



OPCC Record of Decision

The PCC awards a community safety grant to Dartmoor National Park Authority for the purpose of deploying Dartmoor Marshals to combat anti-social behaviour at key hotspot sites across the National Park.

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1. Context

The Dartmoor Marshalls are deployed across Dartmoor National Park Authority (DNPA) to ensure that special areas and rural communities are not blighted by anti-social behaviour, illicit drugs and violence. The DNPA have worked with partners to secure funding to enable the Dartmoor Marshalls to historically be deployed between 16:00 – 22:00 Friday – Monday outside of school holidays and then daily (same timings) during Devon school summer holidays to patrol a variety of known honeypot sites including (but not limited to)

- Spitchwick/Deeper Marsh
- Believer/Postbridge
- Harford/Ugborough (Ivybridge access to commons)
- Wistmans Wood/Two Bridges
- Meldon Reservoir and Woods (Okehampton)
- Haytor
- Foggintor Quarry/Princetown

2. The Marshalls use their security training to ensure that incidents are de-escalated and/or not allowed to arise and offer reassurance to other recreational users, residents and land managers. The Marshalls patrol at a time whereby they can liaise with DNPA rangers at the start of their evening to get latest intelligence and understanding of Dartmoor and locations and then patrol when DNPA rangers are off-duty. They are supported by the DNPA team manager who deals with calls from the public or residents and then feeds any information to the Marshalls.

3. Aim:

The role of the Marshalls is to ensure:

- that Dartmoor is effectively patrolled in the evening.
- their presence reduces and / or deescalates incidents prior to them requiring interventions from other agencies i.e. the police



- a reduction in police reports via 101 related to Dartmoor by providing a local number for concerned visitors, residents and land managers to report concerns to the Dartmoor Marshalls and target the work of a deployable local resource

4. Implementation timeline:

- 1st April 2025 – 31st March 2026.

2. Decision Record

2.1 To issue a 12-month grant to Dartmoor National Park Authority for the purpose of deploying Dartmoor Marshals to combat anti-social behaviour at key hotspot sites across the National Park.

The total grant value of £10,000.00.

3. Consultation, Engagement and Communication

3.1 None required.

4. OPCC Monitoring Officer advice

4.1 Legal, Management, Equality and GDPR Implications – Current and Future

- The PCC's Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer has advised that the arrangements set out in the proposal meet the requirements of the relevant legislation and the needs of the organisation.
- The PCC's CEO and Monitoring Officer has advised that this decision is within the powers of those making it and that, from the information provided, there would not appear to be any adverse legal, managerial, equality or GDPR implications arising from the proposal.

4.2 Financial and Commercial – Current and Future

- The PCC's Chief Finance Officer and S151 Officer has advised that the arrangements are consistent with good governance and ensuring value for money.

5. Supporting documents:

5.1 None.



6. Official approval

6.1 Following the appropriate approval, this decision sheet will be published, subject to FOIA classification, on the OPCC website.



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Police and Crime Commissioner

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Monitoring Officer or
Chief Financial Officer** (Delete as appropriate)

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Date: 21/01/26

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Date: 21/01/2026.

Equality Impact Assessment attached [Tick if completed]

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