

North York Moors National Park Authority

29 June 2026

Item 20, On the record

1. UK National Park's conference attendance

- 1.1 UK National Parks Conference in the Cairngorms between 16-18 September. By convention the Chair and CEO attend the meeting with the remaining places (four) taken by Members subject to interest. Priority will be given to those who have not previously attended a conference, followed by Members who have not attended this event in the last 4 years.

2. Community Forums

- 2.1 Dates for Community Forums have been set for:

Southern – 8 October 2026

Northern/Coastal - 21 October 2026

Western – 28 October 2026

- 2.2 The Member Training and Development Group met on 28 April and discussed draft terms of reference for Community Forums, which replace previous Parish Forums. The draft terms of reference:

- Make clear that the Forums are designed to foster two-way engagement between the NPA and local communities.
- Are open to any and all members of communities across the North York Moors including residents, community organisations and Parish Council representatives.
- State that meetings will be held annually and will aim to strengthen participation by enabling virtual as well as in person attendance.

- 2.3 The Terms of Reference are available at **appendix 1**. Community Forums will be reviewed after 12 months with a report to be brought to December NPA

- 2.4 The joint Parish Forum, aimed specifically at Parish Councils, will be held on Wednesday, 29 July 2026 at Danby Lodge Observatory and National Park Centre. As previously agreed with Members, no changes have been proposed to this annual meeting.

3. Provisional dates 2027

- 3.1 Please find at **appendix 2** a list of Authority meeting and training events proposed for 2027. Please could Members advise if these are acceptable or make suggestions for changes.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 That Members note the delegate attendance at the UKNP conference.
- 4.2 That Members note the dates proposed for 2027 and notify of any changes.

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Appendix 1, North York Moors Community Forums – Terms of Reference

Purpose

Community Forums have evolved from the previous 'Parish Forum' arrangements and are designed to foster two-way engagement between the National Park Authority and communities across the National Park. Communities - including community groups and organisations, Parish councils and individual residents – are part of the fabric of the National Park and play an essential role in the conservation of the local environment and ensuring a warm welcome to the general public.

The main objectives of the Community Forums are to:

- Ensure that communities have an opportunity to meet face to face with representatives of the National Park Authority.
- Provide a means of raising awareness of the work of the National Park Authority and engaging communities on important developments that affect them.
- Give communities a direct voice so that National Park members and officers have a good understanding of their views, concerns and aspirations.

Attendance

Community Forums are open to any and all members of communities across the North York Moors. This includes residents, community groups or other organisations with an interest in the National Park, Parish council members and representatives of Parish meetings.

Meeting arrangements

Meetings are held annually, usually in the autumn and early in the evening to enable as many people as possible to participate.

Three meetings are held across the North York Moors Park covering the western, southern and northern/ coastal areas of the National Park.

Meetings will normally be held in a community location such as village hall, local business or National Park office with the aim that meetings can enable virtual (online) attendance as well as in person.

The chair of the meeting will be a local National Park Authority member, typically the local Parish representative, supported by Officers. The meeting agenda will be set by the National Park Authority taking account of topical issues relating to the North York Moors that are relevant to local communities. The agenda will ensure adequate time for questions and answers with local communities.

Appendix 2, Draft meeting dates 2027

| Meetings 2026 | Date of Meeting | Chairs Briefing |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|---|
| January | - | - |
| Members monthly update | Tuesday 12 January | - |
| CCC Forum | Thursday 28 January | - |
| February | - | - |
| R&W Forum | Tuesday 2 February | - |
| Planning Committee | Thursday 4 February | Monday 1 February @ 10am |
| Members monthly update | Tuesday 9 February | - |
| FRAS Committee | Monday 22 February | Friday 19 February @ 10am |
| Member Training Dev Group | Wednesday 10 February | - |
| March | - | - |
| Members monthly update | Tuesday 9 March | - |
| EDI Meeting | Wednesday 10 March | - |
| * NPA Committee | Monday 22 March | Friday 19 March @ 1pm |
| Planning Committee | Thursday 25 March | Tuesday 23 March @ 10am |
| April | - | - |
| Members monthly update | Tuesday 13 April | - |
| Members Evening Seminar | Wednesday 14 April | - |
| CCC Forum | Tuesday 20 April | - |
| May | - | - |
| R&W | Thursday 6 May | - |
| Members monthly update | Tuesday 11 May | - |
| Planning Committee | Thursday 13 May | Monday 10 May @ 10am |
| FRAS Committee | Thursday 27 May | Tuesday 25 May @ 10am (moved due to timing of outturn figures) |
| June | - | - |
| Local Access Forum | Tuesday 1 June | - |
| Members monthly update | Tuesday 8 June | - |
| EDI Meeting | Wednesday 9 June | - |
| Staff Meeting | - | - |
| R&W/CCC Joint Forum | Thursday 17 June | - |
| *NPA/AGM | Monday 28 June | Friday 25 June @ 1pm |
| July | - | - |
| Planning Committee | Thursday 8 July | Monday 5 July @ 10am |
| Members monthly update | Tuesday 13 July | - |
| August | - | - |
| Members monthly update | Tuesday 10 August | - |
| FRAS Committee | Tuesday 31 August | Friday 27 August @ 10am |
| September | - | - |
| Planning Committee | Thursday 2 September | Monday 30 August @ 10am |
| Management Plan Stakeholder Forum | Wednesday 8 September | - |
| Members monthly update | Tuesday 14 September | - |
| EDI Meeting | Wednesday 15 September | - |
| *NPA Committee * | Monday 27 September | Friday 24 September @ 1pm |

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| October | - | - |
| CCC Forum | Thursday 7 October | - |
| Members monthly update | Tuesday 12 October | - |
| Members Strategy session | Wednesday 13 October | - |
| Planning Committee | Thursday 14 October | Monday 11 October @ 10am |
| November | - | - |
| R&W Forum | Thursday 4 November | - |
| Members monthly update | Tuesday 8 November | - |
| FRAS Committee | Monday 15 November | Friday 12 November @ 10am |
| Planning Committee | Thursday 25 November | Monday 22 November @ 10am |
| December | - | - |
| Local Access Forum AGM | Wednesday, 1 December | - |
| EDI Meeting | Wednesday 8 December | - |
| *NPA Committee | Monday 13 December | Friday 10 December @ 1pm |

***Depicts 9.30am start**

Bank holiday dates 2027

- New Year's Day Friday
- Good Friday 26 March
- Easter Monday 29 March
- May Day 3 May (likely)
- Spring B/H 30 August
- Christmas Day BH 27 December
- Boxing Day 28 December