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Date: Tuesday, 23 July 2024

**Committee:**  
**Shropshire Hills National Landscape Partnership.**

**Date:** Wednesday, 31 July 2024  
**Time:** 9.30 am  
**Venue:** Shropshire Room, Craven Arms Community Centre, Newington Way,  
Craven Arms, Shropshire, SY7 9PS

You are requested to attend the above meeting.  
The Agenda is attached

Tim Collard  
Assistant Director - Legal and Governance

**Members of Shropshire Hills National Landscape Partnership.**

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Chris Turley (Vice Chairman)	Matthew Lawrence
Heather Kidd	Wayne Barnes
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Dan Morris	Robert Harris
Emma Bacon	Jim Bunce
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Rachel Cockett	Nigel Jackson
Adrian Cullis	Carol Griffiths
Sue Manns	Halliwell
Gillian Preece	Emma Johnson
Francis Acton	Charles Edwards
Tony Haighway	Jenny Rouquette
Ruth Houghton	Nick Read
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# AGENDA

## **1 Welcome and Apologies for Absence**

To receive apologies for absence

## **2 Minutes of the last meeting (Pages 1 - 4)**

The note of the meeting held on 19 March 2024 is attached for confirmation

## **3 National Lottery Heritage Fund**

To receive a presentation from Emma Birks, Senior Engagement Manager, Midlands and East, on NLHF new strategy and application process

## **4 Ancient Woodland Restoration Project**

To receive a presentation by Dougald Purce, Shropshire Hills National Landscape Team.

## **5 Update on Defra Policy and Developments**

The Chair will give a verbal update

## **6 Brief Updates on Shropshire Hills National Landscape Team Activity (Pages 5 - 10)**

This paper provides selected brief updates on recent activities of the staff team.

## **7 Management Plan Review - Progress Update and Discussion (Pages 11 - 16)**

This paper provides updates and material for discussion on the Management Plan review. This will be supplemented with slides at the meeting.

## **8 Updates from Partners**

To receive brief updates from Partner Organisations

**9 Date of Next meeting**

Members are advised that the next meeting of the Partnership will be held on Wednesday 13th November 2024 at 9.30am



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**MINUTES OF THE SHROPSHIRE HILLS NATIONAL LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP.  
MEETING HELD ON 19 MARCH 2024  
9.30 - 11.45 AM**

**Responsible Officer:** Tim Ward  
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**Present**

Alex Carson-Taylor (Chair), Chris Turley (Vice Chairman), Hilary Luff, Alison Caffyn, Rachel Cockett, Adrian Cullis, Gillian Preece, Francis Acton, Ruth Houghton, John Luck, Steve Pennington, Sarah Farquhar, Sue Lee, Nigel Jackson, Jenny Rouquette, Veronica Cossons and Nick Read

**11 Welcome and Apologies for Absence**

11.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

11.2 Apologies for absence were received from Jim Bunce, Charles Edwards, Cecilia Motley, Tony Heighway, Heather Kidd, Matthew Lawrence, Sue Manns and Dan Morris.

**12 Minutes of the last meeting**

**12.1 RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Partnership held on 23 November 2023 be approved as a true record.

12.2 The National Landscape Team Manager reminded members that there were still two vacancies on the Strategy & Performance Committee and asked anyone that was interested to contact him.

**13 Protected Landscapes Targets and Outcomes Framework**

13.1 Members received the report of the National Landscape Team Manager which introduced the new Defra Targets and Outcomes Framework for Protected Landscapes.

13.2 The Team Manager reminded members that the targets were for the area and not just the Partnership and that all partners were involved in the delivery of these targets. He advised the meeting that Natural England would be providing baseline data for each of the indicators by the end of April.

13.3 A member asked whether any funding would follow the targets especially with regards to access.

13.4 The Chair urged all members to consider how their organisations could contribute to the targets.

#### 13.5 **RESOLVED**

That the Partnership note the information provided in the report.

### 14 **Proposed Stiperstones Super NNR**

14.1 Members received the report of the National Landscape Team Manager which provided background information on Natural England's proposal to establish a landscape scale National Nature Reserve in the Marches area close to the existing Stiperstones NNR.

14.2 Andrew Nixon, Natural England gave a short presentation on the proposals and the work done to date. He then took questions.

### 15 **Defra Strategic Activity**

15.1 Members received the report of the National Landscape Team Manager which highlighted two recent publications by Defra

#### 15.2 Final response to the Landscapes Review

The Team Manager advised that the outcomes of the consultation in response to the Landscapes Review had been published. Some of the recommendations had been adopted but others such as the possibility of statutory consultee status in planning for National Landscape bodies and the possible updating of statutory purposes of designation were not currently being taken forward, though these had not been ruled out in the longer term.

#### 15.3 30 by 30

The Team Manager advised that the government had committed to protecting 30% of the UK's land by 2030 and had published a document setting out:

- criteria setting out how land can contribute towards 30 by 30 in England
- an indicative map - showing the areas which can already count, and broad areas with potential to contribute towards 30 by 30 in the future
- how government will work with stakeholders to develop additional guidance on how land can contribute towards 30 by 30

#### 15.4 **RESOLVED**

That the contents of the report were noted.

#### 16 **Management Plan Review**

- 16.1 Members received the report of the National Landscape Team Manager which suggested topics for discussion to inform content for the Management Plan.
- 16.2 The Team Manager advised the meeting that the Partnership Team had continued the plan review process and that an on-line survey of public opinion was to be launched shortly.
- 16.3 The Team Manager then outlined some initial thoughts around the new targets and the effects of incorporating them in the new plan and potential conflicts between Management Plan policies and other environment, social and economic objectives, and how the conflicts may be minimised.
- 16.4 Members asked how we could meet the challenges posed. The Team Manager commented that more clarity would be gained once the updated data was received.
- 16.5 With regard to the "Vision" members commented that it was important that the following issues were included: -
- The green economy
  - Opportunities for young people
  - Availability of affordable housing of the right type

#### 17 **Update on Shropshire Hills National Landscape Team Funding and Activity**

- 17.1 Members considered the report of the National Landscape Team Manager which provided an update on a significant new allocation of capital funding from Defra, and on other aspects of funding and activity by the team.
- 17.2 The Team Manager advised the meeting that additional capital funding had been announced by Defra to restore wildlife habitats and improve access, achieving more for people and nature and that it was expected that this would amount to £151k. He informed the meeting that the team were looking to work with partner organisations to identify potential projects.
- 17.3 The Team Manager updated Members on the work of the Team and reminded them of the Summer Forum and Field Visits event which was to be held on 13 June at Clee Hill Village Hall.

#### 18 **Local Nature Recovery Strategy and Species Conference**

- 18.1 Members received a presentation from Rachel Glover of the National Landscape Team on the Local Nature Recovery Strategy being led by Shropshire Council and

on the recent Species conference organised by Middle Marches Community Land Trust.

**19 National Landscapes Association Update**

- 19.1 Members received the report of the National Landscape Team Manager which gave an update on various aspects of activity by the National Landscapes Association.
- 19.2 The Team Manager took Members through the report and advised them that as part of the National Landscapes Conference which was being held this year at Harper Adams University, and being co-hosted by the Shopshire Hills, Cannock Chase and Clwydian Range & Dee Valley National Landscapes, the Shropshire Hills team were putting on three field visits on the Clun catchment, FiPL in the Clee Hills and sustainable tourism in the Long Mynd – Stiperstones area.

**19.3 RESOLVED:**

That Members note the contents of the report.

**20 Shropshire Hills Landscape Trust Update**

- 20.1 Rachel Cockett gave an update on the work of the Landscape Trust. She advised Members that Veronica Cossons had stepped down as a trustee and thanked her for all her work. She asked anyone that was interested in becoming a trustee to let the Team know.
- 20.2 Ms Cockett stated that trustees were seeking to address the decline in income and were looking to increase business sign up and financial support from local parish councils.

**21 Dates of Future Meetings**

- 21.1 Veronica Cossons advised the meeting that she was stepping down as the representative of the Shropshire Wildlife Trust and thanked members for their help and support. The Chair thanked her for all her work during her time on the Partnership
- 21.2 Members were advised that future meetings of the Partnership would be held on Wednesday 31st July 2024 and Wednesday 13th November 2024

Signed ..... (Chairman)

Date:





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## **BRIEF UPDATE ON SOME SHROPSHIRE HILLS NATIONAL LANDSCAPE TEAM ACTIVITY**

**Responsible Officer** Phil Holden, National Landscape Team Manager  
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### **Summary**

This paper provides selected brief updates on recent activities of the staff team (this is not a full work programme update).

### **Recommendation**

The Partnership is recommended to comment on the information provided.

### **Background**

#### Shropshire Hills Summer Forum and Field visits 13<sup>th</sup> June 2024

The Forum event at Cleehill village hall was attended by over 50 people, followed by three field visits:

- Farming in Protected Landscapes - farm visit to see how funding is supporting farmers in the Clee Hills.
- Our Upland Commons - a walk on Clee Liberty to hear about the project and community archaeology activity.
- Abdon District Dormouse Project – community conservation supported by the Conservation Fund.

The format of this event continues to successfully bring together the different parts of the Shropshire Hills National Landscape community – including the staff team, Partnership members, those involved with the Trust, Friends, and interested members of the public. A good amount of time was allowed for circulation and informal networking and there were around 12 stalls from different organisations in the hall in the morning.

#### Farming in Protected Landscapes

Allocation of grants in this fourth and final year of the FiPL programme is going well, but there is still around half of the £1.3 million grant pot for this year to allocate. Two evening drop-in sessions for farmers have recently been held to promote the availability of grants. The programme ends on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025, but Defra have secured funding to extend all roles for a further 6 months until the end of September 2025. This will be to undertake work associated with wrapping up the FiPL programme, including monitoring and headline data gathering, financial reporting and payment of all claims. In addition,

they have secured funding to extend FiPL adviser roles until March 2027, the end of the transition period in which direct subsidy payments to farmers are being phased out. There will not be the same FiPL grants available through this period but the expectation is that these roles instead will help optimise the effectiveness and take-up of ELMs (Environmental Land Management) in alignment with the Protected Landscape management plan, local priorities and the Targets and Outcomes Framework.

One interesting project supported through FiPL which is not just about work on a single farm is 'Pasture and Profit in Protected Landscapes', a programme from [Pasture for Life](#) that deploys 'peer-to-peer learning' to help farmers boost profits while delivering environmental benefits through grazing.

<https://www.shropshirehills-nl.org.uk/news/innovative-programme-for-shropshire-hills-livestock-farmers>

### National Landscapes Association Conference

We co-hosted the National Landscapes annual conference from 3-5<sup>th</sup> July at Harper Adams University. The majority of the team were involved in some way in the three field visits we provided:

- River Clun Catchment Management. Starting at the highest catchment headwaters, the trip crossed a heathland nature reserve along with farmed and forest areas right by the Welsh border. Current survey work here on peat, soils and hydrology is helping to encourage re-wetting and re-naturalising of headwater areas, and delegates heard about the work of Natural England's pilot Protected Site Strategy for the Clun catchment. After lunch the group visited a lower section of the River Clun to find out about citizen science water quality monitoring, and discuss the wider context of the challenges facing this catchment.
- Long Mynd and Stiperstones. This trip took a ride on the Shropshire Hills Shuttle Bus, crossing the Long Mynd and then explored the Stiperstones with a walk through flowering heather between the evocative quartzite tors. In the afternoon the group explored access and engagement in the area's mining story, and a trip below ground to explore the 'Day Level' of Snailbeach lead mine.
- Clee Hills. This trip visited two farm businesses supported by Farming in Protected Landscapes grants, looking at their farming systems, land management and local food enterprises. Led by the team's FiPL Advisers, delegates met the farmers and managers plus the other consultants and advisers who work closely with the Programme and with the farmers.

Wednesday afternoon's conference workshops included:

- Doughnut Economics for policy goals. Helen Lucocq, Bannau Brycheiniog National Park.
- Green Finance - What (and who) should we say no to? National Landscapes Association Nature-based Solutions team and Finance Earth.
- A conversation on how we make national landscapes more inclusive, using the experience of Cannock Chase as an example. Cannock Chase National Landscape team and Direct Access.

- Binding powerful coalitions in the landscape: shifting the paradigm through seeking to further the purposes? Ruth Larbey, National Landscapes Association, Tim Slaney, South Downs NPA, and John Mills, Cotswolds National Landscape.
- How a social and behavioural context can help us to deliver better farm advice and support. Dr Fiona Williams and Prof David Rose, Harper Adams University, supported by protected landscapes staff. (We helped to bring this workshop together).
- National Landscapes: responding to the climate, nature and wellbeing crisis. Dawn Griffiths and Hazel McDowall, Natural England.
- Heritage 2033 and opportunities for funding. Emma Birks, Jackie Lee and Drew Bennellick, National Lottery Heritage Fund.

#### Sustainable tourism Charter verification

We have had a couple of online meetings as part of the verification process for our application for the Europarc Charter for Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas. This has involved partners from Visit Shropshire, Visit Shropshire Hills and Shropshire Council. The process of the Charter continues to help keep sustainability considerations at the forefront in the tourism sector, both in the Shropshire Hills and county-wide.

#### Shuttles

The Shuttles service is extending this year thanks to a donation.

<https://www.shropshirehills-nl.org.uk/news/shropshire-hills-shuttle-bus-ndash-great-news-six-more-days->

#### Outreach work- Engagement Ranger

Joe Penfold has successfully engaged some new groups and has given talks and run some supported and guided visits. Groups have included a local sight loss group, a group from Shropshire Supports Refugees, the Young Rangers and the first groups through the national Generation Green 2 project.

#### Capital and revenue funding

As reported at the last meeting, the Team have an additional allocation of Defra funding this year. A number of projects through partners have now been allocated capital funds. Unexpectedly, half of the initial capital allocation for Nature and People was turned into revenue, bringing around £75k of additional Defra funds into the core budget. This has enabled us to extend our new Engagement Ranger post and to increase the hours of three members of the team, which has been a quick and effective way to increase capacity in the team. The additional funding hopefully puts us in a good position with regard to the next Defra funding period from April 2025 - it is not so likely that government will want to be seen to be reducing core funding from this level.

#### National Landscapes Association engagement with new government and MPs

The National Association has produced briefing material for new MPs and ministers, and a short summary of this is given in Appendix 1. There is a strong pitch to secure and increase government funding for National Landscapes.

**List of Background Papers**

None

**Human Rights Act Appraisal**

The information in this report is compatible with the Human Rights Act 1998.

**Environmental Appraisal**

The recommendation in this paper will contribute to the conservation of protected landscapes.

**Risk Management Appraisal**

Risk management has been appraised as part of the considerations of this report.

**Community / Consultations Appraisal**

The topics raised in this paper have been the subject of earlier consultations with Partnership members.

**Appendices**

Appendix 1 National Landscapes Priorities Briefing, National Landscapes Association, July 2024



# National Landscapes Priorities Briefing

As keystone partners bridging the gap between national priorities and local decision making, National Landscapes are ready to realise their potential to ramp up delivery of key national outcomes. These funding and legislative priorities are critical now. With binding national and global targets meaning this is the Parliament that must deliver 30 by 30, this Briefing sets out the top three, immediate actions we recommend the Government could take.

## Our top priorities

**Priority 1: Consolidate and recommit to current funding of £35 million per year** maintaining the effectiveness of ongoing programmes and achieving efficiency through streamlining Defra's funding support. National Landscapes are a proven mechanism to deliver priority outcomes at pace. Part of this £35 m. should come from embedding land management advice, guidance and delivery as an essential function of National Landscape teams, maintaining the current funding level (£20.2 million) of the successful, innovative Farming in Protected Landscapes programme.

**Priority 2: A prudent, additional investment of £11 million per year** to rebuild National Landscapes' capacity, shore up effective functioning and position them to help deliver government targets, take advantage of immediate opportunities and lever in new external resources including private finance, which will greatly multiply government investment.


**Priority 3: Strongly implement the game-changing duty to 'seek to further the purposes' in the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023, through secondary legislation, government guidance and sector-specific advice.** The LURA duty directs public bodies to conserve and enhance natural beauty in and around National Landscapes and should be used as a means to align decision making and investment, achieving greater momentum and coherence for national, legally binding objectives and targets. This is an opportunity to strengthen the powers associated with National Landscapes, to deliver for the nation.


## Who are we?


The National Landscapes Association is a registered charity, supporting the mission to conserve and enhance natural beauty in National Landscapes and other protected areas. The 46 National Landscapes in the UK are designated as areas of outstanding natural beauty, and their teams and partnerships work effectively to convene, enable and deliver positive outcomes that align with national and local priorities. We have a vision for **thriving and diverse nature, livelihoods and communities across the UK countryside – all underpinned by joined-up, wilder and greener landscapes that support biodiversity, climate resilience and essential environmental services from the soil up.** These priorities have been determined through in-depth consultation and discussion with a wide range of colleagues and partners in National Landscapes.

For more information or to discuss any of these priorities, please contact Ruth Larbey, Policy and Advocacy Manager at [ruth.larbey@national-landscapes.org.uk](mailto:ruth.larbey@national-landscapes.org.uk)

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## Key information: National Landscapes priorities

### Priority 1: Consolidate and recommit to current funding of £35 million per year, for a proven mechanism to deliver outcomes at pace.

- Maintain the effectiveness of ongoing programmes and achieve efficiency through streamlining Defra's funding support. This funding would most advantageously be secured for teams to deliver flexibly against Management Plan objectives, or it could be retained in its current form. Either way, **the funding would be used to deliver projects on the ground which will in turn deliver priority national and local outcomes, helping to ensure nature's recovery and supporting farmers to boost Britain's food security in a sustainable and nature-friendly way.**
- In National Landscapes, **national and local priorities are combined into a coherent, democratic vision for the landscape**, established via collaborative Management Plans, which are convened and enabled by the National Landscape teams. These Partner-approved Plans form the basis and structure for spending.
- Part of this £35 m. would come from **embedding land management advice, guidance and delivery as an essential function of National Landscape teams by maintaining the current funding level of the successful, innovative Farming in Protected Landscapes Programme at £20.2 million** for England's National Landscapes: a proven, cost-effective way to achieve landscape conservation and enhancement alongside productive, resilient food systems. The **statutory purpose of the National Landscapes cannot be delivered without engaging these areas' farmers and landowners.**
- 10% of UK farmland sits within National Landscapes. If that 10% of farmland received a proportional share of England's annual farming budget, that would be £240 million. We recommend that **targeting environmental land management (ELM) schemes towards objectives for National Landscapes, which integrate national- and local-level objectives, filling in the gaps in ELMS, and increasing accessibility of ELMS is worth much more than £20 million.**

### Priority 2: A prudent investment of £11 million per year to rebuild National Landscapes' capacity, shore up effective functioning and position them to help deliver legally binding targets.


- **These resilient teams have been underfunded for decades.** Though highly valued by local communities, their national role and potential is under-recognised. With strong evidence of their adaptivity and cost-effectiveness, additional investment will make them even more impactful.
- Enable them to take advantage of immediate opportunities and **lever in new external resources including private finance, which will greatly multiply government investment.** With the maturing market for private sector investment in nature, comes the potential to leverage funding at an unprecedented scale, supporting at least the previous government's ambition to raise £500 million a year for nature by 2027, with a relatively modest and achievable investment now. This will unlock the opportunities offered by National Landscapes, with their nimble, adaptive model, eager, experienced and effective teams and excellent track record of innovative delivery.
- The amount that England's National Landscapes need to get them on a more resilient footing is £10.9 million above this year's baseline of £34.7 m. – £45.6 m. which, for comparison's sake, **represents only 1.9% of the £2.4 billion annual farming budget, for an area covering 15% of England's land.**


### Priority 3: Strongly implement the duty to 'seek to further the purposes', through secondary legislation, government guidance and sector-specific advice. Use the duty to align decision-making and investment, achieving greater momentum and coherence for national, legally binding objectives and targets.


- **The duty is potentially game-changing if we get it right** – galvanising and steering organisations to act positively to conserve and enhance natural beauty and pull together to protect and restore nature and landscape quality, take action for climate resilience, and contribute fairly to a thriving, diverse and accessible UK countryside. If supported with prudent secondary legislation and clear guidance, it could also **profoundly and positively influence organisational decision-making cultures in the UK, for instance, for water quality, nature recovery and natural flood management.**
- **Democratically derived Management Plans need to be championed as having the central role** in answering the question: 'what does furthering the purposes of National Landscapes look like?'
- **Strengthen the powers associated with National Landscapes, in line with increased national expectations**, starting with formal protocols in the secondary legislation and by making the two Conservation Boards (Chilterns and Cotswolds) and Chichester Harbour statutory consultees.

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## MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW

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### Summary

This paper provides updates and material for discussion on the Management Plan review. This will be supplemented with slides at the meeting.

### Recommendation

The Partnership is recommended to comment on the issues raised.

### Background

The public survey has been running since April and we have so far received 140 responses. The output shows strong support for the purposes of the designation and the issues and priorities as we have recently described them. Some slides showing extracts of the results will be shown at the meeting.

Output from the Partnership's topic based workshops on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023 (see Appendix 2) is feeding into meetings of three Topic Groups. These are aiming especially to involve stakeholders beyond the Partnership, following production of a simple engagement plan. Some of the output from the Landscape, Natural Beauty and Land Management and the Planning Topic groups will be shared at the meeting.

Use of Doughnut Economics model (see Appendix 3). We have previously looked at this model, which defines parameters of a social foundation (human needs which should be met for everyone) and of an ecological ceiling, and so shaping a goal of policy to stay within this 'safe space for humanity'. Along with some other protected landscapes, we would like to use the model as a high level reference framework in the new Management Plan. A further stage of application of the model we are exploring is to try to 'localise' the parameters to the Shropshire Hills and their condition, and so to produce a visual representation which helps to convey the Management Plan's priorities and challenges. This will be talked through at the meeting with some slides.

Some data has been received from Defra linked to the new Targets and Outcomes Framework, a summary of which is given in Appendix 1.

Work continues by Defra on the new legal duty to ‘further’ the purpose of designation, including the drafting of guidance and regulations on this. The new duty will put extra significance on the Management Plan to identify what natural beauty means in the context of the individual protected landscape.

Some themes which are emerging for the new Plan are:

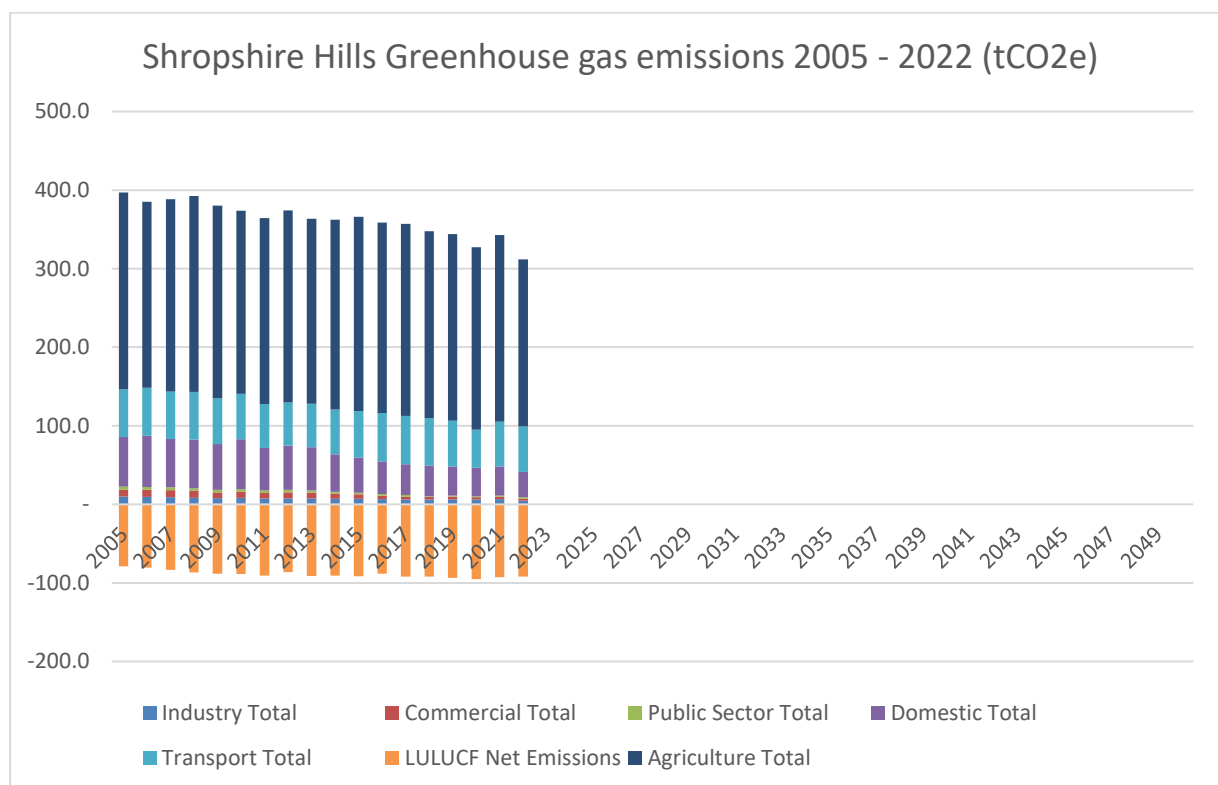
- The damage to **climate and nature** threatens human wellbeing and the balance of life – we need a new goal and framework of **meeting everyone’s needs within planetary boundaries**.
- We need to **allow nature to recover while producing healthier food in ways which sustain the land** – this is not an either/or, it needs integrated solutions.
- We need to **de-carbonise and adapt rapidly** across all sectors through **behavioural change as well as technology**, embracing the huge opportunities for a new economy and better wellbeing.
- We need to support **people’s closer connection to nature and place**, being more active for health, helping to nurture our environment and being part of communities.
- We need to **upscale positive action** to achieve these things, and to **stop doing the things which continue to cause harm** and go in the wrong direction.

<b>List of Background Papers</b> None
<b>Human Rights Act Appraisal</b> The information in this report is compatible with the Human Rights Act 1998.
<b>Environmental Appraisal</b> The recommendation in this paper will contribute to the conservation of protected landscapes.
<b>Risk Management Appraisal</b> Risk management has been appraised as part of the considerations of this report.
<b>Community / Consultations Appraisal</b> The topics raised in this paper have been the subject of earlier consultations with Partnership members.
<b>Appendices</b> Appendix 1 2024 data on Protected Landscape Targets & Outcomes Framework Appendix 2 Topics from 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2023 Partnership meeting workshops Appendix 3 Brief notes on the Doughnut Economics model



## Appendix 1 2024 summary data on Protected Landscape Targets & Outcomes Framework

Targets	2024 level Shropshire Hills (with some context notes)
<b>Target 1:</b> Restore or create more than 250,000ha of a range of wildlife-rich habitats within Protected Landscapes, outside protected sites by 2042 (from a 2022 baseline).	
<b>Target 2:</b> Bring 80% of SSSIs within Protected Landscapes into favourable condition by 2042.	<b>57.9% of SSSI features in favourable condition</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> highest of 44 protected landscapes National Landscapes average 41.3% All England average 39.5%
<b>Target 3:</b> For 60% of SSSIs within Protected Landscapes assessed as having 'actions on track' to achieve favourable condition by 31 January 2028.	<b>14% of SSSI features have actions on track</b> (17 out of 104). 17 <sup>th</sup> of 44 Protected Landscapes. National Landscapes average 15.3% All England average 14.1%
<b>Target 4:</b> Continuing favourable management of all existing priority habitat already in favourable condition outside of SSSIs (from a 2022 baseline) and increasing to include all newly restored or created habitat through agri-environment schemes by 2042.	
<b>Target 5:</b> Ensuring at least 65% to 80% of land managers adopt nature friendly farming on at least 10% to 15% of their land by 2030.	
<b>Target 6:</b> Reduce net greenhouse gas emissions in Protected Landscapes to net zero by 2050 relative to 1990 levels.	A <b>31.7% reduction</b> in the total of measured greenhouse gas emissions linked to the Shropshire Hills National Landscape has been observed between <b>2005 and 2022</b> . (Note that this excludes consumption based emissions so is not alone a measure directly linked to net zero).
<b>Target 7:</b> Restore approximately 130,000 hectares of peat in Protected Landscapes by 2050.	<b>0 ha of peat committed for restoration</b> by March 2025 Only 6 National Landscapes have >0
<b>Target 8:</b> Increase tree canopy and woodland cover (combined) by 3% of total land area in Protected Landscapes by 2050 (from 2022 baseline).	<b>Total area 11,352 ha</b> Broadleaved 5,309.0 Conifer 3,797.3 Felled 930.9 Ground prep 14.6 Mixed 644.6 Shrub 19.9 Windblow 6.6 Young trees 629.1
<b>Target 9:</b> Improve and promote accessibility to and engagement with Protected Landscapes for all using existing metrics in our Access for All programme.	
<b>Target 10:</b> Decrease the number of nationally designated heritage assets at risk in Protected Landscapes.	<b>Listed Buildings 1%</b> <b>Scheduled monuments 7.4%</b> (11 <sup>th</sup> of 44 PLs, Average 11.9%)



Year	Industry Total	Commercial Total	Public Sector Total	Domestic Total	Transport Total	LULUCF Net Emissions	Agriculture Total	Grand Total tCO2e
<b>2005</b>	9.9	8.7	3.7	63.2	61.1	-79.0	250.6	<b>332.8</b>
<b>2006</b>	9.4	9.2	3.7	65.3	61.0	-80.8	236.5	<b>318.1</b>
<b>2007</b>	9.2	8.8	3.5	61.5	60.6	-83.3	244.8	<b>313.6</b>
<b>2008</b>	8.3	8.8	3.5	61.8	60.8	-86.8	249.5	<b>320.6</b>
<b>2009</b>	7.7	7.7	3.1	58.2	58.4	-88.3	245.2	<b>300.0</b>
<b>2010</b>	8.1	7.9	3.3	63.4	57.9	-88.8	233.2	<b>299.1</b>
<b>2011</b>	7.3	7.2	3.0	54.1	55.9	-90.8	237.1	<b>285.4</b>
<b>2012</b>	7.3	7.8	3.2	56.4	54.8	-86.4	244.5	<b>300.1</b>
<b>2013</b>	7.3	7.3	3.0	55.1	55.5	-91.0	235.4	<b>284.3</b>
<b>2014</b>	7.2	6.2	2.6	47.4	57.2	-90.8	241.5	<b>279.3</b>
<b>2015</b>	6.9	5.7	2.3	44.8	58.7	-91.6	247.4	<b>282.9</b>
<b>2016</b>	6.6	4.6	2.1	41.7	61.5	-88.4	242.4	<b>280.4</b>
<b>2017</b>	6.3	3.8	2.0	38.9	61.7	-92.0	244.6	<b>273.8</b>
<b>2018</b>	6.1	3.3	1.1	38.8	60.2	-92.1	237.9	<b>263.5</b>
<b>2019</b>	6.3	3.5	1.4	37.2	58.2	-93.4	237.6	<b>259.6</b>
<b>2020</b>	6.2	2.9	1.2	36.2	48.5	-95.1	232.5	<b>239.9</b>
<b>2021</b>	6.6	3.2	1.3	37.1	56.9	-92.9	237.6	<b>257.2</b>
<b>2022</b>	4.5	2.9	1.5	32.4	57.7	-92.1	212.9	<b>227.3</b>

LULUCF = Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry

## **Appendix 2 Topics from 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023 Partnership meeting workshops**

### Land Management

- Agricultural transition, especially for upland farmers. ELMS - SFI, Countryside Stewardship, Landscape Recovery
- Land use tools and mapping, research and studies – how to use
- National Land Use Framework
- Farmer clusters – developing them, supporting more, bringing them together in some way?
- Nature recovery – including LNRS, Biodiversity Net Gain
- Post-FiPL farm advice role of the National Landscape team
- How to get information/support to farmers – a policy forum?
- Green Finance – an opportunity
- Climate change - net zero, adaptation

### Planning

- Raise awareness of the National Landscape in the local authorities – with officers and committees
- Biodiversity Net Gain
- Review of NPPF
- Improve information and guidance for applicants?
- Neighbourhood Plans
- Housing – various mechanisms in place but still not achieving enough affordable housing to sustain communities
- Clun catchment – work going on to try to break deadlock
- Try to secure resources for greater input from National Landscape team

### Community & Enjoyment

- Sources of data on tourism use and trends, visitor data, heat source mapping
- Supporting funding applications and bidding for resources
- Health and wellbeing, inclusion and participation
- Consultation with visitors and audiences
- Engagement with young people, and following through from younger to teenage to post-school
- How do we communicate the value of the National Landscape more widely
- Some concern about dispersal affecting quieter areas, and pressure on other areas of conservation
- Make the plan more accessible to a wider audience

### Appendix 3 Brief notes on the Doughnut Economics model

The Doughnut is a compass for human prosperity in the 21st century, with the aim of meeting the needs of all people within the means of the living planet.

It consists of two concentric rings: a social foundation, to ensure that no one is left falling short on life's essentials, and an ecological ceiling, to ensure that humanity does not collectively overshoot the planetary boundaries that protect Earth's life-supporting systems.

Between these two sets of boundaries lies a doughnut-shaped space that is both ecologically safe and socially just: a space in which humanity can thrive.



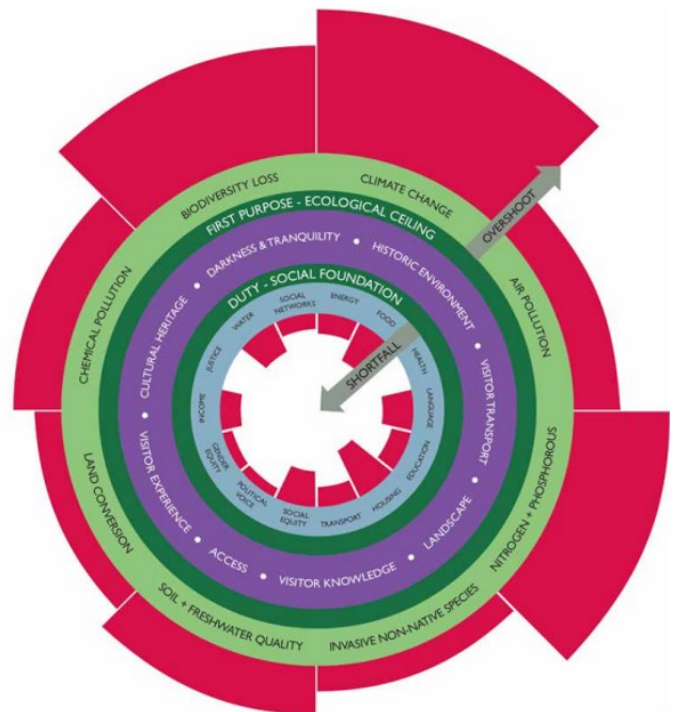
#### Application of the doughnut model for Bannau Brycheiniog National Park

"Our Park Doughnut is adapted to the unique circumstances of our status as a UK National Park. We see it as a framework for successful implementation of our purposes and duty, combined with a set of measurable policy goals for success.

For us the social foundation relates to our socio-economic duty; no one living within the boundary of the National Park should be disadvantaged by the designation and our park will only thrive if our communities do too.

The outer ecological ceiling represents our first purpose to conserve and enhance the environment (ecological and cultural) of the National Park; drawing this as a ceiling allows us to clearly signify the environmental capacity of the Park and the impacts of moving beyond this ceiling.

The space at the core of the doughnut formed from these two boundaries helps us understand the shifts that are needed in order for us to provide an arena for human enjoyment (our second purpose) that is both ecologically safe and socially just. It also reminds us that in providing this service we run the risk of breaching boundaries ourselves."



For a simple explanation of Doughnut Economics see the series of short animated videos at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mkg2XMTWV4g>

For other practical applications see Doughnut Economics Action Lab <https://doughnuteconomics.org/>