
The Devon BAP and some context for delivery

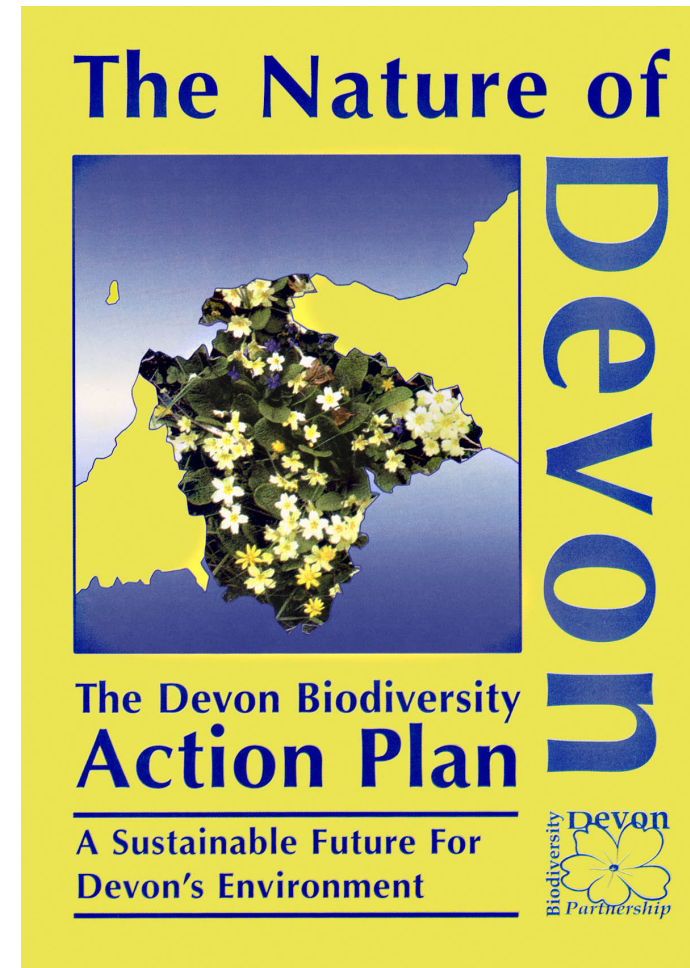
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The Devon BAP...a reminder

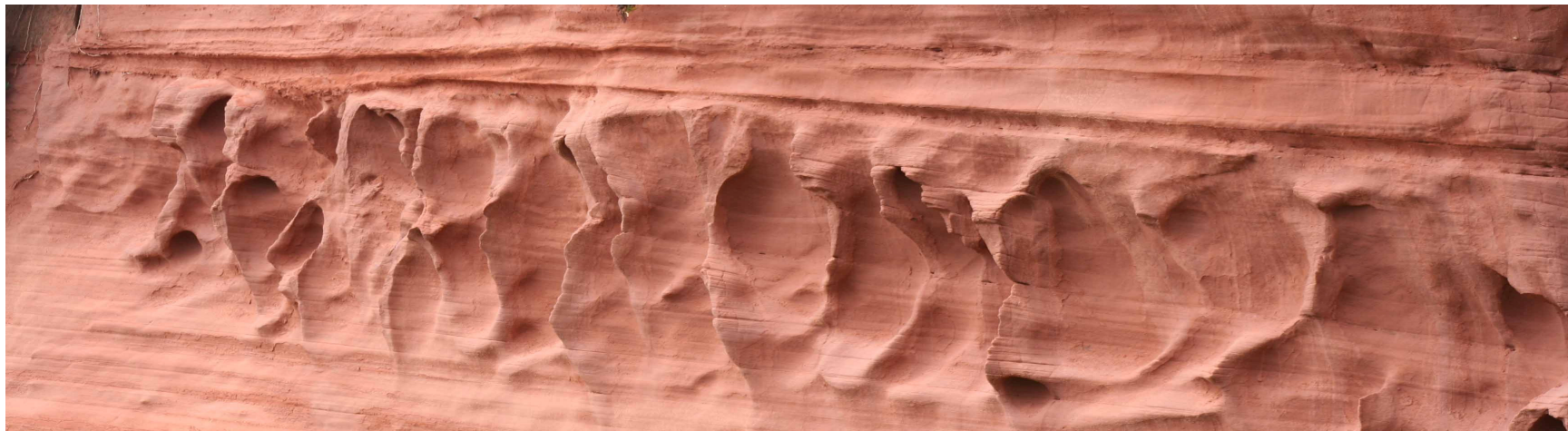


- 37 Habitat and Species Action Plans.
- Identifies key features of interest.
- Background on wildlife and earth heritage and policy context.
- 'The Nature of Devon'.
- www.devon.gov.uk/biodiversity



Geological review (1)

- Raised profile of earth heritage conservation.
- Geodiversity Action Plans.....actually, let's keep things simple.
- Fully integrated 'nature conservation' plan.



Geological review (2)

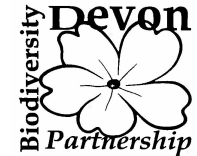
- Root and branch review.
- Three new Action Plans to raise the profile of key features:
 - Dynamic coastal landforms and habitats
 - Mines and mineral waste tips
 - Periglacial landscapes
- The Devon Biodiversity and Geodiversity Action Plan (BAP).

New English framework



- Revised strategy for national delivery... important context for local delivery.
- Delivery now devolved to England: NE is lead delivery body.
- Drivers such as climate change require a more holistic approach to conservation.
- Going beyond protected sites and separate species and habitat action plans.

Aims of the new framework (1)



- Adopt an ecosystem approach.
- Landscape and seascape-scale conservation.
- Greater emphasis on habitat restoration and expansion.
- Needs of priority species better integrated into habitat based work where possible (and by targeted recovery work where necessary).

Aims of the new framework (2)

- Support designated sites by enhancing the landscape in which they sit.
- Better integration of national, regional and local levels of delivery.
- Less emphasis on producing HAPs and SAPs.
- More emphasis on identifying the most urgent and beneficial actions.



Framework structure

- Habitat and species interests brought together in Biodiversity Integration Groups (BIGs).
- BIGs to drive delivery of priority habitat targets (and associated species).
- Nine BIGs covering broad habitats (e.g. lowland farmlands, uplands, marine).
- Separate targeted species work.
- Closer working with regional and local partnerships (greater ownership of national priorities and targets).

Overall...

- Strong emphasis on landscape-scale conservation covering a wide range of features.
- Less emphasis on the process of biodiversity action planning.
- Get on with the important stuff.



Devon's Local Area Agreement



- Local Strategic Partnerships required to produce Sustainable Community Strategies.
- A sustainable vision for Devon, with identified priority issues.
- LAA aims to deliver the priorities of the SCS.

LAA and biodiversity

- 'Targeted conservation and enhancement of Devon's biodiversity and geology in line with UK and local Biodiversity Action Plans and the South West Nature Map.'
- Requires co-ordinated efforts.
- Devon Biodiversity Partnership ideal grouping to take forward its delivery.



Importance of the LAA



- Through the DSP, broad support from a wide range of organisations.
- High profile for nature conservation delivery.

Four delivery mechanisms



1. Refinement of the nature map.
2. Nature conservation work targeted at local sites.
3. Community delivery of biodiversity.
4. A Biodiversity Monitoring Framework for Devon.