



**North Devon
Coast
National
Landscape**

Parish Council Updates - April 2026

National Landscape Management Plan Review

The Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 requires that all Local Authorities covering the North Devon National Landscape act together to review their Management Plan every five years. Following a hear of stakeholder and public consultation, we are pleased with the full draft of the Management Plan 2026-2031. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the process.

The plan now moves into the process of formal adoption by relevant authorities including consultation with Natural England, the production of a Strategic Environmental Assessment report and presentation to Council cabinet and committees.

Likely timeline for adoption will be by July 2026. The current management plan and policies be in use until adoption of the reviewed plan.

We will be reaching out to the North Devon Coast National Landscape (NDCNL) Partnership for input into the associated 5-year delivery plan.

State of the National Landscape 2025

As part of the Management Plan review process, we have completed the State of the National Landscape 2025 Report. This report pulls together the data and information gathered by the National Landscape team, with its partners including Natural England, for the National Landscape; and from other sources as indicated. It presents data collated in the autumn of 2025 alongside comparable data from annual reviews and reports, where such exists, or to alternative.

The report is packed with interesting data, graphs and maps. The full report is available on our website. [State of the National Landscape Report 2025 – North Devon Coast](#)

Partnership Recruiting Members

The North Devon Coast National Landscape are recruiting new community members to join our Partnership. We are also recruiting for the position of Chair.

You would be joining local people, organisations and representatives of statutory agencies, on the Partnership in an advisory role, to ensure that the natural beauty of the North Devon Coast National Landscape is conserved and enhanced for future generations.

As a member of the Partnership you would meet formally three times a year, you would champion the National Landscape, provide advice, and help develop policy that would guide the North Devon Coast National Landscape team's work within the area.

Following the most recent review of the National Landscape Management Plan, the Partnership is seeking people who are passionate about the North Devon Coast, its communities, accessibility, environment and who want to ensure the North Devon Coast remains a special place.

People from our local communities are important in advising the Partnership on community issues and priorities and we currently have vacancies for Community Members

Is this something you think you would be interested in?

<https://www.northdevoncoast-nl.org.uk/>

Small Grants Scheme

Projects supported by SDF 2025-26

Over the last 12 months our Sustainable Development Fund (SDF) has been supporting a range of projects across the North Devon.

- Surf and Conservation Film Festival – Earth Action North Devon & World Surfing Reserve
- Ilfracombe Shelter Murals – Silk Crystal
- Wish You Were Here...- Photography and Arts Project
- Community Orchard, Brimlands Playing Field – Ilfracombe
- Green Fingers Allotment Carpentry Club – CEET
- Refresher and further Environmental Educational teacher training – Environmental Educational Consultancy
- Ilfracombe Aquarium – Exhibition improvements
- Northam Burrows Weather Station – North Devon Biosphere
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National Landscape Community Fund

The 2026-27 grant will be open for applications soon under the new name of National Landscape Community Fund. To find out more keep an eye on our Facebook and Instagram pages. [National Landscape Community Fund](#)

Grant Funding April 2026 – March 2027 – Please Promote!

Farming in Protected Landscapes

Supporting Nature/Climate/People/Place projects on farms and land holdings £1k-£25k per project. Project funding available until 2029!

Contact Jemima.Western@Devon.gov.uk

30by30 – 30% of land protected for nature by 2030

Capital projects that can demonstrably enable work towards 30by30 that can demonstrate purpose, protection and management of in-situ conservation

Contact Chrissie.Ingle@Devon.gov.uk

Access for All

Funding available for projects improving access to and within the National Landscape.

Contact Laura.Carolan@Devon.gov.uk

National Landscape Community Fund

Small grants to support local projects that help to deliver actions and objectives in the NDCNL Management Plan. £250-£4k per project. Project may include, but are not limited to interpretation, arts engagement and citizen science.

Contact Laura.Carolan@Devon.gov.uk

Publicity and Communications

Events Calendar for activities in and around the AONB - northdevoncoast-nl.org.uk/events

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