

Case Study: The Eastern Moors Partnership

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The Eastern Moors Partnership comprising the National Trust (NT) and RSPB look after the Sheffield City Council owned property centred on Burbage, Houndkirk and Hathersage Moors. They also look after the Eastern Moors from Birchen Edge to Totley Moor within Derbyshire on behalf of the Peak District National Park Authority. The management plan for both properties is due to be published in April 2018. The vision is as follows with the full version available at www.visit-eastern-moors.org.uk

The joint NT and RSPB 25-year vision for the Eastern and Burbage Moors is for it to be a place recognised as a guiding model for future management of our uplands, benefiting both people and wildlife. The moors, woodlands and meadows are beloved as a wild landscape, characterised by their dramatic natural beauty and tranquillity, thriving with wildlife and enjoyed by everyone from the surrounding communities and beyond. People feel close to and in touch with nature. This rich cultural story, brought alive in exciting and innovative ways both on and off site, enables and encourages people to explore and discover the past from which the present day moors have evolved. The moors are managed with the grain of nature, with natural processes guiding the mosaic of habitats and wildlife. As wildlife thrives, the clean rivers and green wooded corridors connect the moors to surrounding places as part of a wider upland landscape.

In looking after the Eastern Moors and Burbage we aim for the following.

- A landscape rich in wildlife.

- A Landscape rich in our culture and heritage.

- People supporting, connected and taking action for our landscape, nature and heritage.

- People enjoying and benefiting from being within the landscape.

- Public benefiting from restored natural processes.

These demonstrate the multiple interests of the property and the emphasis on not only the wildlife and cultural heritage interests but also the importance of the property for and to the people of Sheffield in addition to the potential for enhanced ecosystem services including flood control.

Key deliverables within the life of the management plan include:

- Healthy, restored, more natural habitats. Improving the SSSI condition and allowing habitats to follow more dynamic natural processes.

- Shaped by appropriate grazing providing food and fuel.

- More biodiverse and richer in nature. A sustainable suite of upland species halting species declines.

- Well cared for archaeology and heritage.

- Improved quality and connectivity of public access.

- An uncompromised sense of wild and remote places.

- Experiences that move teach and inspire.

- People involved and looking after our landscape.

- Better links and connectivity to the wider landscape and surrounding communities.