

Our Common Cause: Our Upland Commons Delivery Phase

Proposed Projects 2020-2023

A) Increasing mutual understanding of stakeholders' interests in order to secure collaborative management on commons

- A1 Rolling out the visioning process to more commons across the four areas.
- A2 Creating a hub (web based) and organising regional commoners "gathers" to share learning and experience and disseminate best practice
- A3 Sharing learning on the outcomes approach across the areas.
- A4 Identifying and supporting commons' ambassadors.
- A5 Providing support and training to 100 conservationists about commoners, commons, game sports and upland agriculture.
- A6 Creating electronic registers for more CL units.

B) Addressing the loss of, and lack of understanding of, the culture and social role of commoners and commoning

- B1 Establishing a programme of events and activities across commons: walks, talks, farm and common tours, organising shepherds' meets for the 21st century.
- B2 Producing interpretative material to increase understanding of commoning and commons, and the role they play in the provision of public goods and services.
- B3 Using oral history to explore commoning traditions and landscape change.
- B4 Establishing volunteer groups to carry out a range of conservation and management activities with commoners on commons.
- B5 Providing training and mentoring for new entrants or young commoners.
- B6 Establishing an 18 month, level 2 apprenticeship scheme for aspiring commoners.
- B7 Enabling wider audiences of young people to explore the heritage of their commons through the John Muir Award

C) Improving the contribution of commoning to the provision of public goods and services

- C1 Piloting and rolling out innovative approaches to peat and water conservation on blanket bogs and wetland.
- C2 Conserving archaeological features on the commons.
- C3 Conserving historic utilitarian features associated with commoning, e.g. sheepfolds and pounds
- C4 Improving and managing access in priority areas through strategic physical improvements, bracken control and tick management.
- C5 Conserving flagship species and habitats, at key sites, for example ring ouzel, pearl-bordered fritillary and blanket bog.
- C6 Carrying out small scale improvements to assist shepherding and gathering, for example to stock handling pens, gates or to control bracken impeding gathers.
- C7 Providing training courses in habitat and archaeological site monitoring to commoners and local residents.