

# COMMITMENTS

## TOWARDS A MORE SUSTAINABLE SOUTH WEST

Protected Landscapes have a key role to play in the delivery of environmental and cultural policy objectives in the region. By aligning partnership delivery and focusing resources on a core set of priority activities South West Protected Landscapes are making a major commitment to a sustainable future for all.

### SOUTH WEST PROTECTED LANDSCAPES HAVE COMMITTED TO:

#### CLIMATE CHANGE

- Support energy reduction and efficiency across all sectors
- Promote sustainable forms of development
- Enhance the carbon stores in peat, soils and woodland
- Pioneer projects in renewable energy, sustainable food and timber production
- Support and promote small scale wood fuel heat production, especially in areas off the gas network

#### HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT

- Champion the use of the Historic Environment Record and Historic Landscape Character Mapping
- Develop integrated approaches to the management of the historic environment

#### NATURAL RESOURCES

- Promote good agricultural practice that minimise pollution and soil erosion
- Support and promote catchment sensitive farming and agri-environment schemes
- Promote and support the skills, practices and businesses that deliver sustainable management of the countryside, coast and sea

#### LANDSCAPE CHARACTER

- Inspire stakeholders and communities to engage with their landscape
- Build deeper understanding of the distinctive character of landscape
- Promote the multiple benefits provided by landscape
- Support integrated decision-making by embedding landscape characterisation tools in the planning system

#### BIODIVERSITY

- Develop and support local and landscape-scale initiatives to restore, protect and buffer UK Biodiversity Action Plan priority habitats, conserve associated species and increase resilience to climate change

#### DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- Work with Local Planning Authorities to conserve and enhance living and working landscapes
- Nurture sustainable design and construction

#### COAST, SEA AND MARINE

- Support environmentally sensitive shoreline management and community adaptation to changing coasts
- Support the establishment of Marine Protected Areas and improvements to coastal corridor access

#### RURAL ECONOMY - SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

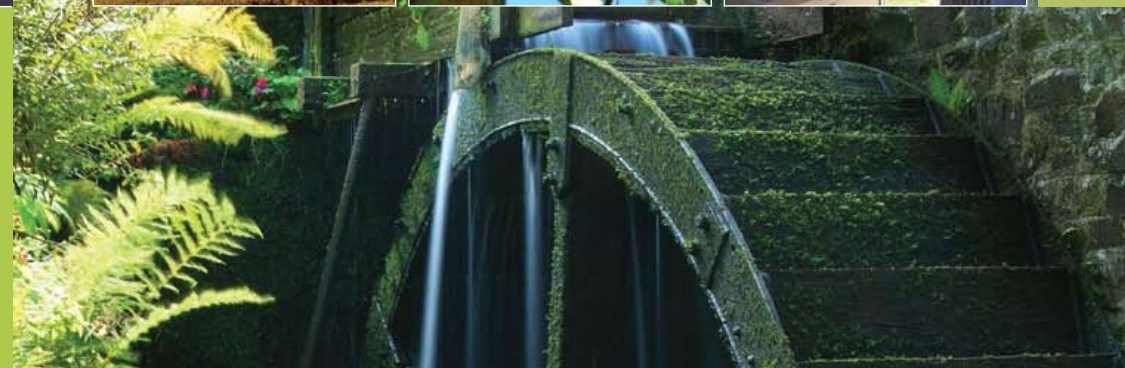
- Support and foster community facilities and activities which reinforce the cultural traditions of Protected Landscapes
- Increase volunteering opportunities and the range of people participating in Protected Landscape projects

#### ENJOYING AND EXPLORING

- Ensure a high quality experience for everyone seeking enjoyment of the landscapes special qualities
- Provide and maintain appropriate interpretation of culture, heritage and landscape
- Promote learning in the landscape, for example through outdoor education and Forest Schools

#### PARTNERSHIPS

- Encourage integrated thinking and cross-sectoral collaboration
- Promote regard for the purposes of Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and National Park designation and the responsibilities of statutory agencies and external bodies under the Countryside & Rights of Way Act 2000 and the Environment Acts



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