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Archaeology Action Plan

This action plan should be read in conjunction with the [Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Management Plan 2020-2024](#). It highlights priority actions relating to archaeology for the National Park Authority to 2024. The plan will be reviewed annually.

The action plan contains actions for which funding has previously been approved. It may also indicate actions for which resourcing would be required. Where this is the case, any resourcing decision would be made in accordance with the Authority's standard procedures.

The principal lead for this action plan is the National Park Authority's Community Archaeologist. If you have any specific comments or matters relating to this action plan, please contact archaeology@pembrokeshirecoast.org.uk.

In each table, the status column is supported by a more detailed commentary on activity undertaken in the current financial year. This should be viewed in conjunction with the current Corporate and Resources Plan.

a) Priority Area: Community and Public Engagement

- Contributes to National Park Management Plan policy H1 a), b), c) and H2 a), b) and d) in particular.
- Contributes to the following National Park Authority Well-being Objectives: Culture (Work Streams: Historic Environment: Historic Buildings and Community Archaeology, Historic Inspiration and Experience, Heritage Partnership and Collaboration), Communities (Work Stream: Community Activities and Projects benefiting the Park and People) and Global (Work Streams: Special Qualities: Inspiration and Education, Responding to Climate Change Emergency).
- Contributes to the Historic Environment and Climate Change in Wales [Sector Adaptation Plan](#) actions 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 3.2, 5.1, 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 7.3 and 7.4.

1. Heritage Guardians Scheme					
Purpose: This scheme aims to engage and involve students in archaeology and heritage within and adjacent to the National Park. This is delivered through a series of sessions, including site visits to well-known monuments and also less obvious forms of heritage.					
Outcome: As a result of the programme, students will have a greater appreciation of archaeology and heritage and also issues facing these. Ultimately this will lead to greater chances of safeguarding heritage. This programme also results in greater levels of accessibility for students who might otherwise be unable to engage with archaeology and heritage.					
Action/Initiative	Timescales	National Park Authority Lead	Resources	Status	Activity 2020/21
Normally carry out the programme with up to three educational institutions on an annual basis.	Programme will run over the current Management Plan period (2020 – 2024).	Community Archaeologist	Officer time, officer time from other teams and archaeology resources, equipment and material.	Underway.	Due to COVID-19 the programme was largely suspended, however a number of videos with tasks were delivered to one school. This enabled them to learn about archaeology in the National Park and engage with this landscape.
Evaluate the pilot scheme that has been running between 2018 and 2021 and develop the scheme as one of the National Park Authority's educational strands to support the national curriculum. Evaluation to include consultation with educational institutions in Pembrokeshire to determine how they would like the scheme developed.	To be evaluated and developed in accordance with the timescale for development of educational provision more broadly in the Authority and within the current Management Plan period (2020 – 2024).	Community Archaeologist	Officer time, officer time from other departments and participating educational institutions.	Not started.	It is anticipated that the scheme will be one of several strands that the National Park Authority will offer to deliver to schools. As such the evaluation did not commence as it needs to compliment and coincide with development of educational provision more broadly.

2. Community Archaeology Projects					
Purpose: To support archaeology and heritage based projects that are being led by other organisations, communities and/or members of the public. Includes assisting with development and implementation of such projects.					
Outcome: Increase public engagement with archaeology and heritage more broadly within and adjacent to the National Park. Help empower communities to actively engage with and manage archaeological and heritage assets within their areas. In addition, supporting community archaeology type projects will lead to management resilience, improved partnership working and safeguarding of monuments.					
Action / Initiative	Timescales	National Park Authority Lead	Resources	Status	Activity 2020/21

Support up to three community archaeology projects per annum.	Projects will be supported as and when they occur over the current Management Plan period (2020 – 2024).	Community Archaeologist	Officer time, officer time from other departments, archaeology budget and archaeology equipment and material.	Underway.	<p>The National Park Authority supported the Preseli Heartlands project including attending a number of steering group meetings.</p> <p>Nevern Community Council has been supported regarding Nevern Castle.</p> <p>Support was provided to the Brynberian Centre with advice relating to Preseli archaeological sites.</p> <p>Development and planning underway for the Preseli LiDAR archaeology project due to commence in June 2021. This will have a community/citizen science element.</p> <p>The activity of other community projects was suspended/on hold due to COVID-19, for example Ancient Connections.</p>
Develop community excavations and projects in partnership with other relevant organisations.	Joint community excavations and projects will be developed as and when they arise during the current Management Plan period (2020 – 2024).	Community Archaeologist	Officer time, officer time from other departments, archaeology budget and archaeology equipment and material.	Underway.	Due to COVID-19 community excavations were suspended. Those that were postponed will hopefully take place in 2021/22.

3. Archaeological Activities and Events

Purpose: To provide an opportunity for communities within and adjacent to the National Park and more broadly the public to engage with archaeology and heritage through activities and events, including the annual Archaeology Day, guided walks and talks.

Outcome: Increase public engagement of archaeology and heritage in the National Park including increased awareness, involvement and interest in these.

Action / Initiative	Timescales	National Park Authority Lead	Resources	Status	Activity 2020/21
Normally provide and/or support archaeology/ heritage guided walks across the National Park area per annum. Including working with other National Park Authority teams and external providers to deliver these.	Walks will be offered as part of an annual programme over the current Management Plan period (2020 – 2024).	Community Archaeologist	Officer time, officer time from other departments and volunteers. In addition, resources required to run the event, such as venue and/or vehicle hire and any other material. Also, time and resources of external organisations where applicable.	Underway.	Due to COVID-19 planned guided walks were suspended, however a free virtual event was organised and held during August 2020. This highlighted archaeological features in the National Park and informed people of the work being carried out by the National Park Authority in relation to archaeology.
Deliver the annual Archaeology Day.	The event takes place every November and will continue to be delivered over the current Management Plan period	Community Archaeologist	Officer time, officer time from other departments, archaeology resources, PLANNED staff time and resources and contributors' time. In addition, venue hire and digital platforms and also any	Underway.	<p>Due to COVID-19 Archaeology Day 2020 was delivered virtually and proved to be a great success. Content for the day is available at:</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmyDlzMf-5-pTebMDX8GoYQ</p> <p>The event was evaluated and lessons learnt will be taken forward for events in the future.</p>

	(2020 – 2024).		associated material for the event.		
Showcase the National Park's archaeology and heritage at shows and/or through talks up to four times per annum.	To be delivered on an annual basis and throughout the current Management Plan period (2020 – 2024).	Community Archaeologist	Officer time, officer time from other departments and archaeological material and resources (where applicable).	Underway.	As mentioned above, event held in August 2020 due to guided walks being suspended. Talk delivered virtually to the Reading and District Welsh Society. Talk delivered virtually during a Pembrokeshire Coastal Forum event.
Develop digital and physical information and interpretation about the archaeology and heritage of the National Park as and when opportunities arise.	To be delivered within the current Management Plan period as and when opportunities arise (2020 – 2024).	Community Archaeologist	Officer time, officer time from other departments and archaeology resources and material. Time and resources of external organisations (where applicable).	Underway.	Heritage Watch page developed. Available at: https://www.pembrokeshirecoast.wales/about-the-national-park/archaeology/heritagewatch/ A webpage was developed to enable the public to register for information on archaeology events and activities taking place in the National Park. The webpage can be accessed via the following link: Archaeology Mailing List - Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Project producing digital models of archaeological artefacts commissioned. Project producing new interpretation for Old Castle Point Fort, Fishguard commissioned. This includes a digital reconstructive model of the fort during the Napoleonic era, reconstructive imagery from its WWII use. In addition, augmented reality is being explored.

b) Priority Area: Safeguarding Archaeological Monuments and Research

- Contributes to National Park Management Plan policy H1 a), b), c), g) and i) in particular.
- Contributes to the following National Park Authority Well-being Objectives: Culture (Work Streams: Historic Environment: Historic Buildings and Community Archaeology, Heritage Partnership and Collaboration) and Global (Work Streams: Special Qualities: Inspiration and Education, Responding to Climate Change Emergency).
- Contributes to the Historic Environment and Climate Change in Wales Sector Adaptation Plan actions 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 5.1, 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 7.1, 7.3 and 7.4.

1. Safeguarding Archaeological Monuments					
Purpose: To improve and safeguard the condition of monuments within the National Park					
Outcome: The condition of monuments within the National Park is improved and better safeguarded through the development of an effective management regime.					
Action / Initiative	Timescales	National Park Authority Lead	Resources	Status	Activity 2020/21
Compile a database on the current condition of scheduled monuments within the National Park.	To be completed in the first quarter of 2020-2021.	Community Archaeologist	Officer time with input from relevant Cadw officers and information.	Complete.	Database of National Park scheduled monuments created.
Develop a monitoring form for assessing the condition of monuments during site visits, including an online	To be developed and implemented within the current Management Plan period (2020 – 2024).	Community Archaeologist	Officer time with input from Cadw and those using the system including volunteers. Also, use of survey123.	Complete.	Online submission form developed and trialled by Heritage Volunteers.

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Recruit and train volunteers and Authority staff to undertake monitoring visits of accessible monuments.	To be developed and implemented within the current Management Plan period (2020 – 2024).	Community Archaeologist	Officer time and officer time from other departments. Archaeology resources and material, including equipment to support volunteers. Volunteer time.	Complete.	Two virtual public sessions held to provide information about archaeology in the National Park and information about the monitoring scheduled monuments opportunity. Volunteers recruited to visit accessible sites across the National Park and monitor their condition.
Identify publicly accessible sites and allocate these to volunteers to undertake visits to ascertain the condition of monuments and identify issues to be addressed.	To be completed within the current Management Plan period (2020 – 2024).	Community Archaeologist	Officer time and officer time from other departments. Archaeology resources and material, including equipment to support volunteers. Volunteer time.	Complete.	Publicly accessible sites identified and allocated to recruited volunteers.
Site visit reports submitted by volunteers including any identified issues.	To be submitted on an ongoing basis during the current Management Plan period (2020 – 2024).	Community Archaeologist	Officer time, volunteer time and relevant resources to make submission of reports.	Underway.	Over half of the publicly accessible sites were visited by heritage volunteers and reports submitted.
Submitted reports assessed and programme of work put in place to address issues.	To be carried out on an ongoing basis during the current Management Plan period (2020 – 2024).	Community Archaeologist	Officer time, officer time from other departments and volunteer time and use of archaeology resources and material. Also, time of relevant external organisations and specialist contractors (where applicable).	Underway.	A limited number of submitted reports were assessed and actions put in place to address identified issues.

2. Heritage Watch Scheme

Purpose: To safeguard archaeological, historical and heritage assets (including landscapes) within and directly adjacent to the National Park from deliberate and unintentional damage.

Outcome: The number of archaeological, historical and heritage assets (including landscapes) within and directly adjacent to the National Park deliberately and unintentionally damaged are reduced. Safeguarding and reporting measures are also strengthened.

Action / Initiative	Timescales	National Park Authority Lead	Resources	Status	Activity 2020/21
Develop and implement a reporting mechanism for the scheme.	To take place over the current Management Plan period (2020 – 2024).	Community Archaeologist	Officer time, officer time from other departments and key partner organisations.	Underway.	Webpage on the National Park website developed and produced, including a reporting pro-forma. Webpage available at https://www.pembrokeshirecoast.wales/about-the-national-park/archaeology/heritagewatch/ The Facebook page for the scheme was also updated including linking with the webpage. Facebook page available at: Gwarchod Treftadaeth - HeritageWatch Facebook
Provide heritage related training in connection	To be provided on an ongoing basis over the current Management	Community Archaeologist	Officer time, officer time of key partner organisations, volunteer time. Also use of	Underway.	A pan-Wales heritage crime training session was delivered virtually and included several police forces, Cadw, Historic England, the Welsh Archaeological Trusts and all three Welsh National Park Authorities. The session was publicised on the Facebook page.

with the scheme.	Plan period (2020 – 2024).		relevant resources to deliver training including venue or equivalent.		
Develop and implement a mechanism for patrol/safeguarding assets at risk.	To take place over the current Management Plan period (2020 – 2024).	Community Archaeologist	Officer time, officer time from other departments, key partner organisations and volunteer time.	Underway.	Reporting mechanism developed. Links established with key contacts – Cadw, Dyfed-Powys Police. Database of incidents created. Routine patrols established.
Carry out remedial work on affected assets.	To take place over the current Management Plan period (2020 – 2024) as and when required.	Community Archaeologist	Officer time, officer time from other departments, key partner organisations and volunteer time. Use of material and resources to undertake work.	Underway.	Identified issues publicised. The importance of reporting reaffirmed with colleagues, communities and the public. Action plans put in place to address issues at affected sites.
Publicise the scheme using press releases and the Facebook page.	To take place on an ongoing basis over the current Management Plan period (2020 – 2024).	Community Archaeologist	Officer time, officer time from other departments and key partner organisations.	Underway.	Incidents of heritage crime and association issues publicised via the Facebook page and through key partners. Patrols publicised on the Facebook page.

3. Archaeological Research

Purpose: To support and undertake archaeological research involving techniques such as excavations and surveys to increase understanding about archaeology, history and heritage within the National Park.

Outcome: Archaeology, history and heritage better understood within the National Park, leading to improved management of these features and related landscapes. In addition, public enjoyment and engagement of the National Park area is enhanced.

Action / Initiative	Timescales	National Park Authority Lead	Resources	Status	Activity 2020/21
Support archaeological excavations taking place within the National Park up to a maximum of four.	To take place over the current Management Plan period (2020 – 2024).	Community Archaeologist	Officer time, officer time of other departments, volunteer time and archaeology equipment, material and financial support. Also time and resources of external organisations.	Underway.	Due to COVID-19 planned excavations were suspended.
Undertake and/or commission research within the National Park (where appropriate). Including consulting with relevant external organisations to identify research priorities and the Research Framework for	To take place over the current Management Plan period (2020 – 2024) where appropriate.	Community Archaeologist	Officer time, officer time of other departments, volunteer time and archaeology equipment, material and resources. Also time and resources of external organisations.	Underway.	Planning and development of the Preseli Archaeology LiDAR project due to commence in June 2021 continued. LiDAR will be used to enhance, identify and analyse archaeological features in the landscape. The project is part of a Welsh Government Sustainable Management Scheme. The National Park Authority registered with the Research Framework for the Archaeology of Wales.

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4. National Policy

Purpose: To engage and influence national policy development on historic environment matters relevant to the Park.

Outcome: The interests of the historic environment within a National Park context has been taken into account within relevant national policy.

Action / Initiative	Timescales	National Park Authority Lead	Resources	Status	Activity 2020/21
Develop guidance in relation to relevant sections of the management plan.	To take place on an ongoing basis over the current Management Plan period (2020 – 2024).	Community Archaeologist	Officer time.	As and when required.	Provided advice in relation to the development of guidance for the use of sacred places.
Respond to relevant consultations on legislation and policy at a national level.	To take place on an ongoing basis over the current Management Plan period (2020 – 2024).	Community Archaeologist	Officer time.	Ongoing.	<p>Provided input on current work by the Welsh Government to consolidate Welsh Historic Environment Laws.</p> <p>Provided historic environment comments to the Welsh Government's Agriculture (Wales) White Paper.</p>
Participate on strategic working groups, for example the Welsh Government Historic Environment Group and the National Parks UK Historic Environment Group.	To take place on an ongoing basis over the current Management Plan period (2020 – 2024).	Community Archaeologist	Officer time.	Underway.	<p>Chaired the Association of Local Government Archaeological Officers: Cymru.</p> <p>Co-facilitated the Pembrokeshire Heritage Forum with PLANED.</p> <p>Participated with the Welsh Government's Historic Environment Group</p> <p>Participated with the Welsh Government's Historic Environment subgroup on Climate Change</p> <p>Participated with the Council for British Archaeology Wales Committee</p> <p>Participated with the National Parks UK's Historic Environment Group.</p>