

Blackdown Hills National Landscape

Minutes of the Blackdown Hills National Landscape Partnership Management Group
held on

Thursday, 6th March 2025 at Awliscombe Village Hall

Present:

Clr Bob Nelson (BN) (Chair)	Blackdown Hills Parish Network
Gordon Field (GF)	Blackdown Hills Artist & Makers
Clr Graham Long (GL)	Blackdown Hills Parish Network
Clr Natasha Bradshaw(NB)	Mid Devon District Council
Simon Richardson (SR)	Natural England
Daniel Lazar (DL)	Co-opted Member
Janette Ward (JW)	Campaign to Protect Rural England
Clr Yehudi Levine (YL)	East Devon District Council
Phillip Hackett (PH)	The British Horse Society
Martin Turner (MT)	Blackdown Hills Hedge Association
David Northcote-Wright (DNW)	Somerset Wildlife Trust
Clr John Berry (JB)	Devon County Council
Doug Eltham (DE)	Devon County Council
Jonathan Farey (JF)	Co-opted Member
Clr Mike Canham (MC)	Blackdown Hills Parish Network
Trudi Righton (TR)	Member of the public
Rosemary Berry (RB)	Member of the public

Blackdown Hills National Landscape staff team:

Tim Youngs (TY), Lisa Turner (LT) Hannah Metson (HM) Di Weeks (DW) (Minutes)

Apologies: Robert Derryman (National Farmers Union), Fiona Rew (National Farmers Union), Tommy Muncie (National Trust), Carolyn Dare (Blackdown Hills Transition Group), Clr Sarah Wakefield (Somerset Council) , Alex Swan (Environment Agency), Clr Martin Wale (Somerset Council), Paul Spearing (Co-opted Member), Charlie Plowden (East Devon District Council), Tristan Peat (Mid Devon District Council), Stephen Dury (Somerset Council), Sarah Jennings (Devon County Council), Adam Powell (Co-opted Member), Ross Henley (Somerset Council), Jon Burgess (Forestry Commission), James Divall (Somerset Council).

Members of the public: Two

ITEM 1 Welcome and Introductions	By whom
<p>Welcome, introductions and apologies were made, including welcoming Trudi as a member of the public. Starting on a sad note, to announce the passing of Bruce Payne and funeral arrangements for 19th March. BN commented that Bruce had played a massive part in making the Blackdown Hills what it is today.</p> <p>BN also announced that John Berry was standing down after over 20 years and thanked him for his contribution and time.</p> <p>Declarations of interest: GF declared his interest as the BHAAM website is being funded through FiPL.</p>	BN