Northumbria

Ensure an additional 1,615 ha of SSSI are in favourable condition

Deliver catchment sensitive farming advice to 225 farmers

'Improving nature and getting people to love it'

The Northumbria Area Team covers the counties of Northumberland, Tyne & Wear, Durham and Tees Valley.

Our area has a rich natural heritage that includes hugely contrasting areas from the uplands of the Cheviots and North Pennines to the riverine lowlands of the Tyne, Tees and Wear valleys and stretches of stunning coastline.

Diverse landscapes include maritime cliffs and extensive moorland that contain a number of rare species of flora and fauna. Of particular importance are the saltmarshes of Lindisfarne and the Tees Estuary; the heaths, bogs and traditional upland hay meadows of the North Pennines and Cheviot Hills; the Arctic-Alpine flora of Upper Teesdale; and the Magnesian Limestone grasslands of East Durham which are a unique habitat, home to many species of butterfly and moths not found anywhere else in the world. Northumbria also features Kielder Forest, the largest man-made forest in Europe, a

significant habitat for the endangered

red squirrel, the largest and most important softwood resource

in England, and a valuable

setting for the local

tourism industry.

Maintain 577,179 Ha of priority habitat through CSS and HLS

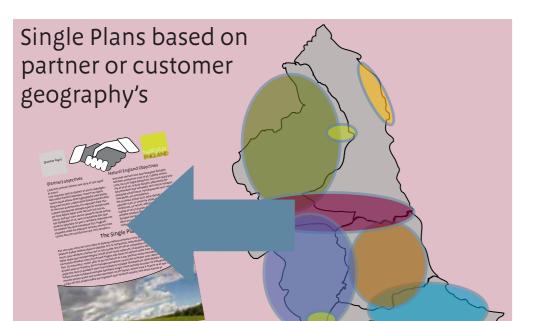
Assist Coastal Path colleages in creating the new National Trail

Provide advice to Defra on Northumberland SPA; Tees and Cleveland Coast extension;

Deliver 5 marine monitoring surveys

100% of HLS customers contacted 20% visited enabling multiple environmental outcomes

Support the development and successful launch of Countryside Stewardship in 2015





Respond to all casework consultations within agreed deadlines

Key Drivers & Opportunities

- Declining biodiversity
- Fragmented habitats
- Flood risk mitigation and carbon storage
- Climate change risks
- Ecosystem Services
- Continued pressure for growth
- Partnerships & stakeholder relations to deliver multiple outcomes



Aspiration

In its simplest form, our aspiration is to 'improve nature and get people to love it'.

Great customer service and integrated delivery are our key drivers, working closely with partners and stakeholders to achieve multiple outcomes, to find innovative ways to achieve the best possible environmental outcomes.

Our Nature, Your Nature

Natural England's corporate priorities for 2015/16 are:

- Biodiversity 2020, including the successful launch of the new Countryside Stewardship scheme.
- To make real progress on the ambitious programme of marine designations.
- Accelerated delivery of the England Coastal Path.
- Effective delivery of our planning and licensing duties, and continue to support sustainable economic growth.

Place Based Delivery

Our approach to delivery will focus on 'place'. Scoping opportunities for delivery or addressing issues within a geographic space (this could be at a regional; county; farm; field or ecosystem level) to achieve multiple outcomes, where appropriate, using an ecosystems or 'single plan' working closely with partners and stakeholders.

Delivering better places:

- Nurture a compelling vision of what a place can be like.
- Inspire action, galvanise support and ensure effective delivery.
- Focus on delivering multiple outcomes where possible working with others to achieve more
- Work in a joined-up manner to achieve a quality place, rather than in silos
- Act holistically.
- Be willing to invest in a front-end vision.
- Long term commitment rather than short term speculation.

Place-based delivery projects which will deliver this vision, contributing to Northumbria's delivery priorities and NE's corporate objectives.

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