



Dartmoor Fire and Habitat Management Roundtable: Policy, Practice and Partnership

11 May 2026, Dartmoor National Park Office, Bovey Tracey, TQ13 9JQ

AGENDA

Timings: 10.30 am until 4.00 pm

Refreshments: Sandwich lunch and refreshments throughout the day

1. Introductions, welcome and aims for the day – Phil Stocker, Chair, Dartmoor Land Use Management Group.
2. Overview of key questions from Facilitator. Please see attached attendee's guidance note and key questions.
3. Presentations
4. Round Table Discussions
5. Discussion feedback and conclusions / next steps

10:45	Use of controlled burning on Dartmoor and the Dartmoor Fire Plan	Tracy May, Chair, Dartmoor Commoners' Council
11:05	Wild-fire risk, mitigation and response	Ian Donovan, Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service
11.25	Use of fire to restore nature	Andy Byfield
11.45	An overview of science and evidence from NE	Alice Noble, Senior Advisor
12.05	Q&A	
12.20	Lunch	
13:00	An overview of the Defra controlled burning regulations and process	Sally Marshall, Principal Officer (Uplands), NE
13:20	Impacts of controlled v wild-fires, Molinia fire risk and emissions	Professor Claire Belcher and Sarah Baker, Exeter University
13.40	Fire as a strategic management tool: commoning, nature, risk mitigation	Dave Morris, Open Habitats Manager, Forestry England
14:00	Q&A	
14:15	Tea & Coffee	
14.30	Round table discussions focussed on the key questions	
15:15	Table leads to share summary of round table discussion with Facilitator drawing out key points	
3.45	Next steps	Facilitator
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