

## WORK PROGRAMME 2009 / 10

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### **NOTES**

**STAFF DAYS** are based on 200 days pa, for each full time member of staff, spent on NPMP Business Plan activities. The remainder of time is for training, other activities and includes provision for any sickness absence

**PROJECT and DISCRETIONARY BUDGETS** are shown on pages 54 onward to give an indication of the discretionary funds allocated to targets for the year.

# WORK PROGRAMME 2009-10

## 1. Enhancing Exmoor's special qualities

### 1a Landscape services

National Park Management Plan objectives:

#### Objective A1

To conserve and enhance the distinctive characteristics, qualities and condition of Exmoor's landscapes

#### Objective A2

To ensure that Exmoor's moorlands are open, remote and relatively wild in character and that strategically important areas of former moor and heath are managed in a way that restores their wilder landscape character.

#### Objective A3

To ensure that Exmoor remains a landscape relatively free from intrusive developments and activities, and take opportunities to redesign or enhance landscapes that have been affected by intrusive development or are in declining condition.

#### Objective A4

To increase public involvement in the monitoring, evaluating, protecting and celebrating of Exmoor's landscape.

### Landscape services work programme 2009 - 10:

#### ESSENTIAL SERVICES:

1a1	<b><u>Landscape advice</u></b>  Please refer to Landscape advice service plan  <b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Landscape Officer	Staff time (days) 110
1a2	<b><u>Amenity trees</u></b>  Please refer to Amenity trees service plan  <b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Woodland Officer	Staff time (days) 83
1a3	<b><u>Development Control, Monitoring and Enforcement Service</u></b> Please refer to the service plans which cover development control, planning administration, monitoring and enforcement  <b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Head of Planning & Community	Staff time (days) 1720

**National Park Management Plan Priority:  
A renewed emphasis on conserving and enhancing Exmoor's unique landscape**

**Key targets:**

A1.1	<p>A strategy to strengthen landscape character based on the Exmoor National Park Landscape Character Assessment will be adopted by the end of 2008.  <b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority  <b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Landscape Officer  <b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Adopt the Landscape Strategy after consultation with the Exmoor Landscape Group and other relevant bodies.</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days) 42</p>
A2.3:	<p>All areas of open moorland where scrub invasion and erosion is causing significant visual damage will be identified, mapped and proposals drawn up for mitigation by the end of 2009.  <b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority  <b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Landscape Officer  <b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Complete Moorland Unit Mapping work (See A2.1)</li> <li>▪ Work with Natural England to identify priority areas for scrub and erosion control and the opportunities for landowners and managers to access funding for remedial work through agri-environment and other schemes.</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days) 22</p>
A2.4:	<p>A programme will commence to remove or ameliorate man made features that detract from the apparent naturalness of the moorlands; e.g. fences, signposts, interpretation boards, masts, power lines and poorly sited car parks, by the end of 2008.  <b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority  <b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Landscape Officer  <b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Continue to take opportunities to remove or reduce the impact of intrusive features as opportunities arise</li> <li>▪ Submit a bid for funding through Heritage Lottery Fund : Landscape Partnership Scheme by 31 October 2009 (see 5e1)</li> <li>▪ Explore with Natural England the opportunities for landowners and managers to access funding for remedial work through agri-environment and other schemes.</li> <li>▪ Complete Moorland Unit Mapping work (see A2.1) which will help identify opportunities and priorities</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days) 28</p>
A2.6:	<p>A long term programme to maintain and restore areas of open moorland/heathland character along the A39 corridor between Porlock and Lynmouth will commence by the end of 2010.  <b>Lead organisations:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority with The National Trust  <b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Landscape Officer  <b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Continue to work with key landowners and others to develop co-ordinated programme</li> </ul> <p>See also target A3.1</p>	<p>Staff time (days) 20</p>

<p>A3.1:</p>	<p>Plans will be in place to remove visually intrusive features such as unnecessary and excessive signage and low quality highway boundary features alongside public roads in the National Park to enhance the highway environment, including proposals for signing to Exmoor, provision of enhanced gateways at main National Park entrance points and village signing, by the end of 2008.</p> <p><b>Lead organisations:</b> Devon and Somerset County Councils in partnership with Exmoor National Park Authority</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Landscape Officer</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Follow up outcomes of Enhancing Exmoor’s Rural Roads seminar</li> <li>▪ Ensure sign up of Multi Area Agreement with DCC and SCC</li> <li>▪ Use the ‘Enhancing Exmoor’s Rural Highway Environment’ Working Group to develop a strategy for treatment of National Park rural roads</li> <li>▪ Carry out survey of signage and clutter on main rural roads</li> <li>▪ Consider development of protocol or design guide for rural roads and villages</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days) 12</p>
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**National Park Management Plan Priority:  
Ensuring a high quality experience for everyone seeking quiet enjoyment**

**Key targets:**

<p>A 3.2</p>	<p>A Tranquillity Map and map of ‘dark skies’ to help identify opportunities to further enhance tranquillity in the National Park will be produced by the end of 2010.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Landscape Officer</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Support celebration of International Year of Astronomy through hosting a number of astronomy and dark sky awareness events in partnership with local astronomy groups</li> <li>▪ Work with Tiverton Astronomy club to develop a methodology to measure “dark skies” and complete an initial night sky quality survey and publicise results</li> <li>▪ Submit a bid for funding through Heritage Lottery Fund : Landscape Partnership Scheme by 31 October 2009 (see 5e1)</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days) 8</p>
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**National Park Management Plan remaining targets for landscape:**

<p>A1.2:</p>	<p>Trees or groups of trees of high amenity value, particularly in and around towns and villages and important hedgerow trees, will be identified and conservation plans to conserve and enhance these landscape features will be established by the end of 2010.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Conservation Advisor (Trees &amp; Woodlands)</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Develop project plan, in consultation with the Exmoor Landscape Group, and linked to the Veteran Tree Survey carried out in 2006/07</li> <li>▪ Links to Essential Services (Amenity) Trees and Target B2.11</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days) 20</p>
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A1.3	<p>Management proposals to conserve and enhance the former character and key features of designed landscapes at Dunster, Ashcombe (Simonsbath) and Tarr Steps will be completed by the end of 2012.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Landscape Officer</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Develop overarching project plan for designed landscapes in consultation with the Exmoor Landscape Group.</li> <li>▪ Commence thinning of woodland in Ashcombe to reveal former paths</li> <li>▪ Develop detailed project plan for Ashcombe</li> <li>▪ Work closely with the Crown Estate, National Trust and other organisations in the development of landscape enhancement proposals for Dunster.</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 20
A1.4	<p>A programme to conserve and enhance the existing farmsteads and associated field patterns and features, e.g. historic boundary features, water features, buildings, beech hedges, lime kilns and orchards, will be established by the end of 2008.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Landscape Officer</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Develop project plan, in consultation with the Exmoor Landscape Group, so that a programme can be implemented from 2009.</li> <li>▪ Continue to provide specialist advice on Moorland Management Plans, Environmental Stewardship applications and Capital Works consultations from Natural England</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 34
A1.5	<p>Key views and sequential views within, into and from the National Park will be identified and a monitoring scheme put in place by the end of 2008 to ensure that there is no deterioration.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor Society</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Landscape Officer</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Finalise PIP which combines targets A1.5 and A1.6</li> <li>▪ Carry out photographic survey and set up monitoring programmes</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 3
A 1.6:	<p>A programme of fixed point photography to monitor landscape change over time will be established by the end of 2008.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Landscape Officer</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b> see A1.5,</p>	Staff time (days) 3
A 2.1	<p>Management plans will be in place for all the major moorland blocks by the end of 2008.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor Moorland Initiative</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Natural Environment Manager</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Complete the moorland survey and mapping phase</li> <li>▪ Carry out a consultation exercise with landowners/managers, Natural England, English Heritage and other stakeholders</li> <li>▪ Produce “vision maps” for the major moorland blocks</li> <li>▪ Work with Natural England to incorporate opportunities into agri-environment scheme agreements</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 30

A 2.2	<p>Priority areas will be identified for management action to restore a wilder landscape character on former moorland and the moorland fringe by the end of 2008.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Natural Environment Manager</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Complete the work to identify and prioritise sites through the Natural Links Project and Moorland Vision work (see A2.1)</li> <li>▪ Submit an application for funding for this Project to the Heritage Lottery Fund (Landscape Partnership Scheme) by 31 October 2009.</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 12
A 2.5	<p>A long-term programme to restore open upland character on prominent hill tops currently dominated by conifer plantations at Haddon Hill, Wootton Ridge and Croydon Hill will commence by the end of 2010.</p> <p><b>Lead organisations:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority with Crown Estate and Forest Enterprise</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Natural Environment Manager</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Continue to work with Forest Enterprise on their proposals for Croydon and Wootton Ridge</li> <li>▪ Work with landowners at Wootton Ridge to explore longer term management of site</li> <li>▪ Develop site restoration plan at Haddon Hill</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 10
A 2.7	<p>The numbers of grazing livestock on moorland areas will be monitored through moorland management plan grazing returns and by condition monitoring of SSSIs to help identify where it may be necessary to establish conservation grazing during the period of the plan.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Natural England</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Farming and Wildlife Officer</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Continue to liaise with the lead organisation to identify any action the National Park Authority might take to assist</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 2
A 4.1	<p>Base-line data from the public on what is important to them in the landscape and why will be established by the end of 2012.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor Society with Exmoor National Park Authority</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Landscape Officer</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Work with the Exmoor Society to develop a project plan</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 3
A 4.2	<p>A survey of the different views on perceptual landscape characteristics such as scenic quality, tranquillity and wildness will be completed and the results taken into account by the end of 2012.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor Society with Exmoor National Park Authority</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Landscape Officer</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Work with the Exmoor Society to develop a project plan</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 3
A 4.3	<p>Comments from people on factors that affect their appreciation of the landscape will be recorded and remedial action undertaken wherever possible during the life of the plan, e.g. invasion of gorse that restricts views, suburbanisation of different landscapes, recreational motorised use of ROW, excessive signage.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor Society with Exmoor National Park Authority</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Landscape Officer</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Work with the Exmoor Society to develop a project plan</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 3

A 4.4	<p>A compendium of cultural events and activities, awards and competitions and other activities that involve people in celebrating different aspects of Exmoor's landscape will be maintained during the life of the plan.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor Society with Exmoor National Park Authority</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Interpretation Manager</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Make contact with the Exmoor Society to scope the project p.</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days)</p> <p>0</p>
A 4.5	<p>A programme of training for different groups in specialised areas such as preparing landscape and visual impact assessments; use of field photography and sketches; promoting landscape appreciation, and learning how to “read” the landscape, will be established during the life of the plan.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor Society with Exmoor National Park Authority</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Landscape Officer</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Develop project plan with the Exmoor Society</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days)</p> <p>3</p>

## **1b Wildlife conservation services**

National Park Management Plan objectives:

### **Objective B1**

To improve the diversity, extent and condition of Exmoor's most important and valued habitats and adopt a long-term, landscape-scale approach to habitat conservation.

### **Objective B2**

To maintain or increase the populations of native wildlife species on Exmoor that are most valued for their conservation status and local distinctiveness

### **Objective B3**

To control and eradicate non-native species that have an adverse impact on the condition of important habitats and species in the National Park

### **Objective B4**

To undertake a programme of research and monitoring to improve understanding of wildlife on Exmoor particularly in relation to UK BAP species.

### **Objective B5**

To monitor the impacts of climate change on Exmoor's most valued habitats and wildlife, and develop appropriate management responses.

### **Objective B6**

To provide opportunities for people to develop a deeper understanding and enjoyment of Exmoor's wildlife and habitat conservation.

### **ESSENTIAL SERVICES:**

1b1	<b><u>Wildlife conservation advice</u></b>  Please refer to service plan  <b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Farming and Wildlife Officer	Staff time (days) 201
1b2	<b><u>Woodland management advice</u></b>  Please refer to service plan  <b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Woodland Officer	Staff time (days) 146

**National Park Management Plan Priority:  
Achieving good condition for Exmoor's most important wildlife habitats**

**Key targets:**

B1.1	<p>95% of Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) on Exmoor will be in 'favourable' or 'unfavourable/improving' condition by the end of 2010.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Natural England</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Farming and Wildlife Officer</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Work with the lead organisation to prepare a full report for the National Park Authority on progress towards this target</li> <li>▪ Continue to liaise with the lead organisation and assist where appropriate</li> <li>▪ Complete the approved work programmes for the National Park Authority's own SSSI land agreed with Natural England and the Forestry Commission</li> <li>▪ Promote Forestry Commission grant aid schemes to owners, managers or agents of woodland SSSIs</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days) 443</p>
B1.3	<p>95% of non SSSI upland oak woodland will be in favourable or recovering condition through appropriate site and landscape scale management by the end of 2012.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor Ancient Woodland Project</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Woodland Officer</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Implement the management plans prepared in 2008/09 for NPA owned or managed non-SSSI upland oak woodland (Culbone, Kibsworthy North Hill, Haddon)</li> <li>▪ Promote Forestry Commission grant aid schemes to the owners, managers or agents of upland oak woodland which is not of SSSI status in order to secure sustainable management and achieve the target condition.</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days) 33</p>
B1.4	<p>95% of other ancient woodland will be in favourable or recovering condition through appropriate site and landscape scale management and "progressive improvement" (ref UKWAS) in the condition of 4 major PAWS (plantations on ancient woodland sites) will be demonstrable by the end of 2012.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor Ancient Woodland Project</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Woodland Officer</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Develop the method for assessing the condition of other ancient woodland and use this to prioritise action</li> <li>▪ Promote Forestry Commission grant aid schemes to owners, managers or agents of other ASN woodland (inc PAWS) to secure sustainable management and achieve the target condition.</li> <li>▪ 2 woodlands (inc PAWS) in declining condition will be entered into management schemes to ensure condition is improved</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days) 45</p>

B1.8	<p>10 known upland wetlands will be restored so as to improve the condition of 900 ha of SSSI and their peat deposits and restoration will commence on a further 10 sites by the end of 2010.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor Mire Restoration Project Partnership</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Natural Environment Manager</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Extend the Exmoor Mire Restoration Project (and the contract of the Project Officer – employed by the National Park Authority) beyond the planned end date of July 2009 to deliver new targets agreed by the partnership team.</li> <li>▪ Restore a further 4 sites and progress survey work for other potential restoration sites</li> <li>▪ Support the Partners in their bid for funding to extend the work of the Project beyond 2010</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days) 263</p>
B1.10	<p>A management plan will be in place for coastal habitats at Porlock Marsh with commitment from landowners, local community and key agencies by the end of 2008.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> The National Trust</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Natural Environment Manager</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Continue to work with the lead organisation to complete the management plan</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days) 15</p>
B2.7	<p>Populations of heath, high brown and marsh fritillary butterfly species will have increased or stabilised so that heath fritillary will have increased to 15 large colonies (population in 2005 = 7 large and 2 small) by the end of 2012, and the habitat quality for extant colonies of high brown fritillary (6 in 2005) will be maintained and enhanced with an increase in the areas of suitable habitat at a minimum of 3 additional sites over the period of the plan.</p> <p><b>Lead organisations:</b> Butterfly Conservation and The National Trust</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Farming and Wildlife Officer</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Continue to support the work of the lead organisations in progressing fritillary conservation on Exmoor</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days) 14</p>
B3.1	<p>Invasive knotweed species will be eradicated from all known sites in the National Park by the end of 2010.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor Knotweed Control Partnership</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Farming and Wildlife Officer</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Continue to support the work of the Partnership in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Maintaining accurate records of knotweed distribution</li> <li>○ Treating at least 80% of known sites</li> <li>○ Raising awareness of the problems associated with knotweed amongst local people and visitors</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Completing a systematic survey of all watercourses within Exmoor National Park</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days) 23</p>

B3.2	<p>Rhododendron control will be targeted on the priority areas identified in the Exmoor Rhododendron Survey, so that no SSSIs or other ancient semi-natural woodlands are in unfavourable condition because of the extent of rhododendron at the end of 2010.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Woodland Officer</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Continue and analyse the results of the Exmoor Rhododendron Survey and complete a strategy for control action</li> <li>▪ Treat 25 ha of rhododendron in National Park Authority-owned woodland at Culbone and Dulverton</li> <li>▪ Promote the availability of funding through the England Woodland Grant Scheme to private owners.</li> <li>▪ Help fund the treatment of 10ha of rhododendron in privately – owned woodland</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days) 38</p>
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### National Park Management Plan remaining targets for wildlife:

B 1.2	<p>100% of County Wildlife Site owners will have information on the importance of their sites and will have been offered support for appropriate management so that 80% of such sites will be being managed to maintain and enhance their interest features by the end of 2012.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority in partnership with Somerset Environmental Records Centre and Devon Biological Records Centre</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Farming and Wildlife Officer</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Continue to collate information on all County Wildlife Sites within Exmoor National Park</li> <li>▪ Investigate possible sources of funding for a project on aerial photograph interpretation of current sites and potential new sites</li> <li>▪ Investigate possibility of funding for wider project to include survey, advice for landowners and public events</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days) 23</p>
B 1.5	<p>8 new native woodland areas will be created on strategically important sites (i.e. within woodland habitat networks) by the end of 2012.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor Ancient Woodland Project</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Woodland Officer</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Encourage the creation of 1 new native woodland in a strategically important location.</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days) 19</p>
B 1.6	<p>Heathland habitat will be recreated on 500 hectares of land where practically feasible by the end of 2012, particularly on strategically important sites where heathland has been lost in the last 50 years such as the former commons south of the Exmoor Forest, the central moorland block and the A39 corridor.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor Moorland Initiative</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Natural Environment Manager</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Continue to support the National Park Authority's tenant in his efforts to diversify impoverished grass moor through the management agreement with Natural England and the Authority.</li> <li>▪ Complete Moorland Unit Management Plans (see Target A2.1) to guide future work</li> <li>▪ Develop the Natural Links Project with Natural England and the RSPB and submit a bid for funding to the Heritage Lottery Fund by 31 October 2009</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days) 14</p>

B1.7	<p>All known species-rich neutral grassland sites on Exmoor will be recognised as County Wildlife Sites and have conservation measures in place by the end of 2010.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Farming and Wildlife Officer</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Continue to collate information on known species-rich neutral grassland sites which form part of a Country Wildlife Site or other sites</li> <li>▪ Investigate possible funding for a project on aerial photographic identification of new sites</li> <li>▪ Investigate possibility of funding for wider project to include survey, advice for landowners and public events (see B1.2)</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 9
B1.9	<p>The populations of salmon and trout in the River Exe will be increased through enhanced riparian management over the period of the plan.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Westcountry Rivers Trust</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Farming and Wildlife Officer</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Continue to support the River Exe Project, working with River Exe and Tributaries Association, the Westcountry Rivers Trust, the Environment Agency and others to enhance the River Exe system.</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 5
B 1.12	<p>Appropriate management will be undertaken on roadside verges to maintain their wildlife value over the period of the plan.</p> <p><b>Lead organisations:</b> Devon and Somerset County Councils</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Farming and Wildlife Officer</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Liaise with the lead organisations to encourage appropriate management</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 10
B 2.1	<p>The long term decline in Exmoor's woodland birds will be reversed by 2020 by establishing appropriate management at key sites, and a monitoring programme will commence in 2008.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority (delegated by Forestry Commission)</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Farming and Wildlife Officer</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Carry out a woodland bird monitoring survey in 3 woodlands managed by the Authority</li> <li>▪ Carry out a woodland bird monitoring survey in 3 woodlands managed by the Authority - if RSPB resources permit</li> </ul> <p>See also Woodland Management Advice Service</p>	Staff time (days) 7
B 2.2	<p>The long term decline in Exmoor's farmland birds will be reversed by 2020 through encouraging low intensity mixed farming in key areas and arable options in improved pastoral systems, and the trends will be monitored by repeating the 2002 Exmoor Farmland Bird Survey every 6 years.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Natural England as part of the South West Farmland Bird PSA target</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Farming and Wildlife Officer</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Work with the RSPB, Natural England and others to develop a project plan and organise survey work for 2010.</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 3

B2.3	<p>Sympathetic moorland management and re-wilding of currently improved adjacent habitat will lead to increased populations of nationally important breeding moorland birds such as stonechat and whinchat and will encourage increases in the populations of other moorland birds such as wheatear, grasshopper warbler, Dartford warbler, meadow pipit, skylark, tree pipit, cuckoo, Merlin, snipe, yellowhammer and linnet by the end of 2012. Changes will be monitored by repeating the 2002 Exmoor Moorland Breeding Bird survey every 6 years.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Natural England  <b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Farming and Wildlife Officer  <b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Work with the lead organisation to raise awareness of the results of the 2008 Moorland Breeding Bird Survey and to help identify opportunities through agri-environment schemes</li> <li>▪ Continue to develop the Natural Links Project and submit a bid for funding to the Heritage Lottery Fund by 31 October 2009.</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 7
B 2.4	<p>The habitat for nightjar will be managed over the period of the plan to help maintain the population of nightjar at or above the level recorded in 2004 (75 churring males).</p> <p><b>Lead organisations:</b> Forestry Commission and Natural England  <b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Farming and Wildlife Officer  <b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Support the lead organisations' efforts to identify key priorities for action</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 5
B 2.5	<p>Knowledge of the distribution and population of dormice on Exmoor will be developed and dormouse conservation measures will be incorporated into agri-environment schemes during the period of the plan.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority  <b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Farming and Wildlife Officer  <b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Continue to use volunteers to monitor 3 dormouse nestbox schemes at Mansley Combe, Tarr Steps and Church Wood</li> <li>▪ Continue to advise Natural England on the potential to promote dormice conservation through agri-environment schemes</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 15
B 2.6	<p>All sites supporting regionally important grassland waxcap fungi will be recognised as County Wildlife Sites and will be in appropriate management by the end of 2012.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority  <b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Farming and Wildlife Officer  <b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Continue to pursue actions identified in the Waxcap BAP as resources permit</li> <li>▪ Correlate existing information on known waxcap fungi sites</li> <li>▪ Create "Exmoor Waxcap Inventory"</li> <li>▪ Distribute waxcap survey cards and publicise the survey</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 9

B 2.8	<p>Knowledge of distribution and population of bats on Exmoor will be expanded with particular emphasis on rare species such as Bechsteins and Barbastelle, and bat conservation measures will be incorporated into agri-environment schemes and planning policies by the end of 2012.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Farming and Wildlife Officer</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Continue to ensure that the requirements of bats are taken into account in all appropriate planning applications</li> <li>▪ Provide comments to Natural England on implications of ESA Conservation Plans or HLS applications on bats and include positive measures for this species</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 10
B 2.9	<p>No further loss of thatch moss as a result of inappropriate re-thatching will take place over the period of the plan and colonisation of new sites will be encouraged.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> The National Trust</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Farming and Wildlife Officer</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Continue to support the lead organisation's efforts to pursue actions identified in the national Thatch Moss Biodiversity Action Plan</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 2
B 2.10	<p>All known populations of river jelly lichen (53 colonies identified on the River Barle in 2005) will be conserved over the period of the plan by maintaining natural unmodified watercourses and investigating their management requirements.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Environment Agency</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Farming and Wildlife Officer</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Support the lead organisation in carrying out a second phase of the river jelly lichen survey and pursuing actions identified in the River Jelly Lichen BAP if resources permit</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 5
B 2.11	<p>A comprehensive database of veteran trees will be compiled and information on sympathetic management provided to owners by the end of 2010, and long-term protection will be provided through appropriate measures such as planning conditions, Tree Preservation Orders and recognition within agri-environment schemes.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Conservation Advisor (Trees &amp; Woodlands)</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Complete veteran tree database using information gathered through the Exmoor Great Trees Hunt</li> <li>▪ Develop an action plan</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 5
B 2.12	<p>A stable and healthy population of red deer in balance with its impact on the natural environment will be retained in the National Park and a population monitoring programme will be maintained over the period of the plan.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority with Exmoor &amp; District Deer Management Society</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Natural Environment Manager</p>	Staff time (days) 30

	<p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Agree approach with EDDMS on the need for a Management Plan and organise the drafting of any Plan, liaising with Defra as necessary</li> <li>▪ Help to organise the deer count meeting in May and ensure that the consultants feedback to that meeting</li> <li>▪ Support Deer Management Groups across Exmoor</li> <li>▪ Continue to meet regularly with EDDMS and wider Steering Group</li> <li>▪ Agree "communication plan" for dissemination of research information</li> </ul>	
B 2.13	<p>Knowledge of locally significant <i>Sorbus</i> (whitebeam trees) will be increased through survey; sympathetic management will be encouraged where necessary, and the Malcolm Scott collection of <i>Sorbus</i> trees will be maintained over the period of the plan.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor Natural History Society  <b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Conservation Advisor (Trees &amp; Woodlands)  <b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Liaise with the lead organisation</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days) 5</p>
B 3.3	<p>The occurrence and spread of non-native species in the National Park will be monitored over the period of the plan, particularly where they have the potential to become invasive, for example, Himalayan balsam, winter heliotrope (<i>Petasites</i>), Montbretia and Himalayan honeysuckle.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor Natural History Society  <b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Farming and Wildlife Officer  <b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Work with the lead organisation to ensure that an accurate database is created and to raise profile of these invasive species on Exmoor, for example through articles in Park Life, Exmoor Visitor and Exmoor's Biodiversity</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days) 5</p>
B 4.1	<p>The biological quality of Exmoor's rivers will be monitored over the period of the plan and action taken to ensure that they remain in good condition.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Environment Agency  <b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Farming and Wildlife Officer  <b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Liaise with the lead organisation to identify the need for any action to be taken by the National Park Authority</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days) 2</p>
B 4.2	<p>The presence of otters on Exmoor rivers and streams will be monitored over the period of the plan (recorded on all Exmoor rivers in 2006) to better understand their numbers and distribution in the National Park and assess any trends.</p> <p><b>Lead organisations:</b> Somerset &amp; Devon Otter Groups  <b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Farming and Wildlife Officer  <b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Support the lead organisations in their work to monitor the distribution of otters and analyse trends, contributing to survey work if resources permit</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days) 8</p>
B 4.3	<p>The populations of Exmoor's moorland, woodland and farmland birds will be monitored over the period of the plan, including a winter roost survey of hen harrier.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Royal Society for Protection of Birds (RSPB)  <b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Farming and Wildlife Officer  <b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Work with the lead organisation to monitor breeding bird populations</li> </ul> <p>See B2.1; B2.2 and B2.3</p>	<p>Staff time (days) 2</p>

B 4.4	<p>Information on lichen and bryophyte species in Atlantic oak woodlands will be increased over the period of the plan, commencing with a survey of Exmoor National Park Authority owned woodlands in 2007.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Farming and Wildlife Officer</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Continue to use information from recent bryophyte and lichen surveys to inform woodland management in ENPA owned woodlands</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days)</p> <p>2</p>
B 4.5	<p>Information on marine habitats and wildlife off the Exmoor coast will be reviewed over the period of the plan to provide the basis for a future marine environment management plan.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Natural England</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Farming and Wildlife Officer</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Work with the lead organisation towards a marine environment management plan</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days)</p> <p>2</p>
B 4.6	<p>The distribution and status of both native white-clawed and non native signal crayfish within the National Park and its surrounding environs will be identified by the end of 2010 to establish the current population of native crayfish and to better understand the threats from the non-native population.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Environment Agency</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Farming and Wildlife Officer</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Support the lead organisation's efforts to expand the survey information for crayfish and to better understand the known population at Nettlecombe</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days)</p> <p>19</p>
B 4.7	<p>The programme of Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) habitat monitoring will be continued over the period of the plan to enable changes in these habitats to be monitored.</p> <p><b>Lead organisations:</b> Somerset Environmental Records Centre / Devon Biological Records Centre</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Farming and Wildlife Officer</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Continue to liaise with the lead organisations</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days)</p> <p>1</p>
B 4.8	<p>A comprehensive list and records of locally important species on Exmoor will be maintained over the period of the plan and this information will be made available through the Somerset local biological record centre.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor Natural History Society</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Farming and Wildlife Officer</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Liaise with the lead organisation and assist where required</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days)</p> <p>1</p>
B 4.9	<p>A 1km distribution survey for vascular plants on Exmoor will be prepared by the end of 2012.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor Natural History Society</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Farming and Wildlife Officer</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Liaise with the lead organisation and assist where required</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days)</p> <p>1</p>

B 5.1	<p>The earliest nesting and egg laying dates for ground nesting birds will be monitored over the period of the plan to help set appropriate dates for the end of the moorland burning (swaling) season.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor Natural History Society  <b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Farming and Wildlife Officer  <b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Liaise with the lead organisation and assist where required</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days) 1</p>
B 5.2	<p>Methods will be established by the end of 2008 to monitor and enable rapid response to increased fire risk on moorland, heathland and other habitats, e.g. by monitoring vegetation condition and developing improved control techniques for wildfires.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor Fire Partnership  <b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Ranger Team Leader  <b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Work with the Partnership to review its terms of reference, establish key issues, and look at improving techniques drawing on best practice from other areas</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days) 4</p>
B 5.3	<p>A fixed sample of characteristic woodland and non-woodland trees will continue to be assessed biannually over the period of the plan to determine phenological adaptation, health and condition in relation to climatic changes. An interim report will be produced in 2011.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority  <b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Conservation Advisor (Trees and Woodland)  <b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Continue monitoring programme</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days) 3</p>
B 6.1	<p>Detailed information on wildlife and the Exmoor Biodiversity Action Plan will be provided via the internet and the information will be kept up to date; new information will be provided in response to user feedback, and the number of 'hits' will be increased year on year over the period of the plan.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority  <b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Farming and Wildlife Officer  <b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Improve information on wildlife available on the National Park Authority website including information on all new UK BAP species occurring on Exmoor</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days) 12</p>
B 6.2	<p>An accessible source of data on Exmoor's wildlife and organise public events will be maintained over the period of the plan to help increase public understanding of Exmoor's wildlife.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor Natural History Society  <b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Farming and Wildlife Officer  <b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Liaise with the lead organisation and assist where required</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days) 7</p>
B 6.3	<p>The checklist of Exmoor flora and fauna will be maintained over the period of the plan and will be available via the internet.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor Natural History Society  <b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Farming and Wildlife Officer  <b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Liaise with the lead organisation and assist if required (This links with B4.8)</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days) 2</p>

# 1c Historic environment and cultural heritage services

## National Park Management Plan objectives:

### Objective C1

To undertake a programme of research to improve knowledge of the cultural heritage and historic environment of Exmoor

### Objective C2

To conserve and retain the historic features and character of Exmoor's landscapes

### Objective C3

To conserve and retain the historic character of Exmoor's settlements and buildings

### Objective C4

To identify, record and understand aspects of culture and traditions that are special to Exmoor

### Objective C5

To provide opportunities for people to develop a deeper understanding and enjoyment of Exmoor's historic environment and cultural heritage

## ESSENTIAL SERVICES:

1c1	<p><b><u>Cultural heritage advice</u></b> Please refer to Cultural heritage service plan <b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Historic Environment Manager</p>	Staff time (days) 212
	<p><b><u>Historic environment record</u></b> Please refer to Historic environment record service plan <b>Lead ENPA Officer:</b> Historic Environment Record Officer</p>	Staff time (days) 30

## National Park Management Plan Priority:

**Enhancing knowledge of the historic environment of Exmoor and increasing awareness of its value**

### Key targets:

C 1.3	<p>Knowledge about the origins of existing settlements and settlement patterns on Exmoor will be increased by the end of 2011 through a project on Exmoor's coast carried out in partnership with the Victoria County History.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> University of London with Exmoor National Park Authority <b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Historic Environment Manager <b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Support Somerset Victoria County History (VCH) in the development of this project and provide advice on the development of the VCH in Somerset through the VCH Advisory Board</li> <li>▪ Assist with obtaining funding, developing project programme and objectives and provide particular support in the development of volunteer and community projects.</li> </ul> <p>Assist with the dissemination of the current VCH project by promoting the publication of the project: 'Exmoor, the making of an English Upland'.</p>	Staff time (days) 20
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C 1.4	<p>Knowledge of Exmoor's earliest hunter gatherer landscapes on the coast will be enhanced and understanding of the complex Bronze Age and Iron Age settlements and society which form such an important part of Exmoor's historic environment will be increased by the end of 2012.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> University of Bristol/ Exmoor National Park Authority</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Historic Environment Manager</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Carry out excavations at Hawkcombe Head and Lanacombe in July/August 2009 and submit interim report.</li> <li>▪ Carry out fieldwork at Roman Lode (Burcombe) from July 2009 onwards and submit interim report</li> <li>▪ Initiate survey and prospection at newly discovered hunter gatherer sites on Brendon Common</li> <li>▪ Support the publication of the excavations at Holworthy, Parracombe</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 22
C 1.5	<p>A survey of pollen and plant remains found in peat in Exmoor's deepest valley mires will be completed by the end of 2009 to increase understanding of Exmoor's past environments and identify priorities for conservation.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> University of Plymouth</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Conservation Advisor (Archaeology)</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Work with the lead organisation to complete the survey</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 27
C 2.2	<p>100% of Scheduled Ancient Monuments will be in stable or improving condition by April 2009.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority/English Heritage</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Conservation Advisor (Archaeology)</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Repeat Scheduled Monuments At Risk survey by April 2010</li> <li>▪ Develop an action plan to conserve SMs identified as being 'At Risk' and commence implementation</li> <li>▪ Complete the aerial photography monitoring programme</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 52
C 2.4	<p>Phase 1 of the conservation and interpretation of the remains of the West Somerset Mineral Railway and associated structures will be completed by August 2009 (HLF funded project due to commence in April 2007). Phase 2 will follow and will be completed by 2012.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Historic Environment Manager</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Complete the Phase 1 work – as approved by the Heritage Lottery Fund - by 31 December 2009.</li> <li>▪ Assist in the development of proposals for Phase 2.</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 203
C 3.7	<p>The streetscape and historic environment of Dunster will be enhanced and through traffic and parking will be better managed by the end of 2012.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Dunster Working Group</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Head of Information and Access</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Act as member of the Steering Group giving direction for Project Officer to achieve Dunster Action Plan targets</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 43

## National Park Management Plan remaining targets for historic environment and cultural heritage:

C 1.1	<p>Understanding of the ages of key monuments will be improved over the period of the plan through dendrochronological sampling, radiocarbon dating, artefact analysis and targeted historical research so that conservation activities can be better prioritised.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority  <b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Conservation Advisor (Archaeology)  <b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Carry out a programme of selective sampling, radiocarbon dating and other dating activities.</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 9
C 1.2	<p>The archaeological deposits exposed by sea level change and coastal erosion in Porlock Bay will be preserved by record over the period of the plan utilising rescue excavation and palaeo-environmental sampling as appropriate.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority  <b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Conservation Advisor (Archaeology)  <b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Continue monitoring programme</li> <li>▪ Begin implementation of strategy for the archaeology of Porlock Beach and Bay</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 9
C 1.6	<p>Understanding of the character of Exmoor's historic farmsteads, especially their economic and social basis, will be increased over the period of the plan.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority  <b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Historic Buildings Officer  <b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Continue an agreed programme to identify, evaluate and safeguard Exmoor's farmsteads</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 16
C 1.7	<p>Digital mapping of archaeological features and landscapes from air photographs will be available for the whole of Exmoor by the end of 2010 as part of the National Mapping Programme to help increase understanding of Exmoor's changing historic landscape and its archaeology.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority  <b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Historic Environment Manager  <b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Complete National Mapping Project in Summer 2009 within agreed milestones</li> <li>▪ Prepare Project Design for a Dissemination Project (subject to approval by English Heritage),</li> <li>▪ Commence Dissemination Project (subject to funding from English Heritage)</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 152
C 2.1	<p>100% of owners of Scheduled Ancient Monuments will be aware of the status and importance of these assets by the end of 2007 so that they understand the need to seek consent before undertaking works that will affect the fabric of their protected structure and/or its setting, to help reduce the number of cases of illegal works and retrospective consent applications.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority / English Heritage  <b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Conservation Advisor (Archaeology)  <b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Contact all owners of Scheduled Monuments identified as being 'At Risk' in 09/10 survey by April 2010</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 13

C 2.3	<p>By end of 2008, a Local List of archaeological sites – the Exmoor Schedule – will be prepared and their owners advised of their importance in order to seek their support for the conservation of their historic value</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Conservation Advisor (Archaeology)</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Complete project design</li> <li>▪ Compile Local List by December 2009</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days) 19</p>
C 3.1	<p>100% of owners of Listed Buildings will be aware of the status and importance of these assets by the end of 2008 and will understand the need to seek consent before undertaking works that will affect the fabric of their protected structure and/or its setting, to help reduce the number of cases of illegal works and retrospective consent applications.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Historic Buildings Officer</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Organise and host at least one event to promote understanding of the importance of Listed Buildings within the National Park.</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days) 8</p>
C 3.2	<p>A listing of known historical buildings of local importance will be compiled and their owners advised by the end of 2008 in order to seek their support for the conservation of their historic value.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Historic Buildings Officer</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Convene quarterly Panel meetings to sift suggestions for inclusion on the Local List.</li> <li>▪ Ensure that at least 150 buildings are identified and added to the list and that information on each is added to the Exmoor National Park Historic Environment Record.</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days) 18</p>
C 3.3	<p>Action plans for the conservation and enhancement of conservation areas will be drawn up by the end of 2009 based on appraisals of conservation areas within the National Park.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Historic Buildings Officer</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Seek National Park Authority approval in April 2009 for a strategy to achieve the target including priorities for Action Plans.</li> <li>▪ Prepare detailed Action Plans for 3 Conservation Areas (in addition to Dunster (Target C3.7) and Lynton and Lynmouth (Target C3.8)) in consultation with relevant Parish Councils and other stakeholders.</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days) 8</p>
C 3.4	<p>A condition survey for all 16 Conservation Areas in the National Park will be completed by the end of 2011.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Historic Buildings Officer</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Complete a review of the condition of Conservation Areas (excluding the 3 farmstead CAs) by the end of April 2009</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days) 1</p>

C 3.5	<p>The majority of replacement windows in Conservation Areas and for historic buildings on the local list will be of appropriate materials and design from 2008 onwards.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Historic Buildings Officer</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Prepare a report for the National Park Authority reviewing the implications of recent changes in the planning legislation and identifying, in particular, ways in which awareness of the issues might be raised among owners, builders and suppliers and other measures that might be taken to meet the target...</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 12
C 3.6	<p>Measures will be in place to ensure that all repairs to Exmoor's thatched buildings use appropriate materials and methods, and to ensure that locally grown wheat reed is available and that guidance exists in the use of the traditional Somerset style by the end of 2009.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Historic Buildings Officer</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Commission report from consultants.</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 12
C 3.8	<p>The built and historic environment of Lynton &amp; Lynmouth will be enhanced over the period of the plan, including the Lynmouth sea front.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Lyn &amp; Exmoor Vision</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Historic Buildings Officer</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Continue to support the Lead Organisation's efforts.</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 1
C 3.9	<p>The pool of people with skills in building conservation work and renovation will be sustained and increased by encouraging training bodies to offer appropriate courses over the period of the plan.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Historic Buildings Officer</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Develop an action programme in partnership with Somerset College of Art and Technology and West Somerset College.</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 9
C 4.1	<p>Local rural life museums and heritage exhibitions that interpret aspects of the life and history of communities in the National Park will be sustained over the period of the plan, e.g. Allerford Rural Life Museum; Doverhay Manor, Porlock; Lyn &amp; Exmoor Museum, Lynton; Lynmouth Flood Exhibition; Combe Martin Museum; Barnstaple &amp; Lynton Railway etc.</p> <p><b>Lead organisations:</b> Individual museums in partnership with local authorities</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Historic Environment Records Officer</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Liaise with local rural life museums and heritage exhibitions, in order to encourage and promote the use of the Exmoor National Park Historic Environment Record (HER)</li> <li>▪ Provide Exmoor National Park HER leaflets to the local rural life museums and heritage exhibitions.</li> <li>▪ Explore potential for interpretation events programme which combines local museums with the Exmoor National Park Historic Environment Record</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 5

C 4.2	<p>An oral history archive for Exmoor will be maintained and enhanced over the period of the plan.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Somerset County Council</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Historic Environment Records Officer</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Work with the Lead Organisation to carry out oral history interviews to help develop aspects of the Exmoor National Park Historic Environment Record which support other NPMP targets.</li> <li>▪ Continue project on Exmoor's farm buildings through oral history</li> <li>▪ Develop and maintain availability of the oral history research results within the Exmoor National Park Historic Environment Record.</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 10
C 5.1	<p>Information on aspects of Exmoor's archaeology, historic landscapes and built heritage will be accessible via the internet from the end of 2008 and this data will be expanded to cover all aspects of Exmoor's historic environment with detailed information on specific places by the end of 2011. Information will be kept up to date and developed in response to user feedback.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Historic Environment Records Officer</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Launch the Exmoor National Park Historic Environment Record in April 2009</li> <li>▪ Make the Exmoor National Park Historic Environment Record available through Heritage Gateway by the end of 2009</li> <li>▪ Design and distribute, by the end of 2009, a leaflet explaining what the Exmoor National Park Historic Environment Record is and how to access it</li> <li>▪ Increase the amount of detail available through the Exmoor National Park Historic Environment Record and develop improved ways of presenting it.</li> <li>▪ Review and update the historic environment area of the NPA website.</li> <li>▪ Develop funding proposal for expansion of thematic elements within Exmoor National Park Historic Environment Record to broaden accessibility and educational potential.</li> <li>▪ Complete progress reports and milestones for English Heritage which are a requirement of their funding for the Exmoor National Park Historic Environment Record</li> <li>▪ Support the development of a project to improve Exmoor's Historic Landscape Characterisation, led by the University of Exeter</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 68
C 5.2	<p>The majority of property and landowners in the National Park will be using appropriate methods and materials in the repair and maintenance of buildings and other historic features over the period of the plan.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Historic Buildings Officer</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Identify the priority for technical information sheets on specific aspects of historic building maintenance and repair and prepare and launch 2 sheets.</li> <li>▪ Arrange 3 practical seminars on aspects of historic building maintenance and repair.</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 8
C 5.3	<p>The public understanding of Exmoor's past will be enhanced through the provision of an accessible static education centre by the end of 2012 using up to date media as well as conventional interpretation facilities (as part of F4.2).</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Historic Environment Records Officer</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b> See F4.2</p>	Staff time (days) 5

C 5.4	<p>Access to information on Exmoor's iron industry as revealed by the 4 year Exmoor Iron project will be improved by the end of 2008.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> University of Exeter</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Historic Environment Records Officer</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Liaise with the Lead organisation and other partners</li> <li>▪ Publish a Field Guide to Exmoor's iron industry by March 2010</li> <li>▪ Improve the information available on Exmoor's iron industry on the NPA website</li> <li>▪ Improve the information available on Exmoor's iron industry on the Exmoor National Park Historic Environment Record.</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 10
C 5.5	<p>Access to information on Exmoor's earliest hunter gatherers and their impact on Exmoor's landscape as revealed by the Exmoor Archaeology Field School's excavations at Hawkcombe Head will be improved by the end of 2008.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> University of Bristol</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Historic Environment Records Officer</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Liaise with the Lead Organisation to continue to improve the information available on the NPA website and on the Exmoor National Park Historic Environment Record</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 10
C 5.6	<p>Access to information on the natural processes and the archaeological discoveries which are being made at Porlock Beach and Bay will be improved by the end of 2008.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Historic Environment Records Officer</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Continue to improve the information available on the archaeology of Porlock Bay on the ENPA website and on the Exmoor National Park Historic Environment Record.</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 10
C 5.7	<p>Awareness of Exmoor's historic environment will be increased amongst young people over the period of the plan by working with 10 local schools, young people's organisations and colleges each year, and by setting up training schemes, courses and field schools.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Historic Environment Manager</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Implement Education Programme for West Somerset Mineral Railway Project</li> <li>▪ During 2009/10 all field archaeology projects will incorporate a schools/colleges component</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 12

# 1d Engagement with farmers and land managers

## National Park Management Plan objectives:

### Objective E1

To ensure that all farming, forestry and land management enterprises on Exmoor are contributing to the conservation and enhancement of the landscape, wildlife, cultural heritage and natural resources of the National Park.

### Objective E2

To support measures that assist in the achievement of profitable and competitive farming, forestry and land management in ways that are sustainable and that provide secure, viable livelihoods; help maintain balanced local communities, and enhance environmental quality.

### Objective E4

To ensure the continued existence and viability of the Exmoor Pony and Exmoor's three locally-distinctive breeds of livestock\* so that all can be seen in the National Park and free-living Exmoor Ponies remain easily visible in moorland areas [\* i.e. Exmoor Horn and Devon Closewool sheep, and Devon cattle]

## National Park Management Plan Priority:

**Properly rewarding livestock grazing for conserving Exmoor's landscape, wildlife and cultural heritage**

### Key targets:

E 1.2	<p>At least 80% of the eligible land on Exmoor will be in an agri-environment scheme such as Environmental Stewardship by the end of 2012 to help ensure good conservation management and increase farm incomes.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Natural England</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Natural Environment Manager</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Help and encourage Exmoor farmers take advantage of funding available through national agri-environment schemes by providing advice on the conservation features of their land and on how these might best be managed both directly to farmers and landowners as well as to Natural England and the Forestry Commission (see also Landscape, Wildlife, Woodland and Cultural Heritage Advice Services)</li> <li>▪ Prepare Farm Environment Plans for farmers and landowners if resources permit</li> <li>▪ Work with farmers currently in management agreements with the National Park Authority</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days)</p> <p>48</p>
E2.1	<p>A renewed livestock market will be provided at Cutcombe by the end of 2009 and suitable market facilities will be accessible to farms across the National Park throughout the period of this plan.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor Farmers Livestock Auctions Ltd</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Chief Executive</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Monitor implementation by Exmoor Farmers Livestock Auctions Ltd for planning and SDF purposes and to take possession of land acquired by Exmoor National Park Authority if the appropriate stage is reached</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days)</p> <p>18</p>

E2.2	<p>Enhanced Government support for farming in the uplands will be sought over the period of the plan to help ensure that farming on Exmoor remains viable and that adequate recognition is given to the public benefits that farming provides.</p> <p><b>Lead organisations:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority with National Farmers Union and Country Land &amp; Business Association</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Natural Environment Manager</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Continue to lobby for the development and delivery of effective and appropriate national, regional and local policy and programmes for farming and farmed land by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ participating in meetings and discussions, particularly through the SW Uplands Task Force and SW Uplands Federation</li> <li>○ responding to consultation documents</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Submit a bid to the SW Regional Development Agency for an Upland Livestock project and commence implementation if successful.</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 36
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**National Park Management Plan Priority:  
Ensuring a high quality experience for everyone seeking quiet enjoyment**

**Key targets:**

E1.5	<p>At least 90% of game bird shoots in the National Park will be managed in line with the Exmoor Shoot Guidelines* by the end of October 2010, to help achieve benefits for wildlife and good relationships with local communities and countryside users, and to enhance the reputation of Exmoor shoots amongst the wider public.</p> <p>[* published by Exmoor National Park Authority and available on the website]</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Natural Environment Manager</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <p>Work with Exmoor shoots to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Continue to work with individual shoots to encourage compliance with the National Park guidelines</li> <li>▪ Organise the annual Exmoor Shoots Forum in February 2010</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 28
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**National Park Management Plan remaining targets for liaison with farmers and land managers:**

E 1.1	<p>The majority of farms on Exmoor will have a Farm Environment Record, Farm Environment Plan or comparable statement identifying the important environmental and historical features on their land by the end of 2012 and will be taking this into account in their land management.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Farming and Wildlife Officer</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Work with Natural England to assess current position and to prepare project plan to achieve this target</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 4
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E 1.3	<p>At least 80% of timber growing forestry businesses will be managing their woodlands according to the UK Woodland Assurance Standard (UKWAS) by the end of 2012 to support good conservation management and increase income for woodland owners and managers, e.g. through the Exmoor WoodCert Forest Management or comparable scheme.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority  <b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Woodland Officer  <b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ continue to run the Exmoor Woodcert certification scheme and maintain current membership</li> <li>▪ 2 new Exmoor Woodcert members will be recruited</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 16
E 1.4	<p>80% of timber processing and marketing businesses will be sourcing the majority of their timber from local woodland managed to the UKWAS standard by the end of 2012 to help increase the value and flow of locally produced woodland products and increase profitability, e.g. through the Exmoor Woodcert Chain of Custody or comparable scheme.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority  <b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Woodland Officer  <b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Continue to run the Exmoor Woodcert certification scheme and maintain current membership</li> <li>▪ 2 new Exmoor Woodcert members will be recruited</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 15
E1.6	<p>At least 80% of hedgerows will be managed traditionally or retained as landscape features over the period of the plan to optimise their value for farming, wildlife, landscape and archaeology.</p> <p><b>Lead organisations:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority with Somerset and Devon Hedge Groups  <b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Farming and Wildlife Officer  <b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Support Devon and Somerset Hedge Groups</li> <li>▪ Hold one hedge management event</li> <li>▪ Assist landowners with applications for felling licences and for grants (e.g. Somerset Landscape Scheme)</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 21
E 2.3	<p>The majority of Exmoor farms will have a clear strategy for the future development of their business in place by the end of 2010 to help ensure an adequate return on food produced and secure income from a range of sources including environmental management.</p> <p><b>Lead organisations:</b> National Farmers Union and Country Land &amp; Business Association  <b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Sustainability and Economy Manager  <b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Liaise with NFU / CLA / SWRDA regarding possible programme of advice to farmers in the National Park.</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 5
E 2.4	<p>All land managers will have access to a range of relevant training and development opportunities delivered locally over the period of the plan, including locally-distinctive rural skills, environmental management, renewable energy, business development etc.</p> <p><b>Lead organisations:</b> North Devon District, West Somerset, Devon County and Somerset County Councils  <b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Sustainability and Economy Manager  <b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Liaise with SWRDA regarding opportunities in the Rural Development Plan for England.</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 5

E 4.1	<p>Exmoor ponies will be living free on at least 50% of the moorland blocks by the end of 2010 and the free-living population will not fall below 250 at any time during the plan period.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor Pony Society</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Head of Conservation and Land Management</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Support the Exmoor Pony Society's mare and stallion premium schemes</li> <li>▪ Work with the Moorland Mousie Trust to support the Exmoor Pony Centre (SDF – funded)</li> <li>▪ Implement revised arrangements for the management of the Authority's own herds</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days)</p> <p>22</p>
E 4.2	<p>The number of registered Exmoor Horn and Devon Closewool ewes within the National Park will be maintained at or above 2006 levels over the period of the plan.</p> <p><b>Lead organisations:</b> Exmoor Horn Sheep Breeders Society; Devon Closewool Sheep Breeders Society</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Farming and Wildlife Officer</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Liaise with the lead organisations and assist if required</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days)</p> <p>3</p>

## **2. Achieving accessibility and enjoyment for all**

### **2a Education and interpretation services**

**National Park Management Plan objectives:**

#### **Objective F1**

To raise awareness of Exmoor and its special qualities and ways in which they can best be experienced and enjoyed

#### **Objective F2**

To provide opportunities for young people from all backgrounds and abilities to learn about and enjoy Exmoor National Park leading to greater understanding of Exmoor and its way of life.

#### **Objective F3**

To provide opportunities for people from under-represented groups to learn about and enjoy Exmoor National Park leading to greater understanding of Exmoor and its way of life.

#### **Objective F4**

To provide information about the National Park's special qualities and how they can be understood and enjoyed to people during their visit to the National Park

#### **Objective F5**

To provide opportunities for people to develop a deeper understanding and enjoyment of Exmoor and its special qualities to engender a sense of responsibility resulting in behaviour that sustains such qualities

**National Park Management Plan Priority:**

**Ensuring a high quality experience for everyone seeking quiet enjoyment**

#### **ESSENTIAL SERVICES:**

2a1	Education, Outreach and Volunteering  Please refer to Education service plan  <b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Education Manager	Staff time (days) - See individual targets below
2a2	Information & interpretation  Please refer to Information & interpretation service plan  <b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Interpretation Manager	Staff time (days) 175

**Key targets:**

<p>F4.1</p>	<p>A major National Park Centre will be provided at Lynmouth on the site of the former Lynmouth Pavilion by the end of 2010 to interpret the Exmoor coast; provide a base for educational activities, and provide an exciting destination for the visiting public.</p> <p><b>Lead organisations:</b> North Devon District Council and Lyn Community Development Trust to ensure that a suitable building is provided and Exmoor National Park Authority to equip and occupy the Centre</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Head of Information and Access</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Progress project in partnership with NDDC, DCC and LLTC.</li> <li>▪ Secure additional funding</li> <li>▪ Appoint Project Manager</li> <li>▪ Submit application for planning permission</li> <li>▪ Approve design of internal layouts.</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days) 38</p>
<p>F4.2</p>	<p>A second major National Park Centre will be provided at a central location in the National Park by the end of 2012 to interpret the Exmoor's moorlands and the importance of farming and historic environment (see also target C5.3), and to provide a base for educational activities and an exciting destination for the visiting public.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Head of Information and Access</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Complete Phase 1 Feasibility study</li> <li>▪ Public consultation exercise to be undertaken</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days) 35</p>

**National Park Management Plan Priority:**

**Engaging young people in learning about and enjoying the National Park's special qualities**

**Key targets:**

<p>F2.1</p>	<p>Every pupil attending a school located within the National Park will have contact with an Authority led activity at least once a year over the period of the plan, and all schools in the National Park will have adopted the concept of the 'Exmoor Curriculum' based on the model developed at Dulverton Middle School by the end of 2012.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Education Manager</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Every Exmoor school to be engaged with at least one event or activity provided by the Authority through the Education Team or Ranger Team. (Dunster, Timberscombe, Porlock, Cutcombe, Exford via 'Big Red Days'. Lynton, Parracombe and Kentisbury activities through Ranger and Outreach Officer.)</li> <li>▪ Implement an integrated approach for the management, delivery and monitoring of education and outreach work involving Ranger and Education staff based on system being used by Dartmoor National Park Authority</li> <li>▪ Explore links with 'Exmoor Youth Association' in developing the Exmoor curriculum.</li> <li>▪ Run a teacher training event at Pinkery Centre to establish the educational communities' aspirations linked to Exmoor Curriculum</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days) 93</p>
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F2.2	<p>All young people living in the greater Exmoor area will have the opportunity to derive a better understanding of Exmoor and experience ways in which the National Park can be enjoyed at least once during their school years as a school activity or outside of school during the period of the plan.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Greater Exmoor Environmental Education Forum (GEEEF)</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Education Manager</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Maintain strategic position within partner organisations eg Somerset Rural Youth Project, Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, South West Lakes Trust attending a minimum of 5 planning meetings per year</li> <li>▪ Deliver Big Red Days environmental road show (through Mineral Line Project)</li> <li>▪ Schools attending 'Big Red Days' from outside Exmoor National Park: St.Michael's Minehead. Minehead First, Old Cleave, St.Peter's Williton, Stogumber, Crowcombe, Bishops Lydeard, Lydeard St. Lawrence. Schools attending Nettlecombe FSC Watch clubs: Old Cleave, St.Peter's, Danesfield Middle</li> <li>▪ Market Pinkery Centre as a day or residential base to schools, groups and organisations in the Greater Exmoor area. (2 new groups).</li> <li>▪ Market Pinkery Events Calendar as an opportunity to be involved in a 'non-school' setting (eg as Navigation Days).</li> <li>▪ Explore development of the John Muir Award and 'learning outside the classroom' at a regional level working with Dartmoor National Park Authority</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 95
F2.3	<p>Opportunities will be provided for at least 2,000 young people from Exmoor and nearby urban areas including Bridgwater, Ilfracombe and Barnstaple to take part over the period of the plan in shared and common experiences designed to expand their horizons through appreciation and enjoyment of Exmoor's special qualities.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Greater Exmoor Environmental Education Forum (GEEEF)</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Education Manager</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <p>Minimum of 500 young people to be engaged through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Maintaining a strategic position within partner organisations eg Somerset Rural Youth Project, Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, South West Lakes Trust attending a minimum of 5 planning meetings per year</li> <li>▪ Market Pinkery Centre to schools, groups and organisations more widely as a day or residential base.(2 new groups)</li> <li>▪ Market Pinkery Events Calendar as an opportunity to be involved in a 'non-school' setting (eg International Year of Astronomy events)</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 89

**National Park Management Plan Priority:  
Increasing awareness of Exmoor's value amongst non-traditional audiences**

**Key targets:**

F3.1	<p>Opportunities to experience and enjoy Exmoor will be provided to 10 new groups each year over the period of the plan, where they have not considered visiting a National Park or are not aware of the opportunities, but would be interested in visiting Exmoor for the first time.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Education Support Officer (Outreach)</p>	Staff time (days) 137
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	<p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Support national 'Mosaic partnership' working with 5 underrepresented groups through regional partnerships.</li> <li>▪ Prepare plans to implement Landscape Partnership Projects (Outreach) for events in spring 2010</li> <li>▪ Support Green Ambassadors (2 new groups).</li> <li>▪ Produce a strategy for 'outreach' work in collaboration with SW Outdoors for All group (Natural England)</li> <li>▪ Maintain strategic position within eg Somerset Rural Youth Project, Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, and South West Lakes Trust attending a minimum of 5 planning meetings per year.</li> <li>▪ Market Pinkery Centre to schools, groups and organisations more widely as a day or residential base (2 new groups)</li> <li>▪ Market Pinkery Events Calendar as an opportunity to be involved in a 'non-school' setting through affiliation with the YHA.</li> </ul>	
F3.2	<p>A strategy will be in place by the end of 2009 for assessing and removing the barriers encountered by people from under-represented groups that prevent or impede their visiting and enjoying Exmoor.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority  <b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Interpretation Manager</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ An action plan will be produced as a result of the analysis of research completed by the Fieldfare Trust and other relevant information.</li> <li>▪ Develop Project Information Plan(s).</li> <li>▪ Explore links with Butlins, Minehead</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days) 4</p>

**National Park Management Plan remaining targets for education and interpretation services:**

F 3.3	<p>A range of affordable visitor accommodation such as campsites, camping barns and Youth Hostels will be maintained across the greater Exmoor area over the period of the plan.</p> <p><b>Lead organisations:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority and Youth Hostels Association  <b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Pinkery Centre Manager</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Work with the YHA to offer Pinkery Centre as an 'Escape to.....' facility</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days) 7</p>
F 4.3	<p>A network of Local Information Centres will be established at main villages across the National Park by the end of 2012.</p> <p><b>Lead organisations:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority with local tourism associations and other partners  <b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Interpretation Manager</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Support Local Information Centres at Porlock and Combe Martin (attendance at 2 liaison meetings at each centre)</li> <li>▪ Continue to explore and consider potential partnerships for Dunster and Dulverton to complete National Park Centre Strategy by 2012.</li> <li>▪ Include Local Information Centres in National NPC satisfaction survey</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days) 10</p>

F 4.4	<p>Appropriate information about Exmoor National Park will be provided at new Gateway Centres at Minehead and Aller Cross, South Molton, as and when these centres are in place.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Interpretation Manager</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Continue to support Minehead TIC through regular liaison meetings (2 per year)</li> <li>▪ Monitor developments at Aller Cross and attend development meeting if required.</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 4
F 4.5	<p>A high quality network of 12 Local Information Points will be supported across the National Park over the period of the plan based in local shops and business in smaller settlements.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Interpretation Manager</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Continue to support local Information Points.</li> <li>▪ Undertake a comprehensive review of Local Information points.</li> <li>▪ Annual meeting to be held for those involved.</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 15
F 5.1	<p>An annual programme of opportunities will be provided over the period of the plan to help people deepen their experiences of Exmoor's special qualities and how they can be best understood and enjoyed, e.g. including residential courses, guided walks and talks etc.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Interpretation Manger and Education Manager</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Implement changes to events programme to ensure an increase in more accessible events and events targeted at families (minimum of 7 walks)</li> <li>▪ Critically examine and review all delivery mechanisms involved in "deepening experiences" using systems based on that currently being used by Dartmoor National Park Authority</li> <li>▪ Undertake satisfaction and increased understanding surveys (including % of participants from underrepresented groups) across 'promoting understanding' services to establish benchmarks for annual surveys.</li> <li>▪ Engagement with North Devon Festival through events programme - 2 events promoted through festival.</li> <li>▪ Core guided walks and events programme to be delivered attracting 1000 participants</li> <li>▪ Engage with 2500 people through activities and programmes at Pinkery Centre</li> <li>▪ Market Pinkery Centre as a day facility either at Pinkery or at the school premises (6 new groups)</li> <li>▪ Implement an integrated approach for the management, delivery and monitoring of programmes involving ranger and education staff based on system being used by Dartmoor National Park Authority</li> <li>▪ Explore the Pinkery Centre in hosting the 'John Muir Award'</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 540
F 5.2	<p>An 'Exmoor Resource' will be developed by the end of 2012 to provide access to high quality information, statistics, research reports, archive material, etc., about the National Park.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor Society</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Interpretation Manger</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Contact Exmoor Society to identify the scope of the project</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 4

<p>F 5.3</p>	<p>A wide range of volunteering opportunities will be provided across the National Park in conservation and research projects and other activities over the period of the plan.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Education Support Officer (Volunteers)</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Prepare plans for implementing volunteering opportunities through Landscape Partnership for events in spring 2010</li> <li>▪ Explore funding to employ a Project Officer to deliver volunteering in North Devon (based around Wistlandpound) with South West Lakes Trust, Field Studies Council and Calvert Trust.</li> <li>▪ Develop links with National Trust delivering Working Holidays Develop projects with Active Exmoor (eg. Perambulation, Challenge, and Junior Iron Man).</li> <li>▪ Produce a Strategy for Volunteering</li> <li>▪ Develop Exmoor Conservation Volunteer Partnership enabling 500 days of volunteer activity.</li> <li>▪ Develop opportunities for volunteer engagement in non-practical activities (eg. surveys and monitoring) supporting NPMP targets and outcomes enabling 80 days of volunteer activity.</li> <li>▪ Implement an integrated approach for the management, delivery and monitoring of volunteer activity involving ranger and education staff. based on system being used by Dartmoor National Park Authority</li> <li>▪ Develop opportunities for 'Young Exmoor Conservation Volunteers' in partnership with Somerset Rural Youth Project enabling 100 days of activity for 14 Young Volunteers</li> <li>▪ Develop opportunities for Junior Ranger Awards in partnership with Somerset Rural Youth Project enabling 150 days of activity for 30 Junior Rangers</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days) 129</p>
<p>F 5.4</p>	<p>Information and interpretation about the National Park will be provided over the period of the plan with content that is responsive to user requests and available at times, places and in formats that are convenient for, and reflect, user needs e.g. via internet.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Interpretation Manager</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Reach over 180,000 visitors through the 3 National Park Centres at Lynmouth, Dunster and Dulverton.</li> <li>▪ Review and update electronic information systems in National Park Centres (kiosks, projectors and touchscreens to ensure they are fit for purpose and delivering value for money.</li> <li>▪ Produce and distribute Exmoor Visitor 2009</li> <li>▪ Presence at shows and events in partnership where appropriate (e.g. North Devon, Exford, Dunster, Devon County, Bath and West)</li> <li>▪ Collate responses to online survey and feed into web improvement programme.</li> <li>▪ Develop a purchasing policy for stock sold in National Park Centres that takes account of both the Authority's sustainability policies and developing national guidance.</li> <li>▪ Develop a web based resources based around the Lynmouth Flood Disaster that allows us to trial the use of audio on the web site.</li> <li>▪ Review information relating to Public Rights of Way and Access Land rights and responsibilities on walks and events programme, Authority website, Exmoor Visitor and on local information boards</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days) 782</p>

## **2b Recreation and access services**

### **National Park Management Plan objectives:**

#### **Objective G1**

To develop and maintain the recreation infrastructure of the National Park (particularly the rights of way and open country access) to a high standard.

#### **Objective G2**

To promote active recreation, particularly activities utilising the rights of way infrastructure and access to open country, avoiding adverse impact on the special qualities of the National Park.

#### **Objective G3**

To ensure that opportunities for recreation on Exmoor can be enjoyed by people from all backgrounds and of all abilities

#### **Objective G4**

To ensure that Exmoor provides a high quality experience for visitors from all backgrounds and of all abilities and that tourism is environmentally sustainable, deriving value from the special qualities of the National Park and not detracting from them.

### **ESSENTIAL SERVICES:**

2b1	<b><u>Access and Recreation</u></b> Please refer to Access & recreation service plan  <b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Access & Recreation Manager	Staff time (days) 72
2b2	<b><u>Facilities management</u></b> Please refer to Facilities management service plan  <b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Finance & Facilities Manager	Staff time (days) 264
2b3	<b><u>Ranger Service</u></b> Please refer to Ranger Team service plan  <b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Access & Recreation Manager	Staff time (days) 101
2b4	<b><u>Field Services</u></b> Please refer to Field Services Team service plan  <b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Head of Corporate Services	Staff time (days) 70

**National Park Management Plan Priority:**

**Ensuring a high quality experience for everyone seeking quiet enjoyment**

**Key targets:**

G 1.1	<p>95% of rights of way in the National Park will be open and easy to use in line with national standards (Best Value Performance Indicator - BVPI 178) by the end of March 2011 with 0.5% improvement per annum thereafter.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority through delegation agreements with Devon and Somerset County Councils</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Access and Recreation Manager</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Rolling biennial rights of way survey results to be analysed</li> <li>▪ Create individual and Team work programmes to achieve the required improvements to the network.</li> <li>▪ Continue to use Somerset County Council web based rights of way management system and agree further adaptations where a sound business case can be made</li> <li>▪ Maintain Public Rights of Way network 'easy to use' figure at 86% or above</li> <li>▪ Continue to prioritise all public routes currently obstructed or off definitive line in consultation with users, including the Exmoor Local Access Forum. Resolve X issues through negotiation, practical works and legal processes (e.g. diversion orders).</li> <li>▪ Review our Rights of Way work prioritisation approach in consultation with the Exmoor Local Access Forum</li> <li>▪ Review Rights of Way Handbook</li> <li>▪ The Field Services Team will:-             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Pare 250 km of path</li> <li>○ Replace 5 bridges</li> <li>○ Make and erect approx 1500 way-marker signs and posts</li> <li>○ Make and erect approx 150 field gates</li> <li>○ carry out the RoW major works programme</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Caremoor to contribute to towards rights of way improvement projects</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days) 2450</p>
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**National Park Management Plan Priority:**

**Enabling greater accessibility for people whose mobility is restricted and those without access to private cars**

**Key targets:**

G 3.1	<p>Information will be published on the internet with details of all access furniture (e.g. stiles) and gradient severity for all public rights of way within the National Park by the end of 2009 to enable people to plan their visits within their capabilities.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Interpretation Manager</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Make available online mapping with gradient information for all Public Rights of Way (PROW) within the National Park.</li> <li>▪ Provide web site links from the Authority web site to existing PROW mapping systems on the Somerset and Devon County Councils' web sites.</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days) 4</p>
G 3.5	<p>At least 80% of all guided walks promoted by the National Park Authority will be accessible to people using public transport from 2008.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Access and Recreation Manager</p>	<p>Staff time (days) 9</p>

<p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Continue to review walks and events programme, considering all aspects of public interaction provided by the Ranger Team, aiming to increase numbers of walks accessible to people using public transport.</li> <li>▪ Review 80% target in relation to the programme to ensure that the target does not compromise the service provided to the public.</li> </ul> <p>Survey 90% of guided walk attendees to find out where they have travelled from and by what means in order to calculate a 'carbon footprint' of their travel and consider ways to reduce this in future.</p>	
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**National Park Management Plan remaining targets for recreation and access services:**

<p>G 1.2</p>	<p>Users will be able to access information including route guides to all officially recognised promoted long distance walking routes in the National Park on the internet by the end of 2009.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Interpretation Manager</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Collate existing information into a composite guide based on existing guide information.</li> <li>▪ Identify “missing links” to enable promote routes to be joined up.</li> <li>▪ Negotiate access improvements where required.</li> <li>▪ Monitor national developments such as National Trail Review</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days) 4</p>
<p>G 1.3</p>	<p>The condition of definitive and permitted bridleways will be monitored from a user perspective over the period of the plan to ensure they are useable and to help identify and achieve new bridleway routes where they are needed to enhance equine recreation and tourism.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> West Somerset &amp; Exmoor Bridleways Association</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Public Rights of Way and Access Officer</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Attend annual meetings of West Somerset and Exmoor Bridleways Association to discuss issues.</li> <li>▪ Input suggested new bridleway routes for consideration in Higher Level Stewardship applications.</li> <li>▪ Where existing public bridleways are unsuitable for horse use, consider improvements or re-alignment of the route.</li> <li>▪ Publicise location and details of permitted bridleways and footpaths on National Park Authority website.</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days) 13</p>

G 1.4	<p>The Public Rights of Way network will be extended and enhanced over the period of the plan where there will be most benefit to users and landowners and no adverse impact on landscape or biodiversity.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority through Rights of Way Improvement Plans delivered in partnership with Devon and Somerset County Councils</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Public Rights of Way and Access Officer</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Support and liaise with the Exmoor Local Access Forum.</li> <li>▪ Review and respond to all Higher Level Stewardship Applications, using the Rights of Way Improvement Plan suggestions to guide our response.</li> <li>▪ Contact landowners with the highest priority suggested routes based on the Authority's adopted approach.</li> <li>▪ Identify key opportunities for access improvements that will benefit those with limited mobility following guidance in Fieldfare Trust report and consult upon these</li> <li>▪ Publicise location and details of permitted bridleways and footpaths on National Park Authority website.</li> <li>▪ Review permissive footpaths on Authority owned land for potential to be dedicated as Public Rights of Way and submit report to the Authority for a decision</li> <li>▪ Once confirmed with Land Registry ENPA woodlands will be dedicated as Access Land in line with the Authority's adopted report.</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 85
G 2.1	<p>The number of participants in active recreation in the National Park will be increased by 10,000 in the three years to the end of 2009.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Active Exmoor</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Access and Recreation Manager</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Liaise with all event organisers that contact us to enable popular and successful events that do not damage the National Parks special features or significantly disrupt other users enjoyment working closely with Active Exmoor</li> <li>▪ Increase local, regional, national and international awareness of Exmoor as a venue for active outdoor recreation by supporting Active Exmoor</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 5
G 2.2	<p>The impact of recreational activity on landscape character and vulnerable habitats (especially moor and heath) and wildlife species will be monitored over the period of the plan and measures taken to reduce vulnerability to disturbance and erosion.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Access &amp; Recreation Manager</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ensure that recreational impact to Exmoor's special qualities is minimised through liaison with user groups and event organisers. Through this liaison increase awareness and understanding of the importance of habitats and the landscape amongst recreational users.</li> <li>▪ Mitigate concerns, working in partnership with event organisers, Natural England, Forestry Commission, private landowners, RSPB etc.</li> <li>▪ Monitor 10% of all recreational events that Exmoor National Park Authority is consulted on every year.</li> <li>▪ Produce an annual report on recreational events and usage of the National Park including monitoring reports.</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 61

G 3.2	<p>A suite of route descriptions will be available by the end of 2012 to encourage people with disabilities to experience access to a wide variety of Exmoor's special landscapes.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Interpretation Manager</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Implement the action plan developed from the Fieldfare Trust report.</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 23
G 3.3	<p>Comprehensive and up to date information will be available via the internet and in print by end of 2008 on accessible facilities and services and opportunities for recreational experiences in the National Park that can be readily accessed by people with disabilities.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Interpretation Manager</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Develop and implement a comprehensive and consistent web based system for providing information on recreational opportunities within the National Park.</li> <li>▪ Review current printed walks leaflets and rationalize to remove overlaps and to provide consistent accessibility information.</li> <li>▪ Produce a guide on accessibility funded through the Caremoor programme.</li> <li>▪ Develop working with Calvert Trust to pursue 'disability proofing' of Authority project and programmes</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 20
G 3.4	<p>There will be an increase in the proportion of adults (aged 16-74 years) who do a minimum of 3 x 30 minutes of moderate or strenuous activity per week and a decrease in the proportion of adults (aged 16 - 74 years) who do less than one session (30 minutes) of moderate or strenuous physical activity per week in the North Devon and West Somerset areas over the period of the plan.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Active Exmoor</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Access and Recreation Manager</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ensure that the health benefits of active outdoor recreation are promoted in our guided walk programmes and other information</li> <li>▪ A range of guided walks will be provided that are accessible to less active people and will be promoted as such (eg Walking for Health initiative)</li> <li>▪ Identify key opportunities for ROW access improvements that will benefit and encourage less active people and current non-users (see G1.4)</li> <li>▪ Local Primary Care Trusts and others will be consulted to better establish how Exmoor National Park Authority can best deliver this target, and explore new opportunities for funding.</li> <li>▪ In light of the outcomes of this consultation the creation of a working group will be considered and an action plan will be developed to review our relevant current work and/or develop new services</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 9
G4.1	<p>At least 95% of visitors will express satisfaction with their visit to Exmoor as measured in bi-annual visitor satisfaction survey and more general visitor surveys undertaken during the period of the plan.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Visit Exmoor</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Interpretation Manager</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Liaise with tourism sector, other agencies and other National Park Authorities to support and influence national opinion poll surveys.</li> <li>▪ Undertake visitor satisfaction surveys.</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 13

G 4.2	<p>At least 5% of tourism businesses based in the National Park will be participating in the “CareMoor” initiative and encouraging visitors to contribute voluntarily to funds for conservation projects by the end of 2009.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Sustainable Economies Officer</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Aim to generate at least £5000 during 09/10</li> <li>▪ Adopt and implement a revised development strategy for CareMoor and attract at least 25 new businesses to the scheme.</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days)</p> <p>13</p>
G 4.3	<p>At least 25% of tourism related businesses will be demonstrating a range of actions leading to environmentally sustainable operation by the end of 2012.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Sustainable Economies Officer</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Work with Forum 21 to deliver 25 on-site environmental audits for tourism businesses</li> <li>▪ Undertake a sample survey of tourism-related businesses to ascertain the scale and nature of their activity relating to environmental sustainability</li> <li>▪ Undertake an awareness-raising campaign to encourage tourism businesses to adopt environmentally sustainable practices</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days)</p> <p>15</p>

### 3. Responding to climate change

#### National Park Management Plan objectives:

##### Objective D3

To minimise the net emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases into the atmosphere in order to achieve a 'carbon-neutral' National Park and minimise Exmoor's contribution to global climate change.

##### Objective E3

To ensure that land-based businesses and other land managers are working to mitigate the effects of climate change and, where possible, are making a positive contribution to efforts to reduce carbon emissions and levels of atmospheric carbon

#### National Park Management Plan Priority: Becoming a carbon-neutral National Park

##### Key targets:

<p>D 3.1 A programme will be in place by the end of 2008 to move towards the achievement of a carbon-neutral National Park by 2025.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Forum 21</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Sustainability &amp; Economy Manager</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Organise events to consult community regarding the carbon neutral programme</li> <li>▪ Review and respond to recommendations set out in the carbon neutral programme</li> <li>▪ Facilitate development of new or utilise existing partnership arrangements to begin delivery of the carbon neutral programme</li> <li>▪ With Dartmoor National Park Authority, jointly organise a low carbon conference/festival</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days)</p> <p>10</p>
<p>D 3.2 A local supply network for woodfuel will be in place and there will be at least 50 installed wood heating systems within the Greater Exmoor area by the end of 2010.</p> <p>Lead organisation: West Somerset &amp; Exmoor Carbon Reduction Implementation Board</p> <p>Lead ENPA officer: Sustainability &amp; Economy Manager</p> <p>ENPA Actions in <b>2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Work with Greater Exmoor wood fuel producers to develop partnership arrangements to improve the supply and promotion of high quality wood fuel from the area.</li> <li>▪ Contribute to Somerset Fuel Poverty Partnership biomass sub-group actions targeting wood fuel demand.</li> <li>▪ Stimulate demand for wood fuel through encouraging installation of wood fuel heating systems in public sector buildings in the Greater Exmoor area</li> <li>▪ Identify opportunities for funding the development of a supply network through the Rural Development Programme for England</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days)</p> <p>35</p>
<p>D 3.3 At least 6 Exmoor settlements will be implementing sustainable energy plans by the end of 2010.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> West Somerset &amp; Exmoor Carbon Reduction Implementation Board</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Sustainability &amp; Economy Manager</p>	<p>Staff time (days)</p> <p>22</p>

	<p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Work with Forum 21 &amp; Devon partners to establish plans in 7 Exmoor settlements</li> <li>▪ Work with partners to establish a viable business plan for the continuation of the 'sustainable energy plan' service provided by Forum 21</li> </ul>	
E 3.2	<p>A practical demonstration of farm scale 'energy from farm waste' will be in place within the National Park by end of 2009.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> West Somerset &amp; Exmoor Carbon Reduction Implementation Board</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Sustainability &amp; Economy Manager</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Identify pilot demonstration project</li> <li>▪ Work with Somerset County Council RDPE facilitation service to develop funding bid for demonstration project.</li> <li>▪ With project partners, implement publicity campaign to publicise the demonstration project</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days)</p> <p>15</p>

**National Park Management Plan remaining targets for responding to climate change:**

D 3.4	<p>Training and skills development in the installation and maintenance of a wide range of renewable energy systems including, wind, solar, hydro, geothermal, heat exchange and biomass systems (e.g. woodfuel and energy from waste systems) will be available locally over the period of the plan.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> West Somerset &amp; Exmoor Carbon Reduction Implementation Board</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Sustainability &amp; Economy Manager</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Liaise with Local Action Groups regarding opportunities through the RDPE Local Action for Rural Communities funding stream and other axes of the programme</li> <li>▪ Liaise with West Somerset Economic Taskforce to identify funding opportunities through the Working Neighbourhoods Fund</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days)</p> <p>5</p>
D 3.5	<p>There will be good access to information and advice for anyone wishing to carry out small-scale renewable energy projects in the National Park from the end of 2007, and at least 20 installations will be developed each year.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> West Somerset &amp; Exmoor Carbon Reduction Implementation Board</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Sustainability &amp; Economy Manager</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Work with partners to establish advice service for Somerset</li> <li>▪ Publicise Energy Savings Trust and RE4D information and advice services</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days)</p> <p>15</p>
E 3.1	<p>At least 100 Exmoor farms will be meeting 50% or more of their heating and energy needs from woodfuel and/or other non-fossil fuel sources by the end of 2012.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> West Somerset &amp; Exmoor Carbon Reduction Implementation Board</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Sustainability &amp; Economy Manager</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Monitor progress of installations in the National Park</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days)</p> <p>5</p>

## **4. Achieving a sustainable economy and thriving community**

National Park Management Plan objectives:

### **Objective G5**

To maximise the economic and social benefits to the economy of Exmoor that recreation and tourism bring and to spread these benefits across as wide a range of people and businesses as possible.

### **Objective H2**

To support the provision and retention of community facilities and services that are reasonably accessible and affordable to Exmoor's residents.

### **Objective H3**

To develop the greater Exmoor economy in ways that will increase the range and scope of employment and training opportunities for local people, particularly those that benefit people with relatively low household incomes and that relate to or further conservation and enhancement of Exmoor's special qualities.

### **Objective H1**

To ensure housing needs are adequately met to sustain local communities and the landscape and facilities of the National Park.

### **Objective D1**

To maintain and improve the quality of air, water and soils on Exmoor.

### **Objective D2**

To improve the sustainability of Exmoor's communities and minimise waste and emissions.

### **ESSENTIAL SERVICES:**

4a1	<p><b><u>Sustainable economy and community</u></b></p> <p>Please refer to the Sustainable Economy and Communities (Development and Advice) service plan</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Sustainability &amp; Economy Manager</p>	<p>Staff time (days)</p> <p>3</p>
4a2	<p><b><u>Managing the Sustainable Development Fund</u></b></p> <p>Please refer to the Exmoor Sustainable Development Fund service plan</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Sustainable Economies Officer</p>	<p>Staff time (days)</p> <p>151</p>
4a3	<p><b><u>Planning policy and community support</u></b></p> <p>Please refer to the Exmoor Sustainable Development Fund service plan</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Policy and Community manager</p>	<p>Staff time (days)</p> <p>846</p>

**National Park Management Plan Priority:****Developing the economy in ways that benefit from and enhance Exmoor's special qualities****Key targets:**

H 3.1	<p>A Greater Exmoor Sustainable Economy Strategy will be implemented over the period of the plan based on the study undertaken by the New Economics Foundation in 2006.</p> <p><b>Lead organisations:</b> Devon County Council , Somerset County Council , West Somerset Council, North Devon District Council and Exmoor National Park Authority</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Sustainability &amp; Economy Manager</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Take a lead in bringing together a strategy to enhance economic prospects for young people living and working in the National Park.</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 21
H 3.3	<p>Financial support from the South West Regional Development Agency and other sources will be secured over the period of the plan to assist in the development of a sustainable economy within the National Park and surrounding areas.</p> <p><b>Lead organisations:</b> Devon County Council , Somerset County Council , West Somerset Council, North Devon District Council and Exmoor National Park Authority</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Chief Executive</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Participate in Local Action Groups for Torridge &amp; North Devon and Western Somerset to encourage Exmoor take up and some coordination across the county boundary</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 5

**National Park Management Plan Priority:****Improving economic prospects for young people living and working on Exmoor Key targets:**

G 5.3	<p>Training and skills development in recreation management, adventure tourism and other relevant activities will be available locally benefiting at least 60 students per year over the period of the plan, e.g. Foundation degree in Adventure Tourism and Outdoor Professional Training Instructors Courses (OPTIC) programme.</p> <p><b>Lead organisations:</b> West Somerset Community College (with Somerset College for Art &amp; Technology and Plymouth University); Active Exmoor</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Sustainability &amp; Economy Manager</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Maintain strategic partnership with West Somerset Council Outdoor learning department attending regular management meetings.</li> <li>▪ Monitor and develop partnership delivery mechanisms with SCAT and Active Exmoor attending regular management meetings.</li> </ul> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Education Manager</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Facilitate and encourage the take-up of courses offered locally attending regular management meetings.</li> <li>▪ Constantly be aware of opportunities for dove-tailing partnerships that involve post 16 year attending regular management meetings</li> <li>▪ Explore opportunities for apprenticeship schemes</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 25
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<p>F 2.4</p>	<p>Opportunities will be provided for 250 to 300 students a year over the period of the plan to receive a range of vocational training opportunities to levels 1, 2 and 3 enabling them to benefit from their location close to or within the National Park and based at a new Skills &amp; Enterprise Centre (New Horizons) open in September 2008.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> West Somerset Community College</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Sustainability &amp; Economy Manager</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Link in to the strategy for improving economic prospects for young people (see H3.1)</li> <li>▪ Maintain strong partnership with WSCC land based study team attending regular management meetings. (Education Manager)</li> <li>▪ Maintain learning opportunities through delivery and site preparation for students; involves input from Education/Ranger/Conservation staff attending regular management meetings. (Education Manager)</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days) 22</p>
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**National Park Management Plan Priority:  
More active promotion of Exmoor and development as a sustainable tourism destination**

**Key targets:**

<p>F 1.1</p>	<p>Awareness of Exmoor in national polls will be increased to at least 12% by the end of 2010.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Visit Exmoor</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Interpretation Manager</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Liaise with partner organisations concerning national opinion polls</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days) 4</p>
<p>G 5.1</p>	<p>Overall visitor spend in Exmoor National Park will have increased by 25% in real terms by the end of 2012 compared to estimates for 2005.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Visit Exmoor</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Sustainable Economies Officer</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Monitor trends in the tourism economy through the STEAM methodology.</li> <li>▪ Publish a 'State of Tourism' update</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days) 32</p>

**National Park Management Plan Priority:  
Enhancing the stock of more affordable housing where there is a need in local communities**

**Key targets:**

<p>H 1.1</p>	<p>At least 60 new affordable dwellings will be completed where there is demonstrable need in the National Park over the five years to the end of 2012, and this provision will be available to help meet need in perpetuity.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> North Devon &amp; West Somerset Rural Housing Project</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Policy &amp; Community Manager</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Maintain support to the Rural Housing project</li> <li>▪ Provide comprehensive pre-application planning advice on potential sites to individuals, RSLs and parish councils</li> </ul>	<p>Staff time (days) 382</p>
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## National Park Management Plan Priority:

### Promoting the health benefits arising from active recreation, inspiration and quiet enjoyment that can be experienced in the National Park

#### Key targets:

H 2.6	<p>Improved cardiac health and more healthy lifestyles will be encouraged amongst people living in Somerset and North Devon by providing opportunities for supported active recreation and quiet enjoyment within the National Park over the period of the plan.</p> <p><b>Lead organisations:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority with Somerset and Devon Primary Care Trusts</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Access &amp; Recreation Manager</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Ensure that the health benefits of active outdoor recreation are promoted in our guided walk programmes and other information</li><li>▪ A range of guided walks will be provided that are accessible to less active people and will be promoted as such (eg Walking for Health initiative)</li><li>▪ Identify key opportunities for ROW access improvements that will benefit and encourage less active people and current non-users (see G1.4)</li><li>▪ Local Primary Care Trusts and others will be consulted to better establish how Exmoor National Park Authority can help to deliver this target, and explore new opportunities for funding.</li><li>▪ In light of the outcomes of this consultation the creation of a working group will be considered and an action plan will be developed to review our relevant current work and/or develop new services</li></ul>	Staff time (days) 2
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#### National Park Management Plan remaining targets for achieving a sustainable economy and thriving communities:

G 5.2	<p>At least 60% of all food-related businesses including hotels, restaurants and catering businesses will be utilising food using ingredients produced in the greater Exmoor area by the end of 2009 and will be identifying these on menus and publicity materials.</p> <p><b>Lead organisations:</b> Somerset Food Links and Source</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Sustainability &amp; Economy Manager</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Monitor implementation</li><li>▪ Work with local authorities and Destination Management Organisations to identify new forms of support for local food industry</li></ul>	Staff time (days) 19
H 2.1	<p>Targets set out in the North Devon and West Somerset community strategies will be achieved where they relate to communities in the National Park.</p> <p><b>Lead organisations:</b> North Devon District Council, West Somerset Council.</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Policy &amp; Community Manager</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Liaise as appropriate with local Authorities in the implementation of their Community Strategies</li></ul>	Staff time (days) 2

H 2.2	<p>The needs of Exmoor's communities will continue to be addressed in Local Area Agreements and other local and regional strategies and plans over the period of the plan.</p> <p><b>Lead organisations:</b> Local Authorities – Devon CC, Somerset CC, West Somerset Council, North Devon District Council, Exmoor National Park Authority</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Policy &amp; Community Manager</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Maintain engagement with LSPs for West Somerset and North Devon</li> <li>▪ Maintain engagement with Strategic Partnerships for Devon and Somerset.</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 8
H 2.3	<p>The potential for a new year round bus route linking Dulverton to Lynton and Lynmouth via Winsford, Exford and Simonsbath will be established by the end of 2009.</p> <p><b>Lead organisations:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority with Somerset County Council</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Sustainable Economy Officer</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Continue to liaise with Somerset and Devon County Council public transport officers.</li> <li>▪ Continue to monitor success of trial bus route 401 (Exmoor Link)</li> <li>▪ Assess future feasibility of 401 service as a permanent service in liaison with Somerset and Devon County Councils</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 5
H 2.4	<p>The majority of local residents in the National Park will know how they can access information regarding the management of the National Park over the period of the plan.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Head of Corporate Services</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Develop the customer service standards and culture including conducting surveys</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 5
H 2.5	<p>The majority of local residents in the National Park will be aware of mechanisms to enable them to comment upon and influence decisions regarding planning applications and the provision of other local government services over the period of the plan.</p> <p><b>Lead organisations:</b> Local Authorities – Devon County Council , Somerset County Council , West Somerset Council, North Devon District Council, Exmoor National Park Authority</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Head of Corporate Services</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Consider and review the methods by which information is made available and communicated to local residents</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 20
H 2.7	<p>Awareness of the risk of being bitten by a tick in the National Park and the possibility that this could lead to infection with Lyme disease will be increased over the period of the plan, together with awareness of the action to take to reduce risk and obtain medical treatment when appropriate.</p> <p><b>Lead organisations:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority with Somerset and Devon Primary Care Trusts</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Access &amp; Recreation Manager</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Produce posters based upon leaflet and erect a key paths through tick hotspot areas</li> <li>▪ Disseminate the information on the leaflet through guided walks, National Park Centres, Exmoor Visitor and the ENPA website.</li> <li>▪ Survey at least 60% of event attendees as to their current awareness levels</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 0

H 3.2	<p>An up to date 'broadband' and communications infrastructure using modern technologies will be available by the end of 2010 to ensure potential access to businesses and households across the National Park particularly where there is not good access via the telephone network.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Somerset County Council (with West Somerset Council and North Devon District Council)</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Sustainability &amp; Economy Manager</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Monitor implementation</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 1
H 3.4	<p>Support from Defra and the South West RDA for the Exmoor National Park Sustainable Development Fund will be maintained over the period of the plan.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Chief Executive</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Defra funding for Sustainable Development Fund secured for 2009/10</li> <li>▪ Secure additional funding for farm business development on Exmoor from Rural Development Programme for England Axis 1</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 2
H 3.5	<p>At least 100 Exmoor based businesses will be meeting 50% or more of their heating and energy needs from wood fuel and/or other non-fossil fuel sources by the end of 2012.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> West Somerset &amp; Exmoor Carbon Reduction Implementation Board (WS&amp;E CRIB)</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Sustainability &amp; Economy Manager</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Work with WS&amp;E CRIB and Somerset CC to establish an sustainable energy advice service for businesses in the Greater Exmoor area</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 4
H 1.2	<p>New affordable housing will be available for occupation within 3 years of securing suitable sites (conversions as well as new build) over the period of the plan.</p> <p><b>Lead organisations:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority with North Devon District &amp; West Somerset Councils (Local Housing Authorities)</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Policy &amp; Community Manager</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Maintain support to the Rural Housing project</li> <li>▪ Provide comprehensive pre-application planning advice on potential sites to individuals, RSLs and parish councils</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 2
D 1.1	<p>Air quality monitoring will be carried out in and around the National Park over the period of the plan to determine levels of key air pollutants so that targets can be set for improvement.</p> <p><b>Lead organisations:</b> North Devon District and West Somerset Councils</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Sustainability &amp; Economy Manager</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Seek up to date information from North Devon and West Somerset Councils</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 2

D 1.2	<p>The length of river in the National Park assessed as good chemical quality will be increased over the period of the plan (see also target B4.1).</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Environment Agency</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Sustainability &amp; Economy Manager</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Seek up to date information from the Environment Agency.</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 1
D 1.3	<p>100% of samples for bathing water quality taken off the Exmoor coast will be of high standard over the period of the plan.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Environment Agency</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Sustainability &amp; Economy Manager</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Seek up to date information from the Environment Agency.</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 3
D 1.4	<p>100% of geological SSSIs will be in favourable or unfavourable/improving condition by the end of 2012.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Natural England</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Natural Environment Manager</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Liaise with the lead organisation to identify any action for the National Park Authority in the light of the condition assessment carried out during 2008/09.</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 1
D 1.5	<p>A Strategic Flood Risk Assessment will be completed by the end of 2009 to ensure that future development takes place with adequate regard to flooding and flood risk. The process shall include the mapping of 'Functional Floodplain' areas, as defined within the government's Planning Policy Statement 25 (PPS25).</p> <p><b>Lead organisations:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority and Environment Agency</p> <p><b>Lead officer:</b> Policy &amp; Community Manager</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Work with NDDC and WSC to ensure continuity of approach to flood risk assessments</li> <li>▪ Liaise with the Environment Agency on their requirements</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 2
D 2.1	<p>An increasing proportion of agricultural and building materials will be sourced locally over the period of the plan, including timber, stone and cob etc.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> Exmoor National Park Authority</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Sustainability &amp; Economy Manager</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Review and respond appropriately to recommendations of Ecos Trust audit of local sustainable construction materials</li> <li>▪ Develop and publicise a range of good practice case studies demonstrating the use of local sustainable construction materials</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 4
D 2.2	<p>Training and skills development in sustainable building techniques will be provided locally over the period of the plan to ensure that sufficient trained people are available to meet the demand for new building development and renovation.</p> <p><b>Lead organisation:</b> ECOS Trust (Formerly Somerset Trust for Sustainable Development)</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Sustainability &amp; Economy Manager</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Work with ECOS Trust and Somerset College of Arts and Technology to develop training programmes</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 4

D 2.3	<p>Illegal tipping and abandoned vehicles will be monitored over the period of the plan and steps taken to remove tipped materials/vehicles promptly and prevent recurrence.</p> <p><b>Lead organisations:</b> North Devon District and West Somerset Councils</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Ranger Team Leader</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Liaise with Somerset and Devon County Council waste officers</li> <li>▪ Liaise with North Devon District and West Somerset Council waste officers.</li> <li>▪ Resolve fly-tipping and abandoned vehicle incidents quickly</li> <li>▪ Develop draft litter &amp; fly tipping policy for approval by authority</li> <li>▪ Attempt to develop an arrangement with District Councils for free collection of waste that Rangers collect from the highway</li> <li>▪ We will record incidents of fly tipping and abandoned vehicles that are dealt with by ENPA staff.</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 8
D 2.4	<p>At least 50% of waste arising from households within the National Park and surrounding districts will be being recycled or composted by the end of 2012.</p> <p><b>Lead organisations:</b> North Devon District and West Somerset Councils</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Sustainability &amp; Economy Manager</p> <p><b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Obtain up to date information from Somerset and Devon Waste Partnerships</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 0

## 5. Improving our performance

### 5a Forward planning & policy development

#### ESSENTIAL SERVICES:

5a1	<p><b><u>National Park Management Plan</u></b>            Adopt the National Park Management Plan and commence implementation of the proposals set out.  <b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Chief Executive  <b>ENPA Actions in 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Convene meetings of the National Park Management Plan Implementation Board in June, September and February</li> <li>▪ Convene meeting of the National Park Management Plan Implementation Forum in November 2009 involving all lead organisations and other key partners</li> <li>▪ Publish a National Park Management Plan implementation progress report in February 2010</li> </ul>	Staff time (days) 23
5a2	<p><b><u>Local Development Framework</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Please refer to the Planning Policy &amp; Community Support service plan</li> </ul> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Policy &amp; Community Manager</p>	Staff time (days)
5a3	<p><b><u>Information and Data Management</u></b>            This underpins several NPMP targets eg B4.8, B4.9, B5.1, B6.2 &amp; B6.3 and together with aerial photography and remote sensing programmes informs:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Annual update to State of the Park Report</li> <li>▪ Maintain and report on Performance Indicators</li> </ul> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Corporate Support Manager</p>	Staff time (days) 15

### 5b Corporate support services

#### ESSENTIAL SERVICES:

5b1	<p><b><u>General management activities:</u></b>            Line management, Leadership and Delivery Team roles etc.</p> <p><b>Lead Officer:</b> Chief Executive</p>	Staff time (days) 1020
5b2	<p><b><u>Operational Management</u></b>            Please refer to Operational management service plan.</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Head of Corporate Services</p>	Staff time (days) 138
5b4	<p><b><u>Local, regional &amp; national communications</u></b>            Please refer to Information &amp; interpretation service plan</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> External Communications Manager</p>	Staff time (days)

5b6	<p><b><u>Personnel support</u></b></p> <p>Please refer to Human resources service plan</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Personnel &amp; Support Services Manager</p>	Staff time (days) 240
5b7	<p><b><u>Member support</u></b></p> <p>Please refer to Member services service plan</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Member Services Officer</p>	Staff time (days) 215
5b8	<p><b><u>Financial management</u></b></p> <p>Please refer to Financial management service plan</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Finance &amp; Facilities Manager</p>	Staff time (days) 435
5b9	<p><b><u>Administrative support</u></b></p> <p>Please refer to administrative support service plan</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Personnel &amp; Support Services Manager</p>	Staff time (days) 856
5b13	<p><b><u>Legal and monitoring services</u></b></p> <p>Please refer to Legal &amp; monitoring services service plan</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Solicitor &amp; Monitoring Officer</p>	Staff time (days) 205
5b14	<p><b><u>Information and Communications Technology (ICT)</u></b></p> <p>Please refer to ICT service plan</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> ICT Systems Manager</p>	Staff time (days) 979
5b15	<p><b><u>Property Management</u></b> (including public safety inspections)</p> <p>Please refer to Property management service plan</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Land Agent</p>	Staff time (days) 590

## **5c Authority environmental performance**

### **ESSENTIAL SERVICES:**

5c1	<p><b><u>Environmental Performance</u></b></p> <p>Please refer to Environmental performance service plan</p> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Corporate Support Manager.</p>	<p>Staff time (days)</p> <p>70</p>
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## **5d Partnership development**

### **ESSENTIAL SERVICES:**

5d1	<p><b>Partnership development</b></p> <p>The following partnerships will be supported during the year, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Support the work carried out by ANPA (Association of National Park Authorities) and ENPAA (English National Park Authorities Association)</li> <li>▪ Liaison with Devon and Somerset County Councils and North Devon and West Somerset District Councils</li> <li>▪ Influencing regional policy relating to the environment, protected landscapes and Exmoor, including Regional Assembly, Government Office South West, DW regional Development Agency etc</li> <li>▪ Working with Natural England in the delivery of agri-environment policy and the development of effective working arrangements on Exmoor</li> <li>▪ Working with the Forestry Commission on woodland and forestry management in the National Park</li> <li>▪ Supporting and influencing work of the South West Protected Landscapes Forum</li> <li>▪ Supporting and influencing work of Crime Reduction Partnerships</li> <li>▪ Supporting and influencing work of ArtLife</li> <li>▪ Supporting annual liaison meeting with SW Ranger Forum to share good practice across protected landscapes</li> <li>▪ Working with the South West Uplands Federation to achieve target E2.2</li> <li>▪ Working to develop a new River Exe Partnership to help conserve and enhance the wildlife, natural beauty and enjoyment of the River Exe system</li> <li>▪ Supporting the work of the Devon Biological Records Centre</li> <li>▪ co-ordination of the Greater Exmoor Network for Renewable Energy</li> <li>▪ Corporate subscriptions maintained with:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Local Government Association</li> <li>○ Association of National Park Authorities</li> <li>○ Rural Services Partnership, etc</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Chief Executive</p>	<p>Staff time (days)</p> <p>77</p>
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## **5e External funding and programme development**

### **ESSENTIAL SERVICES:**

5e1	<b><u>Project development</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Develop the Heritage Lottery Fund bid to support the objectives of the Moorland Initiative to support targets B4.8,B4.9, B5.1,B6.2 and B6.3 etc</li><li>▪ Exploration of other funding streams which support National Park priorities</li></ul> <b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Head of Conservation & Land Management	Staff time (days) - See individual activities
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## **5f Improvement plan**

### **ESSENTIAL SERVICES:**

5f1	<b><u>Improvement Plan</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Oversee the implementation of the Authority's Improvement Plan – see attached Action Plan (Appendix 1)</li></ul> <b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Chief Executive	Staff time (days) 20
5f2	<b><u>Performance monitoring</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Please refer to service plan</li></ul> <b>Lead ENPA officer:</b> Chief Executive	Staff time (days) 49

