

# Delivering our Partnership Plan

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REVIEWING OUR PROGRESS

# Today

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- Explore the Review findings
- Coffee break
- Break-out discussions on the 'calls to action'
- Next steps

# National Park Partnership Plan 2018 - 2023



## Why are we reviewing our progress?

- Reflect
- Celebrate successes
- Demonstrate our contribution to national priorities
- Inform continual improvement
- Underpin workplanning and prioritisation
- **Inspire and ensure continued delivery by all partners**

Opportunity to lead a conversation and emphasise the focus on this iconic place

# How?

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Plan for  
the Place

14 published  
Indicators of  
Success

Purpose of the  
this Review

- compiles new  
and existing  
information

- all about  
engagement and  
collective action

National  
Performance  
Framework

and

Sustainable  
Development  
Goals

# 2018-19 findings at a glance

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- Putting national policy into practice
- Underpinning all delivery:
  - significant pipeline of work in development
  - deep commitment to partnership working
- Progress against Indicators of Success:



- Peatland restoration
- Outdoor learning



- Affordable housing
- Volunteering
- Visitor economy
- Community-identified projects



- Woodland creation
- Designated site features
- Water body condition
- Sustainable places



- Public and active travel
- Active recreation
- Reported experience
- Skills development

# Peatland restoration

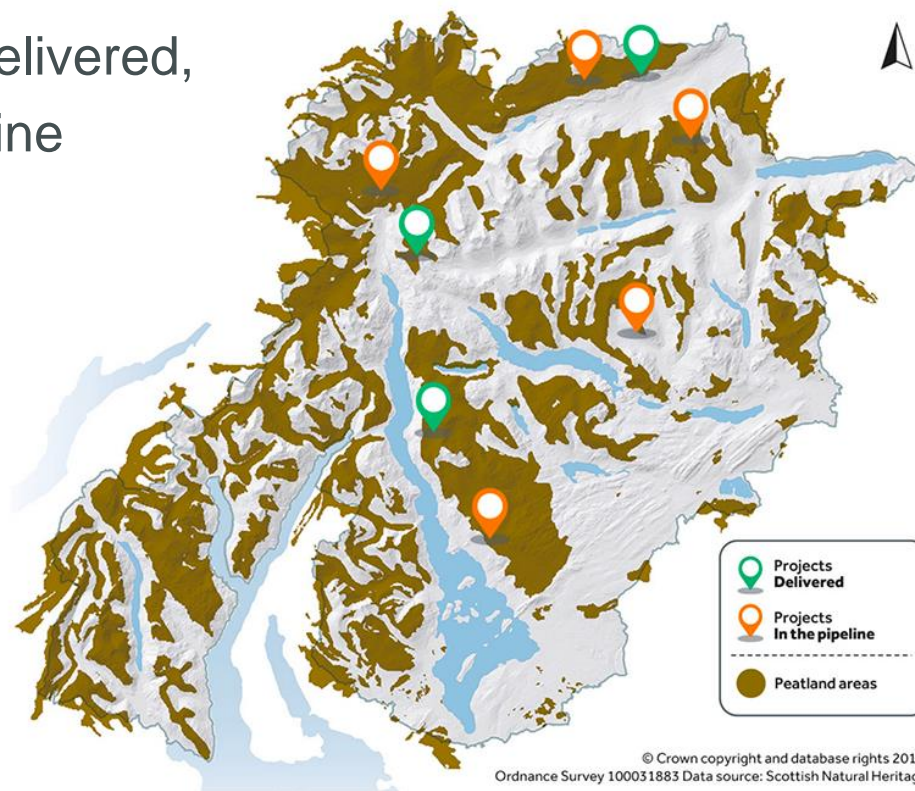


**Target:** 2,000 hectares of restored peatland by 2023

**2018-19:** 166 hectares delivered, 718 hectares in the pipeline

Positive working relationships

Need for multi-year funding model



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# Outdoor learning



**Target:** At least 2,500 young people per year over the Plan period

**2018-19:** 2,542 and increased the breadth and depth

Year of Young People,  
new and developed work

Strong potential  
for growth



# Affordable housing

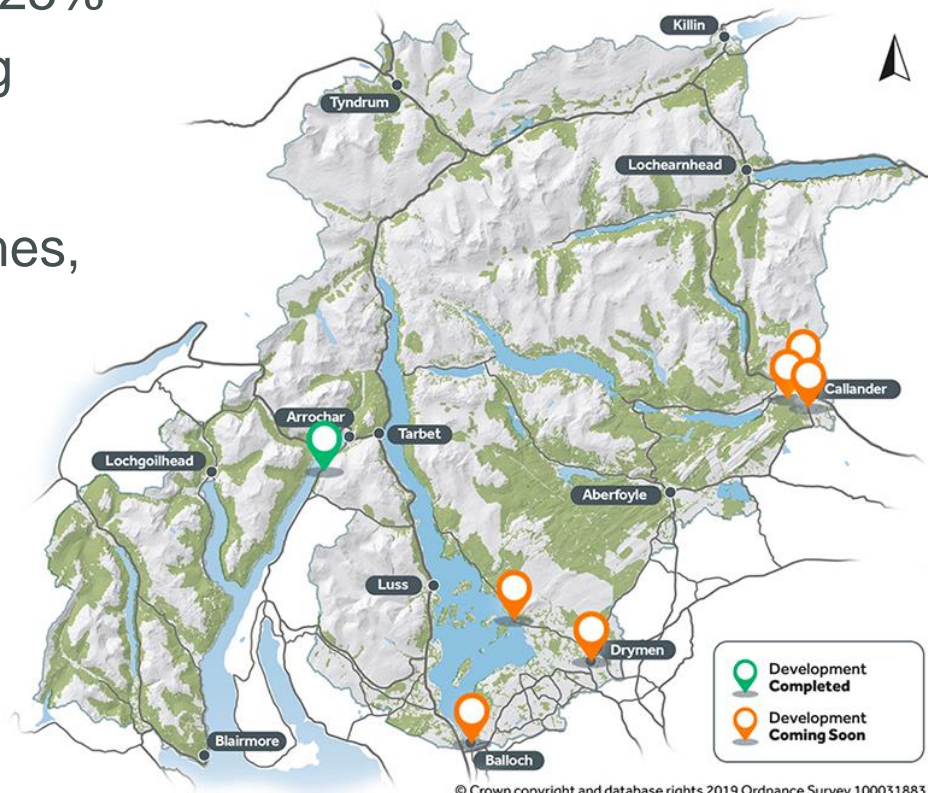


**Target:** 375 homes over the Plan period minimum of 25% of new homes built being affordable

**2018-19:** 79% of 33 homes, 147 affordable homes in the pipeline

Historic strong partnership working

Demonstrates impact of LDP





# Volunteering



**Target:** Increase by 20% the number of volunteers and volunteer hours from the 2017/18 baseline by 2023

**2018-19:** 23% increase in volunteers, 11% increase in volunteer hours

Reaching more young people and under-represented groups

Impact on volunteers and National Park

Supporting partners to offer more

Strong potential for growth

*I have found **volunteering with the park** hugely rewarding for both my physical and mental wellbeing. I can't think of a better way to spend my free time.*



# Visitor economy



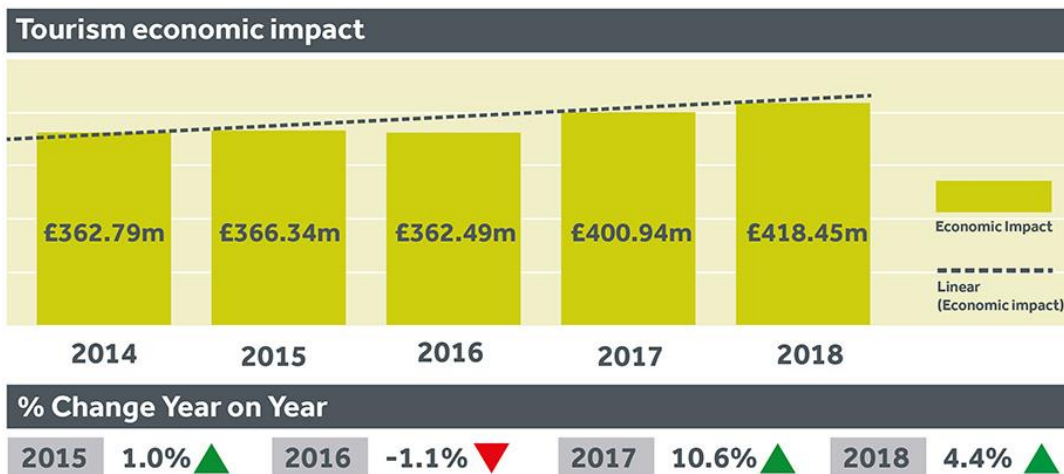
**Target:** Increase from 2016 STEAM baseline of £340m by 2023

**2018-19:** ▲ 10.6% increase for 2017,  
▲ 4.4% increase for 2018

Compares with a decrease of 1% for 2016 and increase of 1% for 2015

2017 day visitor growth, 2018 added overnight visitor growth

Self-catering accommodation on the increase



# Community-identified projects



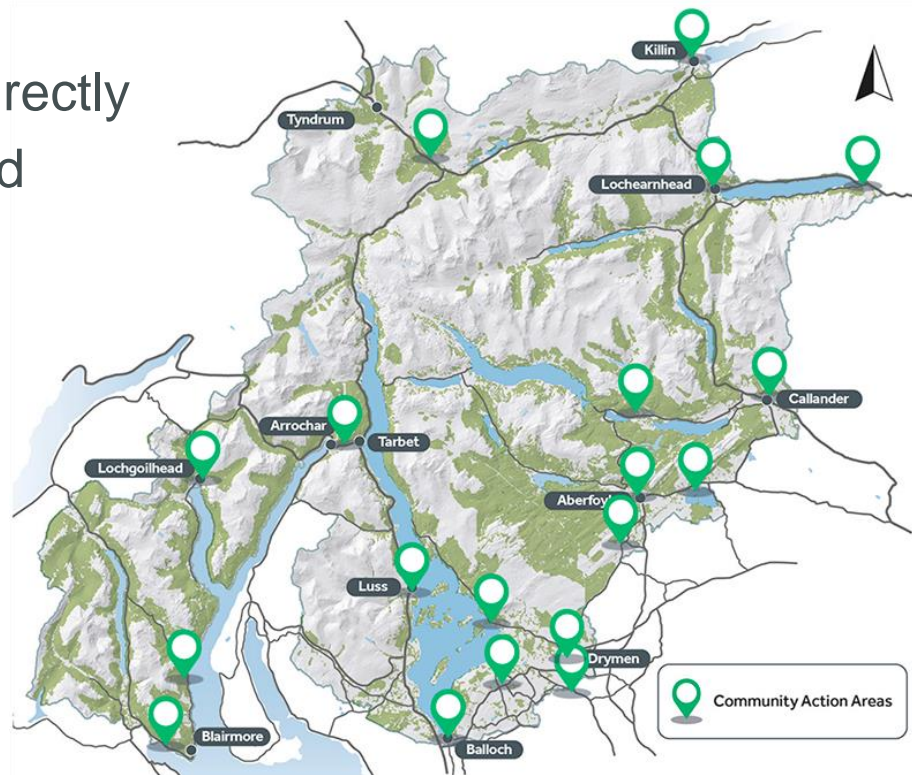
**Target:** Delivery of 3 projects per Community Action Plan by 2023

**2018-19:** 45 projects, 31 directly delivered and 14 advocated

Underpinned by key features of effective community-led development

Delivering across the Outcomes of the Partnership Plan

Communities playing a strong role through Community Action Plans



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# Public and active travel



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TO REPORT

**Indicator:** Proportion of people travelling to and around the National Park by public or active transport

## Measured through Visitor Survey

2018-19 proxy measures:

- 88% of camping permit bookings included vehicle
- 14,000 cyclists, 23,000 pedestrians using NCN route 7
- Train station passenger numbers increasing

Limited findings but car-dependency highly likely



# Active recreation



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TO REPORT

**Indicator:** Proportion of people taking part in active recreation

## Measured through Visitor Survey

2018-19 proxy measures:

- c.144,000 walkers counted at 4 key locations
- c.110,000 at Conic Hill alone (10 months)
- 254 health walkers, 50% increase

Limited findings but national upward trend

Importance of enabling inactive

*Walk Leaders give me the **confidence** to extend the length of my walks and take me on routes I would not normally do on my own.*  
*'Walk in the Park' participant*



# Visitor experience



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TO REPORT

**Indicator:** Reported public experience of the National Park's settlements and landscapes

## Measured through Visitor Survey

2018-19 proxy measure:

- 88% of campers "very likely" (65%) or "quite likely" (23%) to recommend staying over in a permit area

Limited findings

Visitor Survey new analysis



**24,000**

people camped in one of our permit areas or low cost campsites (including more than 4,800 children)



**1,600**

people responded to the customer feedback survey



**88%**

said they would be very likely or quite likely to recommend staying over in a permit area

# Skills development



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**Indicator:** Number of new skills development opportunities from projects in the National Park

**2018-19:** 98,353 hrs of opportunities



CALL TO ACTION

# Woodland creation



**Target:** 2,000 hectares of woodland expansion by 2023

**2018-19:** 258 hectares created, 92 hectares non-native and 166 hectares native

## Groundwork for future delivery:

- Trees & Woodlands Strategy
- c.600 hectares in pipeline
- small-scale planting grant scheme

## SEFARI Fellowship





CALL TO ACTION

# Designated site features



**Target:** Increase from 2017 baseline of 86% of designated site features to 90% by 2023

**2018-19:** 85%

Increasing environmental pressures

Key underlying causes: over-grazing and invasive non-native species

Updated baseline and target



# Water body condition



**Target:** Increase from 2016 baseline of 44% to 59% by 2023

**2018-19:** 42% with an overall condition of at least Good Ecological Potential

Key underlying cause:  
rural diffuse pollution

2017 figures



# Sustainable places



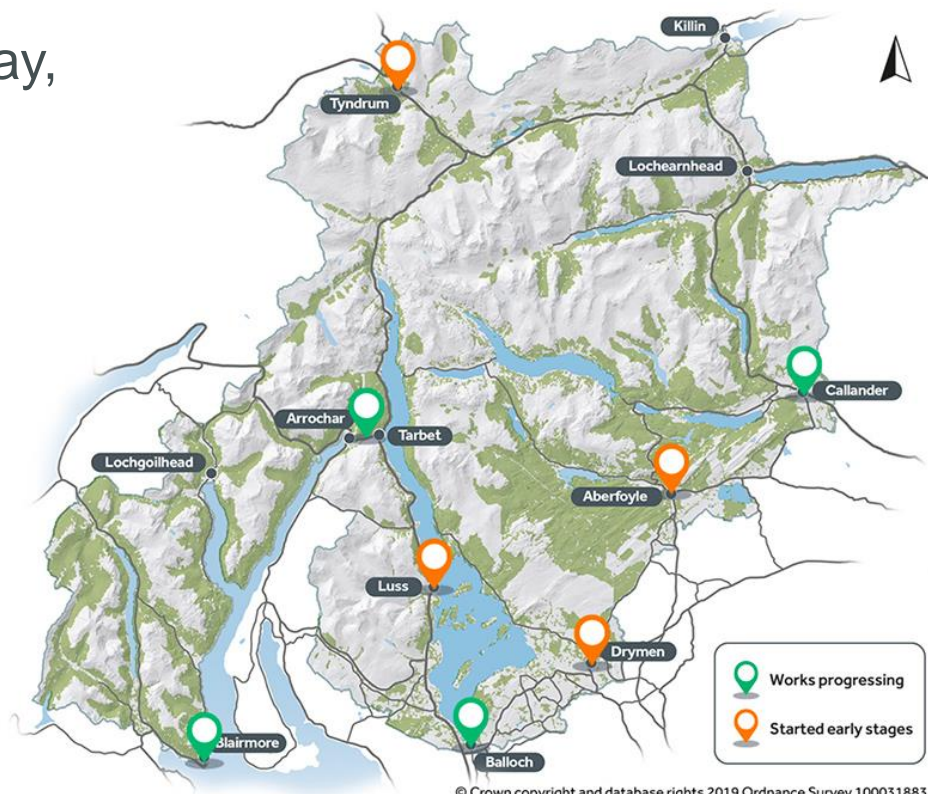
**Target:** Delivery in 3 communities per year of the Plan

**2018-19:** Projects underway, none complete

Long-term, partner-delivered projects

Public realm, new pontoons, cycle ways, greenspace

Rate of progress as expected



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# Calls to Action

Reflecting on the progress, challenges and context of our year we are calling on all partners to address...

**CALL TO ACTION**



**Woodland  
creation**

**CALL TO ACTION**



**Designated  
site features**

**CALL TO ACTION**



**Water body  
condition**

**CALL TO ACTION**



**Public and  
active travel**

# What Next?

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Kick start  
work on Calls  
to Action today



Finalise  
and launch  
webpages



Welcome the delivery partners  
on the 12<sup>th</sup> of November

- reflect on first year
- build on successes
- identify what we will do to overcome our collective challenges
- deliver our shared vision

# Questions?

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