

Dartmoor Partnership Plan 2027-2032 Public Consultation

Have your say and help shape the future of Dartmoor National Park!

Please share your views on the [draft Dartmoor Partnership Plan \(outcomes and targets\) 2027–2032](#).

The Partnership Plan has been collaboratively developed with communities, stakeholders and partners. It is a shared plan for Dartmoor, bringing together action by partners to protect and enhance Dartmoor's special qualities while supporting a thriving, resilient and inclusive future. Your feedback will help shape the final Plan and the priorities and actions we take forward between now and 2032.

The [Vision for Dartmoor to 2045](#) sets out our shared aspirations for the future of Dartmoor. The Partnership Plan 2027–2032 will help turn this Vision into action, setting out shared priorities, outcomes and measurable targets for the next five years.

The draft Partnership Plan sets out:

Outcomes – What we would like to achieve for Dartmoor by 2032; and

Targets – the actions and changes that will help achieve it

We would like to know whether you support the proposed direction of the Partnership Plan, whether the outcomes and targets reflect the challenges and opportunities facing Dartmoor, and whether there is anything we have missed.

This questionnaire should take approximately 20 minutes to complete.

Please [read the draft Partnership Plan outcomes and targets](#) before responding.

You can comment on the Partnership Plan as a whole or on the sections that are most relevant to you. Please remember that you can also provide comments on specific parts of the draft Partnership Plan by referring to the relevant outcome or target number.

Questionnaire

Section 1: Your connection to Dartmoor

The following questions will help us understand whether we have heard from a broad range of people and communities

1. What is your connection to Dartmoor?

Please select at most 3 options.

- ☐ I live within Dartmoor National Park
- ☐ I live near Dartmoor
- ☐ I work within or around Dartmoor
- ☐ I run or work for a business connected to Dartmoor

- ☐ I farm or manage land on Dartmoor
- ☐ I own or manage woodland
- ☐ I visit Dartmoor regularly
- ☐ I care about Dartmoor or am interested in its future
- ☐ I volunteer on Dartmoor
- ☐ I am part of a community or voluntary organisation connected to Dartmoor
- ☐ I represent an organisation or public body
- ☐ Other
- ☐ None of the above

2.If other or none of the above, please tell us about your connection to Dartmoor:

3. Where do you live?

- ☐ Within Dartmoor National Park
- ☐ Devon, outside the National Park
- ☐ Elsewhere in the Southwest
- ☐ Elsewhere in the UK
- ☐ Outside the UK
- ☐ Prefer not to say

4. Please enter the first part of your postcode:

5. Which age group are you in?

- ☐ Under 18
- ☐ 18–24
- ☐ 25–34
- ☐ 35–44
- ☐ 45–54
- ☐ 55–64
- ☐ 65–74
- ☐ 75 or over
- ☐ Prefer not to say

6. Please choose one option that best describes your ethnic group or background.

- ☐ Asian / Asian British
- ☐ Black / Black British / Caribbean / African
- ☐ Mixed / Multiple Ethnic Groups
- ☐ White

- ☐ Other Ethnic Group (please specify)
- ☐ Prefer not to say

7. Do you consider yourself to have a disability or long-term condition that affects your day-to-day activities?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to say

8. How would you describe your gender?

- ☐ Woman
- ☐ Man
- ☐ Non-binary
- ☐ Prefer to self-describe
- ☐ Prefer not to say

9. How did you find out about this consultation?

- ☐ Dartmoor National Park Authority website
- ☐ Your Dartmoor website (Partnership Plan website)
- ☐ Dartmoor National Park Authority Social media
- ☐ Email or newsletter
- ☐ Local newspaper or media
- ☐ A partner organisation's social media or communications
- ☐ A public drop-in event
- ☐ A friend, family member or colleague
- ☐ Other

10. Are you responding to this consultation as:

- ☐ An individual
- ☐ On behalf of a business
- ☐ On behalf of a community or voluntary organisation
- ☐ On behalf of a public sector organisation
- ☐ On behalf of another organisation
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Prefer not to say

11. Please state the name of your organisation or business

Section 2: The overall direction of the Partnership Plan

You do not need to answer all of the following sections. You can comment on the draft Partnership Plan as a whole or answer the sections that are most relevant to you.

In this section, please share your views on the proposed priorities, what you like, and anything you think is missing.

12. Overall, how well do you think the proposed outcomes for the Partnership Plan reflect what matters most for Dartmoor?

- ☐ Very well
- ☐ Fairly well
- ☐ Not very well
- ☐ Not at all well
- ☐ Don't know / not sure

13. What do you like most about the proposed direction of the Partnership Plan?

14. Is there anything important that you think is missing from the Partnership Plan?

Section 3: Cross-cutting themes

A Better Response to Climate Change

You do not need to answer all the sections. You can comment on the draft Partnership Plan as a whole or answer the sections that are most relevant to you.

The draft Partnership Plan proposes that climate action should be embedded throughout, supporting both work to reduce emissions and prepare Dartmoor for the impacts of climate change.

15. How well do you think the proposed approach in the '[Better Response to Climate Change](#)' theme addresses the need to respond and adapt to climate change?

- ☐ Very well
- ☐ Fairly well
- ☐ Not very well
- ☐ Not at all well
- ☐ Don't know / not sure

16. Overall, how do you think the level of ambition of the proposed climate change outcomes and targets compares with what is needed for Dartmoor?

- ☐ Too ambitious
- ☐ About right
- ☐ Not ambitious enough
- ☐ Don't know / not sure

17. Is there anything about the proposed outcomes or targets in the draft '[Better response to climate change](#)' theme that you particularly support, think should be added, changed or given greater emphasis?

Please include the outcome or target number or describe the target if possible (such as Better response to climate change – target 3.2)

Better for the Next Generation

The draft Partnership Plan aims to make Dartmoor a better place for the next generation, by creating opportunities for children and young people to experience, learn about and have a voice in Dartmoor, while supporting future generations to live, work, farm and care for the landscape. This includes supporting people of all ages, including the next generation of farmers, land managers, businesses and communities to build a resilient future for Dartmoor.

18. How well do you think the proposed 'Better for the Next Generation' theme reflects what is important for children, young people and future generations?

- ☐ Very well
- ☐ Fairly well
- ☐ Not very well
- ☐ Not at all well
- ☐ Don't know / not sure

19. Which of the following should be the highest priorities?

Please select up to three.

- ☐ Helping more children and young people experience Dartmoor
- ☐ Outdoor learning and education
- ☐ Volunteering and skills opportunities
- ☐ Giving young people a greater voice in decision-making

- ☐ Supporting young people into rural and land-based careers
- ☐ Making it easier for young people from different backgrounds to access and enjoy Dartmoor
- ☐ Understanding the needs of future generations when making decisions
- ☐ Other

20. Is there anything about the proposed outcomes or targets in the draft '[Better for the Next Generation](#)' theme that you particularly support, think should be added, changed or given greater emphasis?

Please include the outcome or target number or describe the target if possible (such as Better for the Next Generation – target 2.2)

Section 4: Partnership Plan themes

Better for Nature and Natural Beauty

The draft Partnership Plan puts nature at the heart of its approach. It aims to improve our understanding of Dartmoor's natural environment, restore peatlands, improve the health of water and soils, and help habitats and species recover across the National Park.

21. How well do you think the proposed outcomes and targets for 'Better for Nature and Natural Beauty' address the key priorities for nature in Dartmoor?

- ☐ Very well
- ☐ Fairly well
- ☐ Not very well
- ☐ Not at all well
- ☐ Don't know / not sure

22. Which priorities for nature should receive the greatest focus?

Please select up to three.

- ☐ A nature-first approach to decision-making
- ☐ Better evidence and monitoring of habitats and the natural environment
- ☐ Landscape-scale nature recovery
- ☐ Peatland restoration
- ☐ Improving water quality
- ☐ Improving soil health
- ☐ Connecting habitats
- ☐ Recovery of priority species

- ☐ Improving the condition of priority habitats
- ☐ Managing pests and invasive species
- ☐ Other

23. Are there any outcomes or targets in the draft ‘Nature and Natural Beauty’ theme that you feel are particularly important?

Please include the outcome or target number or describe the target if possible (such as Better for Nature – target 3.2)

24. Are there any proposed outcomes or targets for nature that you think should be changed or added?

Better for Cultural Heritage

The draft Partnership Plan aims to improve understanding and protection of Dartmoor’s historic environment, make heritage more resilient to future pressures and climate change, and support people to engage with Dartmoor’s traditions, skills and cultural identity.

25. How well do you think the proposed outcomes and targets for ‘Better for Cultural Heritage’ address the key priorities for Dartmoor’s cultural heritage?

- ☐ Very well
- ☐ Fairly well
- ☐ Not very well
- ☐ Not at all well
- ☐ Don't know / not sure

26. Which priorities for cultural heritage should receive the greatest focus?

Please select up to three.

- ☐ Recording and monitoring historic assets
- ☐ Protecting heritage at risk
- ☐ Improving public understanding of Dartmoor’s heritage
- ☐ Helping heritage adapt to climate change
- ☐ Supporting traditional rural skills
- ☐ Heritage activities and volunteering
- ☐ Passing knowledge and skills between generations
- ☐ Other

27. Are there any outcomes or targets in the draft 'Better for Cultural Heritage' theme that you feel are particularly important?

Please include the outcome or target number or describe the target if possible (such as Better for Cultural Heritage– target 3.2)

28. Are there any proposed outcomes or targets for cultural heritage that you think should be changed or added?

Better for Farming and Forestry

The draft Partnership Plan aims to support economically viable and resilient farm businesses, climate-adaptive land management, local food and timber supply chains, woodland management, skills development and opportunities for new and next-generation farmers and land managers.

29. How well do you think the proposed outcomes for 'Better for Farming and Forestry' address the key priorities for farming and forestry in Dartmoor?

- ☐ Very well
- ☐ Fairly well
- ☐ Not very well
- ☐ Not at all well
- ☐ Don't know / not sure

30. Which priorities should receive the greatest focus?

Please select up to five.

- ☐ Supporting viable and resilient farm businesses
- ☐ Improving access to advice, knowledge and support
- ☐ Improving Environmental Land Management schemes for Dartmoor
- ☐ Helping farms adapt to climate change
- ☐ Sustainable land management
- ☐ Wildfire management
- ☐ Supporting local food and supply chains
- ☐ Supporting the woodland economy
- ☐ Improving woodland evidence and management
- ☐ Woodland and woody habitat creation
- ☐ Supporting new entrants into farming and forestry
- ☐ Supporting access to land, skills and training
- ☐ Other

31. Are there any outcomes or targets in the draft 'Better for Farming and Forestry' theme that you feel are particularly important?

Please include the outcome or target number or describe the target if possible (such as Better for Farming and Forestry– target 3.2)

32. Are there any proposed outcomes or targets for farming and forestry that you think should be changed or added?

Better for People

The draft Partnership Plan aims to make Dartmoor more accessible, welcoming and enjoyable for a diverse range of people, while supporting responsible recreation, sustainable travel and a balance between access and the protection of Dartmoor's special qualities.

33. How well do you think the proposed outcomes and targets for 'Better for People' address the key priorities for people and communities on Dartmoor?

- ☐ Very well
- ☐ Fairly well
- ☐ Not very well
- ☐ Not at all well
- ☐ Don't know / not sure

34. Which priorities for people should receive the greatest focus?

Please select up to three.

- ☐ Making Dartmoor accessible and welcoming to more people
- ☐ Understanding barriers that prevent people from visiting
- ☐ Inclusive activities and volunteering
- ☐ Improving walking and cycling routes
- ☐ Improving sustainable transport options
- ☐ Helping people understand how to enjoy Dartmoor responsibly
- ☐ Improving visitor information and signage
- ☐ Managing visitor pressures at busy locations
- ☐ Protecting quieter and more tranquil areas
- ☐ Encouraging year-round visits
- ☐ Other

35. Are there any outcomes or targets in the draft ‘Better for People’ theme that you feel are particularly important?

Please include the outcome or target number or describe the target if possible (such as Better for People - target 3.2)

36. Are there any proposed outcomes or targets for people that you think should be changed or added?

Better for Business and Communities

The draft Partnership Plan aims to support resilient and connected communities and businesses, improve digital and transport connectivity, support skills and employment, help communities and businesses adapt to climate change, and support access to appropriate and affordable housing and local services.

37. How well do you think the proposed outcomes and targets for ‘Better for Business and Communities’ reflect the needs of Dartmoor’s businesses and communities?

- ☐ Very well
- ☐ Fairly well
- ☐ Not very well
- ☐ Not at all well
- ☐ Don't know / not sure

38. Which priorities for business and communities should receive the greatest focus?

Please select up to three.

- ☐ Supporting local businesses
- ☐ Building stronger business and community networks
- ☐ Celebrating Dartmoor’s local identity and culture
- ☐ Improving broadband and mobile connectivity
- ☐ Improving community and sustainable transport
- ☐ Improving access to employment and skills
- ☐ Supporting businesses and communities to respond to climate risks
- ☐ Supporting community resilience and emergency preparedness
- ☐ Access to appropriate and affordable housing

- ☐ Improving the energy efficiency of homes
- ☐ Access to local service
- ☐ Other

39. Are there any outcomes or targets in the draft 'Better for Business and Communities' theme that you feel are particularly important?

Please include the outcome or target number or describe the target if possible (such as Better for Business and Communities - target 3.2)

40. Are there any proposed outcomes or targets for business and communities that you think should be changed or added?

Future Engagement

41. Do you have any comments on how we could make future engagement with Dartmoor National Park Authority more accessible or inclusive?

Thank you

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts and comments.

Your feedback is important and will be considered alongside responses from communities, organisations, businesses, land managers and other stakeholders. Your input will help inform the next version of the Dartmoor Partnership Plan 2027–2032 and the actions we will all take to care for Dartmoor.

