

Exmoor National Park Authority

Highlights in 2010-11



Enhancing
the qualities that make **Exmoor**
special

Priority 1 – Moorlands

Some achievements:

- Launch of Moorland Landscape Partnership
- Supported review of MIRE phase 1 and preparation for phase 2
- Well attended moorland management seminar in December 2010
- Liaison with Natural England over swaling plans
- Sustainable Development Fund grant pot of £20,000
- All approved burns achieved and impact study commenced



Priority 2 - Support for livestock farming

Some achievements

- Evidence provided to the EFRA Select Committee uplands inquiry
- Hosting visit of Defra official drafting Defra uplands policy
- Livestock market completed



Phytophthora



Priority 3 – First class rights of way network

Some achievements:

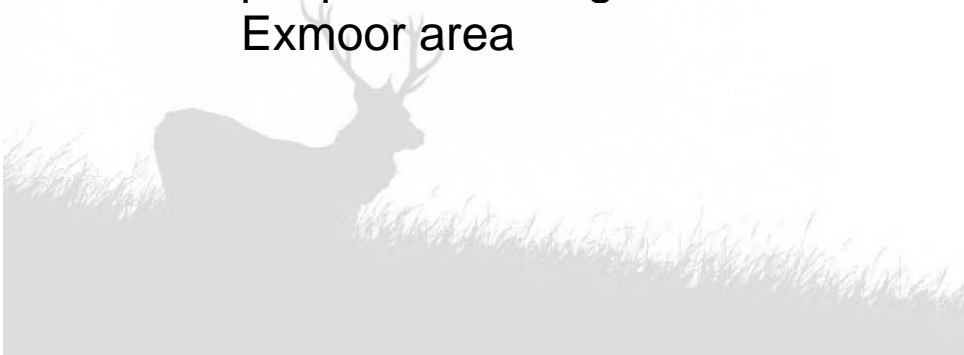
- 93% of PRoW met ease of use criteria
- **10** major works projects completed to improve PROW condition.
- **19** locations where the public right of way was reinstated on the definitive line.



Priority 4 – Young people and non-traditional audiences

Some achievements:

- **2,622** people engaged through **Pinkery Education Centre**, including:
 - 36 Schools (1,536 participants) residential
 - 20 YHA groups (524 participants) residential
 - Camping use (124 participants)
 - Day users (156 participants)
 - Perambulation (282 participants)
- **Education Service** delivered:
 - **81** events involving **813** young people from Exmoor National Park schools and **1,578** young people from the greater Exmoor area



Priority 4 – Young people and non-traditional audiences

Some achievements:

- **2,035 volunteer days** completed by the **Exmoor Conservation Volunteer Partnership**.
- The **‘Mosaic’ Project** supported **21** events involving **322** people from BME communities and ‘hard to reach’ young people



Priority 5 – Commence a strategy for the National Park to become carbon-neutral by 2025

Some achievements:

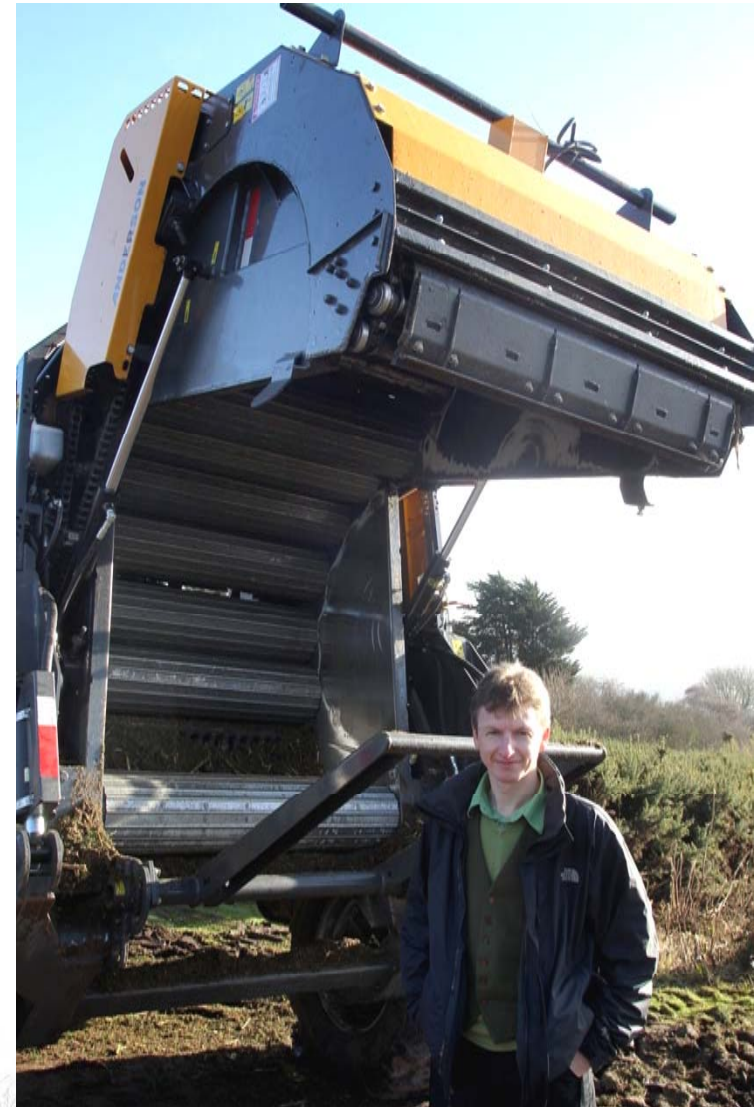
- Implementation of Low Carbon Communities Challenge programme worth £400,000 and funded by Department of Energy & Climate Change (DECC)



Priority 6 – Improving prospects for young people

Some achievements:

- Moorland Landscape Partnership funding will help support 3 apprenticeships for 18 months and 3 'Moorkeepers'
- 10 students developing moor skills
- West Somerset Community College rural skills unit



Priority 7 – More affordable housing

Some achievements:

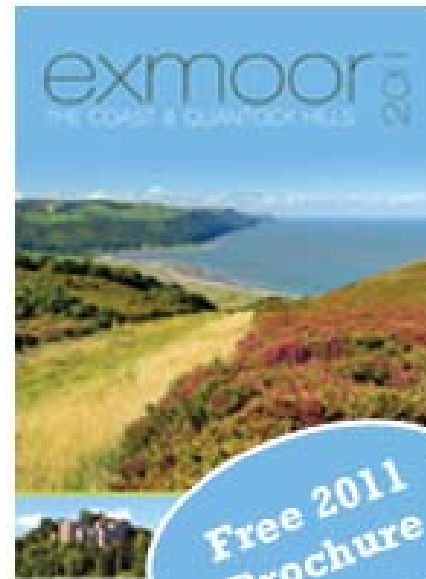
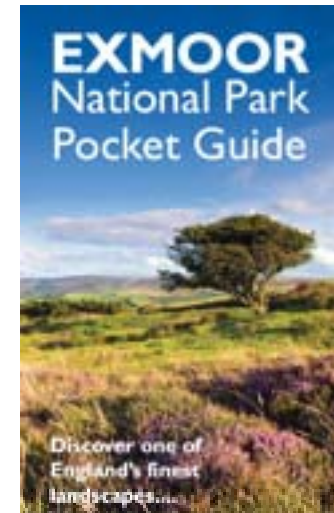
- **20 new affordable homes** were granted planning permission
- **12 new affordable homes** at Barnes Close Mead, Dulverton received confirmation of funding from the Homes & Communities Agency (HCA).



Priority 8 – Tourism development

Some achievements:

- Media contract resulting in more than **60** regional and national print articles promoting Exmoor and **5** radio items
- Exmoor 2011 produced
- 130,000 copies of Exmoor Visitor
- Lynmouth Pavilion progressed
- Exmoor pocket guide produced
- ExploreMoor website



Free 2011
Brochure



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Priority 9 – Review of local planning policies

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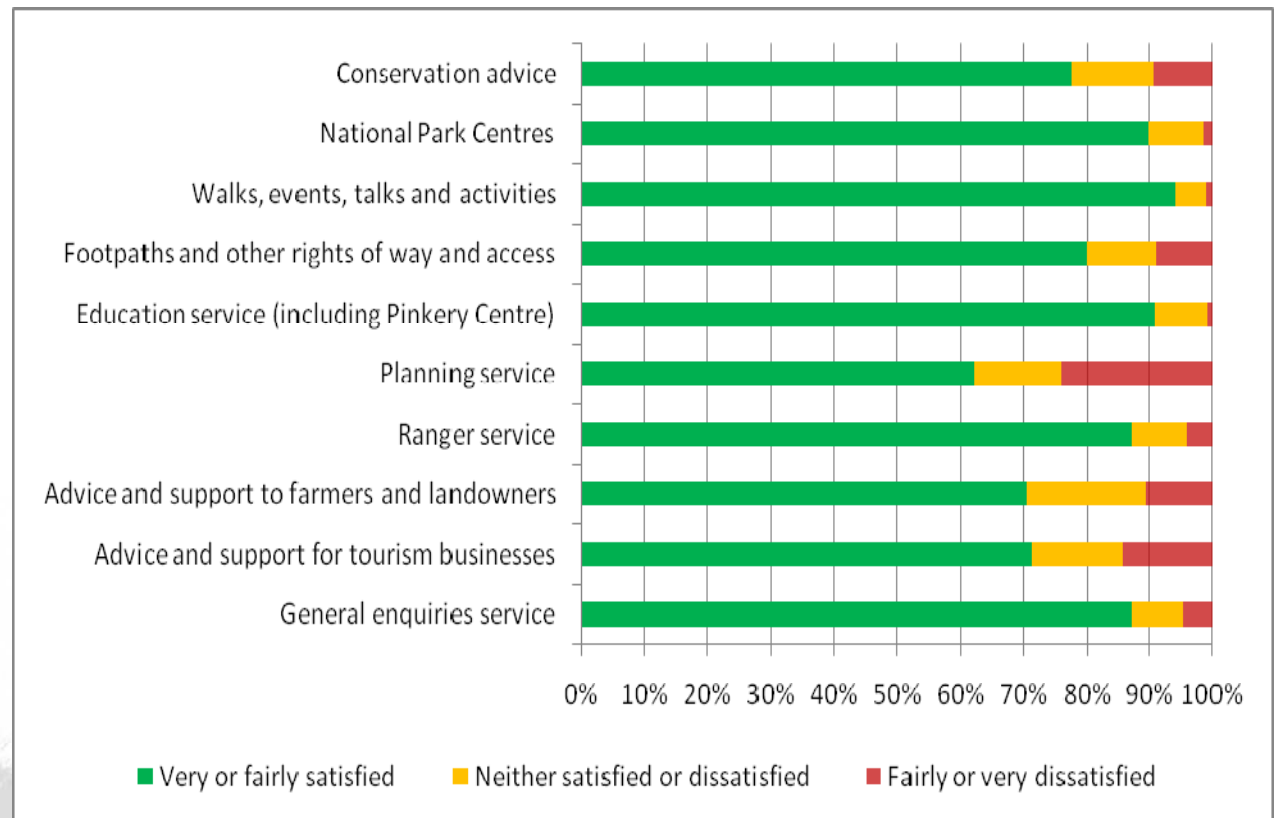
- Feedback reports produced for all of the **21** local public consultations on the new **Local Development Framework (LDF)** which were attended by **958** local residents.



Priority 10 – Engagement with resident community

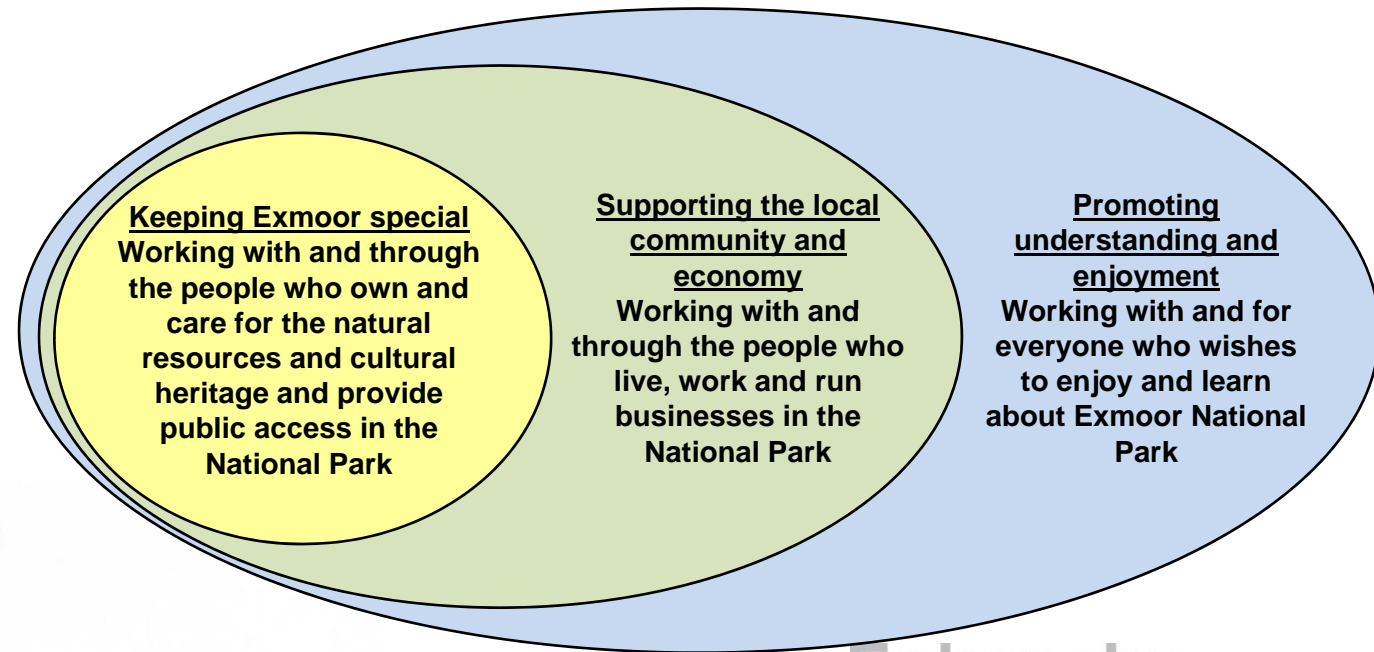
Some achievements:

- **Over 6,800** customer contacts by the planning team, **295** planning applications determined over the year with **68%** of minor applications (target 70%) and **84%** of other applications (target 80%) determined within 8 weeks.
- Increase in Community & Parish Forum meetings
- Governance review
- 2 editions of Park Life
- Residents Survey



Spending review

- Externalised legal services and historic buildings advice
- Reduced core staff by 14 posts (9.6 FTE) on an establishment of 91 (79 FTE) by 31st March (=12% capacity)
- Restructuring around key communities
- Reviewing National Park Management Plan and Authority priorities in next 12 months



Wheddon Cross – March 2011 (Photo courtesy of English Heritage)

