

Appendix I: Baseline Data Report

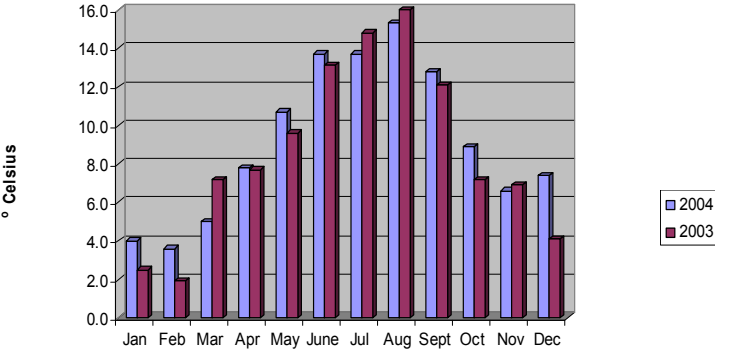
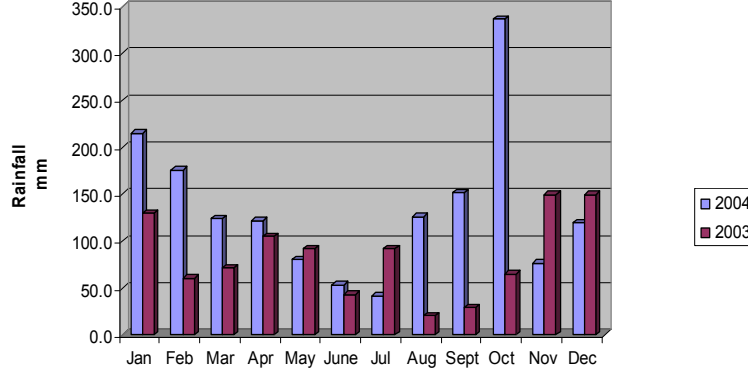
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N.B.—The fourth and fifth sustainability principles, promoting good governance and using sound science responsibly, are not matters for this Baseline Data Report.

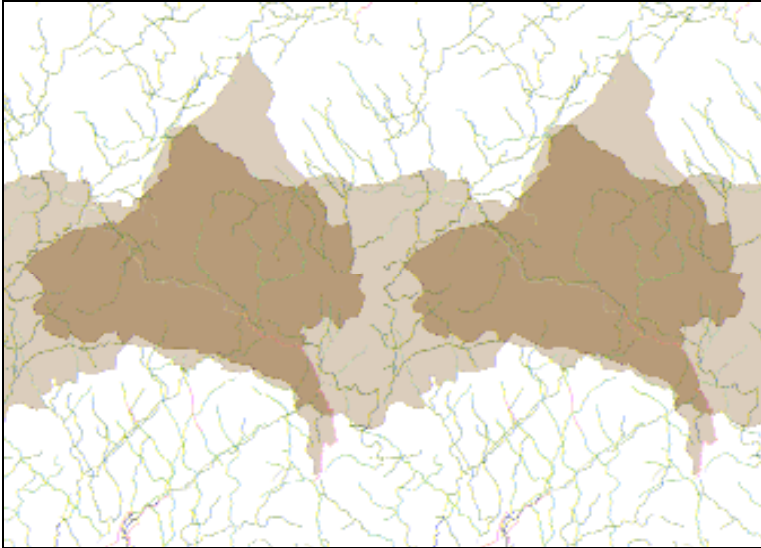





















**Sustainability Principle I.
Living within environmental limits**

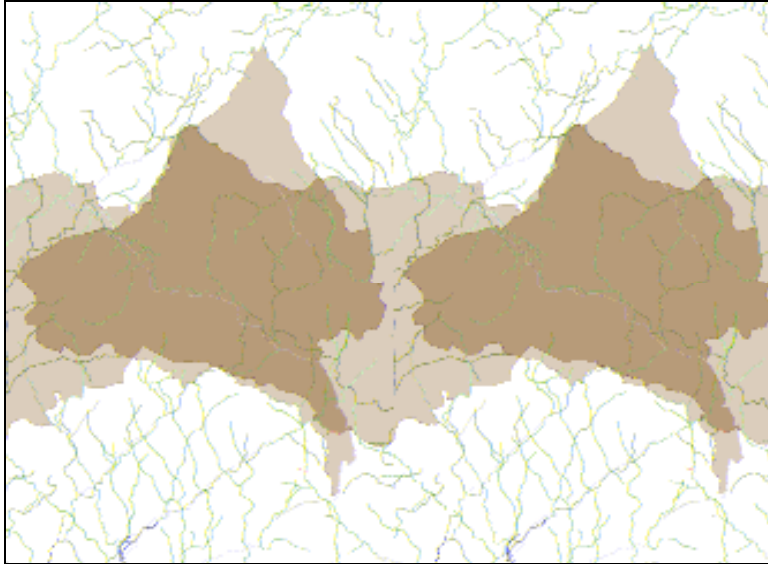
I A) Climatic factors and natural resources

Management Issue	Baseline data	Trend and significance	Issues for Plans
<p>Climate change: Average temperature</p>	 <p>Source: 6</p>	<p>National data shows an increase in average temperatures. The 1990s was the warmest decade in central England since records began in the 1660s. The growing season for plants there has lengthened by about one month since 1900. Heat-waves have become more frequent in summer, while there are now fewer frosts and winter cold spells. By the 2080s, average temperatures in SE Wales are predicted to increase by 2-5°, and in Mid Wales by 1-3°.</p> <p>Source: 28</p>	<p>The Plans will need to take into account the likely biodiversity and agricultural changes brought about by increasing temperatures.</p> <p>N.B.—Baseline data sets will include long term temperature patterns.</p>
<p>Climate change: Monthly rainfall</p>	 <p>Source: 6</p>	<p>Winters over the last 200 years have become much wetter relative to summers throughout the UK. By the 2080s, summer rainfall in the Park is predicted to decrease by over 15%, maybe over 45% in East Wales, while winter rainfall is predicted to increase, perhaps by more than 15%. This would increase run-off and the danger of flooding. Droughts followed by flooding would have adverse impacts on soils, rivers, lakes and wetlands.</p> <p>Source: 28</p>	<p>The Plans will need to take into account the likely landscape, biodiversity and agricultural changes brought about by drier summers and wetter winters.</p> <p>N.B.—Baseline data sets will include long term precipitation patterns.</p>

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Climate change: Greatest rainfall in 24 hours	<table border="1"> <caption>Monthly Rainfall (mm) Comparison</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>Month</th> <th>2004 (mm)</th> <th>2003 (mm)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>Jan</td><td>45</td><td>28</td></tr> <tr><td>Feb</td><td>60</td><td>25</td></tr> <tr><td>Ma</td><td>35</td><td>15</td></tr> <tr><td>Apr</td><td>30</td><td>32</td></tr> <tr><td>May</td><td>18</td><td>15</td></tr> <tr><td>June</td><td>32</td><td>8</td></tr> <tr><td>Jul</td><td>5</td><td>30</td></tr> <tr><td>Aug</td><td>28</td><td>15</td></tr> <tr><td>Sept</td><td>42</td><td>8</td></tr> <tr><td>Oct</td><td>62</td><td>15</td></tr> <tr><td>Nov</td><td>15</td><td>28</td></tr> <tr><td>Dec</td><td>20</td><td>25</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Source: 6</p>	Month	2004 (mm)	2003 (mm)	Jan	45	28	Feb	60	25	Ma	35	15	Apr	30	32	May	18	15	June	32	8	Jul	5	30	Aug	28	15	Sept	42	8	Oct	62	15	Nov	15	28	Dec	20	25	<p>A larger proportion of winter precipitation now falls on heavy rainfall days than was the case 50 years ago. This increases run-off and the danger of flooding. Source: 28</p>	<p>The Plans will need to take into account the likely effects of heavy rainfall and increased storminess, and ways of mitigating them. These might include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Control abstractions, resist water-hungry ventures • Resist new land drainage schemes • Require sustainable drainage systems in new development. • Encourage more woodland and moorland habitat • Require water conservation – domestic, agricultural, commercial • Riverbank restoration within floodplain restoration • Anticipate erosion – hotspots, remediation plans, contribution to remediation by users.
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Air quality	<p>The UAs carry out Updating and Screening Assessments (USAs) to determine if there are 'hot spot' locations where there is potential for air quality objectives to be exceeded. Latest reports are as follows:</p> <p><u>Blaenau Gwent</u>: data awaited.</p> <p><u>Carmarthenshire</u>: data awaited.</p> <p><u>Merthyr Tydfil</u>: It is unlikely that the air quality objectives for all seven pollutants will be exceeded by the specified data. Consequently declaration of an Air Quality Management Area will not be required. <i>Source: 32</i></p> <p><u>Monmouthshire</u>: No significant changes in emission sources or relevant exposure since the previous USA round, and no exceedences in the Park. <i>Source: 34</i></p> <p><u>Powys</u>: There is unlikely to be an exceedance of the relevant objectives and therefore there is no need to proceed with a Detailed Assessment. <i>Source: 31</i></p> <p><u>Rhondda Cynon Taf</u>: Nitrogen dioxide levels exceeding the standard due to road traffic emissions found at 5 sites, none in the Park. Monitoring of PM₁₀ particulates in Penderyn found that local industrial activity, including the quarry, has negligible impact on particulate levels. <i>Source: 36</i></p> <p><u>Torfaen</u>: Air quality is likely to meet the national objectives and it is not be necessary to declare an Air Quality Management Area. Nor is it necessary to undertake a Detailed Assessment of Air Quality to clarify possible exceedences. <i>Source: 35</i></p>	<p>The UAs' work shows that air quality is up to standard in the Park. The main outstanding issue is acid rain, especially nitrate deposition, originating from outside the Park. This affects vegetation growth and water quality. Primary indicators recommended by the EAW are: particulates, ozone, and acid and nutrient deposition. Updated data sets are forthcoming.</p>	<p>Air quality is an issue for the Plans.</p>										
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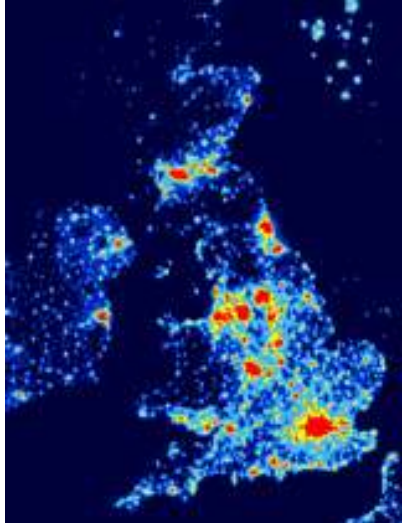
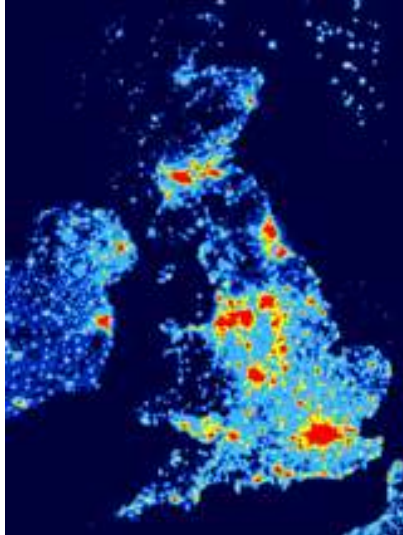
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Water conservation	<p>Developments including SUDS* or water conservation.</p> <p>None known.</p> <p><i>Source: 1</i></p> <p>*SUDS: sustainable urban drainage systems</p>	<p>Not available.</p> <p>Incorporating SUDS into new development schemes would reduce run-off, flash flooding and pollution, and help maintain groundwater.</p>	<p>The Plans should require or provide for SUDS and other water conservation measures in new development as appropriate.</p>								

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Development on flood plains	Percentage of allocated development land on indicative flood plains: Local Plan 1999: 29% Unitary Development Plan 2006: 9.5% <i>Source: 4</i>	Trend: significant decrease in allocation of land liable to flooding. Increased risk of flooding is one consequence of climate change. Development on flood plains puts future occupants at risk and also reduces the capacity of river systems to cope with flood waters. Updated information is forthcoming.	New (greenfield) land in flood plains should not be allocated for development in the LDP.																				
Contaminated land	None known. <i>Source: 8</i>	No contaminated land was identified in the Park, according to information received from the Unitary Authorities, which are responsible for collecting it.	If identified in the Park, contaminated land would be a constraint which the Plans would need to take into account.																				
Working quarries and mines	<table border="1" data-bbox="352 662 1108 779"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Limestone</th> <th>Building stone</th> <th>Silica</th> <th>Opencast coal</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1975</td> <td>9</td> <td>0</td> <td>1</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1995</td> <td>5</td> <td>1</td> <td>0</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2005</td> <td>2</td> <td>2</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <i>Source: 4</i>		Limestone	Building stone	Silica	Opencast coal	1975	9	0	1	0	1995	5	1	0	1	2005	2	2	0	0	The number of working limestone quarries has decreased due to the decline of the steel industry and aggregates market forces. The demand for local building stone has encouraged small quarries to open or reopen. Aggregates quarries and opencasting tend to be harmful to the aims of the Plans, except for the employment they provide. The demand for local building and roofing stone is not being met.	The Plans should address the issue of mineral working and the need for supplies of local building and roofing stones.
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Planning applications requiring local building stone	Data not yet available.	Not available. While the use of local stone is a distinctiveness issue, requiring stone cladding creates a demand that may be met through the destruction of existing stone buildings.	The Plans should address the issue of the use of stone in new developments.																				

I B) Special qualities, landscape and geodiversity

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Remoteness and tranquillity	Land more than a given distance from a public road of specified status Data to be inserted **	Not available. Remoteness and the sense of tranquillity it may bring is a quality of parts of the National Park. This information is available for England currently, but has not been compiled or analysed for Wales as yet.	The Plans should address the Park's special qualities and their protection.

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Light pollution	<p data-bbox="445 230 504 256">1993</p>  <p data-bbox="445 782 504 808">2000</p>  <p data-bbox="445 1344 808 1393">Red = Highest levels of light pollution Dark blue = no light pollution detected</p> <p data-bbox="445 1393 556 1416">Source: 33</p>	<p data-bbox="886 230 1339 487">Large parts of Wales, including much of the National Park, are among the darkest parts of the UK. A slight increase in light pollution is shown between 1993 and 2000. However, the situation may be improving as non-spill street lighting is being used more often in the Park, especially on major roads outside settlements.</p>	<p data-bbox="1348 230 1971 341">The Plans should address the Park's special qualities and their protection. The sense of being away from urban light pollution is a quality of parts of the National Park.</p>

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Common land	Registered common land 1985: 47,626 ha, 35.2% of Park 2005: 49,459 ha, 36.7% of Park <i>Sources: 2, 1</i>	The apparent change in area is probably due to different ways of measuring: aerial photography in 1985 and GIS now. Common land is of supreme importance to the Park as the second largest land use type (after enclosed farmland), the oldest surviving form of agricultural practice, the basis of its upland agriculture and, as access land under the CROW Act, its prime recreational resource. Agricultural support changes and pony passports are reducing stocking rates of sheep, cattle and ponies. The Commons Act 2006 introduces new arrangements for managing common land.	The Plans will need to provide for working with new commons associations to achieve successful, integrated commons management, taking into account changes brought about by the Commons Act 2006. This is essential to the Park's special qualities, landscape and biodiversity and its robustness in the face of climate change, as well as to agriculture and public enjoyment.
Other open country	CROW Act access land other than common land and FC access land 1985: 4,342 ha, 3.2% of Park 2005: 7,862 ha, 5.8% of Park <i>Sources: 2, 1</i>	The increase is probably mainly due to the classification of additional land as "open" by CCW under the CROW Act. Open country is important in its own right, as a link between commons, and a link between commons and more intensively farmed land.	The Plans should address the importance of open country to the Park's special qualities, landscape and biodiversity and its robustness in the face of climate change, as well as to agriculture and public enjoyment.
Area of farmed land	Area farmed 2002: 78,113 ha, 57.7% of Park 2003: 77,707 ha, 57.4% of Park 2004: 77,419 ha, 57.2% of Park <i>Source: 26</i>	While farming in the Park is under stress, as elsewhere, the area of farmed land is not a very good indicator of its health due to the way data are collected. Most of the open country recorded above will also be counted as farmed land. Farmed land is the Park's largest land use type, and farming is crucial to all aspects of it: qualities, landscape, biodiversity, public enjoyment and not least, its communities.	The Plans should address the many issues relating to farm land and farming in the Park.

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Area of woodland	<p>All woodland</p> <p>1985: 18,694 ha, 13.8% of Park 2005: 19,593 ha, 14.6% of Park</p> <p>Broadleaved tree cover</p> <p>1985: 6,507 ha, 4.8% of Park 2005: 7,725 ha, 5.7% of Park</p> <p>Sources: 2, 1, 1a</p>	<p>Some of the apparent increase of 899 ha (4.8%) may be due to different ways of measuring, and some to the LBAP target of 100 ha new broadleaved woodland p.a. Woodland, particularly broadleaved, is a very important landscape feature and habitat, which also offers climate change mitigation (in young woodland), flood control and water conservation.</p> <p>It is threatened by lack of management, over-grazing and poor markets for timber products. Fragmentation of ownership may bring the threat of unauthorised development and uncontrolled activities. CCW and FC Wales have developed landscape-scale woodland habitat expansion models for Wales. Coed Cymru encourages added value from woodlands, but has no officer covering the Park.</p>	<p>The Plans should include strategies for woodland, both increasing the area and better management, developed in partnership with FC and others. They should explore means of encouraging added value from woodlands and ensuring that local wood-based businesses are facilitated.</p>
Traditional field boundaries: Hedges	<p>Hedges</p> <p>1975: 5525.76 km 1985: 5375.65 km</p> <p>Source: 2</p>	<p>Decreased by 150.11 km (2.7%). Hedgerows are now protected under the Hedgerow Regulations 1997. Hedgerows are a particularly important landscape feature and habitat. A pattern of quite small fields surrounded by hedges is characteristic of the Brecon Beacons National Park.</p> <p>Threats: lack of appropriate management – need more laying, less flailing; spread of Japanese knotweed and giant hogweed.</p>	<p>The Plans should include the protection and management of hedgerows.</p>
Traditional field boundaries: Drystone walls	<p>Drystone walls</p> <p>1975: 574.21 km 1985: 574.08 km</p> <p>Source: 2</p>	<p>Decreased by 0.13 km (0.02%)</p> <p>Later trends and the condition of the walls have not been measured.</p> <p>Drystone walls are important landscape features and habitats where they occur. They have no statutory protection. Single Farm Payments require the protection of walls, but not their repair. Robbing of the stone is known to occur.</p>	<p>The Plans should include the protection and management of drystone walls.</p>

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Traditional field boundaries: Fences	<p>Fences</p> <p>1975: 149.44 km</p> <p>1985: 152.01 km</p> <p>Source: 2</p>	<p>Increased by 2.57 km (1.7%)</p> <p>A pattern of quite small fields surrounded by hedges is characteristic of the Park. The small increase in fences does not outweigh the loss of hedges and walls, implying that fields were being amalgamated during the period. Intensification of lowland stocking due to the Single Farm Payment scheme could cause changes in field boundary shapes and furniture.</p>	<p>The Plans should cover the Park's field pattern.</p>						
Agri-environment schemes	<p>Area of Park under Tir Gofal</p> <p>2004: 202 holdings, 18,058 ha, 13% of Park</p> <p>2005: 217 holdings, 20,993 ha, 16% of Park</p> <p>Source: 4</p>	<p>Increased by 15 holdings (7.4%) and 843 ha (4.6%)</p> <p>Tir Gofal has the potential to benefit the landscape, biodiversity and public enjoyment. In the Park it not been targeted at particular species, areas or habitats. However, a significant number of neighbouring farms are in it, particularly in the mid-west of the Park and the Usk Valley, which may benefit wildlife. The existence, take-up, value and monitoring of agri-environment schemes and cross compliance could significantly benefit landscape, biodiversity and other goals. However, the future funding of Tir Gofal is uncertain; payments have been affected by the introduction of Tir Cynnal and cross-compliance. Removal of Tir Mynydd income by 2008 will have an adverse effect on upland and hill farms.</p>	<p>Agri-environment schemes and their effect on the Park's agriculture, landscape and biodiversity will be an issue for the Plans.</p>						
Geodiversity	<p>No. and area of geological SSSIs and percentage in a favourable condition.</p> <p>2005</p> <p>19 covering 15,807.67 ha, 12% of Park. comprising 37 "features of importance", of which the condition is:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Favourable</td> <td>11 (30%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Unfavourable</td> <td>19 (51%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Unknown</td> <td>7 (19%)</td> </tr> </table> <p>Source: 3</p>	Favourable	11 (30%)	Unfavourable	19 (51%)	Unknown	7 (19%)	<p>Trend not available.</p> <p>Geodiversity has been neglected in the past, but has come to prominence with designation of the Fforest Fawr Geopark. Geodiversity conservation is important in its own right, and is being developed as a basis for new eco-tourism. "Unfavourable" conditions include inaccessibility.</p>	<p>Improvement in the condition of SSSIs is an aim of the Plans. It is a statutory duty for the NPA and other public bodies to maintain SSSIs in their ownership in a favourable condition.</p>
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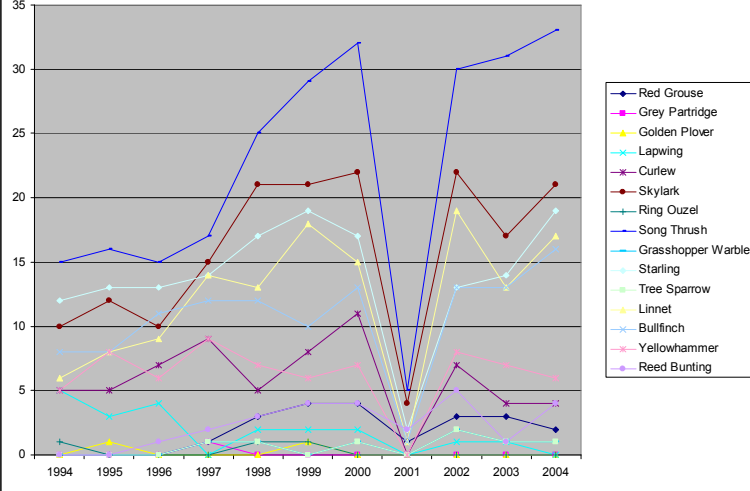
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Condition of soils	No data available for the Park. There are no nitrate vulnerable zones in the Park. <i>Source: 37</i>	Soils are the basis of life, so are of key importance for both biodiversity and agriculture. They are also important in the conservation of carbon. Soil erosion is manifest after heavy rain in the colour of streams and rivers and in anecdotal evidence of increased rapidity of their rise and fall.	The Plans should provide for the conservation of soils, in line with the forthcoming Soils Directive. The lack of data is itself an issue.
Development on green and brownfield sites	Percentage of development sites on brownfield land: Local Plan 1999: housing 10%, employment /mixed 80%, total 45% Unitary Development Plan 2006: housing 50%, employment/mixed 50%, total 50% <i>Source: 4</i>	Trend: increase in use of brownfield sites, especially for housing. Many of the potential brownfield employment sites were allocated in the Local Plan, so other land had to be found elsewhere. Redeveloping brownfield land is generally better for the Park's landscape and biodiversity and for its built environment than using greenfield sites.	The Plans should provide for the redevelopment of brownfield sites and minimise development on greenfield sites.

I C) Biodiversity

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Biodiversity	No. and area of biological SACs 11 covering 3,311 ha, 2% of Park <i>Source: 3</i>	SACs are an EU designation, identifying habitats of European importance. They were confirmed in 2005. Their number is not in itself an issue for the Plans.	An Appropriate Assessment of a Plan is required if it would have a significant effect on a SAC. Consultation zones would help determine what activities are likely to have this.
Biodiversity	No. and area of biological SSSIs 64 covering 26,047.38 ha, 15% of Park (Some of these are also geological SSSIs. The total is 75 SSSIs covering 26,655.37 ha, 20% of the Park) <i>Source: 3</i>	Not available Data forthcoming from CCW.	SSSIs are a national designation, and their number is not an issue for the Plans.

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Bats	Number of applications requiring bat surveys for which planning permission has been granted Data not currently available.	Most such applications are in dwellings or old/disused buildings. The trend is for a continuing high rate of redevelopment, with high risk to bat populations. The only way to reduce the risk is to require ecological surveys for all such buildings, irrespective of whether or not evidence for bats has been found previously. Monitoring would help determine the effectiveness of bat mitigation work.	The Plans should ensure that ecological information is submitted with planning applications, and that appropriate conditions or agreements are imposed. They should also ensure that bat habitat features are also conserved.
Bats	Lesser horseshoe bat (SAC and LBAP species). 2005: Well represented. 12-15 known nursery sites. Approx 1,100 breeding females, similar number of others <i>Source: 5</i>	Upward trend is increasing on the Usk Valley sites, whilst the Wye Valley sites are more at risk from inappropriate activities. Increases possibly due to mild winters.	The Plans should ensure that both Usk and Wye Valley populations improve in ecological status. This may involve limiting agricultural intensification.
Bats	Daubenton's bat. Riparian forager, using tree and bridge roosts 2005: Widespread. <i>Source: 5</i>	Decline due to disturbances of habitats is not expected.	The Plans should control inappropriate development adjacent to rivers and streams, development within the floodplain and woodland losses.
Bats	Common pipistrelle (LBAP species). 2005: Widespread throughout Park. Some relatively large colonies of several hundreds of individuals. <i>Source: 5</i>	Vulnerable to exclusion from houses and other buildings during development or demolition, or through over-zealous insulation work.	The Plans should control inappropriate agricultural intensification, development adjacent to rivers and streams, development within the floodplain woodland losses, damaging house 'improvements' etc.
Bats	Noctule bat 2005: no numerical data. <i>Source: 5</i>	Less common than 20 years ago. may be at risk due to loss of tree roosting sites and food availability.	The Plans should control inappropriate agricultural intensification and tree felling, including of mature and veteran trees for health and safety reasons.

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Birds	<p>Birds breeding in the Park: LBAP species that can be termed farmland birds, for which Species Action Plans are being prepared.</p>  <p>Note. 2001 was the year of Foot and Mouth Disease Source: 10</p>	<p>Lapwing and curlew show decreases over the years 1994-2004, song thrush and linnet show increases whilst grey partridge, skylark, grasshopper warbler, starling, tree sparrow, bullfinch, yellowhammer and reed bunting show no overall change. There is insufficient data to describe the trends for golden plover and ring ouzel. Lapwing, which has declined, is reliant on arable land and pasture for breeding. All these species are also reliant upon open country in the uplands. Apparent increases appear to commence between 1996 and 1998, so cannot be attributable to habitat improvements under Tir Gofal, which started in 1999. They might relate to abandonment of land or an increase in gardens and landscaped areas created by development in the Park. The effects of any decline in agriculture on habitats are unclear at present.</p>	<p>The Plans should control inappropriate agricultural intensification.</p>
Biodiversity	<p>Non-native, invasive plant species, especially Japanese knotweed and Himalayan balsam.</p> <p>Maps and data sets forthcoming from EAW.</p>	<p>Species and habitats along the River Usk (SSSI/SAC) are threatened by increasing abundance of aquatic invasive plant species, particularly Japanese knotweed and Himalayan balsam. Invasive species may form dense monocultures or monodominant stands, reducing native species diversity and alter habitat quality and characteristics.</p>	<p>Plans and strategies should not lead to the introduction or spread of invasive species, and, where possible, should seek to reduce their abundance.</p>

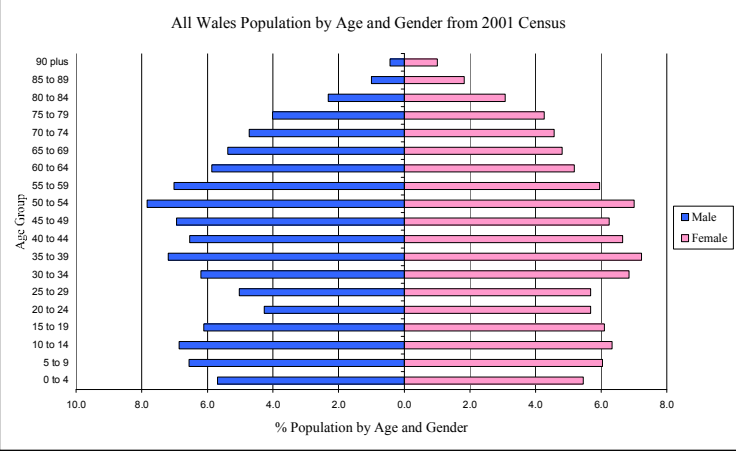
I D) The historic and built environment

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Conservation areas	Number of conservation areas in the Park 1990: 3 2005: 4 <i>Source: 4</i>	One new conservation area has been designated in the Park since 1990. Consultations were carried out in another settlement, but the proposal was not acceptable to residents. Conservation area status gives protection to unlisted buildings and trees in the area.	The Plans should provide for the protection and enhancement of existing conservation areas and consider whether and where additional areas should be designated.
Listed buildings	Numbers of listed buildings in the Park, 2005: Grade I: 37 Grade II*: 131 Grade II 1,595 Total: 1,763 <i>Source: 1</i>	Changes to these figures in the past and future relate mainly to Cadw's resurveys of Wales. This will see some buildings being removed from the list and others added during the coming 12 months. Any actual losses of buildings will have been few in comparison.	The Plans should provide for the conservation of listed buildings and their settings.
Listed buildings	Percentage of listed buildings 'at risk' in the Park, 2005 1711 buildings/groups, of which 191 (11%) are at risk <i>Source: 13</i>	Cadw's resurvey will remove some buildings from the list and add others. Only after any extra buildings are surveyed will changes to this figure reflect changes in the state of the Park's Listed Buildings.	The Plans should include policies for the conservation of listed buildings at risk.
Scheduled ancient monuments	Percentage of scheduled ancient monuments in the Park in a stable or favourable condition, 2005 268 scheduled ancient monuments, of which 95.9% in a stable or favourable condition <i>Source: 14</i>	Trend data not available.	The Plans should include policies for the conservation of scheduled ancient monuments.
Other archaeological features	Numbers of other archaeological features, 2005: 3438 sites. <i>Source: 1</i>	Trend data not available.	The Plans should include policies for the conservation of other archaeological features.
Historic parks and gardens	Historic parks and gardens, 1999: 17, covering 622 ha. <i>Source: 15</i>	Trend data not available.	The Plans should include policies for the conservation of historic parks and gardens.
Historic landscapes	Landscapes of outstanding historic interest, 1998: 4 within or partly within the National Park, covering 21,771 ha within the Park. Landscapes of special historic interest, 1998: 3 within or partly within the National Park <i>Source: 15</i>	Trend data not available.	The Plans should include policies for the conservation of historic landscapes.

Sustainability Principle 2.
Ensuring a strong healthy and just society

2 A) The Park's people

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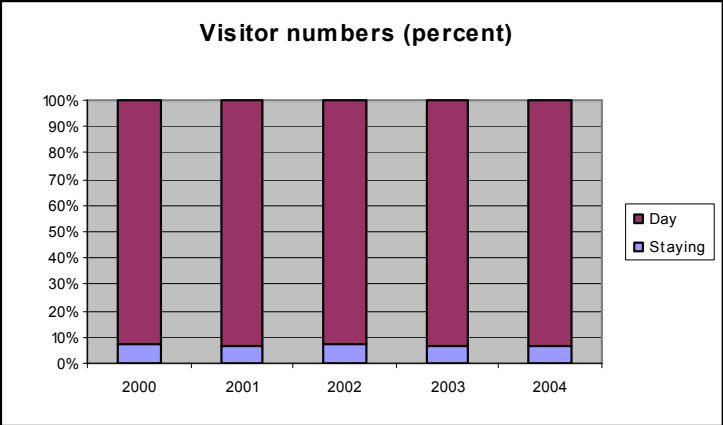
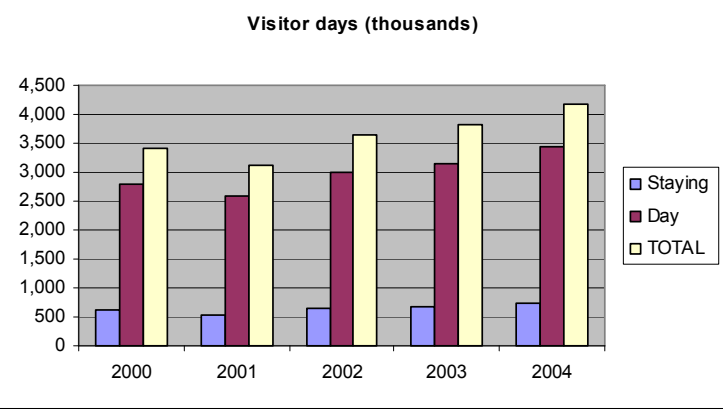
2 B) The Park's communities

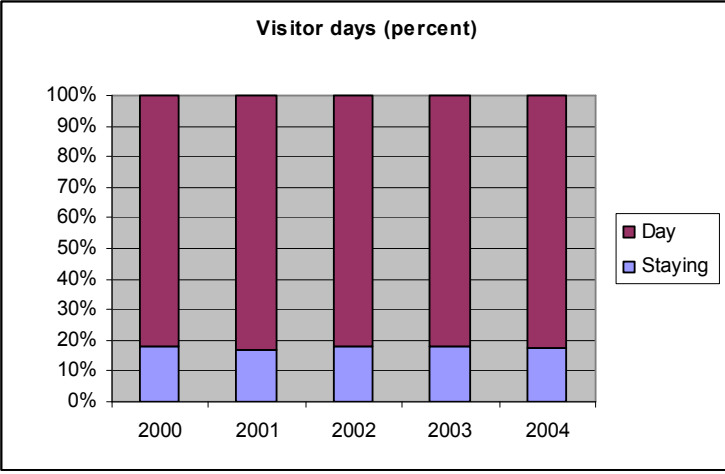
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Affordable housing	Average house prices, 2005: The Park's main postcode areas: £193,492 Wales: £141,860 <i>Source: 20</i>	Trend not available. Average house prices are higher in Powys (which includes 66% of the Park) than the Wales average, which is brought down by very low values in the Valleys.	The Plans should include policies to facilitate the provision of affordable housing for local people.
	Local house price to income ratios for working households aged 20-39, 2003: Powys: 3.54 Wales: 4.00 Based on gross annual household earnings and mean house prices for two and three bedroom dwellings at Quarter 4 2003 <i>Source: 21</i>	Trend not available. Despite prices being higher than the Wales average, the price to income ratio is lower in Powys, at least for smaller properties. It should be noted that the data includes only working households.	The Plans should include policies to facilitate the provision of affordable housing for local people.
Community life	Number and use of community meeting places. 42 community, village and church halls or other meeting spaces available to the community, in 35 settlements in 25 community council areas. There are 18 communities without a hall, but all but one of these are served by a hall outside the Park. <i>Source: 4</i>	Comparative data not available. The Park's communities are generally well-served with meeting places.	The Plans should ensure that community meeting places are not lost, whether by re-development or failure to meet modern standards. The NPA can have a role in supporting them.
Cultural events	Number of local cultural events. 18 agricultural shows and similar events; 16 cultural and food related events. <i>Source: 4</i>	Comparative data not available. The cultural/food event figures do not include performances at theatres or cinemas. They are probably a considerable underestimate as there is no systematic way of obtaining information about events.	The Plans should encourage cultural events in the Park. No data currently available for the number of attendees.
Settlements and facilities	Number of settlements in or partly in the Park. 45 settlements in the National Park Settlement Hierarchy. <i>Source: 29</i>	The number of settlements is not significant in itself except in that it shows the importance of settlements in the Park.	No issues apart from those addressed elsewhere in this report and in the LDP.

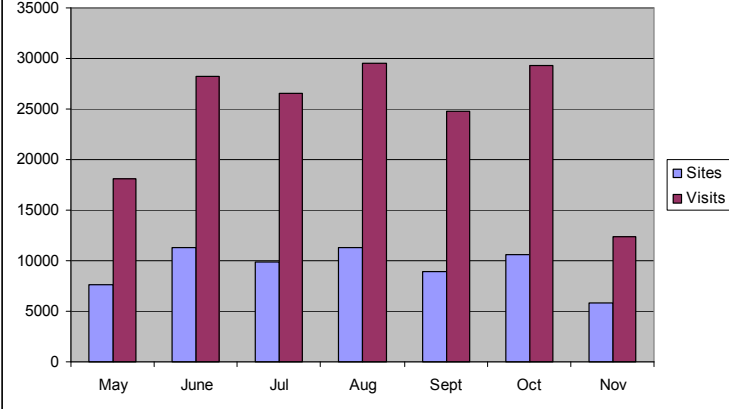
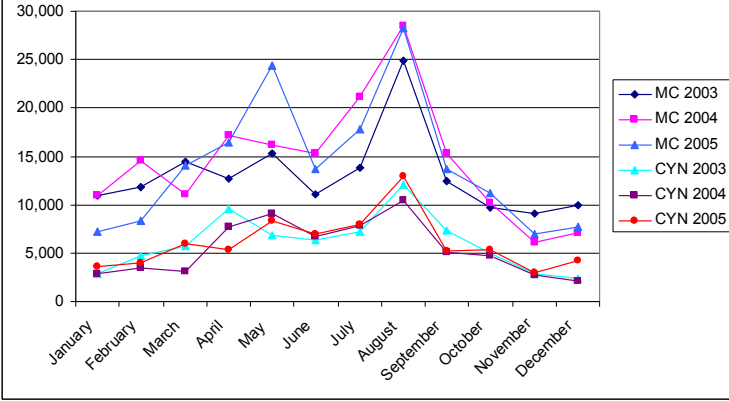
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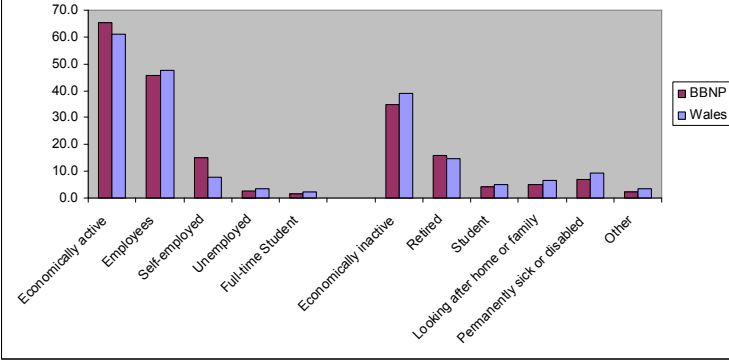
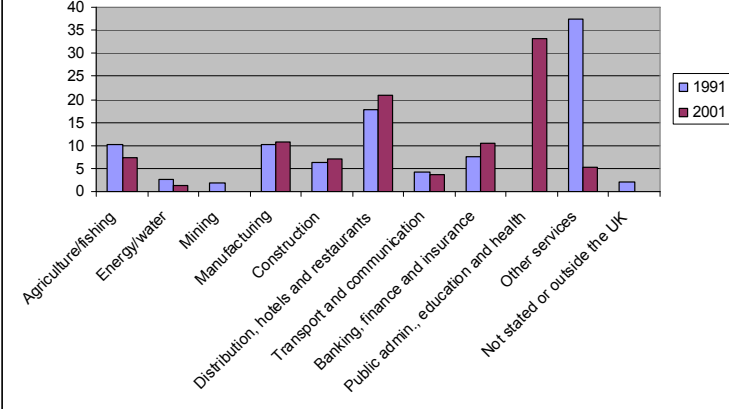
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Change in visitor numbers and days.	<p>Visitor numbers: overall change 2000-2004</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Staying: +14%</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Day: +23%</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Overall: +22%</p> <p>Visitor days: overall change 2000-2004</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Staying: +20%</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Day: +23%</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Overall: +22%</p> <p><i>Source: 24</i></p>	The most significant point in these tables is that the increase in staying visitor days is greater than in their numbers, implying that they are staying longer. A second point is that there is a greater increase in day than staying visitors. It could be that people are now travelling further for a day out.	The Plans should provide for re-running the 2005 survey in 2010 to check the trends in origin of day visitors. They should also consider the priority to give to getting day visitors to stay longer.
Understanding and enjoyment of the Park	Effectiveness of NPA's education services: The NPA starts assessing the effectiveness of its education services during 2006/7.	Not available.	The Plans need to provide for an effective education service.

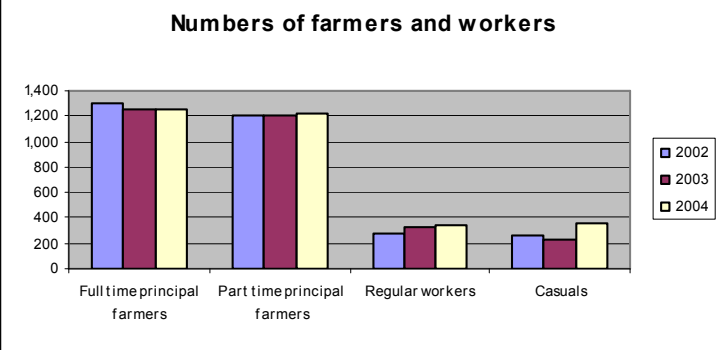
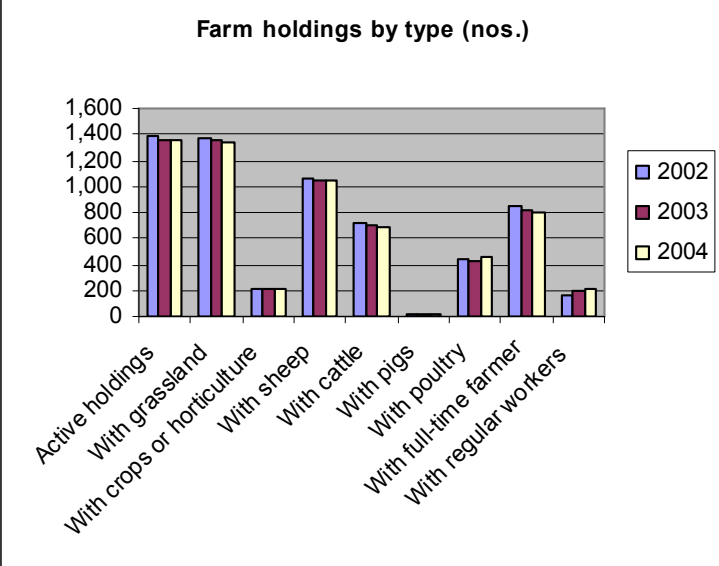
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Understanding and enjoyment of the Park	<p data-bbox="604 833 898 854" style="text-align: center;">Visitors to National Park centres</p>  <p data-bbox="380 1287 474 1308">Source: 4</p>	<p data-bbox="1146 813 1524 1060">Comparing numbers over a few years may not be meaningful as they depend on variables such as dates of Easter, weather at weekends and major sporting events. Counter breakdowns could also cause some apparent fluctuations. Information on the types of visitor is not collected.</p>	<p data-bbox="1551 813 2001 1036">The Plans need to continue to provide for a high standard of information and interpretation about the Park to as wide an audience as possible. The contribution of the NPA's two chief visitor centres should be reassessed by reviewing their management plans in the light of the NPMP's policies.</p>

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Area and proportion of the Park in legal open access.	Before Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000: 29,570 ha, 22% of the Park After Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000: 62,861 ha, 47% of the Park. <i>Source: 4</i>	Open access is a very important recreational resource in the Park. Most of the Park's access land, 50,000 ha, is common land, of which 60% had <i>jure</i> access prior to the CROW Act, with the rest having <i>de facto</i> access. <i>De facto</i> , there is therefore only 13,000 ha extra access land under the Act. Significant changes by review or dedication are not expected.	Open access land should be protected and managed under the Plans.										
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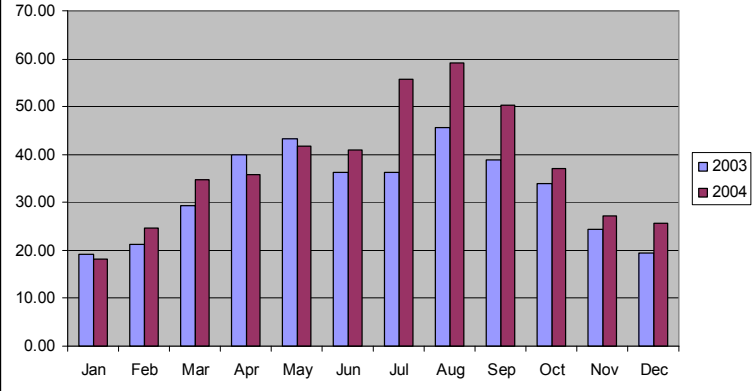
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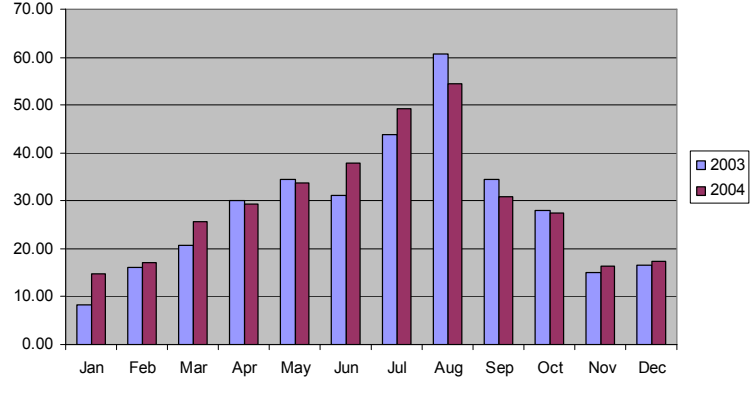
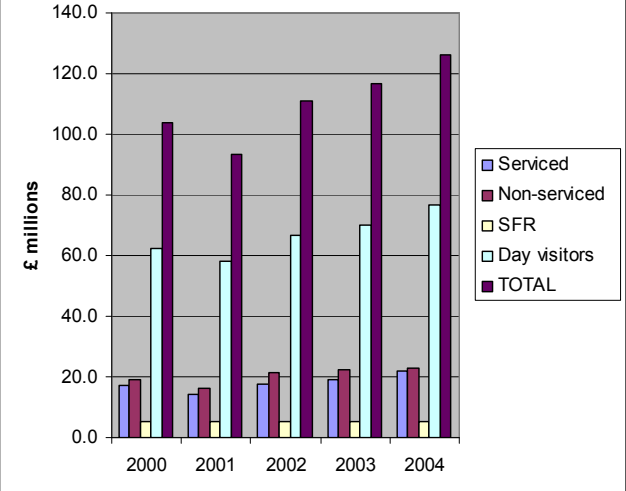
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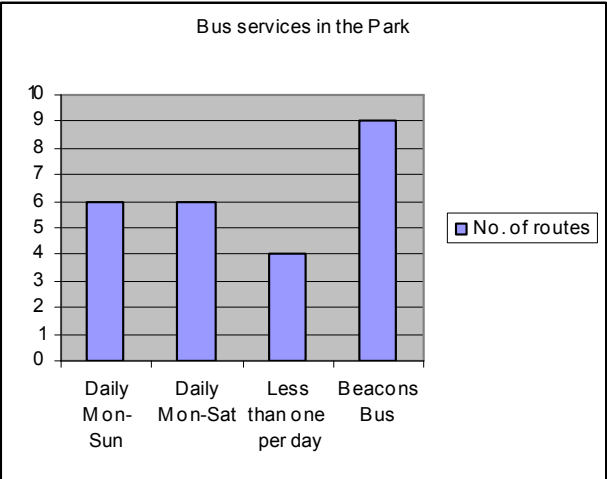
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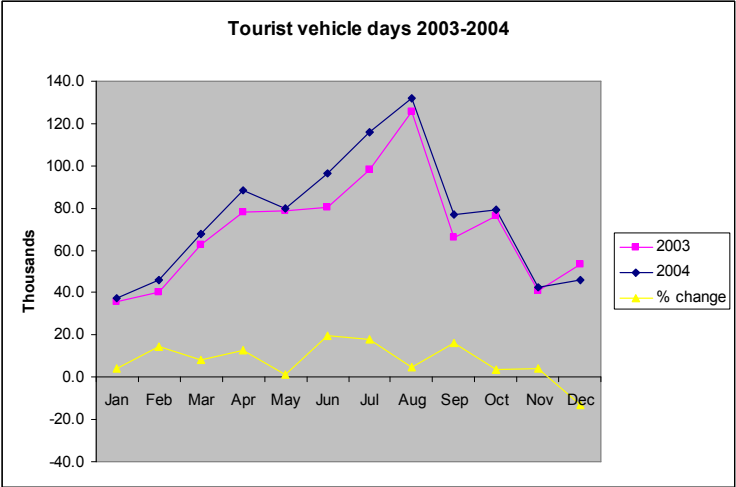
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GLOSSARY

ASNW	Ancient semi-natural woodland
BAP	Biodiversity Action Plan
BBNP(A)	Brecon Beacons National Park (Authority)
BOAT	Byway open to all traffic
CCW	Countryside Council for Wales
CROW	Countryside and Rights of Way Act
EAW	Environment Agency Wales
FC	Forestry Commission
GIS	Geographical information system (on computer)
LBAP	Local Biodiversity Action Plan

LDP	Local Development Plan
NPA	National Park Authority
NPMP	National Park Management Plan
RB	Restricted byway
RCT	Rhondda Cynon Taff
SAC	Special Area for Conservation
SSSI	Site of Special Scientific Interest
STEAM	Scarborough Tourism Economic Activity Model
UA	Unitary Authority
WAG	Welsh Assembly Government

