales in June /July 2015. The project is delayed but on track with the revised timeframe. The work will involve long-term monitoring of stand structure and composition, and ground flora, in these woodlands, in order to monitor the anticipated impacts both of Ash Dieback disease, and of different management regimes designed to mitigate that impact.
COMMUNITY LED PLANNING			
30 e) A World War I project proposal was submitted to HLF but was not successful. However, this may be taken forward through a re-submitted smaller bid to a specific WWI HLF fund in early 2015, with a focus on using National Park Visitor Centres for facilitation	Peak District National Park Authority , National Trust, English Heritage, Heritage Lottery Fund	Submit second HLF bid.	Ongoing but behind (on track with revised timeframe) The smaller bid for WW1 specific funding from HLF has been drafted and is likely to be submitted in May/June 2015. A decision about this may be made approx. 2 months after submission. Total amount is approximately £10.5K

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<p>35 a) Ensure opportunities for engagement in a wide range of decision making and consultation processes affecting the national park meet the needs of communities</p>	<p>Peak District National Park Authority, Youth Services</p>	<p>Terms of reference for the Peak District Youth Forum have been developed and finalised by May 2015</p>	<p>Behind due to budget complications</p> <p>Progress has been hampered by the collapse of many of the youth services due to spending cuts. New ways to engage with young people are being explored but due to budget uncertainties no milestones have been set for this project. However, we are hoping to work with Peak 11 schools to canvas young people's views in the next NPMP review.</p>
<p>35 b) Local Development scheme will be formally reviewed by December 2014. The Statement of Community Involvement was reviewed in 2012, and remains current for 5 years</p>	<p>Peak District National Park Authority</p>	<p>Local Development scheme will be formally reviewed by December 2014</p>	<p>Ongoing but behind</p> <p>The Local Development Scheme has been revised. During summer 2015 members will confirm and define all aspects of the policies and the emerging DPD. Changes in national planning policy have impacted on this action, as time and resources have been used up to respond to government and protect/establish the position of the National Park in relation to these changes.</p>
<p>39 a) Detailed criteria (inc eligibility) for affordable housing has been reviewed in the LDF and through discussion with parishes and housing bodies. Now working through detail in Development Management Policies, due for adoption November 2014</p>	<p>Peak District National Park Authority</p>	<p>Policies due for adoption in November 2014</p>	<p>Ongoing but behind</p> <p>Draft policies are now in place but interlinked with the Local Development Scheme deadline of October 2015 (see above)</p>

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40 a) Prepare and agree a paper with UK national parks to lobby government to consider reinvesting in social housing in national parks (Milestone unavailable as no resource at present)	National Parks	Paper produced by 2014/15	Cancelled Since the development of the NPMP, rural housing providers have gained more success; as such the need for national lobbying has reduced.
41 b) Encourage individuals, communities and businesses in their aspirations to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to the effects of climate change	Peak District National Park Authority	PDNPA are refreshing the adaptation report for second round reporting to DEFRA during 2014/15	Ongoing but behind (on track with revised timeframe) The national deadline for the Climate Change Adaptation Report has been extended by DEFRA to December 2015. In January 2015 DEFRA delivered a workshop around this. Extra guidance has been given for considering the risks from climate change, and the measures to deal with those risks in order to make the report a useful and relevant tool for the National Park.
INSPIRING GENERATIONS			
42 a) a) A concept for cultural heritage pages on the updated PDNPA website has been agreed, including links to external collections.	Peak District National Park Authority	Finalise and publish pages on new website during 2015	Ongoing but behind Staffing changes have caused problems and meant that this webpage is still not up and running. However, the team have ambitions to use the webpage more for day to day work and plan to get the page up and running by the end of 15/16.

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42 d) Interpretation aspects of HLF bid 'Restoring Water flow in the River Lathkill' scoped in March 2014. Peak District Learning & Discovery team worked on community engagement element of bid which was submitted August 2014.	PDNPA, Friends of Laithkill	Bid submitted 2014/15	Ongoing but behind (on track with revised timeframe) This action is linked to the HLF bid that has been drafted focusing on the restoration of perennial flow upstream in the River Lathkill (see action 23d). The project is delayed as the HLF bid is being reviewed. Over summer 2015 The Friends of Laithkill will work with a contractor to assess the feasibility of the project
42 f) Formal constitution / Terms of Reference of Youth Forum agreed in July 2014, followed by a Social Media campaign to reach wider audiences	Peak District National Park Authority, Youth Services	Terms of reference for the Peak District Youth Forum have been developed and finalised by May 2015	Behind due to budget complications Progress has been hampered by the collapse of many of the youth services due to spending cuts. New ways to engage with young people are being explored but due to budget uncertainties no milestones have been set for this project. However, we are hoping to work with Peak 11 schools to canvas young people's views in the next NPMP review.
45 a) MOSAIC, PDNPA and Derbyshire CVS are working to develop the partnership into an independently constituted community group – expected to be completed by December 2014	Peak District National Park Authority, MOSAIC Group and Derbyshire CVS	Charity set up and running by December 2014	Ongoing but behind (on track with revised timeframe) MOSAIC has been working with Derbyshire CVS to set the group up as an independent charity – not met deadline but still working on proposals the admin and processes are now in place, the group meets independently, and the formal constitution will take place before March 2016

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<p>46 a) Ongoing work to deliver key activities within the Volunteer Action Plan (adopted Jan 2014)</p>	<p>Peak District National Park Authority</p>	<p>Targets based on Volunteer Action Plan</p>	<p>Target not met We increased the number of volunteer days organised or supported by the Authority (over 8,000 days), although still a little short of our target. Over 1,600 volunteers were from under-represented groups (young people, ethnic minorities or people with limiting long term illnesses or disabilities). This reduction from last year is mainly a result of Mosaic moving to independent charity status. Their work continues although no longer counted in our data.</p>
<p>46 b) Through 2015, review volunteer policy, strategy and operational delivery to enable delivery (or test the feasibility of) the draft new corporate objective “people deeply engaged and inspired to put something back by being involved in giving time or money to look after the national park”.</p>	<p>Peak District National Park Authority</p>	<p>Complete review of volunteer policy through 2014/15</p>	<p>Behind but on track with new schedule PDNPA started a review of the national park volunteer procedures with a focus on recruitment, training and administration, to support our work into the future. The review is ongoing. Funding is secure for this work and a new schedule has been set. A consultant was appointed in March 2015 to undertake the review and this should be completed by July 2015. Following this an action plan will be developed but the lead contact for this is yet to be confirmed.</p>