Tamar Valley
National
Landscape



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

Purpose of this Management Plan, who it is for and our key audiences

Purpose

This Management Plan sets out a shared approach for the sustainable management of the Tamar Valley National Landscape (TVNL) over the next 5 years. It has been prepared by the TVNL Partnership on behalf of the five responsible local authorities: Cornwall Council, Devon County Council, Plymouth City Council, South Hams District Council and West Devon Borough Council.

Under the requirements of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 and updated by the Levelling-Up and Regeneration Act 2023, these authorities are legally obliged to produce and review a Management Plan every five years. The 2023 Act strengthens this duty: relevant local authorities must now seek to further the statutory purposes of Protected Landscapes, not just have regard to them.

This Management Plan is a tool for decision-making and delivery. It provides a framework for action by a wide range of partners, including public bodies, farmers, landowners, communities, charities, and businesses, to conserve and enhance the natural beauty, cultural heritage and environmental value of the Tamar Valley.

It aligns with and helps to inform national and local strategies, such as:

- The Environmental Improvement Plan
- Local Nature Recovery Strategies for Cornwall and Devon
- The 30 by 30 biodiversity target
- The Cornwall Local Plan and Plymouth & South West Devon Joint Local Plan
- The Cornwall Climate Adaptation Strategy and the Devon Carbon Plan
- Cornwall and West Devon Mining Landscape World Heritage Site Management Plan
- Heritage at the Heart of an Evolving Cornwall: A Strategy for Cornwall’s Historic Environment (2022-2030)

All major decisions affecting the TVNL should refer to this Plan and seek to further the statutory purposes of Protected Landscapes, and everyone has a role to play in its delivery to achieve the vision.

The Management Plan is structured around three strategic themes: Nature, Climate, and People & Place. These themes provide a framework for delivering the vision and priorities of the National Landscape. Each theme includes Protected Landscape Outcome Targets set by Natural England, ensuring that actions contribute to national goals for nature recovery, climate resilience, and thriving communities. A five-year Strategic Delivery Plan translates these themes into high-level actions, such as tree planting, improving water quality, enhancing cultural heritage, and supporting sustainable agricultural land management, underpinned by clear monitoring and delivery mechanisms.

Who is the Tamar Valley National Landscape's Management Plan for?

The Management Plan is a strategic framework for the geographical area of the TVNL and its wider area of influence, and it guides all activities that affect its conservation and enhancement. It is not a plan for a single organisation, but for all those that have an active interest in the Tamar Valley and its communities. Everyone has a role in delivering the Management Plan through individual actions and collaborative efforts. The TVNL team's core function is to support the TVNL Partnership to prepare the management plan and to convene, facilitate and empower the delivery of the plan.

Key audiences include:

Local Authorities – responsible for jointly preparing, adopting and reviewing the Management Plan which sets out their shared management policies.

Local Planning Authorities – responsible for planning and development within the TVNL and its setting will use the management plan as material consideration for planning, development and decision-making. The management plan is not a development plan, it is focused on setting out clear management objectives and the identification of key characteristics, special qualities and landscape opportunities that should help to inform Local Plans.

Other relevant authorities – including public bodies, town and parish councils, utility companies and government agencies, all of whom have a statutory duty to support the National Landscape's purpose, including those that neighbour the National Landscape. The Management Plan helps guide this duty.

National Landscape Partnership organisations – central to delivering and promoting the Management Plan's aims.

Landowners, land managers, and developers – essential to the sensitive stewardship of the landscape within the National Landscape, and neighbouring areas. The Management Plan offers guidance and support to help attract resources and promote best practice.

Local communities, businesses and visitors – this Management Plan is relevant to all who live, work, do business in, neighbour or visit the Tamar Valley and can contribute to its care, including by getting involved.

Other stakeholders – such as funding bodies, voluntary groups and third sector organisations, who may use the Management Plan to help align their work with our vision for the Tamar Valley.



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