

# South Downs National Park Partnership Management Plan Joint Action Plan

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I.1	Protect and enhance the natural beauty and character of the SDNP and minimise negative infrastructure impacts	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		<p>Truleigh Hill Landscape Project.</p> <p>Deliver Landscape Enhancement projects for Truleigh Hill, work with local communities and stakeholders to develop an action plan and prevent further loss of landscape character.</p>		Landowners, local residents and community groups, YHA, Telecom Companies, National Trust, EON.	<p>Potential to roll-out this targeted local approach to landscape-scale delivery to other areas within the National Park.</p> <p>Potential to enhance landscape on Network Rail land in the NP (suggested by Community Rail Partnership but no discussions to date with NR)</p>
		*	*	*	*							<p>Monitoring the South Downs from Space.</p> <p>Follow on work from the recent pilot project to develop expertise and capacity in the use of Satellite data and imagery. Use of remote sensing to assess landscape change over time and monitor the impacts of changes and trends in land-use on Landscape Character within the National Park.</p>		Defra, UK Space Agency, Space for Smarter Governance Programme, Sussex LNP, Sussex Wildlife Trust, Norfolk Estate	Proposal to develop an approach that uses satellite data to monitor the condition of Natural Capital assets across the National Park – including woodland, soils, water and air quality. This can monitor the effectiveness of PMP policies and project delivery over time.
		*	*	*	*							<p>Schemes of undergrounding overhead powerlines funded through OFGEN at :- Malling Hill, Adur Valley, Piddinghoe, Littleington, Charleston Manor, Firle Beacon Alciston, Hinton Ampner, Cheriton and Battlefield.</p>		UK Power Networks, SSE, Parish Councils, Charleston Trust, Firle Estate, SWT, Iford Estate,	Project funding available until 2024
		*	*	*	*							<p>Project fund from OFGEN Butser Hill /Chalk Woolbeding/ Heathland Rother valley</p>		National Grid	
		*	*	*								<p>Establish a Dark Night Skies 'Landscape Alliance' for joint working and collaboration on DNS. Working on model policies and guidance notes, joint festivals and promotion, developing an MOU.</p> <p>Develop advice and technical guidance note for lighting on farms. Work with CLA/NFU and Institute for lighting Professionals to develop industry endorsement.</p>		IDA, South East Protected Landscapes Forum, Commission for Dark Skies, National DNS Partners.	<p>'Tranquil and Unspoilt Places'</p> <p>Citizen Science Project to survey and map Tranquillity across the National Park. Linked to 'Year of Green Action' campaign (Connect-enhance-protect). Also potential to work with Parish Councils. Builds on the work we previously did with the VRS in 2014/15 and will enhance our understanding of the areas of highest tranquillity and those that are most at risk.</p>

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		*	*	*	*	*								Historic England, Highway Authorities, County Archaeologists, Parish councils	Historic routes and local route character identification guide
I.2	Improve green and blue infrastructure to protect nature networks and connect people to nature within and around the SDNP	*	*	*		*	*		*			Winchester Urban Fringe Landscape Project.  Landscape scale research project in the Winchester Urban Fringe to address severance and fragmentation in the landscape		Landowners, Parish councils, WCC, HCC, local businesses, community groups.	Arundel and the Arun valley landscape approach
		*	*	*		*	*							WSCC, <i>Plantlife</i> , <i>SWT</i>	Habitat connectivity on road verges pilot project with WSCC and SWT. Potential for park wide project on roadside verge management.
		*	*	*		*	*					Havant thicket reservoir Project	Large	<b>Portsmouth water</b> , CDC, Chichester Harbour AONB, HIWWT	Identify strategic ecological corridors between SDNP & CH AONB
		*	*	*		*	*							SEEPL, NE, Wildlife trusts, RSPB, Landowners Councils	Regional level GI planning : Regional Nature Recovery Network
		*	*	*		*	*							Parish Councils & community groups	Local level GI planning  Community GI mapping of settlements to support local delivery of GIF principles
		*	*	*		*	*							West Sussex CC, SDNPA	West Sussex County Council 'Pollination Plan' to protect, increase and enhance pollinator habitat through the Planning System. Joint work on GI planning
I.3	Maximise environmental, cultural and economic benefits of agri-environment and forestry schemes	*	*	*								New Environmental Land Management (ELMS) scheme Pilot.		Farm Clusters  Defra, Woodland Trust, Heritage Fund, Heathlands partnership	Winchester Urban Fringe project delivery where Agri environment scheme will be a delivery mechanism.  Arun Valley vision – delivery phase.

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		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Heathlands Reunited- The project aims to re-engage and inspire communities to visit their heathland and learn more about them to look after them for future generations to come. As well as also creating an area of heathland greater than 1,200 football pitches by the end of the five year project. HLF funded	Large	<b>SDNPA</b> , FC, Sussex Wildlife Trust, Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust, Lynchmere Society, National Trust, ARC, MoD, RSPB, HCC, NE	Further work to develop sustainable ways of managing heathlands, Support for landscape scale working to conserve and enhance heathland habitats, active capital works working groups, heathlands partnerships, protecting heathland habitats from development pressure
		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Woodland Trust Conservation Project- part funding Woodland Officer post, providing first stop shop advice service to woodland owners to increase woodlands into management and deliver benefits for priority woodland habitats	Medium	<b>SDNPA</b> , WT, FC	Grown in Britain, Supporting the work of the Forestry Champions, Woodland Trust Treescapes
		*	*	*								Baseline Survey of pollination services and habitat connectivity for the Arun to Adur Farm Cluster to identify opportunity areas and target areas for advice and delivery.  Development of a 'Bee-Lines' pollination project focussing on improving headlands and field margins to support increased pollination services within the farmed landscape.		Adur to Arun Farm Cluster, SDNPA  Buglife, Natural England, Sussex University, Kew Gardens. West Sussex County Council, District Planning Authorities.	Interest in this approach from the Eastern Downs Farm Cluster who are considering the development of a pollination project.  Potential to extend the Pollination Project into other farm cluster areas – through practical and evidence based management interventions and farm-based training opportunities.
2.1	Improve soil and water quality by reducing soil erosion, improving carbon capture and filtration and reconnecting wetland habitats	*	*	*								Water Environment Grant (WEG) proposal being developed for the River Rother.  Water Environment Grant (WEG) proposal being developed for the River Arun.  Water Cress and Winterbourns Project - £3.6m project celebrating and protecting the headwaters of the Test and Itchen rivers is being supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF).	Medium  Medium  Large	<b>Arun &amp; Rother Rivers Trust</b> , Catchment Partnerships. Environment Agency.,  <b>Arun &amp; Rother Rivers Trust</b> , Catchment Partnerships. Environment Agency.,  <b>HIWWT</b> . Wessex Chalk Streams and Rivers Trust, Vitacress, Test and Itchen association, wild trout trust	Adur floodplain restoration  Rother floodplain meadows project  Arun Vision project  South Ambersham loop restoration, Western Rother and Petersfield Rother Enhancement projects (EA)  Cuckmere/Heritage Coast Project

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												Natural Flood Management (NFM) Scheme being developed for the Adur Floodplain. Suds at Hassocks  Catchment walkover surveys	Medium  Medium	<b>Ouse &amp; Adur Rivers Trust</b> and SWT  <b>Ouse &amp; Adur Rivers Trust, Arun &amp; Rother Rivers Trust,</b>	Natural Flood Management projects to be developed for other catchments (Ouse, Adur and Cuckmere)
		*	*	*	*							CHAMP Project – Continuation of Pilot Work and roll out of the project and its approach to other adjoining Chalk Blocks.  Adur to Arun Soil Project – Soil health and monitoring Project. Farm based trials to develop exemplar techniques and approaches.  CPES project investigating payment for ecosystem services for soil and water quality improvements. Including River Rother  Downs and Harbours Clean water partnership and Portsmouth water work with South Downs Farmers Cluster  Prowater project looking at best land management for water quality.  Link to Changing Chalk Project and work with the Eastern Downs Farm Cluster.	Large  Large  Medium  Large	<b>Southern Water</b> , SDNPA, , Env' Agency, CSF Scheme, University of Brighton, BHCC, Living Coast Biosphere, NE.  <b>University of Chichester</b> , Southern Water, SDNPA, Env' Agency, , Portsmouth Water, West country rivers trust.  <b>Portsmouth Water</b> ,  <b>SE Rivers Trust</b> . SE Water, EA	South East Water interested in extending the project (investigation and interventions) to the Eastbourne, Seaford.  Discussions also being had with South East Water about the scope to extend this to the Hampshire Chalk Blocks.  Potential to extend the existing Soil Project into other farm cluster areas – through practical and evidence based interventions and farm-based training opportunities.  CSF programmes on Itchen, Rother, Arun, Ouse and Cuckmere.
												Implementation of the Lewes town Surface Water Management Plan. Specific actions identified from page 44 onwards at: <a href="https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/media/10015/2016s5255-lewes-stage-1-swmp-v3-september-2017.pdf">https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/media/10015/2016s5255-lewes-stage-1-swmp-v3-september-2017.pdf</a>		<b>Lewes DC</b>	
2.2	Improve the resilience and quality of trees and woodlands in the National Park and ensure that the right tree is planted in the right place	*	*	*								Working in partnership to address impacts of ash dieback, providing integration with other vectors for change such as deer and squirrels.  Targeting of Forestry Commission Countryside Stewardship Grants.  'Bringing Elm back to the Downs' project.  Woodland Trust MOREwoods project  Woodland Trust/SDNPA Conservation Partnership		South Downs Forestry Champions Group- Place subgroup	Supporting trials of new squirrel control methods  Working with FC woodland resilience officer to increase woodland resilience in the SDNP  Deer Initiative SDNP co-ordinator.  Ebernoe tree project  Ancient and veteran tree pilot – expansion of ancient tree forum, define target area, baseline survey, management

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												ESCC Dutch Elm Disease Sanitation Programme. For further information see: <a href="https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/environment/woodlands/dutchelms/">https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/environment/woodlands/dutchelms/</a>			plans, community engagement, volunteering.
		*	*	*								SDVRS/FC Alice Holt arboretum conservation work  Woodland Trust Treescapes project		South Downs Forestry Champions Group- Place subgroup	PAWS restoration project – mapping, buffering, getting woodlands into active management, targeting small woodland owners.  Ancient woodlands survey – opportunity mapping, hub for advice and support + site management plans.  Woodland access project – Update of ANG data to include woodland category, public events, publicly accessible woodland + woodland trust Estate.  I-tree Eco and urban tree survey project, urban GI and climate change adaptation within the urban environment.
3.1	Create, restore and improve areas of priority habitat so that they are bigger, better, and more joined up at a landscape scale.	*	*	*		*	*	*	*			'Changing Chalk' HLF Bid.  A landscape scale Programme, £3.4 M package of funding and 36 partner projects.  This includes several relevant to this Priority Programme :- Grazier Project, Dew Ponds Project, Food Partnership and Community Outreach Projects, 'Defined by Nature' Project, Research Project on Scrub Clearance and Chalk Grassland restoration		National Trust, Eastbourne and Lewes Council, Adur and Worthing DC, Brighton and Hove CC, The Living Coast, East Sussex CC, Brighton Food Partnership, Community Works, Kew Gardens, Butterfly Conservation, BugLife, Sussex Wildlife Trust, Eastern Downs Farm Cluster	Chalk Grassland Project for A27 Road Verges.  Network Rail Grassland Project  Extension of the CHAMP Project into the Changing Chalk Project Area.  Butterfly Conservation – Wood White Project  LNP Natural Capital Asset mapping.  'Endangered Landscapes' bid for Chalk Grassland (Changing Chalk HLF Plan 'B')
		*	*	*					*			Bringing elm back to the Downs			
		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*			Heathlands Reunited		11 'HeRe' project partners	
		*	*	*					*			Woodland Trust Tree-Scapes project		WT, SDNPA	

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3.2	Increase the genetic diversity and resilience of target or priority species and implement a landscape scale strategy for tackling invasives, pest species and diseases					*	*	*	*			<p>'Changing Chalk' HLF Bid.</p> <p>A landscape scale Programme, £3.4 M package of funding and 36 partner projects.</p> <p>This includes several relevant to this Priority Programme :- Grazier Project, Dew Ponds Project, Food Partnership and Community Outreach Projects, 'Defined by Nature' Project, Research Project on Scrub Clearance and Chalk Grassland restoration</p>		National Trust, Eastbourne and Lewes Council, Adur and Worthing DC, Brighton and Hove CC, The Living Coast, East Sussex CC, Brighton Food Partnership, Community Works, Kew Gardens, Butterfly Conservation, BugLife, Sussex Wildlife Trust, Eastern Downs Farm Cluster	<p>Interest from the Eastern Area Farm Cluster to develop a project focussing on improving habitat for Grey Partridge – based on the Exemplary work carried out on the Norfolk Estate.</p> <p>Forest Research work into Ash Dieback resistant ash</p> <p>Back from the Brink – Field Cricket + focal species, ongoing monitoring and management of existing sites.</p>
									*			<p>Bringing Elm Back to the downs- Dutch Elm project – Planting disease resistant cultivars to establish new-planting for landscape trees. Climate Change Adaptation.</p> <p>South downs Invasive species strategy and taskforce.</p>		<p>Butterfly Conservation, estates, Tree Wardens</p> <p>South Downs Invasive Group (NT,SWT, RSPB, FC, HDC, EA, )</p>	<p>SD Forestry Champions Chalara (Ash-Die-back) Project</p> <p>SD Forestry Champions and Deer Initiative Deer co-ordination project</p>
4.1	Increase conservation, awareness and understanding of South Downs cultural heritage	*			*	*		*	*			Scheduled Monuments condition monitoring, maintenance and repairs programme pilot with HE and NT (HE capacity building grant application needs to be completed to develop sustainable delivery for monitoring via a NP/NT volunteer hub)		Historic England, National Trust, landowners	<p>Extend monitoring and maintenance of archaeological sites to non-Scheduled Monuments and share information with HERs and HE either using existing model or setting up Friends of Ancient Monuments (see 8.1). <i>Potential partners: SDNP, HE, NT, FOAM, VRS, HERs, DEFRA, farm clusters, landowners</i></p> <p>Investigate extending listed building condition monitoring across SDNP using HE guidance and local volunteers (see 8.1). <i>Potential partners: SDNP, VRS, HE, NT, local societies</i></p> <p>Develop a programme of condition monitoring of historic parks and gardens. <i>Potential partners: SDNP, HE, garden history societies, VRS?</i></p> <p>Work to preserve and enhance the canals of the South Downs Way. <i>Potential partners: SDNP, Wey and Arun Canal Trust</i></p>

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														Develop a Heritage Crime campaign to increase public awareness, reporting and monitoring of High Risk Areas. <i>Potential partners: SDNP, HE, police, parish councils, NT, ESC</i>
	*			*		*	*	*			Archaeology on the Edge Phase I – survey of coastal archaeology under threat of erosion		Historic England, National Trust, Heritage Coast Partners	Archaeology on the Edge Phase 2 - Dependent on findings from Phase I develop project to identify priority sites for investigation. <i>Potential partners: SDNP, HE, Heritage Coast Partners, consider also linking with geophysical survey below</i>  Geophysical survey of high profile archaeological sites across SDNP. <i>Potential partners: SDNP, local authority archaeologists, archaeology societies</i>  Extend LiDAR coverage to heathland, possible legacy project for Heathlands Reunited. <i>Potential partners: SDNP, universities</i>
	*			*		*	*	*			Stanmer Park flint wall restoration		Brighton and Hove City Council, VRS, Rangers	Develop FLINT FUTURES PROJECT that includes flint wall mapping and monitoring pilot in Eastern SDNP; potentially extending across SDNP; developing partnerships to help with pro-active preservation of flint walls; extending current flint walling project to historic flint building restoration (see 8.1). <i>Potential partners: SDNP, VRS, HE, NT, specialist colleges, volunteers, specialist contractors</i>  Map and record chalk cob walls in SDNP. <i>Potential partners: SDNP, VRS, conservation officers, museums</i>  Map remaining evidence of hop-growing industry. Museums interested in involvement e.g. Curtis Museum, Alton. <i>Potential partners: SDNP, HCC, HCT</i>

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														Establish web-based craft skills register for traditional buildings skills and materials suppliers. Accessible to local authority conservation officers at first instance. <i>Potential partners: SDNP, local authorities</i>
				*			*	*			Fernhurst Furnace – Phase 1 HE to conduct survey of the site and cost project to preserve the site (subject to funding)		Historic England, Archaeology Society	Fernhurst Furnace – Phase 2 Historic England procure contractors to undertake works with partners. <i>Potential partners: SDNP, HE, Archaeology Society</i>
		*		*	*	*	*	*			Petersfield Museum – SDNP Heritage and Cultural Walks		VRS, Rangers, landowners, museums	<p>Develop more walks with heritage themes linking venues e.g. Selborne and Petersfield areas (see 8.1). <i>Potential partners: SDNP, museums, heritage sites</i></p> <p>Roll out Tracing Inspiration app to selected venues with self-guided walks through landscape. <i>Potential partners: SDNP, museums</i></p> <p>Widen access to information about heritage assets, including archaeological discoveries made by contract archaeologists, LiDAR, oral history e.g. through Apps, mini on-line exhibitions. <i>Potential partners: SDNP, local authority archaeologists, museums, county archives, heritage societies</i></p> <p>Extend West Sussex audit of museum collections (2013) and make it publically accessible. <i>Potential partners: SDNP, ACE, SE Museums Development Programme, museums</i></p> <p>SDNP provide leadership for promotional themes relating to heritage assets two years in advance e.g. notable anniversaries (for 2020 consider 'Observing nature' as Gilbert White 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary) (see 10.3.1). <i>Potential</i></p>



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															partners: museums, other heritage organisations  Develop Oral History Projects e.g. Centurion Way Community Oral History Project. Potential partners: SDNP, VRS
4.2	Promote understanding and enjoyment of the landscape and traditions of the South Downs through contemporary arts and crafts	*			*	*	*	*			*	Sussex Modern contemporary arts venues – collaboration with local vineyards, promoting culture and viticulture within landscape		Tourism South East, museums and galleries, vineyards	Develop network of arts organisations in SD to build partnership projects that promote the arts across the SDNP e.g. by SDNP generating SD-wide themes at least two years in advance such as natural history collections, anniversaries, artists residencies (see 10.3). Potential partners: ACE, colleges, museums, galleries, other arts organisations
					*			*			*	Inn Crowd – working with Applause Rural Touring commissioned artist for community engagement and performance		Applause Rural Touring, pubs, artists	
		*			*		*	*			*	Ropetackle Arts, Shoreham – annual festival re art and environment		Ropetackle Arts	
					*			*			*	Annual South Downs arts festivals – Poetry, Folk, Summer Music, The Green Show in Seaford [check if current SDNP involvement] and one-off festivals e.g. Yardfest 2021 at Petersfield Museum		Arts organisations, museums and galleries	Develop a SDNP festival (or series of smaller scale promotional events) that both brings together existing arts or crafts activities and promotes new ones at a point in time, and develops commercial possibilities. Potential partners: ACE, colleges, museums, galleries
					*			*			*	Support and promote traditional countryside festivals, wood fairs		Crafts people	Develop network of contemporary and traditional crafts people in the SDNP to build partnership projects as above. Themes could include brewing, traditional textile skills, metal working, woodworking, residencies or 'artisan'-wide. Potential partners: crafts guilds, makers, museums, galleries
5.1	Encourage everyone to experience					*	*	*	*			Jamie's Farm – residential farm based experiences in Plumpton working with pupils at risk from schools in urban communities		Jamie's Farm, Plumpton College, SDNPA, VRS	

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the National Park and widen participation for under-represented groups through targeted activities and promotion														
					*	*	*	*			JMA linked to Junior Ranger programme at Staunton Country Park linking understanding of impact of reservoir and land management		<b>Staunton Country Park</b>	
					*	*	*	*			JMA Families Inclusion Award		SDNPA/John Muir Trust, Community organisations tbc	
					*	*	*	*			JMA Inclusion pilot with Bourne and Cavendish Schools, Eastbourne supporting pupils at risk from exclusion through framed engagement with the SDNP using the JMA approach		SDNPA/So Sussex	Roving South Downs Way schools festival – schools walk a local section of the SDW linking in with outdoor learning providers, storytellers and poets en-route to create their own poetry based on their experiences.  <i>Adventures in Poetry/ Cobnor Activity Centre/SWT/Plumpton College/Pied a Terre Adventures/SDNPA</i>
					*	*	*				Upgrade BW26 to 'easy access' trail linking to existing Falmer Rd path and connecting into NP from urban area  Changing Chalk bid access projects: Stanmer Park to Ditchling Beacon, Dyke Road to Devil's Dyke Link.		<b>BHCC</b>	
					*	*	*				Try the Train experiences targeted at specific groups including eligible schools. Link this with SDNPA Education packages		SWR/Southern/GTR rail operators and <b>Community Rail Partnerships</b> across the NP	Accessibility Audits @stations alongside station travel plans  Get into Trains project with Sussex CRP
					*	*	*				Nurture Programme to support families and vulnerable groups through Forest Schools activities		Chichester Forest Schools/SDNP Forest School Network	
					*	*	*				Walks and events targeting people from refugee communities around the Country Park		Stansted Park Foundation/Rural Refugee Network	
					*	*	*	*			National Citizen Service (NCS) discovery days in the SDNP		Mountbatten School NCS Consortium/SDNPA	

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						*		*						WWT/Plumpton/ Drusilla's/LEAF	Changing places toilet provision at venues across the SDNP and information about their location
						*	*	*	*					SDNPA/SWT/	BAME Mosaic II project to make links with communities and encourage more visits
5.2	Improve accessibility through a network of high quality routes connecting communities with the landscape, heritage, attractions and transport hubs and gateways					*		*	*		*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Volunteer Path Warden Scheme</li> <li>Reduce severance across the A27 - Priority crossing points identified by BHCC LAF (see map). Highways England funded project to improve crossing points for walkers and cyclists. Andy Renaut to update BHCC LAF in January 2019. <i>Priority = Old Boat Corner – Stanmer Project</i></li> <li>Improve A27 crossing at Dyke Road for walkers and cyclists (including ramp to meet permissive bridleway in 19 Acres) – part of the Toads Hole Valley development</li> </ul>		<b>BHCC</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resurfacing of Ditchling Road and Falmer Road multi-user paths (undertake research to agree best surfacing solutions in area of difficult topography and seek funding)</li> <li>Improve connectivity to The National Park &amp; Biosphere</li> <li>Biosphere Green Corridors: Sea – Town – Downs</li> </ul> <p>Falmer Road Corridor – Parish Lane improvements / Falmer Rd MU path – needs resurfacing</p> <p>Ditchling &amp; Lewes Road Corridor – Valley Gardens Project (BHCC Highways) / Changing the Chalk</p> <p>London Road Corridor – Valley Gardens Project (BHCC Highways)</p> <p>Hove Corridor – Toads Hole Valley Project / Changing the Chalk bid</p> <p>Portslade Corridor – Benfield Valley cycling improvements (Highways)</p>
						*		*	*		*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work with the proposed ECP Partnership to promote and maintain this NT from 2020 onwards.</li> <li>Projects included in ESCC Integrated Capital Programme for Transport 2019/20LEWES Schemes</li> </ul>		ESCC/SDNPA  ESCC/SDNPA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ESCC emerging Cycling &amp; Walking Strategy to be published in spring/summer 2019.</li> <li>Improve surface of Falmer-Woodingdean off-road cycle route to a standard that will</li> </ul>

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											<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional Cycle Route 90, the section in Lewes from Brighton Road to South Street.</li> <li>Traffic Management - New Malling 20mph Scheme (Traffic Calming Old Malling Way + signs)</li> <li>Lewes Traffic Management - Prison crossroads traffic signal study</li> <li>Lewes Traffic Management: Rail Station Experimental Traffic Regulation order (ETRO) Implementation</li> <li>Lewes Bus Stop Accessibility Improvements - High Street and town centre</li> <li>Alfriston Traffic management</li> <li></li> <li>National Cycle Route 2, a review of the section from Seaford Head to Newhaven.</li> </ul> <p>Schemes considered for inclusion as part of Highways England (HE) Designated Fund Programme:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A27 Polegate link to Route 2 and the Cuckoo Trail (which links to the A27 shared use path)</li> <li>Old Coach Road - upgrade with higher standard surfacing</li> <li>National Cycle Route 2 – proposal to introduce off road cycle track on existing road route: Berwick Way completion, Lullington Road &amp; Cuckmere Valley Bridleway 26)</li> </ul>		ESCC	<p>enable 'adoption' by ESCC's Rights of Way Team.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DRAFT Cycling &amp; Routes included:-</li> </ul> <p>Lewes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A27 and Lewes Town Centre</li> <li>Ringmer - Southease</li> <li>South Downs Way - Lewes</li> <li>Lewes Priory</li> <li>Montacute Road - Town Centre</li> <li>South Downs - Spital Road</li> <li>South Downs - Station</li> <li>Ditchling - Cocksbridge</li> <li>A27 - Swanborough</li> <li>Lewes - Southease</li> <li>Cockshut Road - Iford</li> <li>Nevill - Southover</li> <li>Offham - Town Centre</li> <li>Cocksbridge - Lewes</li> <li>Riverside</li> <li>Malling - Southover</li> <li>Lewes Town Centre Walking Routes</li> </ol> <p>Newhaven Area</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alfriston Road - South Downs</li> </ol> <p>Eastbourne &amp; South Wealden</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coastal Cultural Trail</li> <li>South Downs Way - Sovereign Harbour</li> </ol>
											<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>England Coast Path rollout (joint work with SDNP/ESCC/ WSCC)</li> <li></li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
					*		*	*		*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extension of Meon Valley trail beyond Wickham to Knowle Village (linking additional communities to SDNP)</li> <li>Surface and access improvements to Bridleway 11 (Greatham to Liss Forest) to improve access from rural settlements around Greatham to transport hub at Liss. (resurfacing, new signage, improved drainage)</li> </ul>		<b>HCC</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Watercress Line access improvements</li> <li>Rother Valley Way development work in partnership with SDNP and WSCC and others</li> </ul>
					*		*	*		*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improvement project to improve Wey – South Path at Amberley Wildbrooks</li> </ul>		<b>WSCC</b>	

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												<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Various WSCC LTIP projects (Further discussions required with WSCC to priorities projects. LTIP 0201,0183,0205,0125, 0129, 0139)</li> <li>Midhurst Bypass shared use path development</li> </ul>			
						*		*	*		*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deliver improved connectivity between Winchester and SD and implement improved route of SDW between Cheesefoot head and Winchester centre.</li> </ul>		<b>SDNPA</b> , HCC, WCC	
						*		*	*		*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Progress design, planning, funding and implementation of Centurion Way Phase two between West Dean and Cocking.</li> </ul>		SDNPA, WSCC, Landowners	
						*		*	*		*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue delivery of the Ouse Valley Cycle Network, including the completion of the Egrets Way</li> </ul>		OVCN, SDNPA, Landowners (inc. Lewes DC)	
						*		*	*		*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Progress feasibility and design of the Midhurst to Petersfield NMU route (Rother Valley Way)</li> </ul>		SDNPA, Community partners	
5.3	Encourage sustainable access into and around the National Park, encouraging the retention and expansion of rural transport services					*	*	*	*		*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Joint project on Digital Route Guides</li> <li>Improve 'gateway sites' around the city's urban fringe (see map) – better signage on the ground (and include on online Access Map)</li> </ul>		BHCC	
						*	*	*	*		*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop role of Travel Hubs at Gateway Stations signposting visitors to the National Park</li> <li>Signposting Visitors from Falmer Station to Stanmer Park</li> <li>Lighting of Arundel Station shared use route to town</li> </ul>		SWR/EHCRP, Southern/GTR,SCRIP =, EHCRP and other rail partners  SCRIP and Arundel TC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Address issue of poor signage at stations for onward routes for visitors</li> <li>Develop and distribute leaflets at stations</li> <li>Themed walks/rides e.g History</li> <li>Make better use of redundant stations buildings for visitor and community services</li> </ul> <p>Develop combined bus/rail ticket</p>
											*	Promote Discovery Bus ticket more widely with a focus on key South Downs Routes		SDNPA/Bus partners, LHAs and Community Rail partners	Develop seasonal services to key attractions subject to funding e.g South Downs Rambler

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6.1	Provide high-quality outdoor learning opportunities as part of a locally relevant curriculum					*	*	*	*			Annual learning outside the classroom School Conferences to include specific references to overcoming H&S concerns, perceived “red-tape” and teacher time/capacity challenges		SDNPA/WSCC/ESCC/HCC	
						*	*	*	*			Teacher networking events to promote learning outside the classroom in the SDNP held in urban areas – successfully trialled in Portsmouth in 2018		Butser Ancient Farm/members of the SDNP Learning Network/SDNPA	
						*	*	*	*			South Downs Experience residential package for schools – reinvent this delivery package with funding sought for transport between sites for schools on this immersive residential.		Sustainability Centre/ Butser Ancient Farm/ Gilbert White FSC/local farmers	
						*	*	*				JMA to frame work with inner city children on empowerment, wellbeing, resilience, personal development and sustainable responses to climate change. Needs additional funding to enable more schools from deprived inner city locations to participate in this powerful scheme		Learning network/John Muir Trust	
						*	*	*				The Garden Classroom – engaging pupils from London Borough of Islington with outdoor learning through the JMA to support transition to Secondary School		The Garden Classroom/YHA South Downs/SDNPA	
						*	*					Stanmer Park HLF Project education programme: education plan, resources and delivery		BHCC/SDNPA/SWT/Plumpton College/Ecotherapy Centre/Biosphere	
							*	*				South Downs Ambassador Schools programme – creating hubs of excellence in learning outside the classroom across schools within and outside the SDNP		County Advisors/SDNPA/ Bury Primary School	
7.1	Develop initiatives which enable local communities and individuals to improve health and wellbeing					*		*				Developing projects and initiatives to support over 50's to access the countryside for improved health and wellbeing		Stansted Country Park/Havant Borough Council	
						*		*				Develop an approach to branding and marketing the SDNP to public health sector professionals		SDNPA lead	
						*		*				Create health based partnerships to progress the aims of the Health and Well-Being Strategy		Health and Well-Being Boards, Public health organisations, community organisations, charities	Develop one additional social prescribing project

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						*		*				Develop SDNPA brokerage role linking relevant health sector groups to opportunities to engage with the outdoors			• Active Access for Growth 2 – post 2020 – opportunity to deliver similar projects – but subject to funding. ESCC, SDNPA and others
								*							Expand Care Farming opportunities where possible across the NP County Councils and farming business
					*		*	*							Extend Sussex Recovery College project to include early interventions with young people. Link to University student mental health support programme.  SWT, SDNP Volunteer Network
8.1	Increase and diversify volunteering opportunities that support the National Park				*		*	*				Collaboration between Adult Services and Countryside Services to provide volunteering pathways for vulnerable people to access the countryside as part of a therapeutic intervention		HCC Countryside and Adult Services/SDNP volunteer network	
					*		*	*				Collaboration of groups to provide joint training for organisations on specific areas of need e.g. engaging new audiences, working with younger volunteers		Volunteer Bureaus in SDNP area/Volunteer Network/SDNPA	
					*	*	*	*				Youth Ambassador programme extension across the Volunteer Network to increase young people's voice in developing volunteering opportunities and contributing to organisational change		SDNPA/Volunteer Network/youth ambassadors	
					*		*	*				Micro-volunteering promotion so people can engage with volunteering by giving a couple of hours of time rather than long time commitments. Use of social media to promote and engage with volunteers.		SDNPA/volunteer network/youth ambassadors	
					*		*	*				Connect new audiences with opportunities to volunteering opportunities through reduced cost door-to-door transport options: initial pilot between Asphaleia (Worthing) and Truleigh Hill		Community Transport Sussex/SDNPA/YHA/Asphaleia/Volunteer Network	
					*	*	*	*				SDNP youth volunteering programme – creating youth ranger opportunities with volunteering network and marketing to young people 16-25		SDNPA/volunteer network/youth ambassadors	
9.1	Increase affordable housing stock in the						*		*			•			• Wickham CLT – the affordable housing T&F group are considering supporting this CLT with SDNPA

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	National Park, with focus on exemplary design and using local sustainable materials														<p>grant funding to deliver a local affordable housing scheme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SD Forestry Champions Prosperity Working group- developing concept of the affordable south downs timber home</li> <li>Lewes Low Cost Housing - A scheme to ensure a proportion of all new development in Lewes is delivered as Lewes Low Cost Housing</li> <li>Rogate &amp; Rake Community Land Trust – to deliver an affordable housing scheme identified in the Rogate and Rake NDP</li> <li>Rural Exception Site Project Working with District Council Housing Teams, Rural Housing Enablers, Local Landowners and Town / Parish Councils. Support the identification of possible RES for Affordable Housing provision</li> <li>Self Build Housing Working with established self build organisations to identify possible self build schemes which could deliver an alternative model of affordable housing</li> </ul>
								*		*					Secure financial support for small scale, rural affordable housing.
								*		*					Petersfield Neighbourhood Plan Policy HPI allocated two sites for Self / Custom build housing. Policy HP7 limits these homes to those with a local connection - Discussions are underway with land owners and developers to bring forward land North of Buckmore Farm / West of Bell Hill to deliver 101 self/custom build dwellings



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9.2	Support community-led initiatives which enhance the towns, villages and landscapes of the National Park											<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Petersfield Town Centre Enhancement – Multi agency project to create a more functional connection from Petersfield station through to High Street. Including shared space, parking enhancement and appropriate facilities</li> <li>Community Planning Toolkit – a landscape led approach to design</li> </ul>		Hampshire CC, East Hants DC, Petersfield TC, SDNPA, Petersfield Society  SDNPA, District Councils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Village Hall Diversification schemes</li> <li>Local residents group are planning to establish a community hub in a local pub to provide a shop, post office and leisure activities including tourism services</li> <li>Petersfield Countryside Park (LGS adjacent to Causeway Farm Development)</li> </ul>
9.3	Support improvement in digital infrastructure, broadband speed and coverage throughout the South Downs National Park					*		*		*	*	West Sussex County Council are building a full fibre network that will connect key public sector sites, capable of delivering speeds from 1,000 megabits per second (1 gigabit) to meet the future need of public services.	Large	<b>West Sussex County Council</b>	IBP78-17 Elsted and Treyford BT Open Reach Project to expand high speed broadband (Lead partner Elsted and Treyford Parish Council, IBP Ref 78-17)
										*	*	<p>The Gigabit West Sussex project is about improving the infrastructure that will allow public services to be delivered more effectively for all local residents</p> <p>A national Gigabit Broadband voucher scheme provides help for small and medium enterprise businesses, and the local communities surrounding them, to get a gigabit-capable broadband connection.</p> <p>The e-Sussex Broadband Project, managed by East Sussex County Council, is expected to deploy into some areas of the SDNP as part of contract 3 which is underway now and expected to run to March 2020</p>	Large  Large  Large	<b>West Sussex County Council</b>  <b>West Sussex County Council</b>  <b>East Sussex County Council</b>	<p>West Sussex County Council are leading on a Full Fibre Backhaul project to unlock the hard to reach rural areas.</p> <p>By creating open access backhaul expansion of the network could be achieved via:-</p> <p>1. Rural Access network builders in alignment to the DCMS 'Outside In' Programme - £3-5 Billion targeting isolated rural areas.</p> <p>2. Community broadband schemes e.g. Broadband for West Sussex (B4WS)</p>

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10.1	Strengthen and support sustainably managed land based industries and local enterprise				*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Cocking Community Hub  Plumpton College new buildings acting as centres of excellence for agri-food development in skills for the future in butchery and bakery etc with total £7m investment by March 2021	Medium  Large	<b>Blue Bell Community Hub Ltd.</b> , Chichester DC, Cocking Parish Council  <b>Plumpton College</b> , ESCC, SELEP, SDNPA and businesses	Wood fuel heating system – West Dean South Downs Venison Rother Valley Organics Wiston Estate - Conversion of existing listed barns and upgrading of modern farm buildings to create new retreat accommodation, refectory, chapel, market garden and 'trailside' café and to improve the facilities of this rare breed organic beef Farm  New major investment and development at Plumpton college supporting in the future over 200 apprenticeships and 250+ learners benefitting.  Supporting the growth in tourism numbers at Charleston ensuring linkages into the wider established coastal cultural trail and other cultural attraction developments in the county throughout the year.
					*					*	*				South Downs Food & Drink network (Natural Partnerships CIC)
												South East Local Enterprise Partnership Sector Support Funded "Good Food" campaign	Unknown	<b>South East LEP</b> , East Sussex County Council, Produced in Kent, Essex Chambers (project managed by Natural Partnerships CIC)	The project will support growers, processors, retailers, food businesses and new entrants to raise awareness of the opportunities within the sector with the provision of networking (conferences), supply chain development (meet the buyer B2B events) and a scoping study of agri-foods opportunities
												Low Carbon Across the South East (LoCASE) Programme – grant funding to reduce the running costs of businesses through the installation of energy efficiency measures <a href="https://locase.co.uk/partners-and-services/">https://locase.co.uk/partners-and-services/</a>		ESCC, University of Brighton, European Regional Development Fund.	
														Develop business support training programme, to include:  - Food and drink, meet the buyers and (Natural Partnerships CIC) - Sustainable Tourism (Online Travel Agents, - Social Entrepreneurs (Action Hampshire) -	

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10.2	Increase awareness and desirability of the South Downs as a destination				*					*	*	Experience West Sussex  EAFRD bid to improve Downs Link sections to all weather use, install interpretation boards, grow visitor numbers and support local business		WSCC	INTERREG Food & Drink project
					*					*	*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gatwick Airport to provide promotional space to help market the region and key attractions to tourists</li> <li>• Using airports social media and digital channels to promote the region</li> <li>• Collaborating on the development of a targeted marketing campaign to reach international visitors, encouraging them to visit and spend more time in the region</li> </ul>			
					*					*	*	BioCultural Heritage Tourism Interreg Project 2018-2021 to develop environmental and experiential tourism activities as a new eco-business opportunity and means to manage sustainable tourism.		The Living Coast – Brighton & Lewes Downs Biosphere	• Sussex Modern collaboration with local vineyards, promoting culture and viticulture within the landscape.
10.3	Establish the South Downs as an exemplar in sustainable tourism										*	BioCultural Heritage Tourism Interreg Project 2018-2021 to develop environmental and experiential tourism activities as a new eco-business opportunity and means to manage sustainable tourism.			

