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Foreword



It is with great pleasure that we introduce the Brecon Beacons National Park Management Plan. This Plan summarises the key challenges facing the Park landscape and its people in the coming decades and develops appropriate strategies to address them. It does this by setting out the Park's 20-year vision, aims and objectives that have resulted from a rigorous consultation process involving you - the Park's farmers, residents, visitors and other key partners. Consultation and statutory review have also produced the core actions outlined in Chapter 8 and detailed in the associated Action Plan. These priority actions will be set in motion over the next five years, taking positive steps to meet our challenges head-on.

Management of the National Park is confronted by broad-scale, pervasive issues such as climate change, changes in agricultural practice and policy, economic decline and rising prices of fossil fuels, to name a few. All of these changes have local implications for local people and their communities. Many of the outcomes are uncertain. Nevertheless, we must continue to realise our ambitions through evidence-based decision making whilst improving our understanding where possible through sound science.

Within this Plan there is great emphasis on collaboration and cooperation - the "we" that is vital to protected areas management in this day and age of limited time, staffing and monetary resources. The success of this Plan and of the Park depends on a firm commitment from its stakeholders to share responsibility in its management as noted in the IUCN Guidelines. The National Park Management Plan is for all of us concerned about the future of the National Park and not just a Plan for the National Park Authority. The Authority will play a lead role in co-ordinating the Plan's delivery, and we will provide support and encouragement in pursuit of the goals that are being set.

A great many innovative projects are already ongoing across the National Park (see case study examples distributed throughout the Plan). These include grassroots, catchment-based approaches which encompass renewable energy generation, carbon reductions, wetland conservation and community regeneration to the benefit of the Park's people and environment. There are also projects which operate on a site-specific scale, bringing together efforts to promote building conservation, provide affordable housing and develop community pride.

We hope that this Plan inspires you to take an active part in protecting the qualities that make the Brecon Beacons special for you. Our future depends on it!

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