

# National Park Management Plan Annual Forum 2021



# A1 - During Brexit transition, support farmers and landowners to continue to deliver a range of public benefits through national agri-environment scheme agreements...



- ‘Countryside Stewardship/Environmental Land Management advocacy’ – new, small-scale DEFRA-funded project to promote local take up of schemes.
- Defra recently announced ‘Farming in Protected Landscapes’ funding programme as part of [Agricultural Transition Plan](#)
- Experienced, skilled, trusted and locally-based Land Management team
- [Yorkshire Dales National Park Farming & Land Management Forum](#) – provides mechanism for local collaborative working
- Partnership working with Natural England, Environment Agency, Forestry Commission to support delivery of national schemes;
- Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust, Wildlife Trusts, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, Rivers Trusts & others involved in local projects to support farming.

## A8 - By 2022, develop a locally tailored, locally delivered, outcome-focused environmental land management scheme...



- Local approach being developed through Yorkshire Dales National Park Farming & Land Management Forum, which includes Natural England, Environment Agency, Forestry Commission, National Farmers Union, Country Land and Business Association, and many others.
- Learning from national 'Payment By Results' Test & Trial with Natural England, and National Trust's 'Payment for Outcomes' test & trial
- Utilising partnerships through delivery groups to enable design of the scheme Farm team with Natural England, Woodland Team with Forestry Commission/Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust & Wildlife Trusts, & Wildlife through biodiversity forum.
- [Our Common Cause](#) – Foundation for Common Land/National Trust led project looking at how to support collaborative management of Common Land
- Through National Parks England we are actively involved nationally in influencing the design and development of DEFRA's Environmental Land Management scheme

# C1 (b) - 30% of the priority habitats outside nationally-designated wildlife sites are in good condition by 2024;



- [Nature in the Dales 2020](#) – sets out action and targets
- Progress monitored through ‘Trends & Status’ reports every 3 years. Next one due later this year.
- Working alongside Natural England, Environment Agency, Forestry Commission to support farmers & landowners
- Raft of projects involving other local partners - Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust, National Trust, Wildlife Trusts, Rivers Trusts, RSPB, local groups and volunteers,
- Northern Upland Chain Local Nature Partnership - developing Curlew conservation project

## C1 (c) - at least one landscape-scale 'nature recovery area' has been created by 2021.



- [Tees-Swale: Naturally Connected](#) – 5-year, £8.5m farming/nature recovery programme, funded by National Lottery Heritage Fund.
- 'Dale by dale nature recovery' – funded by Natural England. YDNPA working with farmers and landowners in 4 dales (Raydale, Littondale, Kingsdale & Garsdale) to look at opportunities for nature recovery.
- Raydale 'Landscape Recovery' Test & trial – DEFRA-funded Environmental Land Management
- [Local Nature Recovery Strategy pilot](#) – part of the NP is included in the national pilot in Cumbria.
- YDNP Biodiversity Forum is developing a new Nature Recovery Strategy for the Yorkshire Dales National Park

## C4 - Work with farmers in Wensleydale on a 5-year trial of a 'payment by results' approach to agri-environment funding.



- Delivering current [2-year national trial](#), funded by Defra, with 18 farms in Wensleydale catchment. This follows on from a 3 year EU-funded pilot ;
- Led by YDNPA with overall project managed by Natural England
- DEFRA has just approved a further 2-year extension to inform forthcoming Environmental Land Management scheme;
- Also working with the National Trust on the '[Payment for Outcomes](#)' test & trial (funded by DEFRA), working with the Trust tenants in Wensleydale, Upper Wharfedale & Malham Tarn estates

## D2 - Support landowners to create at least a further 450 ha of native broadleaved and mixed woodland....



- [Dales Woodland Restoration partnership](#) – Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, Forestry Commission, Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust, National Trust, Woodland Trust. 221 ha planted in last 2 years
- Additional work with Natural Flood Management partnerships in the 7 river catchments in the Dales: Aire, Eden, Lune, Ribble, Swale & Ure e.g. Leeds Flood Alleviation Scheme
- Northern Forest & White Rose Community Forest
- Woodland Trust funding for woodland creation
- [Dormouse recovery project](#) – supported by People’s Trust for Endangered Species, Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust & Countryside Stewardship funding
- National Lottery Heritage Fund funded projects: Tees Swale - Naturally Connected, [Ingleborough Dales Landscape Partnership](#), [Westmorland Dales Landscape Partnership](#), [Ribble Life Together](#) etc.

## D6 - By 2020 produce an online, interactive habitat network map that helps farmers and land managers to develop connected, climate-resilient habitats.



- [Re:cover map](#) – launched this week
- Will enable better targeted use of funding programmes and bigger, better & more joined up habitats.
- Working with members of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Farming & Land Management Forum agreed a bottom up approach
- Employing a skilled GIS support officer to bring together in an inclusive partnership way of working
- Learning from national interactive maps – DEFRA Magic map
- More data will be added in the coming months