



Annual Report 2010 to 2011 The Lake District National Park Partnership





Delivering the Partnership's Plan

The Partnership's Plan - the Management Plan for the Lake District 2010 to 2015, was agreed by the Partnership in September 2010. The Plan has subsequently been endorsed by 22 partners and formally adopted by the LDNPA in October 2010. This is the first time this type of approach has been used to produce a Management Plan for the Lake District National Park and the first of its kind for any English National Park.

Monitoring and reporting

The monitoring process was agreed by the Partnership in December 2010. The monitoring includes performance indicators and actions in the Plan. It again represents a first for partners who have collectively committed to sharing data and agreeing what the Park should look like for future generations.

The first monitoring report was seen by the Partnership in February 2011 and focussed on delivery.

Is the Vision happening?

The June 2011 monitoring report shows that 45 of the 87 actions (52 per cent) were complete or going to plan ('green' status) with 23 actions at 'amber' status. However, 10 actions are at a 'red' status. The report also highlights that there is no update for nine actions.

Collectively this means there is some sound progress with delivering against the Vision. The annual 'review' of the Partnership's Plan (to be completed in October 2011) will pick up the areas of concern and actions will be developed accordingly. The Partnership recognises they have still not got it all right and many challenges still lie ahead.

What is the Lake District National Park Partnership?

The Lake District National Park Partnership (the Partnership) was formed in 2006 because many organisations with a role in the Park did not have a real sense of involvement in its management. The Partnership is made up of representatives from the public, private, community and voluntary sectors. There are currently 22 organisations involved.

The Lake District National Park Authority (LDNPA), provides the coordination and administration for the Partnership.

The Partnership agreed the Vision for the National Park in 2006.

The **Vision for the Lake District National Park in 2030** will be:
'An inspirational example of sustainable development in action.'

What will it look like?

It will be a place where a prosperous economy, vibrant communities, and world class visitor experiences all come together to sustain the spectacular landscape, its wildlife and cultural heritage.

Local people, visitors and the many organisations working in the National Park, or have a contribution to make to it, must be united in achieving this.

What is this report?

The Partnership recognises the need to share its achievements and challenges in working towards the Vision. Each year this will be done through simple annual reports like this. The first annual report was published in June 2010. This report covers the period June 2010 to June 2011.

What makes the Partnership special?

The formation of the Partnership is an achievement in itself. It is unique amongst all English National Parks. It continues to offer a model for other UK National Parks to follow by helping organisations work together in different ways, especially important with current cuts in budgets. The existence of the Partnership means that the sustainability of the Lake District is not the sole responsibility of the LDNPA, the Partnership has agreed the Vision for the National Park. Now they are working to make it happen through 'The Partnership's Plan' (the Plan) which contains actions.



Highlights of Partnership work, delivering the Vision 2010 to 2011

Prosperous economy

- A commitment to see a further 3.1 hectares of employment floor space in the National Park by 2015
- Over 90 per cent of planning applications were approved in the National Park
- A business plan for the Environmental Land Management Service (ELMS) for April 2012 to March 2013 has been developed
Action 4.08 in the Plan completed

World class visitor experiences

- Developing a marketing programme for Adventure Capital and submitting a bid to the Regional Growth Fund
Action 8.21 in the Plan completed
- A three year rights of way flood recovery programme established, with funding **Action 9.23 in the Plan completed**
- The revised Windermere Management Strategy was adopted by LDNPA in April 2011
Action 9.26 in the Plan completed

Vibrant communities

- Planning permission was granted for 79 affordable and local needs homes (with a target of 60 being built each year)
- Submitting a bid to the Local Sustainable Transport Fund to develop a sustainable transport beacon project in the Lake District
- The Core Strategy and Housing Provision Supplementary Planning Document were both adopted in October 2010
Action 13.35 in the Plan completed

Spectacular landscape, its wildlife and cultural heritage

- Restored over 100 hectares of wetland habitat
- Being awarded nearly one million pounds towards the Windermere Reflections project
- Established a climate change group to develop a carbon budget for the Lake District. The first budget of its kind in any area of the UK
Action 19.57 in the Plan completed
- Revised the Historic Environment Strategy for the Lake District
Action 26.81 in the Plan completed





Other Partnership success in 2010 to 2011:

- adopted a Partnership Improvement Plan
- endorsed a resolution on public forests in the Lake District
- responded to Defra's consultation on National Park Governance
- endorsed a proposal to make the Lake District a Fairtrade zone
- set up a group to look at how to bring in more money to help further fund the Plan
- raising matters of strategic importance to the Park and Cumbria generally including National Park extensions, second homes, the nuclear industry and the future of the Ambleside Campus
- securing the Lake District on the UK Tentative List for World Heritage Site status
- invested £180k of grants* into local projects, with a combined worth of over £900k.

* through the Lake District Sustainable Development Fund

The Partnership 'tide'

The last 12 months have seen many changes nationally and regionally. The Partnership managed to ride this tide of change relatively successfully.

'Flow'

In September 2010 the LDNPA committed to continue to financially support the management and administration of the Partnership until 2015. The Lake District National Park Partnership continues to offer a model for other English National Parks to follow. Publication of Defra's Vision and Circular on National Parks 2010 endorsed our approach.

During the year, the Partnership has been strengthened by the arrival of United Utilities, Nurture Lakeland and the Lake District Local Access Forum.

The Partnership is also now formally supported by other groups, established to help tackle the more complex Partnership issues or actions in the Plan. This includes: Farming and Forestry Task Group, Land Management Strategy Sub Group, Business Task Force, Lake District Still Waters Partnership and Climate Change Group.

In 2010 to 2011 Lord Clark of Windermere continued his role as independent Chairman of the Partnership.

'Ebb'

Due to the challenges of economic recovery, in light of a new coalition Government, the Northwest Development Agency and Government Office North West have withdrawn from the Partnership and Cumbria Vision ceased to exist. Restructuring and staff changes in some partner organisations means some individuals on the Partnership have also changed.

Have you got any questions about the partnership or their work?

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