



# Cornwall's nationally protected landscape




Cornwall  
Area of Outstanding  
Natural Beauty

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*Heritage &  
Culture*

**AONB Aims, Policies & Objectives**



Title	Heritage & Culture	Time frame
Intro	<p>Cornwall’s culture and heritage, like the derivation of the word, springs from the soil, rooted in landscape – a product of place and people’s perception and experience of place. Cornwall’s distinctive culture and heritage connects people to landscape and must be nurtured, cherished, supported and celebrated. Cornwall’s history is internationally important. A significant part of Cornwall is designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site – a wealth of historic assets, settlements, buildings, monuments, structures and archaeology. This rich historic landscape is still readable from prehistory, through the medieval period and into the mining era. The heritage of Cornwall contributes strongly to the economy and could be seen as being the social and cultural capital of Cornwall in addition to its natural capital. Connect people to nature and heritage through the arts and culture. There are increasing threats to the AONB’s heritage assets, both to the distinctive heritage character of landscapes, hamlets and villages and to historic buildings through loss and impact of insensitive development.</p>	
Priority	<p><b>People and Place</b></p>	
Aim	<p>Raise awareness, improve understanding and educate people about Cornish culture and the rich cultural history and heritage assets within Cornwall AONB. Heritage features identified as ‘at risk and vulnerable’ will be brought into better management. Improve recognition and conservation of the heritage character of the Cornwall AONB landscapes, historic buildings and assets for the benefit of current and future generations, recognising their value to creating a ‘sense of place’, and to the local distinctiveness of individual sections.</p>	
Policy HC-P1	<p>Support initiatives to reduce and address heritage at risk within the Cornwall AONB including sensitive and appropriate conservation and management of heritage assets.</p>	
Policy HC-P2	<p>Support the recognition of the value of heritage landscapes, and of historic buildings and features as an irreplaceable resource, shaping the distinctiveness and character of Cornwall’s AONB landscapes. Improve the understanding of the historic narrative that heritage landscapes and assets tell us about the AONB, communities and Cornish culture.</p>	



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Objective HC-Ob1	Support physical and intellectual access to the historic environment within the AONB.	Short
Objective HC-Ob2	Support the work of the Cornwall and West Devon Mining World Heritage Site (WHS) Partnership in the management, interpretation and celebration of the mining heritage of the AONB. Contribute to the actions set down in the WHS Management Plan and World Heritage Site Supplementary Planning Document (2017).	Long
Objective HC-Ob3	Connect people to nature and heritage through the arts and culture. Support the current cultural sectors of creative arts, performance and media that celebrate and enhance the character of the protected landscape.	Short
Objective HC-Ob4	Support the celebration of the cultural distinctiveness of the protected landscape.	Short
Objective HC-Ob5	Promote the use of the Cornish language both spoken and written and wherever possible and practical use Cornish on interpretive material such as signs within the protected landscape	Medium
Objective HC-Ob6	Seek to bring Scheduled Monuments in Cornwall AONB into positive management and improving condition.	Short
Objective HC-Ob7	Support the high-quality management of heritage assets within the protected landscape to ensuring their continued survival in good condition	Long
Objective HC-Ob8	Promote the cultural importance such as the benefits to people, place, nature and climate of the Cornish Hedge as a heritage asset.	Short
Objective HC-Ob9	Monitor the extent and condition of historic sites, features and landscapes in the AONB, promoting the use of the existing Historic Environment Record, Cornwall Council Internet mapping and the Heritage at Risk register.	Short



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Objective HC-Ob10	Support new designations and inclusions to the HER for heritages assets, as yet unmapped, within the AONB.	Long
Objective HC-Ob11	Inclusively promote the sensitive interpretation of the AONB's historic environment.	Short
Objective HC-Ob12	Understand the value the historic environment and historic assets make to Cornwall's economy and communities as our heritage capital and ensure appropriate investment.	Long
Objective HC-Ob13	Develop projects and initiatives to involve local communities in the management of their local historic environment, working with third sector groups and volunteers.	Short
Objective HC-Ob14	Support the effective management of the Historic Environment with Partners and Stakeholders guided by the latest version of Cornwall's Heritage Strategy.	Short/ Medium
Objective HC-Ob15	Protect the Outstanding Universal Value and the setting of the Cornwall and West Devon Mining World Heritage Site (WHS) by supporting the actions within the WHS Management Plan.	Long
Objective HC-Ob16	Support the agreed 'Joint statement of the Historic Environment in AONBs' with Historic England, National Association of AONB and individual AONBs to work together to conserve and enhance the historic and cultural environment. The parties will collaborate to further the understanding, conservation, public enjoyment and appreciation of the historic environment in AONBs.	Long



# Thank you for supporting and advocating for Cornwall AONB



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