



# HNV-Link Thematic Network

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## Learning Area Dartmoor, UK

A centre for innovation focused on  
the management of common land

Coordinator: The European Forum on Nature Conservation and Pastoralism



The land management of the common land is guided by the **Moorland Vision** – an innovative 25 year framework based on a local consensus building process.

The Vision describes what Government agencies want the moorland to look like in 25 years. It is map based, thereby resolving potentially conflicting demands on the same parcel of land, for example between archaeology and nature conservation.



Monitoring vegetation

The Vision also gives the farming community confidence that the long term ambition of government is for a farmed landscape.

Agri-environment agreements are the main tools for implementing the Vision. **Dartmoor Farming Futures** (DFF) is a farmer led innovative way of delivering agri-environment.



Stone circle

DFF is non-prescriptive but seeks to deliver a set of outcomes that reflect the public benefits and policy objectives that are relevant to the area.

DFF is under trial on two commons and one of the developments that have emerged is to enable the participating farmers to take responsibility for the monitoring of selected outcomes.

DFF has recently been accepted into the UK Government's test and trial programme to inform the development of the proposed post-CAP Environmental Land Management Scheme (ELMS).

The common land is protected by **Fire Plans**, one for each area of common, that enable local farmers to work alongside firefighters to fight wildfires, providing essential access information in advance of a fire.

This collaboration has led to the invention of specialised equipment (a quad bike-mounted fogger) to better fight fires.



The Fogger

Regulations to eradicate bovine tuberculosis (TB) are often unsuitable for common land. The **TB Control Plans** provide a risk assessment process that can enable cattle to continue to graze the common whilst meeting the ambition of the Regulations.



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