

# Dartmoor & Hungarian National Park Partnership



Although the landscapes and habitats of Dartmoor and Hortobágy are different, both National Parks share common purposes - to protect and enhance these unique and beautiful places, and to provide for public understanding and enjoyment. Both also have a long history of human use. Management issues relating to aspects of natural beauty, wildlife, cultural heritage, public enjoyment, education and other interests, are surprisingly similar and provide excellent opportunities for sharing skills and experience through an active partnership.

In November 2002, a Partnership Agreement was entered into by the Dartmoor National Park Authority and the Hortobágy National Park Directorate, supported by the Hungarian Ministry of Environment and Water. Under this Agreement a Work Plan for technical cooperation between the protected areas has been drawn up. This includes the sharing of information and publications, exchange of professional staff, complementary programmes of monitoring and research, and provision of training opportunities.

The partners believe that becoming familiar with each other's work will help staff from both National Parks to better promote the ideas of global landscape and wildlife conservation, and of sustainable development. They believe that shared experiences will generate novel approaches to management and improved working methods.



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