



Walking on Mynnyd Illtyd common



# Action Plan

Strategic objectives discussed in Chapter 7 have set aspirations for Park management for the next 20 years and beyond. These ambitions have been presented in a format that facilitates consideration of individual management disciplines, such as soils or transport. Effective management of the Park's resources, however, requires integration across disciplines to deliver outcomes that will help achieve long-term ambitions. Landscape management, for instance, is most effectively conducted through the concerted efforts of farmers and graziers, archaeologists, Unitary Authorities, water authorities and many others.

Six themes, based on similar groupings, emerged from the consultation process used to develop and prioritise actions for the National Park Management Plan. These themes are:

1. **Managing park landscapes to maximise conservation and public benefits.**
2. **Conserving and enhancing biodiversity.**
3. **Providing everyone with opportunities for outdoor access and recreation.**
4. **Raising awareness and understanding of the Park.**
5. **Building and maintaining sustainable communities, towns and villages.**
6. **Sustainable economic development.**

These themes group actions together on a pragmatic or functional basis with respect to management, rather than by discipline. Several of the themes also contain sub-themes, or sub-groupings, of similar sets of actions, such as those related to managing visitor impact or managing the historic environment under the landscape theme. Given the direct linkage between these themes and the Park's purposes and duty and, therefore, their strategic nature, the themes and sub-themes are likely to remain high priorities in the long term (20 years hence).

Each theme also includes a series of focal areas that represent the overarching priorities identified by way of consultation



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and stakeholder input. Together with the identified themes and sub-themes the focal areas provide the framework for the Brecon Beacons National Park: Action Plan 2010-2015. The themes, sub-themes and focal areas are listed in the **Tables 8.1, 8.2 and 8.3.**

In the short-term (five years), more detailed actions have been developed and are contained in the Brecon Beacons National Park: Action Plan 2010-2015. The Action Plan identifies actions that will aid in the delivery of desired outcomes and strategic objectives in the next five years, between review periods for the Management Plan. Actions and outcomes have been identified through consultation and combined with actions from existing policies and other strategic documents. Actions were then prioritised - again through consultation - to make the most effective use of limited partner resources. Each theme in the Action Plan includes: a brief description of why the theme is important to Park management, desired outcomes related to strategic objectives, priority actions that are needed to make adequate progress toward the outcomes in the next five years, and who is needed to deliver the actions. The list of partners involved in delivery of the actions is not comprehensive; it includes the principal responsible parties and should involve everyone positioned to ensure effective delivery of the actions. The Action Plan will be reviewed and updated as part of the five-yearly review of the National Park Management Plan.

Table 8.1. Hierarchical framework for actions related to the Park's 1st purpose

Theme	Sub-theme	Focal Area
<b>8.1. Managing Park landscapes to maximise conservation and public benefits</b>	Managing the historic environment	Protect and manage the Park's historic environment. Raise awareness and understanding of the Park's historic environment. Develop a research and management agenda for the historic environment of the National Park.
	Managing the natural environment	Recognise and enhance farming's role in managing the Park's landscape. Develop a research and management agenda for the natural environment of the National Park.
	Maximising public benefit	Maximise the benefits of Glastir entry and higher level schemes within the National Park.
	Raising awareness and understanding of the Park's landscapes	Raise awareness and understanding of the importance of farming to managing the Park and of the issues facing the future of farming. Raise awareness and understanding of the Park's wildlife, landscape and natural environment.
	Managing woodlands	Protect and manage the Park's woodlands.
	Managing visitor impacts	Manage visitor impacts to the Park's landscapes, habitats and wildlife.
	Managing geodiversity	Protect and manage the Park's geodiversity.
<b>8.2. Conserving and enhancing biodiversity</b>	Managing biodiversity	Protect and manage the Park's biodiversity. Develop and implement community-based biodiversity projects for the benefit of the public and wildlife. Implement monitoring and research programmes to assist in managing the Park's biodiversity.
	Raising awareness and understanding of the Park's biodiversity	Raise awareness and understanding of the Park's biodiversity.



Table 8.2. Hierarchical framework for actions related to the Park's 2nd purpose

Theme	Sub-theme	Focal Area
<b>8.3. Providing everyone with opportunities for outdoor access and recreation</b>		<p>Manage the Public Rights of Way network by implementing the Rights of Way Improvement Plan.</p> <p>Improve the provision of and information on countryside access.</p> <p>Use funding and resource opportunities to improve countryside access.</p>
<b>8.4. Raising awareness and understanding of the Park</b>		<p>Deliver a visitor experience which exceeds expectations.</p> <p>Promote and develop a sense of shared responsibility for both the National Park and Geopark.</p> <p>Develop a prioritised plan for information provision.</p> <p>Support WAG and ESDGC agenda through the delivery of education services.</p> <p>Establish an environmental science research subgroup / network for the National Park and Geopark.</p> <p>Use funding and resource opportunities to raise awareness and understanding.</p>

Table 8.3. Hierarchical framework for actions related to the Park's duty

Theme	Sub-theme	Focal Area
<b>8.5. Building and maintaining sustainable communities, towns and villages</b>	Climate change, fossil fuel depletion and carbon emissions	Encourage and support community-led initiatives that build awareness of and resilience to climate change, fossil fuel depletion and carbon emissions.
	Sustainable Development Fund	Deliver a Sustainable Development Fund which meets the strategic priorities of the National Park Management Plan.
<b>8.6. Sustainable economic development</b>	Supporting farmers	Support farmers in changes affecting the future of farm practices and businesses.
	Supporting local economies	Support local economies to become more resilient to change.
	Developing and supporting sustainable tourism	<p>Enable an improved visitor experience.</p> <p>Develop partnership working with businesses.</p> <p>Improve sustainable economic impact of tourism.</p> <p>Monitor tourism impacts.</p> <p>Encourage enhanced use of sustainable transport by visitors.</p> <p>Maintain and develop partnership working.</p>