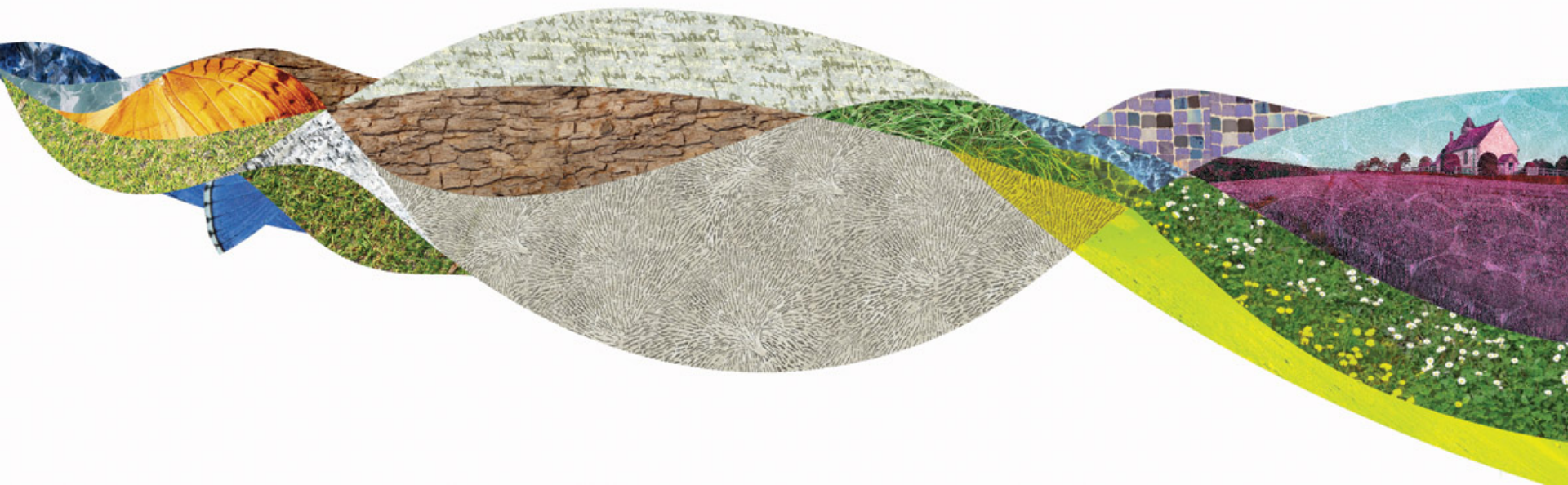


Partnership Management Plan Year End Review: Work of Theme Programme Boards



Policy and Resources Committee

15 July 2021

Where TPBs fit: the Golden Thread



How TPBs operate

- Annual £ allocation to TPBs by members through budget & corporate plan;
- Split the delivery of the Partnership Management Plan into five workable packages;
- Focus on PMP Outcomes as well as portfolio of projects and other work to deliver
- Provide an internal mechanism for officers to work together across departments;
- Operate under existing financial delegations for projects (larger projects come direct to P&R Committee for approval);
- Are supported by robust mechanisms for project development, reporting and evaluation;
- Report on projects & programmes to P&R Committee (quarterly and at year end)
- For this FY, Recovery Fund agreed by NPA added £70k to each TPB

Landscape & Biodiversity Theme Programme Board



OUTCOME 1: LANDSCAPE AND NATURAL BEAUTY

The landscape character of the South Downs, its special qualities, natural beauty and local distinctiveness have been conserved and enhanced by averting and mitigating the negative impacts of development and cumulative change.

For this outcome our priorities for the next five years are:

1.1 PROTECT LANDSCAPE CHARACTER

To protect and enhance the natural beauty and character of the South Downs National Park and seek environmental net-gain from any infrastructure development.

1.2 CREATE GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

To improve green and blue infrastructure to deliver ecosystem services and connect people to nature within and around the National Park.

1.3 TARGET NEW PAYMENTS

To maximise environmental, cultural and economic benefits from agri-environment and forestry schemes across the National Park.

OUTCOME 2: INCREASING RESILIENCE

There is increased resilience within the landscape for its natural resources, habitats and species to adapt to the impacts of climate change and other pressures.

For this outcome our priorities for the next five years are:

2.1 IMPROVE SOIL AND WATER

To improve soil and water by reducing soil erosion, enhancing water capture and filtration and reconnecting wetland and water courses.

2.2 IMPROVE TREES AND WOODLAND

To improve the resilience, quality and quantity of trees and woodland in the National Park, and ensure that the right tree is in the right place.

OUTCOME 3: HABITATS & SPECIES

A thriving and connected network of habitats and increased population and distribution of priority species now exist in the National Park.

For this outcome our priorities for the next five years are:

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To create, restore and improve areas of priority habitat to be more, bigger, better, and joined up at a landscape scale.

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To increase the genetic diversity and resilience of target species and implement a landscape scale strategy for tackling invasive species, pests and diseases.

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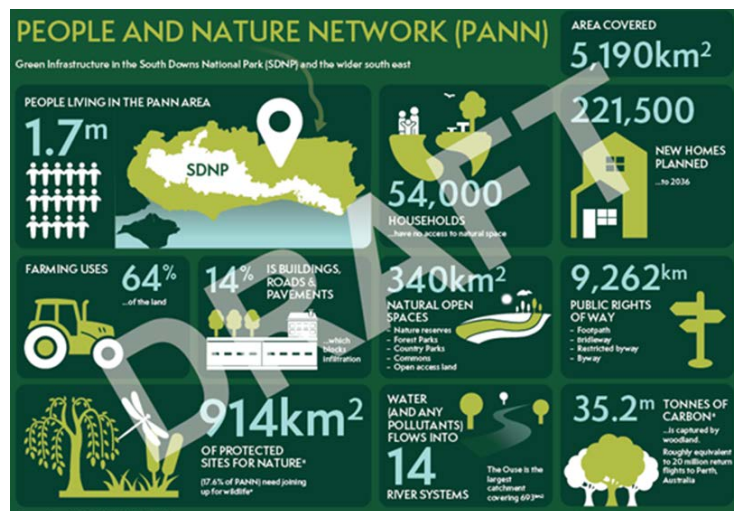
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To improve green and blue infrastructure to deliver nature recovery networks and connect people to nature within and around the National Park

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Source: Sussex County Council

Outcome 1: Landscape & Natural Beauty

Theme Programme Board Projects	Contribution £ (approx)	Partners/ external funding
People & Nature Network (PANN)	£4,934	local authorities and others
Equestrian TAN	£7,000	Technical input
Sussex Heritage Coast	£8,000	SxHC Partnership/ wider stakeholders





Outcome 1: Landscape & Natural Beauty

Other Projects	Contribution £ (approx.)	Partners/ external funding
The Aquifer Partnership (TAP)	£20,000	BHCC, EA, SW
Channel Payments for Ecosystem Services	Time only	SW Interreg
Truleigh Hill Landscape Project	£23,364	Local community/ Rampion



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Oliver Bondell, County Park & Gardens

Outcome 2: Increasing Resilience

Theme Programme Board Projects	Contribution £ (approx)	Partners/ external funding
Woodland Resilience Fund	£4,000	WT
Natural Flood Management Guide for the South Downs	£5,000	EA, Sussex Flow Initiative
Natural Capital in Public Open Spaces	£25,000	Sussex LNP, ESCC, A&W, Wealden DC
Cockshut Stream regeneration	£15,000	EA, Lewes DC, landowner



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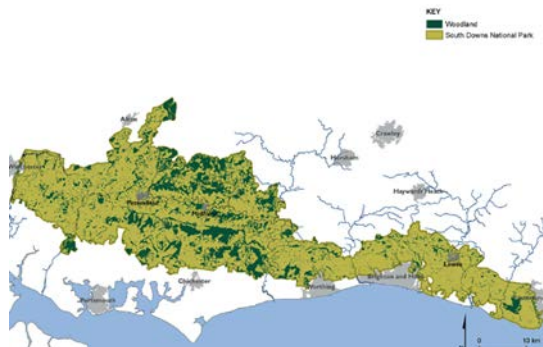
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Queen Elizabeth II Country Park © South Downs

Outcome 2: Increasing Resilience

Other Projects	Contribution £ (approx.)	Partners/ external funding
Woodland Officer	House officer & on costs	WT
Floodplain meadows in the Rother valley	£20,000	ARRT
Watercress and Winterbournes	£1,715	Many inc NE, HCC, H&IoWWT, CLA, NFU, Vol groups...



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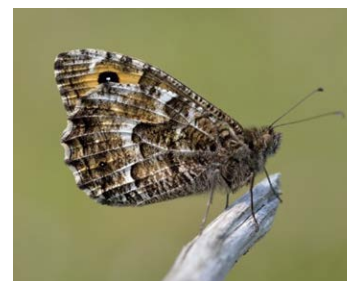
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Adrian Tice © Dorset Council



Outcome 3: Habitats & Species

Theme Programme Board Projects	Contribution £ (approx)	Partners/ external funding
Lullington Heath Restoration Project	£15,000	NE, SE Water
On Course to Flail	£16,500	Golf Courses
Graffham Downs Woodland Restoration	£15,000	Graffham Down Trust
WSCC Verge Cutting	£5,000	WSCC
Peppering Dew Pond project	£5,500	Norfolk Estate
Westland Farm Meadow	£6,700	WT
Ewe Dean - grayling butterfly	£7,000	Butterfly Conservation



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Adrian Hales © Dorset Downs Charitable Foundation



Outcome 3: Habitats & Species

Other Projects	Contribution £ (approx)	Partners/ external funding
Heathlands Reunited	£30,000	NLHF, many partners
Changing Chalk- Dew Ponds	£25,000 (£0 spent)	NLHF (Development Stage), NT lead partner
Changing Chalk- Grazing Project	£39,000 (£3k spent)	NLHF (Development Stage), NT lead partner
Trees for the Downs	£32,000	SD Trust
Beelines	£67,000	SD Trust



Cultural Heritage Theme Programme Board (TPB)



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OUTCOME 4: ARTS & HERITAGE

Cultural heritage of the National Park is enhanced and widely understood and enjoyed

PARTNERSHIP MANAGEMENT PLAN PRIORITIES

- 4.1 Increase conservation, awareness, access to and understanding of South Downs cultural heritage
- 4.2 Promote creativity and understanding of the landscape and traditions of the South Downs through contemporary arts and crafts

SDNPA CORPORATE PLAN KEY PRIORITIES

Create and undertake a Scheduled Monument Monitoring project

Commission and oversee Archaeology On The Edge (Stage 2) project

Roll out the Footsteps App

Meet the Archaeologist NFC plaques created and installed

Outcome 4: Arts and Heritage

Priority 4.1: Increase conservation, awareness, access to and understanding of SD cultural heritage

Priority 4.2: Promote creativity and understanding of the landscape and traditions of the South Downs through contemporary arts and crafts

Colleagues: Area team reps, Strategy Leads, South Downs Trust, Comms, Planning.

Key Partners: Historic England, Arts Council England, Museum Partnerships, Voluntary & Community Groups, Landowners.

II. CH TPB Projects 20/21 -

TPB Project	£SDNPA/£Partners	Outcomes
1. Collections At Risk	£18,492/£20,000	4.1
2. Cherry Soup: Radio Serialisation	£2,000/£0 (in kind)	4.1 4.2
3. Scheduled Monuments: Data and Evidence Review	£11,382/£0 (in kind)	4.1
4. Footsteps App: New Tour Content	£8,550/£0(in kind)	4.1
5. Cissbury: Meet the Archaeologists	£6,863/£0(in kind)	4.1
6. Stop a Minute	£4,000/£0 (in kind)	4.1 4.2 7.1
7. Poetry For Wellbeing	£2,600/£3,200	4.1 4.2 5.1 7.1
8. Towner Art Packs (In Gallery and Online)	£1,750/£1,650	4.1 4.2 5.1
9. Workforce Support: Webinar Series	£3,000/£14,000	4.1 7.1
10. The Full Harvest	£1,500/£15,000	4.1 4.2 5.1
11. Shifting the Gaze	£10,000/£0 (in kind)	4.1 4.2 5.1
12. Wiltshire Museum: Downland Man	£2,200/£54,000	4.1 10.2
13. Writer in Residence for Seven Sisters	£17,500/£49,950	4.1 4.2 5.1 7.1
	£89837/£157,800	
STRATEGIC FUND		
1. Tide Mills: A Living History – LYT Productions	£6,000/£98,900	4.1 4.2 5.1
2. Create to Relate – Ditchling Museum of Art and Craft	£17,900/31,000	4.1 4.2 7.1
	£23,900/£129,900	

III. Recovery Fund (RF) Projects 20/21

Project	RF £	Outcomes
Projects to support businesses and facilitate the safe return of visitors		
1. Gilbert White Film – Pallant House Gallery	£2,000	4.1
2. 'Pop Up' Tea Barn and Community Planting – Chawton House	£9,220	4.1 10.1
3. Nature Trails – Amberley Museum	£8,770	4.1
4. Chichester's Cattle market: Anniversary Exhibition – The Novium and UK Harvest	£9,905	4.1 5.1
5. Small Grants programme (THRIVE collaboration) - various	£8,793	4.1 10.1
6. My Downs, My Home – University of Chichester	£8,790	4.1 4.2 5.1 7.1
7. Bronze Age Building – Butser Ancient Farm, Step Together, Operation Nightingale	£10,000	4.1 5.1 7.1
8. Creative Kits – Towner Eastbourne	£9,820	4.1 4.2 5.1 7.1
9. Petworth Virtual Experience – Petworth Vision CIC	£1,800	4.1 10.2
10. Outdoor activities – Gilbert White's House and Gardens	£10,000	4.1 10.1
11. Community Archive – Arundel Museum	£2,175	4.1
	£81273	

"I am struggling to remember a grant that has been so transformative. It might not be the largest we received, but the flexibility and the fact we could invest in something that generated income whilst helping keep the gardens and estate available to local people during the lockdown, was the difference between us surviving and not. And I am not prone to over-statement." Katie Childs CEO Chawton House

Sustainable Access Theme Programme Board (TPB)



Fitting in with the PMP

OUTCOME 5: OUTSTANDING EXPERIENCES

Outstanding experiences for communities and visitors are supported by high quality access and sustainable transport networks.

For this outcome our priorities for the next five years are:

5.1 A NATIONAL PARK FOR ALL

To enable everyone to experience the National Park and widen participation for under-represented groups through targeted activities and promotion.

5.2 IMPROVE ACCESSIBILITY

To improve accessibility through a network of high quality routes connecting communities with the landscape, heritage, attractions and transport hubs and gateways.

5.3 ENCOURAGE SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT

To encourage sustainable access into and around the National Park, encouraging the retention and expansion of rural transport services.



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Outcome 5: Outstanding Experiences

Outstanding experiences for communities and visitors are supported by high quality access and sustainable transport networks.

Priority 5.2: To improve accessibility through a network of high quality routes connecting communities with the landscape, heritage, attractions and transport hubs and gateways.

Key Partners: Local Highway Authorities, District, Town & Parish Councils, Sustrans, Voluntary & Community Groups, Landowners.



I. Access TPB Projects 20/21 - Arterial Routes

Project	£	Funding Source
1. Centurion Way Phase I & Phase II (South) - Tree Clearance, Route Improvements & Tunnel Surveys (& into 21/22)	62,877	Access TPB budget
2. Rother Valley Way - Petersfield to Nyewood (& into 21/22)	8,426	Access TPB budget
3. Egrets Way Phase V - Piddinghoe to Newhaven (& into 21/22)	398,000	Strategic Fund, SDNPA CIL*, Lewes DC CIL*



II. Access TPB Projects 20/21 - Other/ Lesser Routes

TPB Project	£ - 2020/21	Funding
1. Permissive Paths in expiring Agri-Env Schemes (4.1km - FP & 13.6km - BW)	17,464	Access TPB budget
2. Falmer to Woodingdean Improvements	283,000	Strategic Fund, Brighton & Hove CC



Summary Points for Access TPB

The map displays the South Downs National Park area, highlighting various towns and villages. Key locations include Basingstoke, Winchester, Southampton, Brighton & Hove, and Eastbourne. The map also shows the locations of the South Downs National Park Authority and the South Downs National Park. The map is color-coded to show different types of routes: green for walking, blue for cycling, and red for both. The map also shows the locations of the South Downs National Park Authority and the South Downs National Park.

1. It's all about having a clear goal – i.e. a network of connected non-motorised user routes across the National Park.
2. Implementing clear plans to achieve this will involve recognising that we can't achieve everything at once and therefore need to prioritise.
3. The arterial projects will span a number of years, so for the Access TPB there is a degree of annual repetition of projects (i.e. a rolling work programme). They are big, expensive and complex projects (the development and build of these routes can take some years).

Connecting People & Communities Theme Programme Board



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5.3 ENCOURAGE SUSTAINABLE
To encourage sustainable and encouraging the retention

OUTCOME 6: LIFELONG LEARNING

There is widespread understanding of the special qualities of the National Park and the benefits it provides.

For this outcome our priorities for

6.1 PROVIDE OUTDOOR LEARNING FOR PEOPLE
To provide high-quality outdoor learning opportunities and locally relevant curriculum.

OUTCOME 7: HEALTH & WELLBEING

The National Park is a well-used and recognised asset for sustaining mental and physical health and wellbeing.

For this outcome our priorities for

7.1 IMPROVE HEALTH AND WELLBEING
To develop initiatives which enable local people to improve health and wellbeing.

OUTCOME 8: CREATING CUSTODIANS

More responsibility and action is taken by visitors, communities and businesses to conserve and enhance the special qualities and use resources more

For this outcome our priorities for

8.1 INCREASE VOLUNTEERING
To increase and diversify volunteering throughout the National Park.

OUTCOME 9: GREAT PLACES TO LIVE

Communities in the National Park are more sustainable with an appropriate provision of housing to address local needs and improved access to essential services and facilities.

For this outcome our priorities for the next five years are:

9.1 INCREASE AFFORDABLE HOUSING
To increase affordable housing stock in the National Park, with focus on exemplary design and using local sustainable materials.

9.2 SUPPORT VIBRANT COMMUNITIES
To support community-led initiatives which enhance the towns, villages and landscapes of the National Park.

9.3 IMPROVE DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE
To support improvement in digital infrastructure, speed and coverage throughout the National Park

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Outcome 5: Outstanding experiences

Outcome 6: Lifelong Learning

Projects	Contribution £ (approx.)	Partners/ other funding
Families outreach project	£0	£28,000 (SDNP Trust)
SuDS in Schools	£50,000 (TPB)	£370,000 The Aquifer Partnership: Brighton & Hove City Council, Environment Agency, Southern Water with SDNPA
SDNPA Funded School Trips	£5,800 (core) £10,000 (TPB)	£14550 (SDNP Trust)
Garden Classroom	£5,000 (core)	£9161 (SDNP Trust)



Outcome 8: creating Custodians

Projects	Contribution £ (approx.)	Partners/ other funding
South Downs Youth Action	0	£9,000 (Ernest Kleinwort and Clarion Housing)
Youth Action fund	0	£30,000 (#iwill fund and SDNP Trust)
Kingley Vale interpretation	11,000 (TPB)	£4,500 Natural England and £2,500 from Communications & Engagement core budget



Outcome 7: Health and Well Being

Board Projects	Contribution £ (approx)	Partners/ other funding
Artscape 2	£11,500 (TPB)	Artscape, Butser Ancient farm, Weald & Downland Living Museum
Truleigh Inspiring	£0	£5,000 Public Health England, Creative Waves, Going Local, MIND
Beat the Street	£10,000 (TPB)	Eastbourne Walking Festival, Public Health East Sussex, Chamber of Commerce, Sport England
Deep Time	£0	£8,500 Public Health England, HERA – Arts Group, Goldstone NHS Primary Care Network, Pavillions
Moulsecoomb Forest Garden 'Connecting in Nature'	£0	£5,000 Public Health England, Moulsecoomb Forest Garden, MIND in Brighton & Hove



Outcome 9: Great Places to Live

Priority 9.2 Support vibrant communities

Projects	Contribution £ (approx)	Partners/ other funding
Community Energy Pathway Project	£30,970 (CCAF)	Community Energy England, Local Enterprise Partnerships, UK Power Networks, Southern Gas Networks, University of Brighton, South East Enterprise Partnership and Low Carbon Across the South East (LoCASE), BEIS, National Energy Action, NatureSave, Community Energy England, 1010 Climate Change Group
Communities in the South Downs	£50,000 (Strategic Fund)	Town and Parish Councils, Highways Authorities, District Councils

Pathway for
Community
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Spring 2021

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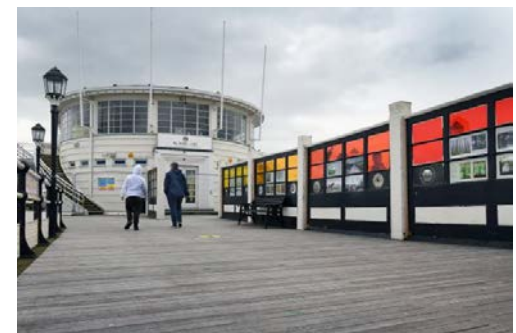


SOUTH DOWNS
NATIONAL PARK
CELEBRATING 10 YEARS



SDNPA Covid Recovery Fund

Project	£
Brighton Earthship (Low Carbon Trust)	10,000
Chichester Forest Schools	9,735
Creative Waves	7,250
East Clayton Farm (Lorica Trust)	7,288
Enriching Environmental Encounters	1,644
IPSE Wilderness	1,500
Railway Land Wildlife Trust	2,780
Tuppenny Barn	2,750
Winchester Go	7,688
Schools Digital Learning Project (internal funding)	10,000
Sustainability Centre	23,500



Sustainable Economy and Tourism Theme Programme Board (TPB)



Fitting in with the PMP

OUTCOME 10: GREAT PLACES TO WORK

A diverse, sustainable,
dynamic economy which
is positively linked to the
special qualities of the
National Park

For this outcome our priorities for the next five years are:

10.1: STRENGTHEN ENTERPRISE

To strengthen and support sustainably managed land-based industries and local enterprise.

10.2: INCREASE DESTINATION AWARENESS

To increase awareness and desirability of the South Downs as a special place to visit.

10.3: PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

To establish the South Downs as an exemplar in sustainable tourism.



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Outcome 10: Great places to work

A diverse, sustainable, dynamic economy which is positively linked to the special qualities of the National Park

Colleagues: CPM, Planning, Comms & South Downs Trust

Key Partners: Local Authorities, Destination Management Organisations/Tourism destination organisations, landowners/managers, local business, Rural West Sussex Partnership, Country Land and Business Association, National Farmers Union

Sustainable Economy and Tourism TPB Projects 20/21



South Downs Food & Drink - a series of three emergency communications to the Food and Drink sector in response to the economic fallout of the Covid 19 Pandemic were developed. The Connecting our Communities Map was launched the purpose of the project was to provide our communities with live up-to-date information on the availability of food & drink and essentials in their areas.



Business information website, newsletters - monthly newsletter produced for SDNP businesses over 600 signed up, engagement is crucial for businesses seeking support to survive, revive and thrive at a difficult time following the Covid-19 pandemic.



WEPs - Annual reviews for each of the six Estates with endorsed WEPs. Evaluation of WEPs underway and guidance to being revised. Management responsibilities of the whole WEP process now in the CPM Directorate with a new WEP Process has been created by Officers and agreed by P+R committee.



Sustainable Economy and Tourism TPB Projects 20/21



Viticulture - as well as providing a comprehensive evidence base for the Authority this work has been the catalyst for the building of new relationships between the SDNPA and many of the 51 Vineyards located in the SDNP.



Tourism Lockdown Webinars - gave advice and support on adapting businesses in the region in response to the pandemic. The three webinars attracted over 1000 engagements, and received between 350-400 unique webinar registrations providing important intelligence for the sector.



Dark Skies Welcome - Dark Skies Welcome Scheme for tourism businesses to demonstrate their contribution to maintaining dark skies, and to promote these businesses to consumers, linking with the SDNP Dark Sky Discovery sites and businesses will be listed on the SDNPA website later in the year.



Sustainable Economy and Tourism TPB Projects 20/21

The South Downs Enterprise Partnership (SDEP)

a new business community network for enterprises to; strengthen rural economy, demonstrate economic delivery, deliver our organisational priorities, improve collaboration and links to the landscape, 'think and act local' approach and facilitating business delivery of SDNP climate change targets.



Visitor economy project - working in partnership with SINC, provided IT based support to businesses within the SDNP visitor economy who have been required to adapt their traditional business model to a 'direct to consumer model' as a result of the restrictions enforced due to the Covid 19 pandemic, advice and support to 13 businesses in this financial year.



Recovery Grants - Following the creation and implementation of a grant assessment process £32,070.00 of small grants were given to 22 SDNP businesses in the financial year ending 31st March 2021.

