Tamar Valley
National
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Tamar Valley National Landscape **An Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Management Plan No.6** 2026 - 2031

Foreword

Foreword from Martin Howlett, Tamar Valley National Landscape Partnership Board Chair (2021-2025)



Martin Howlett
Chair (2021–2025)
Tamar Valley National Landscape Partnership

Tamar Valley National Landscape is a very special place for us all. Our 500-year mining heritage is inscribed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site and we have internationally protected species of both fauna and flora and a celebrated natural and tranquil landscape producing high quality food and drink, inspiring artists and craftspeople, riverside walks and marine activities, all within vibrant rural communities, enjoying a safe haven, and leading healthy lifestyles.

Designated in 1995 as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), officially rebranded as National Landscapes in 2023, we celebrate our 30th anniversary in 2025. We have achieved a great deal in that time, securing more than £19 million of investment that has helped us deliver over 340 projects.

> *Working together we are achieving our purpose of conserving and enhancing the natural beauty of the Tamar Valley landscape.*

To meet these challenges, we cannot only repeat the good work we have done before. We must be more ambitious and urgent in our efforts, take on a different pace of activity and deliver at a far greater scale. We will be more robust in the regular assessment of both nature recovery targets, emerging climate challenges and general landscape enhancement, through smarter engagement and inclusivity of key businesses, community and voluntary sector, stepping up to invest in the Tamar Valley's future.

So, as we set out our plan for the next 5 years and longer-term ambitions, by encouraging nature, enhancing and climate adapting activity, we strive to further champion the Tamar Valley in a proud celebration of our people, place and nature.

Note from Philip Hygate, Tamar Valley National Landscape Partnership Board Chair (November 2025 –)



Philip Hygate
Chair (from November 2025)
Tamar Valley National Landscape Partnership

This latest Management Plan is the product of a great deal of careful consideration by many people and organisations; including the Tamar Valley National Landscape Executive and Partnership, the Tamar staff team and also officers of Cornwall Council and Devon County Council, Natural England and all relevant regulatory and advisory bodies. The Plan has been refined by widespread consultation and the involvement of many individuals and voluntary groups. This gives the Plan a powerful local authenticity.

Like all good plans it aims to provide a positive framework and not a straitjacket. It celebrates the Tamar Valley seeking to safeguard this precious life affirming place for people and nature long into the future.

Being in a beautiful landscape and with the nature it cradles is good for our physical and emotional health. At a time of very rapid social and economic change driven by artificial intelligence and machine learning, the Tamar Valley offers a real chance of a sense of place and purpose for all who live in it or love to visit it.

With the Management Plan adopted and published it is now important to work towards its implementation with the investment of both time and money to ensure the Tamar Valley is in good heart for generations to come. That you are reading this means you already have a stake in the Valley, I encourage you to greater involvement. The more you are involved the more personal fulfilment you can gain and the more secure is the Valley’s future.



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