

“The Wild Downs and Hills”....

...creating Historic Environment Action Plans
for the Cranborne Chase and West Wiltshire Downs AONB



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HEAP Project...A few key facts

- Two year project (Feb 2009 to Jan 2011)
- Funded by English Heritage and the AONB
- Full time dedicated project officer
- Steering Group
- Wider Consultees
- Dedicated Website

www.historiclandscape.co.uk



The land of....

‘mysterious mounds and depressions’



‘the lord of the chase’

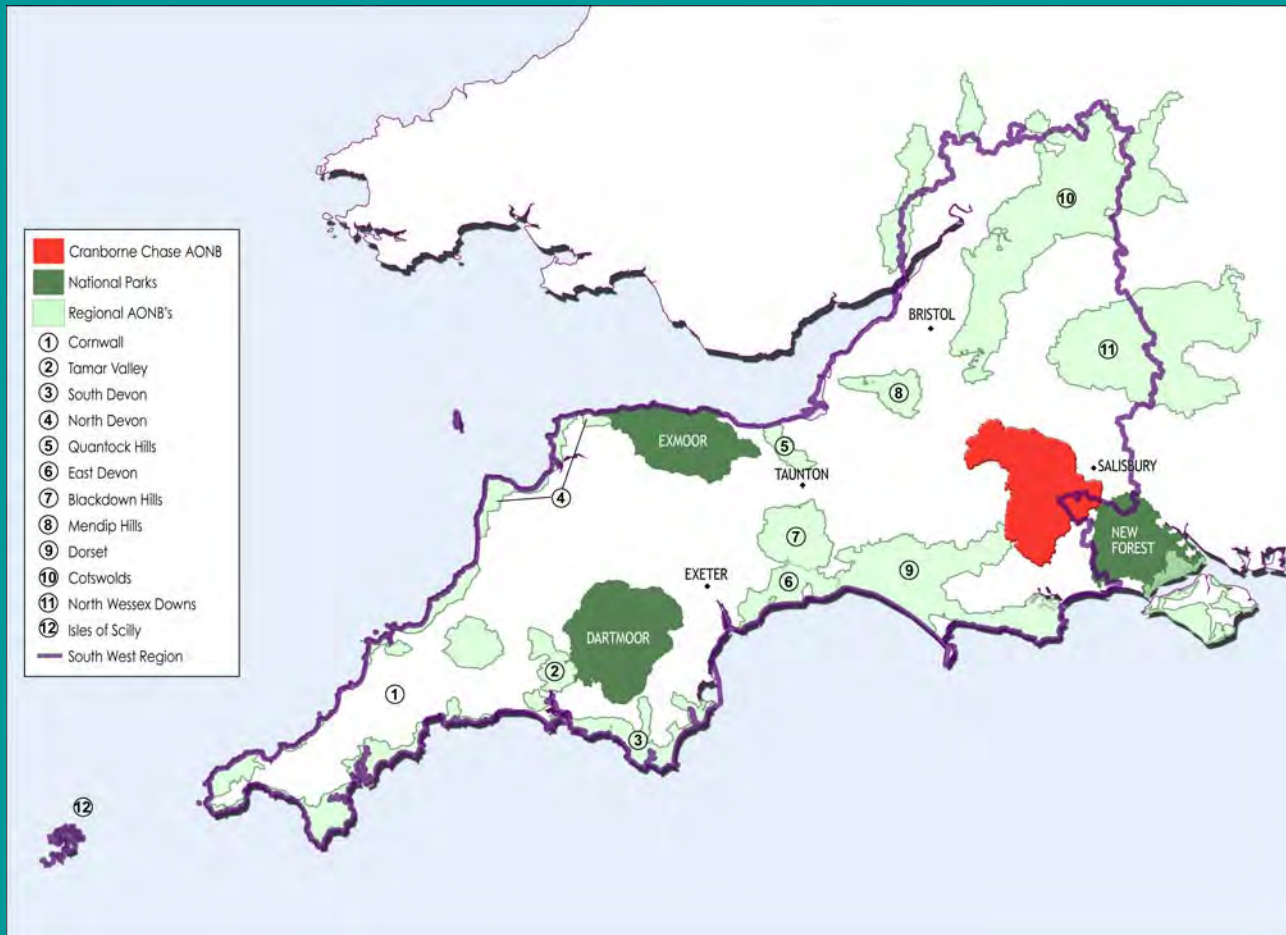
‘the vanished time’



‘truly venerable tract of forest land’



A best practice exemplar for other protected areas



Methodology

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Examples

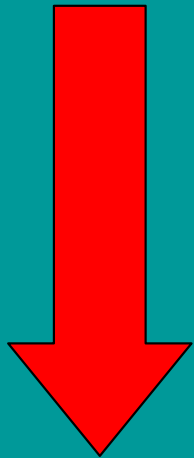
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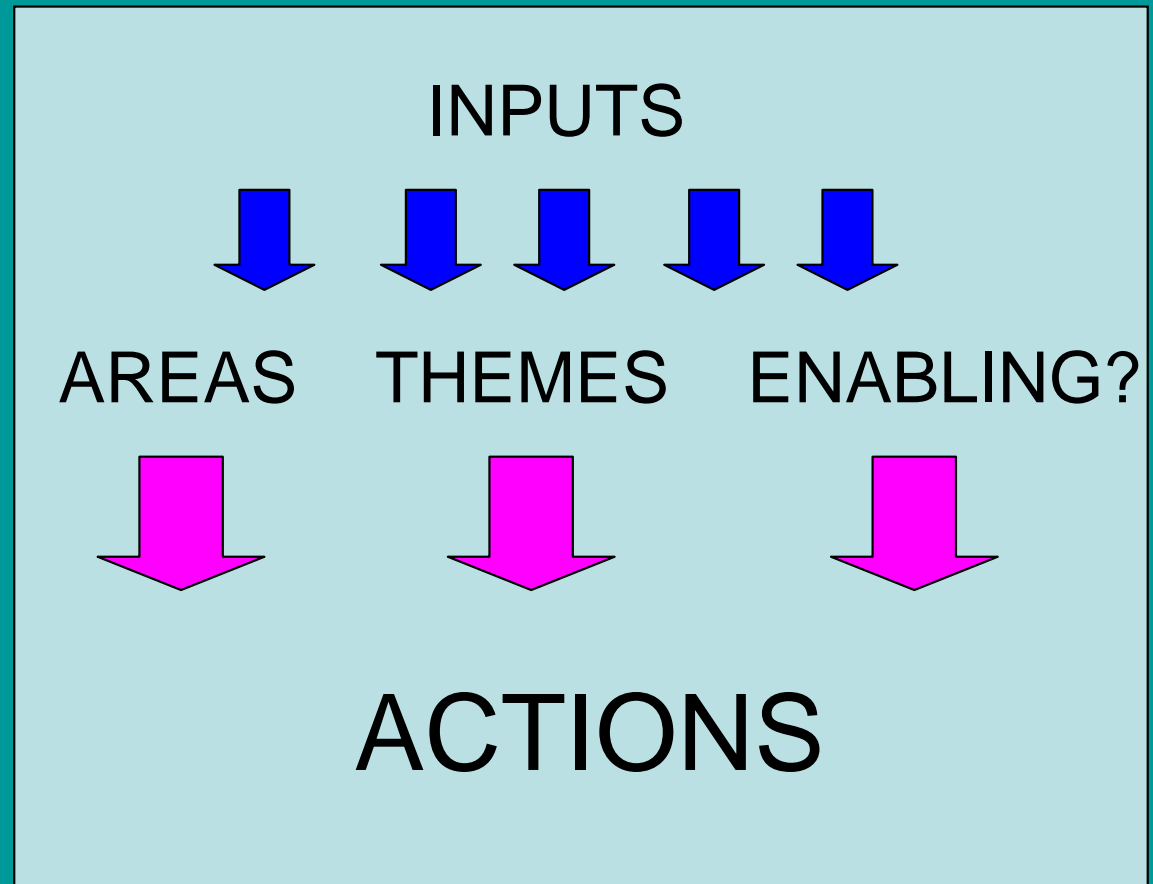
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A Vision of the final product

My Vision

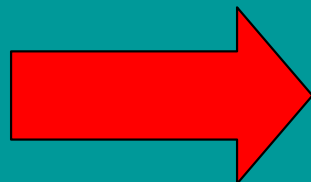
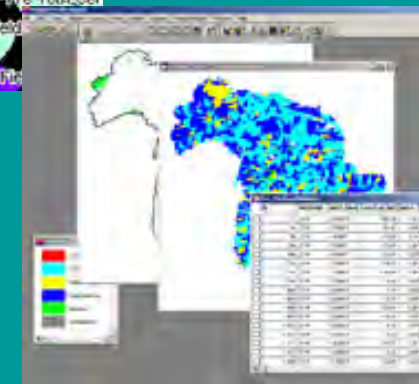
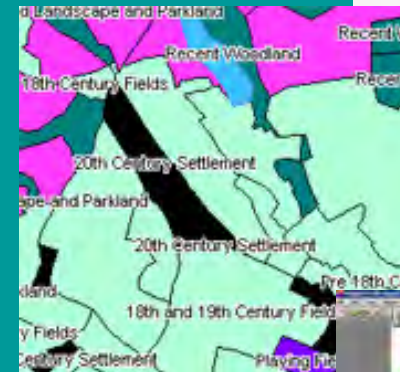


Our Vision



Inputs into the HEAP

- Historic Landscape Characterisation
- Historic Environmental Record
- Heritage Designations
- Heritage at Risk
- Research and Projects
- Forces for Change
- Management
- Community Perceptions
- Literary Descriptions
- ???



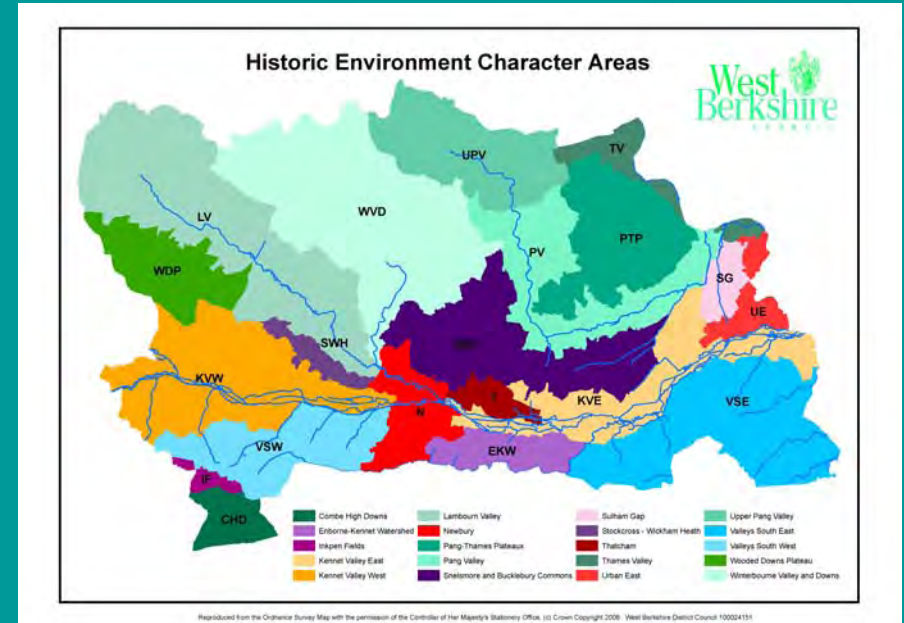
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HEAP 1: Area Action Plans

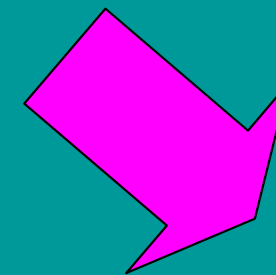
Discrete Geographical Areas

- Historical Development?
- Common Historic Landscape Types?
- Shared Perceptions?
- Existing Boundaries?



Written Descriptions

- E.g. Current Character, Historical Development, Vulnerability, Forces for change, management issues, condition



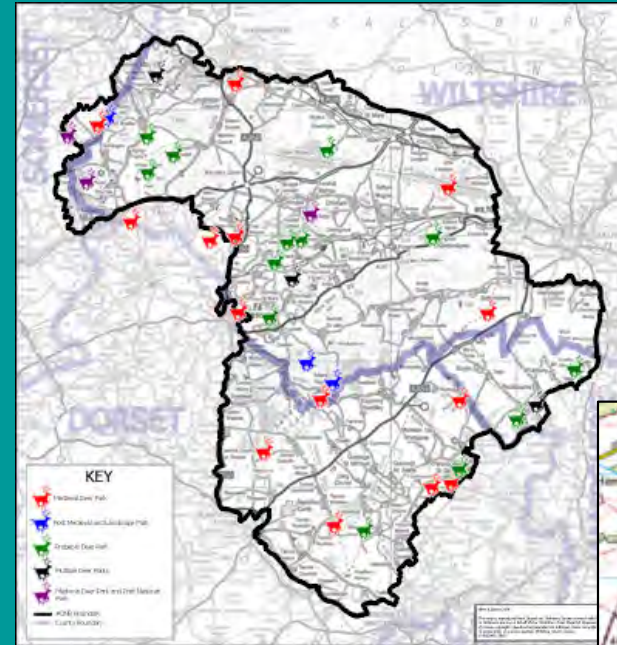
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HEAP 2: Theme Action Plans

Overarching Themes

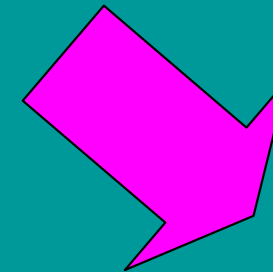
E.g. Deer Parks

E.g. Water Meadows



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HEAP 3: Enabling Action Plans?

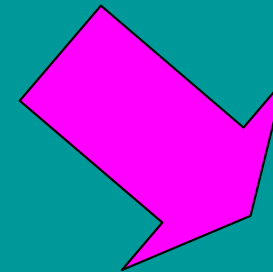
Are there some more generic actions which overarch or cross cut the area or theme action plans?

- E.g. Community Engagement
- E.g. Education & Awareness



Written Descriptions

- E.g. Main Issues, Opportunities



**SPECIFIC
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ACTIONS

Area Plans * Theme Plans * Enabling Plans

& their associated descriptions

- identify key issues
- have an aspirational element?



Signposting

- Existing Projects
- Existing Initiatives

Adding Value



New Actions

- * Initially Small in No.
- * Achievable
- * Funding Mechanism
- * Clear Timeframe



Demonstrate practical links into planning system and community strategies etc.