

Nature Recovery

Priority	Action	Target date	Measures of success	Partners	Legislation and policy
Making space for nature	NR1: Restore and expand priority habitats NR2: Halt the decline of, and reintroduce, native species	2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 65% of the National Park well managed for nature and in good or recovering condition 5,000 hectares of priority habitats brought into active management 10km of hedgerow created 75% of SSSI restored to favourable condition 5km watercourses enhanced / ponds created Decline of species halted; reintroduce new species informed by Local Nature Recovery Strategies Accessible greenspace near residential development created 	NE, HIIWT, RSPB, NT, HIIWT, RSPB, EA / NFCP, FE, NFLAS, Parish councils, WC & HCC	25 YEP, Environment Act 2021, Glover (Proposal 3) State of Nature report
Enhancing Natural Capital	NR3: Promote understanding of natural capital and its role in the New Forest	2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natural capital baseline adopted and used by partners Peat resource map established 	NPA	National Climate Change Adaptation Programme, Glover (Proposal 2)
Supporting Nature Recovery through ELMS	NR4: Develop closer working with and better support for land managers	2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ELM scheme for the Open Forest agreed by 2023 Increase in number of landowners, farmers and commoners benefitting from advice 	Forest Farming Group, NFLAS, NFDC, TVBC, HCC, WC	25 YEP, Glover (Proposal 5)
Mitigating recreational pressures	NR5: Agree and publish a spatial plan which identifies more appropriate locations for recreation and associated infrastructure	2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Car Park Local Development Order (LDO) developed in tandem with spatial plan Mitigation strategy agreed Funding for recreation management secured Availability of new enforcement powers to address illegal use & activities on the Forest (2025) App to distribute New Forest code messages and collect recreation management data launched (2025) 	NPA, NE, Mitigation project steering group, NPA, FE, GNF, NFT, NFDC	Footprint Ecology reports, Habitats Regulations

Net Zero with Nature

Priority	Action	Target date	Measures of success	Partners	Legislation and policy
Establishing data and evidence baseline	NZN1: Enhance understanding, identification and monitoring of carbon data	2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carbon emission baseline for the National Park agreed by 2022 Carbon storage and sequestration rates for National Park habitats established and mapped by 2022 Actions to reduce emissions to Net Zero identified by 2023 Management interventions to increase carbon sequestration rates identified 	NPA, FE, NE, EA, NFDC, HCC, HIWWT	Glover (Proposal 3), Net Zero with Nature strategy due 2022

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Target carbon sequestration rate identified for the National Park • Climate change effects on National Park's carbon storage and sequestration capabilities investigated 		
Implement nature-based climate solutions	NZN2: Implement nature-based climate solutions to reduce carbon emissions and increase carbon sequestration by identifying suitable interventions, working with land managers and securing sufficient finance	2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction of land-based emissions in line with a trajectory that is compatible with preventing global warming to 1.5C • Actions that sequester carbon prioritised • Maintain habitats' carbon storage capabilities and prevent their degradation • The New Forest's peat resource is protected and enhanced • Woodland creation carried out where appropriate • Hedgerows created and restored • Areas set aside for woodland to naturally regenerate • Coastal saltmarsh protected • Soil carbon stores enhanced and protected • Number of farmers / landowners engaged and collaborating with others at a landscape scale • Public and private finance secured to restore nature and sequester carbon 	NPA, HIWWT, FE, NFLAS, land management community, NE, HCC, National Trust, RSPB, NFDC	Forest Design Plan, Local Nature Recovery Design Plan, NEIRF project, Glover (Proposal 3), 25 YEP, Net Zero with Nature strategy due 2022
Building a New Forest coalition for a net zero economy	NZN3: Work collectively to reduce carbon emissions and identify investment opportunities NZN4: Require all developers to build zero-carbon homes	2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forums established to work together to reduce emissions • Emissions reduced in line with limiting global warming to 1.5°C • Encourage residents and visitors to use sustainable forms of travel to access the National Park • Reduce energy use and increase low-carbon energy use in buildings across the National Park • Reduce waste creation in the National Park • Zero carbon homes policy adopted in new National Park Local Plan 	Green Halo / PFSH, NFLAS, NF Business Partnership, HCC, NFDC	Glover (Proposal 3), Net Zero with Nature strategy due 2022
Activating communities	NZN5: Support communities, businesses, and visitors to adopt a more carbon friendly way of living and visiting	2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and engagement programme established by 2022 • Amount of funding for sustainable living initiatives secured (in addition to SCF) • Number of volunteers regularly taking part in climate, nature and heritage activities 	NPA, NFDC, WC, NFBP, tourism partnerships, parish councils, green groups	Glover (Proposal 3), Net Zero with Nature strategy due 2022
Increasing sustainable travel	NZN6: Adopt and implement sustainable transport plans	2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Forest Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) agreed and network improvements made • Lower speed limit trial implemented and analysed • Bespoke New Forest transport and rural roads approach established, as part of Local Transport Plans 	NPA, NFDC, HCC, WC, Police	DfT guidance on local cycling & walking infrastructure plans, Net Zero

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amount of funding for sustainable transport schemes secured • Reduction in visitors stating car as their main mode to travel around (2019 baseline 93%) • Increase in number of people arriving in the New Forest by bus (compared to 2019 baseline) 		with Nature strategy due 2022
--	--	--	--	--	-------------------------------

Thriving Forest

Priority	Action	Target	Measures of success	Partners	Legislation and policy
Increasing green skills and jobs	TF1: Promote opportunities in the green jobs sector, especially for young people	2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and training strategy for young people established, including an apprenticeship programme • More young people reached • Green recovery / investment fund created 	NPA, LEP, NFDC, Energise Me, universities	Greenprint, Freeport
Supporting sustainable land management and securing the future of commoning	TF2: Collaborate with relevant organisations to protect and promote commoning	2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated commoners' review • Increasing the public's knowledge about commoning and its heritage • No net loss of back-up grazing 	CDA, Verderers	NEIRF, ELM
Supporting NF business and green tourism	TF3: Increase green investment opportunities for businesses TF4: increased number of households benefitting from superfast broadband	2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investment in green infrastructure and initiatives • Percentage of households benefitting from superfast broadband 	Go New Forest, LEP, NFDC, WC, Hampshire Chamber of Commerce, NFBP, HCC	Green Leaf
Increasing the availability of affordable housing	TF5: Work collectively in identifying and facilitating site finding, community involvement and the application process	2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 new affordable dwellings delivered through rural exception sites • No net loss of existing stock of affordable and occupancy restricted dwellings to open market housing 	NPA, NFDC, HHH, FE	Forestry England Housing Review, Local Plans, National planning policy and guidance
Increase the Park's resilience to the effects of climate change	TF6: Increase the resilience of the Park's habitats and adapt Park infrastructure where necessary	2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate change impact assessments carried out on Park habitats and habitat resilience-building interventions carried out • Identify infrastructure at risk and remedial works carried out 	NPA, NFDC, HCC, WC, FE, NE, HIWWT, RSPB, National Trust, NFLAS	Climate Change Adaptation Manual 2020 by Natural England, Independent-Assessment-of-UK-Climate-Risk-Advice

An inclusive National Park

Priority	Action	Target	Measures of success	Partners	Legislation and policy
Promoting health and wellbeing	INP1: Implement a variety of health and nature-based interventions	2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More people benefitting from new partnerships between the health and environment sectors More people taking part in walking / cycling / nature activities for health programmes New PedALL centre established in Ashurst 	NPA, NHS, Bournemouth Uni, PedALL, NFDC, Community First NF	National Parks England & Public Health England Joint Accord 2017, Glover (Proposal 10)
Connecting people with nature and landscape	INP2: Establish programmes to engage with more people from diverse backgrounds and support initiatives	2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New programmes established that remove barriers to participation and access to nature Increased number of rangers working in the National Park Increased number of people from specific audiences engaged Increased number of volunteers and ambassadors are from under-served groups Youth Action project established 	FE, NT, HCC, NPA, NF Access Forum	Glover (Proposal 7), Statutory National Park purposes
Safeguarding cultural heritage	INP3: Establish programmes for communities and residents in fostering local identity	2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More local communities (heritage groups, parish councils, interest groups, local organisations) involved in cultural and natural heritage projects Cultural heritage and archaeological dataset set up Increase NF Knowledge users Successful 'Culture in Common' Arts Council England-funded project 	NPA, NFHC, parishes, Energise Me	Statutory National Park purposes, HLS

Team New Forest

Priority	Action	Target	Measures of success	Partners	Legislation and policy
Establishing stronger partnerships within the New Forest boundary	TNF1: Deliver the annual action plan; new Partnership Board established by 2022	2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6,000 people/year engaged through programme of regular collaborative surveys and consultations by the partnership Recognition of the Partnership Board by outside bodies Care for the Forest campaign delivers measurable reduction in recreation impacts with more organisations / individuals supporting it 	NPA, constituent local authorities, other statutory bodies	Section 62, Environment Act 1995
	TNF2: Annual review and relaunch 'Care for the Forest, Care for Each Other' Action Plan	2022			

Leading the Green Agenda beyond the New Forest	TNF2: Establish stronger links with neighbouring business communities and councils	2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of business engaged / signed-up to Green Halo • Projects arising from Greenprint • Southampton CC supported in City of Culture and national park city bids • National Park City region concept scoped out 	NPA, LEP, SCC, SDNPA, AONB, Universities, Green Halo Partnership, HIOWWT, PFSH, Future South, Business South, Greentech South, BCP, Dorset Council, Wiltshire Council, TVBC	
Developing a Centre of Excellence of insights and innovation for the New Forest	TNF3: Understanding our evidence needs, the gaps and how to fill them	2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated State of the Park report published • Audit of insights/data/evidence available completed and gaps identified to enable delivery of the Partnership Plan • Dashboard-style webpage providing relevant data available on NPA website • Potential for Smart Park - digital and tech – scoped out to help us achieve our actions 	NPA, HCC, HBIC, universities	