Dark Peak NIA
Monitoring success and evaluating connectivity

**Biodiversity**

- **Blanket bog restoration: Sphagnum moss surveys**
  - Monitoring Sphagnum moss abundance and species composition in relation to blanket bog restoration.
  - Monitoring the effect of gully blocking on vegetation recovery.

- **Upland hay meadows**
  - Monitoring grassland diversification through restoration, reconnecting upland hay meadow and species rich pastures.

- **Dry heathland**
  - Assessing the response of birds to NIA habitat intervention with an upland breeding bird survey.
  - Monitoring botanical diversification through creation & restoration of SAC / SSSI upland heaths.

- **Native woodland creation: woodland bird surveys**
  - Assessing the effect of native upland woodland enhancement on woodland bird populations.

**Social impacts & well-being**

- **Attitudes of local community to biodiversity & rural environment**
  - Social surveys conducted:
    - Before and after NIA works to monitor perceptions of visitors & local residents
    - Across 6 key visitor gateways in the Dark Peak NIA
    - Using volunteers from across the local community
    - (58 individual volunteers help collect 626 baseline questionnaires)
  - Awareness of biodiversity: species recognition ...

- **Economic values & impacts**
  - Estimated value of visitor expenditure to local economy

- **Partnership working**
  - Attitudes towards NIA objectives:
    - It is important to increase the quality & / or amount of ...

*NIs are large, discrete areas that will deliver a step change in nature conservation, where a local partnership has a shared vision for their natural environment.

| Money | Time | Visitor ‘willingness to pay’ (%)
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