

RMS Actions mapped against Partnership Plan Themes and Action Plan

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	Some delay
	Not started

Net Zero with Nature

Strategic Action	What will be done?	What has happened...	Partnership Plan Priorities
Manage the distribution and type of recreation facilities to protect the Forest, improve people's enjoyment and use resources effectively (14).	<p>Guided by the spatial plan, a range of opportunities will be considered and progressed where appropriate. Some will be dependent on funding being found and some could be phased (e.g. over a number of years and/or on an area basis).</p> <p>Options include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • routes that could be developed to encourage people to travel to or around the New Forest without a car • traffic management to reduce verge parking changes to car parking distribution and capacity e.g. moving, enlarging or closing some car parks (seasonally or permanently) – whilst maintaining adequate overall capacity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delays in progressing the New Forest Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan - mapping and audit by HCC now scheduled for Spring 2023. • Earlier Footprint Ecology report captures use of individual car parks • NPA mitigation funds being used for improving rights of way signage on selected routes • NFDC Local Plan (2020) makes provision for significant new 'Accessible Natural Recreational Greenspace' areas. • New development on allocated sites in the National Park make 	<p>Producing and delivering an agreed New Forest Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) (1.5.1)</p> <p>Carefully integrating infrastructure projects with the wider natural environment (1.3.2)</p> <p>Encouraging visitors to adopt low carbon forms of travel to access the Park (1.4.2)</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • increasing or decreasing the level of associated visitor facilities and/or information • selective improvements to the network of permitted off road routes for cycling, carriage driving and organised events • route information on cycle waymarkers to help people navigate on permitted Crown land cycle routes • rights of way where higher levels of maintenance, enhanced signage or interpretation would be useful (e.g. to implement Hampshire County Council's desire for strategic routes or to provide an alternative to walks in the open Forest) • road safety improvements e.g. at junctions that are difficult for cyclists, and where off-road routes have to cross busy roads • new areas in and around the National Park where recreation can take place, including off-lead dog walking and training (e.g. on private land) • charging for parking at some locations where it is currently free, with appropriate concessions (e.g. for regular users or local people) and making it clear that the money would be spent on the Forest 	<p>provision for new areas of recreational greenspace (including 30 ha at Fawley)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Forest Walking App providing digital signage along 40 walking routes, new historic routes and other walks added in 2022. NPA website also updated with routes. Suite of routes printed leaflets being developed. England Coast Path section launched – Calshot to Gosport. • Oak signposts added along two promoted walking routes at Tatchbury and Cadland. • England Coast Path section in the NP opened Aug 2022 - Ashlett Creek to Calshot 	

Nature Recovery

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<p>Develop a spatial plan for where recreation should be encouraged across the New Forest and surrounding areas and establish procedures to facilitate desirable changes (13).</p>	<p>The National Park Authority plans to develop a spatial plan, supported by a Local Development Order (LDO), which would be focused on the distribution of visitor facilities, identifying the kinds of places where gateways, key sites and core routes should ideally be located. The spatial plan would complement habitat mitigation strategies of neighbouring planning authorities.</p> <p>In particular, the proposed LDO would provide the rationale and well-considered processes for permitting changes to the distribution and capacity of car parking that would both protect the environment and improve the recreational experience. It would clarify when planning permission is still needed, when consent is required, e.g. from Natural England and the Verderers and when a Habitats Regulations Assessment or Environmental Impact Assessment is necessary.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partnership Plan includes a renewed commitment to produce a spatial plan for where recreation should be encouraged across the New Forest and surrounding areas (alongside opportunities for wildlife habitat improvements) More work being undertaken by Natural England to progress a high-level Habitats Regulations Assessment to support LDO FE have now appointed a Project Manager to oversee the 'New Forest Car Park Strategy' 	<p>Developing a spatial plan for where recreation should be accommodated in the New Forest and surrounding areas (2.5.1)</p> <p>Agreeing a strategy to facilitate changes to the location and capacity of car parking on the Open Forest and adjacent commons (2.5.2)</p>

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	<p>As with the development of other planning documents, all key stakeholders (the public, local communities, user groups and organisations) would be involved and consulted on the proposed LDO.</p>		
<p>Work in partnership to reduce negative impacts of recreation (6).</p>	<p>We will continue to address the most significant and widespread negative impacts through working groups or other joint initiatives involving relevant local organisations.</p> <p>This ongoing work will be strengthened by the following toolkit and other actions in this strategy (e.g. increasing the number of rangers and volunteers on the ground).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint ‘Care for the Forest, Care for Each Other’ campaign now evolving into a New Forest Code campaign. • Seasonal signage deployed by Forestry England • Successful and ongoing campaign against use of disposable BBQs with local retailers and BBQ ban, with Dorset Council and BCP now following suit. Defra carrying out research into impact of wildfires, disposable bbqs and sky lanterns on the open countryside. • Greater use of vehicle verge/gateway parking stickers • Physical work (ditching/dragons’ teeth) to reduce verge parking at selected locations • Increased protection of ground nesting birds (signage, rangers, 	<p>Developing a strategic approach to mitigate the potential impacts associated with increasing recreational pressures arising from planned new housing and visitor accommodation on the internationally designated habitats</p>

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		<p>seasonal car park closures, social media). Heathland/GNB leaflet being updated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinated promotion of safe driving, esp. in winter and on social media - 41 animals killed in 2022 (still too many but continuing a year on year decline). • New animal accident phone number cards produced and eco-friendly car window stickers 'I go slow for ponies/pass wide and slow' • Significant increase in public picking up litter, individually, through community groups and Ambassadors' scheme • Issues between cattle and people/dogs highlighted by CDA livestock signs. Responsible dog walking leaflet being updated. • Operation Mountie is a multi-agency approach combining education and enforcement on speeding motorists (AARG) set up as a trial on Roger Penny Way in November 2021 now being 	

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		<p>implemented across the rest of the Forest.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launched 2022 campaign with widespread print media and TV coverage and on social channels. • Production of infographic to show impact of NF Code campaign in 2022 . 	
<p>Manage organised activities and larger events to minimise negative impacts on wildlife, the working Forest and on local people (9).</p>	<p>Landowners of open Forest and other protected areas will review and update their permissions and licencing systems:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the way these are administered • the rationale for judging what is and isn't allowed • charges that may be applicable • how they publicise the need for event organisers to register events in advance • information provided to minimise the risk of unintended consequences. <p>Safety Advisory Groups will continue to advise, share best practice and where possible control public events (e.g. in villages and on the roads) to limit any negative impacts. We will continue to encourage full compliance with the Cycle Event Organisers' Charter.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings held (FE, HCC, HIWWT, NFDC, NPA, NT, RSPB) to share respective policies, charges, procedures etc. • FE has agreed new events and activities management framework following 2021 update of HRA and internal England wide review • Changes to procedures for Duke of Edinburgh Award / outdoor expeditions have reduced disturbance to nesting birds. Wild camping sites no longer allowed • Additional FE staff resource to manage permits and events • Foxbury accommodates some events (e.g. orienteering) instead 	

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	<p>A charter will be established to clarify what is expected of commercial dog walkers within the New Forest.</p>	<p>of these happening on the open Forest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint working with companies wanting permission to film in the New Forest • Ongoing SAG liaison for cycle events • Professional Dog Walker's Charter launched (over 55 sign-ups) and updated. 	

An Inclusive National Park

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<p>Improve the quality and availability of information and interpretation about the special qualities of the New Forest (1).</p>	<p>We will take every opportunity to ensure that information and interpretation about the New Forest highlights the things that make it unique (its rich wildlife, commoning etc.). Websites, social media posts, leaflets and other publications, posters and signage, exhibitions, film and face-to-face communication are all important.</p> <p>The work will require concerted, coordinated and ongoing effort by multiple organisations, groups, businesses and individuals who either</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park Life residents' newspapers • 2022 New Forest Show stand about climate and nature emergencies included popular GNB family activity. • Annual Spring Awakening Festivals highlighting nature and climate emergencies, with input from multiple local organisations. Messages reached over 1.8 m people. 	

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	produce their own information or can help inform information produced by others.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FE car park information points updated during 2021-22 • Social media impressions on key messages and special qualities were 7m, with 400k engagements • Extensive regional, national and specialist media news and features about the special qualities. • Videos of wildlife, habitats, commoning and the people working to protect them • Building Design Awards celebrating good design in the landscape • New Forest Knowledge website has 133,000 searchable records of local history and heritage • New NP Artist in Residence Programme inspired by Partnership Plan themes 	
Increase the number of staff, volunteers and ambassadors 'on	We will increase the number of welcoming, helpful and informative people who can	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional FE staff: permissions and RMS programme management, additional 	Removing barriers to participation and access – physical and

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<p>the ground' who can encourage people to enjoy recreation responsibly (2).</p>	<p>engage face-to-face with visitors to help them enjoy and learn about the Forest.</p> <p>This will be achieved through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • allocating additional funding (e.g. from developer contributions) • improved coordination between partner organisations through establishing a new Ranger Forum • providing additional training. 	<p>Keeper and trainee Keeper, additional seasonal rangers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding from Campsites, NFD OG, FE and NPA for seasonal NPA rangers; two retained through autumn/winter 2020-21 • NFDC renewed SLA for NPA to employ People and Wildlife Ranger through their Green Way mitigation scheme • Training for Love the Forest scheme businesses and arts and community organisations • Training of CDA members to volunteer on Crown Land with their mobile display, draft MoU to enable volunteering • Close cooperation between FE, NPA, Police and fire service • New Forest Ambassadors scheme and community litter picking groups- number of ambassadors now 950 (Jan 2023) 	<p>perceived, e.g. affordable public transport (3.2.1)</p> <p>Recruiting more rangers, part of whose role is to help people understand and enjoy the New Forest, including apprentice rangers (3.2.2)</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NFDC Covid ambassadors worked on Open Forest spring 2021 • NPA staff volunteering from other teams to help with recreation management work • Volunteer Fair held in Jan 2023 with over 920 people attending 45 different stalls. 	
<p>Encourage organisations involved in promoting recreation and tourism to inspire respect for the special qualities of the National Park by regularly including agreed key messages in their communications (3).</p>	<p>We will seek the commitment of those who actively promote the New Forest as a destination for holidays, recreation activities, sight-seeing and spending money to include information on how visitors can enjoy the New Forest in beneficial rather than harmful ways.</p> <p>This will include visitor attractions, publishers, accommodation providers and other businesses.</p> <p>An initial joint task is to review the 'caring for the Forest' codes and develop a new, more concise and memorable summary that can be packaged for use in different ways (on-line, posters, leaflets etc.).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Forest Information Group established (New Forest Heritage Centre, Go New Forest, NPA, St.Barbe Museum, Local Information Points and other 'visitor information centres') • Shared Forest Business Group continues through CDA • Annual training for New Forest Tour drivers • Brilliance in Business Awards include Outstanding Contribution to the National Park category • Annual NPA/CLA awards highlighting best practice in commoning, sustainability, 	<p>Assisting communities and local organisations to lead and shape cultural and natural heritage projects that foster identity and a sense of place (3.3.1)</p>

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		<p>local produce, land management etc</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Networking and awareness raising through Green Halo Partnership and Business South Directors Group • Promotion of New Forest Marque produce and support for producers • Green Leaf Scheme being developed by Go New Forest to encourage environmentally friendly practices and promotion of key Forest messages- launched 2022. • Clear and concise New Forest Code agreed between partner organisations and promoted by Go New Forest to tourism businesses • Campaign calendar produced and circulated with cycle of behaviour change campaigns to coordinate focussed promotion activity • Forest campsites promoting responsible recreation in 2021 and 2022 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NF Code online toolkit available for download on NPA website • Visits film developed showing all 'products' (eg Tour, Marque, Go NF card) and key messages to be rolled out in the 2023 season • Greater control over 'pop-up' campsites arising from park-wide Article 4 Direction (although Government now consulting on introducing a new permitted development right for 60 day campsites) 	
<p>Develop the current programme of guided activities and themed events to give local people and visitors authentic experiences and meaningful connections with the special qualities (4).</p>	<p>We will ensure there is a range of educational guided walks, public events and other activities for people who visit or live in and around the New Forest. This first-hand contact with passionate and knowledgeable people will inspire respect and a caring attitude towards wildlife and the working Forest.</p> <p>Examples include the autumn walking festival, visits to commoners' landholdings and training courses for people who want to learn</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2022 Walking & Cycling Festival included 96 events and 732 participants. • New Forest Tour with commentary, each summer (extended season for 2021, 15 weeks, highest-ever passenger journeys at 55,765). Whilst 2021 was a bumper season, average daily patronage in 2022 during the 12-week season was up 0.8% on 2021. 	<p>Increasing uptake of walking for health, inclusive cycling for health and volunteering for health programmes (3.13)</p>

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	<p>about specific topics and improve their chances of employment in the countryside.</p> <p>The activities will be carefully planned to avoid sensitive locations or times of year and to maximise the use of sustainable transport where possible.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small selection of vetted sustainable experiences through National Parks UK • Wild play days regularly attract around 800 people, cancelled in 2020 and small local wild play days were introduced in 2021 in public spaces such as local parks 	
<p>Increase the uptake of formal educational programmes on offer and provide additional supporting resources on New Forest specific topics (5).</p>	<p>We will continue the current work with the formal education sector.</p> <p>Engagement with schools is mainly through national curriculum links with the New Forest in Key Stage 1 (habitats), KS2 (national park studies) and KS3 (geography). Schools also welcome talks at assemblies on topics such as litter and sustainability to help fulfil their social and environmental commitments. There are further opportunities to work with secondary schools in citizenship and sustainability.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NPA education team teach ca. 2,400 pupils from 50 schools annually in 'the field' • Online engagement with school staff and students • NPA Travel Grant scheme (subsidised travel to organisations on the Educators Forum) • New Forest Curriculum web pages on 'Schools and groups' area of NPA website, together with a review of the Shared Forest Education Toolkit 	<p>Developing comprehensive and inclusive programmes of health and youth engagement and outreach to build relationships with diverse communities and audiences, including a Youth Action Project and bespoke education activity (3.2.4)</p>

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	We will seek new funding to expand the existing travel grant scheme and to employ additional education staff.		
Develop a 'toolkit' to showcase the best ways to influence recreational behaviour (7).	<p>We will collate examples of techniques that have been found to influence people's behaviour in positive ways. Some will be from the New Forest (e.g. from work done through the Shared Forest project); others will be from elsewhere in the UK or abroad. From this we will create a suite of best practice advice (a toolkit) to guide the work to address specific recreation-related issues.</p> <p>The toolkit will help identify the combination of methods that is most likely to be effective for each issue, e.g.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • face-to-face by rangers or volunteers • nudge techniques (encouraging the right behaviour rather than discouraging the wrong behaviour) • peer pressure • making the right option the easiest one to take • printed materials and signage • websites, digital technology, social media • charters that set high standards for organised activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NFDC £50K contract with behavioural insights team to combat littering from cars completed, 'I look out for our Forest' artwork used for litter picking tabards 2020. • Resources for behaviour change toolkit completed and should prove useful. • NF Code online toolkit available for download on NPA website 	As above

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<p>Develop projects that improve people's health through outdoor activity in and around the New Forest (11).</p>	<p>We will develop and encourage new and existing schemes with targeted user groups, e.g. walking for health, health volunteering and outdoor therapy.</p> <p>These will be accessible (e.g. close to where people live), at appropriate locations and may be run in partnership with clinical commissioning groups, health and wellbeing groups etc.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FOLIO arts organisations activity included new interventions at Foxbury and near Hordle with art in the outdoors for young people from Brockenhurst and Totton College • Training session for new Social Prescribing Link Workers • Nature Health Network with Bournemouth University and Public Health England (now Office for Health Improvement and Disparities) • Health and Wellbeing strategy for the NPA created leading to formation of Partnership Green Health Group (2021). Online Green Health Hub, their first project, commenced • Creative People and Places Arts Council England-funded project ('Culture in common') commenced late 2021- focus 	<p>Building a strong, mutually beneficial partnership between the health and environment sectors, including a five-year programme of 'Health Education Fellowships' and facilitating effective local networks (3.1.1)</p> <p>Addressing health inequalities locally and regionally through improved green space, targeted interventions and nature-based referrals (3.1.2)</p> <p>Increasing uptake of walking for health, inclusive cycling for health and volunteering for health programmes (3.1.3)</p>

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		on community and health through the arts.	
Identify and implement appropriate changes that will increase accessibility (12).	<p>We will establish more regular liaison between:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • organisations that provide opportunities for outdoor recreation • organisations that represent people with a range of disabilities • people with disabilities <p>A list of costed opportunities to improve access in appropriate locations will be drawn up. This could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provision of better information • removal of stiles or other 'barriers' • accessible toilets • further development of PEDALL (a local project which provides opportunities for people with disabilities to use adapted bikes) <p>Implementation will follow as resources allow.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Forest Access Forum prioritises accessibility as one of its three main goals • NPA website updated with better routes and information. • Strong links established with the Disabled Ramblers, New Forest Disability and Open Sight Hampshire • Annual Walking for Health scheme delivered • UK National Parks enhanced the Miles Without Stiles brand to attract corporate sponsorship; NPA has eight Miles Without Stiles routes downloadable from the website. • PEDALL project in second year of three year community fund. Successful operation of two 	Removing barriers to participation and access – physical and perceived, e.g. affordable public transport (3.2.1)

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		<p>cycle 'hubs' at Burley and Ashurst.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated information signage and waymarked circular routes developed for Forestry England off road cycle network to be implemented Summer 2023. 	

Thriving Forest

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<p>Raise funds and commit other resources towards the creation and maintenance of recreation facilities and the conservation of the wider Forest (15).</p>	<p>We will continue to allocate core funding and staff resources each year, and work together to maximise beneficial results.</p> <p>A joint projects database will be developed as part of the wider National Park Partnership Plan. This will aid collaboration and reduce competition as we jointly approach potential external funders such as local businesses and charities, Local Enterprise Partnerships, grant making bodies, youth and health-care organisations and clinical commissioning groups.</p> <p>Mechanisms will also be developed to encourage people who enjoy and benefit from recreation facilities, and those who run commercial activities, to make financial contributions, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> developing and promoting the voluntary Love the Forest visitor gift scheme which is becoming more popular with local businesses and helping to fund conservation and education projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scale of charges for organised events and activities reviewed by FE to better reflect costs incurred in managing events and monitoring impacts. FE investigating how additional donations (e.g. national membership scheme) could be collected to fund facilities at key FE sites Additional Government funds may become available to progress recommendations in Landscapes Review (e.g. more rangers) Farming in Protected Landscapes funding Sponsorship of the Walking Festival National Grid LEI scheme providing £150,000 towards improving promoted walking routes outside the crown lands. 	<p>Creating a green recovery/investment fund (4.1.4)</p> <p>Encouraging green investment by businesses (4.4.1)</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • inviting donations from the public to support specific recreation facilities • payments for activities that require permission 		
<p>Work with Defra and Natural England to include incentives for access improvements on private land including future environmental land management grants, where these would benefit the public and reduce (or not increase) pressure on nearby sensitive areas (17).</p>	<p>A consortium of New Forest organisations has asked that post Brexit funding for managing land should include options to recover costs of providing increased access. This fits well with the Government’s stated aims of encouraging ‘natural capital’ and ‘public benefit’.</p> <p>Where there is no conflict with wildlife habitats and species, planning policies or other important constraints, we will then help landowners consider whether new walking, cycling and horse riding routes could fit with their plans for their land. This concept of drawing recreation away from designated areas could be extended to include campsites and other recreation facilities.</p> <p>Grants could also fund the removal or downgrading of tracks or car parks that are no longer needed.</p> <p>Funding to implement the England Coast Path within the New Forest has already been set</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ELMS funding proposed to include access improvements (public money for public good) when it starts in 2024 • Launch of Farming in Protected Landscapes which supports provision of public access opportunities 	<p>Maintaining and enhancing public goods through commoning and farming (4.2.2)</p>

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	<p>aside, as has some provision for maintenance. We aim to establish the Path as an exemplar new route that encourages healthy walking, boosts the local economy and avoids impacts on wildlife, the working Forest and local residents.</p>		

Team New Forest

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<p>Use appropriate and proportionate enforcement activities to deter illegal use of the Forest (8).</p>	<p>Organisations with the powers to enforce laws and byelaws (e.g. landowners and managers, the Police and local authorities) will work together to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • agree when enforcement is appropriate, and by whom • clarify what evidence is needed to achieve a successful outcome • use their enforcement powers to protect the Forest. <p>The current activities that may need to be addressed in this way include: parking on open Forest verges, dropping litter (including from vehicles), flying of drones where this is not allowed, wild camping, lighting fires, commercial fungi picking, parking in car parks overnight, feeding of commoners' animals, cycling off the permitted network and out of control dogs.</p> <p>A clear reporting system will also be developed so that members of the public know what to do and who to tell if they see something illegal going on.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work progressing to introduce two PSPOs to make it an offence to light & cause a fire and to feed, pet & touch ponies. • Continuing campaigns on fly-tipping, lighting fires and commercial fungi picking • Operation Wolf – Police, NFDC and FE van checks on waste licences and fly tipping • NFDC now have powers to prosecute owners of vehicles from which litter is thrown • 1000's of vehicle stickers used by FE and Police in response to damaging verge parking and gate obstruction. Some fines issued for obstruction and follow-up with repeat offenders. • Police Dog Watch scheme encourages reporting of illegal activities by walkers etc. • FE developing an 'enforcement policy', including rationale for prioritising different activities, evidence needed, reporting 	<p>Use appropriate and proportionate enforcement activities to deter illegal use of the Forest (2.5.5)</p> <p>Establishes strong partnerships and relationships within and beyond boundaries (5.2)</p>

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	<p>The fact that fixed penalty notices or prosecution in the courts is available as the 'ultimate sanction' should act as a powerful deterrent to the vast majority of people.</p>	<p>procedures, staff training etc. Increased FE interest nationally may help.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FE have vehicle dashcams and exploring use of body worn cameras by staff for evidence collecting. • Increased use of mobile speed cameras by police to reduce animal accidents • Operation Mountie is a multi-agency approach combining education and enforcement on speeding motorists (AARG) set up as a trial on Roger Penny Way in November 2021 now being implemented across the rest of the Forest. 	
<p>Inspire more young people to appreciate and understand the special qualities of the New Forest (10).</p>	<p>By working with a range of organisations, we will create opportunities for young people to get involved with and benefit from the National Park. This will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • wild play sites and events that help children and families gain confidence to explore and be creative in the natural world using low-tech outdoor games and activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Input to Brockenhurst College courses • NPA now has education and youth staff 'team' and will resume work with National Citizenship Service, Princes Trust and Youth Action Project with multiple partners 	<p>Increasing the breadth and depth of our engagement by helping recreational users to understand their impacts on the National Park and the changes residents could make to help</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • involving School Councils, Young Farmers Clubs, Young Commoners and Junior Parish Councils in drafting actions for the next National Park Partnership Plan. • offering secondary school, college and university students work placements and work experience opportunities • schemes such as John Muir Award, New Forest Youth Action Partnership, Duke of Edinburgh Award, National Citizenship Service and apprenticeships in countryside services • encouraging local youth groups such as scouts and guides to get involved in practical conservation work • using the 2018 Europarc youth manifesto and the 2019 Year of Green Action to prompt inspirational youth-led projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NPA work experience students and university placements to resume when possible • FE has engaged with Duke of Edinburgh Award groups to reduce impacts and increase learning • Generation Green funding for 2x apprentices and Wild Spaces Youth Officer • 3x Kickstart placements 2021 • New to nature intern 2023 start • Franchises Lodge established and new educational field study centre, Cameron's Cottage, opened Autumn 2021 • Theatre for Life group developing performance on climate change and the Forest. 	<p>contribute to nature's recovery and tackle the climate emergency (5.2.1)</p>
<p>Develop a coordinated approach among planning authorities in and around the New Forest to</p>	<p>A significant number of new dwellings are proposed in areas surrounding the National Park. In planning for this new development, local authorities are required to develop mitigation strategies to ensure there is no</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Planning Authorities have reappointed Footprint Ecology (2022) to devise a more strategic approach to Habitat Mitigation. 	<p>Developing a strategic approach to mitigate the potential impacts associated with increasing recreational pressures arising from</p>

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<p>mitigate the impacts of new housing on protected areas – and use developer contributions to support work that protects the Forest (16).</p>	<p>impact on the integrity of the protected habitats and their associated wildlife species.</p> <p>Hitherto, this has largely happened independently in local authorities around the New Forest, but the benefits of a more coordinated, strategic approach are acknowledged. This will deliver a consistent approach and enable contributions to be pooled to be spent on an agreed set of mitigation measures.</p> <p>This joint working should boost awareness raising initiatives (including rangers) and support the creation of significant new recreation sites outside of protected areas. Research being undertaken on behalf of several of the planning authorities, and due to be completed in late 2019, will support the implementation of a joint approach to the long-term protection of the Forest.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NPA's revised Habitat Mitigation Scheme SPD (2020) includes an increased level of financial contribution towards mitigating the recreational impacts of new development; and also seeks contributions for a wider range of development. 	<p>planned new housing and visitor accommodation on the internationally designated habitats (2.5.3)</p> <p>Managing recreation across the area effectively, seeking new opportunities for sites where people and nature can benefit (5.3.2)</p>
<p>Collect data about recreation, its benefits, and its impacts on the special qualities of the New Forest (18).</p>	<p>We will continue to work together to gather data and evidence, especially where important gaps in our knowledge are identified.</p> <p>Examples include:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FE-funded surveys (2020 and 2021) of ground nesting birds and vegetation. Footfall sensors deployed on the Hale and Woodgreen and 	<p>Using data and evidence to create a more accurate picture of the current and possible users of the New Forest National</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> work by rangers who routinely monitor the effectiveness of their engagement with visitors through feedback received, questionnaires and watching whether people take notice of information provided. citizen science projects both to gather new data and to raise awareness among participants of the things that make the New Forest unique extensive research into how visitors from planned new development could affect the protected habitats of the New Forest National Park monitoring the quality of habitats and the populations of selected wildlife species use of the new RSPB Franchises Lodge nature reserve as a base for research, including visiting university students 	<p>Landford and Hamptworth promoted walking routes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tracking function added to NPA Walking App to calculate the number of people completing each walk. Monitoring of car park usage through volunteers and staff to help manage high visitor numbers Cycling survey online during winter 2021 attracted 1441 responses Visits survey online from summer to end of October 2022, partnership between Go New Forest, FE and NPA, attracted 732 responses 	<p>Park and barriers to participation (3.2.3)</p> <p>Understanding our evidence needs, the gaps and how to fill them; we are known as a centre of excellence for evidence, data and insights – in its commission, collation and application (5.4.1)</p>
<p>Analyse, publish and use data to improve the management of recreation across the New Forest (19).</p>	<p>Key facts and figures about recreation will be made available to the public in the State of the Park Report, showing trends over time, and guiding work to manage recreation. The Report also includes information about many other aspects of the National Park and forms an important part of the background evidence for the wider Partnership Plan.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State of the Park Report to be updated in 2023. Infrastructure Funding Statements published annually by local planning authorities show the financial contributions received for habitat mitigation 	<p>Successfully scanning horizons using up-to-date evidence and data (5.4.2)</p>

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	<p>All planning authorities also produce Annual Monitoring Reports for their local plans, providing another place for recreation-related data to be collated and made public.</p> <p>The various working groups and other joint initiatives that aim to address specific issues will monitor the success of their efforts. In practice it is rarely possible to prove that a specific intervention has had a specific and measurable effect, but it's important to focus efforts on what is most likely to work.</p>	<p>measures; what they have been spent on; and the funding that remains available.</p>	
<p>Regularly review the implementation of the actions in this strategy and the degree to which they achieve the desired outcomes (20).</p>	<p>We will gauge success through a range of mechanisms, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • data and evidence collected • feedback from lead organisations • reports from joint forums • feedback from user groups 	<p>Most actions have live work programmes to progress them</p>	<p>Working with each other efficiently, effectively and with respect (5.4.4)</p>
<p>Where actions are not progressed or finalised, consider what could be done to redress the</p>	<p>This action will depend on which actions need to be addressed. It may be that new resources need to be found or that a shift in priorities towards the most important actions is necessary.</p>	<p>Actions are currently still appropriate but those that are amber should be kept under review</p>	<p>As above</p>

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situation and gain agreement for revised actions where possible (21).			
Review the Recreation Management Strategy to ensure the management of recreation remains a high priority into the future (22).	<p>A formal review of the Recreation Management Strategy actions will be due in 2024.</p> <p>In the meantime, we will incorporate the most significant areas of work within the wider Partnership Plan for the National Park. This statutory document describes how multiple organisations are jointly committed to all aspects of the National Park, including recreation, so it is the most effective document to achieve maximum buy-in for joint working on the management of recreation.</p> <p>Whether the Recreation Management Strategy remains a stand-alone document or not, we will ensure that any significant changes are subject to appropriate consultation with user groups, local organisations and the public.</p>	Partnership Plan includes key RMS actions	Managing recreation across the area effectively, seeking new opportunities for sites where people and nature can benefit (5.3.2)

Objective 1: Convey the things that make the New Forest National Park special to both visitors and local people in more consistent and effective ways, so that they enjoy it, come to value it, want to care for it and do not inadvertently damage it.

Objective 2: Address significant and/or widespread negative impacts caused by recreation in the most appropriate, proportionate and effective ways.

Objective 3: Reduce the barriers that limit participation in beneficial outdoor recreation among those who need it most

Objective 4: Protect and enhance the New Forest's working and natural landscape, and improve the recreational experience, by influencing where recreation takes place.

Objective 5: Increase the level of funding available for recreation management so that it is sufficient to address both existing and future needs.

Objective 6: Collate data and evidence to help inform the ongoing management of recreation

Objective 7: Regularly review progress against agreed recreation management actions and adapt forward plans to protect the special qualities of the National Park and enable people to enjoy and benefit from them