

Stour Valley Park Partnership Memorandum of Agreement

Statement of Principles

[APPENDIX 1](#) is the Mo U, not the list of Partners. The Partners should be listed here.

We, the Partners listed at Appendix 1, are pleased to give our commitment to supporting the aims and objectives of the Stour Valley Park (SVP).

Our shared vision is for an innovative, sustainable and high quality regional park in the Stour Valley that is easily accessible, with a rich and thriving biodiversity, offering recreational, landscape, environmental, heritage, health and well-being, cultural and resource management benefits in which local communities, landowners and businesses can take pride and ownership.

Our Aims

To develop a co-ordinated spatial vision, strategy and implementation framework that will raise awareness and support appropriate action for the development, implementation and management of the Stour Valley Park across political and geographical boundaries and referenced in local plans to help secure delivery.

Our Objectives

1. Develop and promote integrated, high quality and sustainable approaches to planning and development across and around the SVP area.
2. Protect, enhance, link and promote the SVP's open spaces and diverse natural environment, enabling access and encouraging a sense of ownership for all sections of the community.
3. Maximise the SVP's use for sustainable transport, health and well-being, tourism and leisure activities and maximise the access for all of these.
4. Promote and enhance the area's rich natural heritage and cultural heritage.
5. Maximise the area's economic potential, encouraging enterprise and learning at all levels, demonstrating the importance of a high-quality local environment to economic/regional competitiveness.
6. Ensure that the needs and potential of the Stour Valley are recognised by government, investors and other strategic agencies and funders.

[Add No. 7 \(suggestion\) - Protect the natural environment, landscape, biodiversity and wildlife, and recognise and preserve the unique natural features and ecological importance of the Stour Valley.](#)

Our Support

As Partners, we will provide the following support:

- representation at SVP Partnership meetings to give progress reports on our organisation's activities in relation to the development of the SVP
- dissemination of SVP information within our organisations (including officers and councillors for local authorities) and to others that we work with

- endorsement of, and active support for, project funding applications with consideration of contributions
- updating of Local Plans with reference to SVP as required

Agreement

On behalf of the BCP Council I agree to the above Statement of Principles and the support outlined for my organisation:

Signed:

Name:

Position:

Date:

Appendices

Appendix 1 - List of current partners

BCP Council
Bournemouth Parks Foundation
Bournemouth University
Bournemouth Water
Dorset Council
Dorset Local Nature Partnership
Dorset Wildlife Trust
Environment Agency
Historic England
National Trust
Natural England
Public Health Dorset
RSPB
Stour Catchment Initiative
Wessex Water

This list will be kept under review.

Appendix 2 - Stour Valley Park Partnership proposed structure.

SVP Steering Group

Current membership/lead contacts (subject to review):

BCP Council – Mark Holloway, Michael Rowland & Mark Axford (Planner)
Bournemouth University – Faculty of Management - Prof Janet Dickinson,
Bournemouth Water – Saskia McGrath
Dorset County Council – Officer Bridget Betts
Dorset Environmental Record Centre – Carolyn Steele
Dorset Local Nature Partnership – Chair
Dorset Wildlife Trust - Nicki Brunt, Maria Clarke
Environment Agency – Michael Holm,
Historic England – Sasha Chapman
National Trust – Tim Turner
Natural England – Ian Alexander
RSPB – Renny Henderson
Stour Catchment Initiative – Natalie Poulter
The Parks Foundation – Trustee & current Chair
Wessex Water – Gillian Sanders

Purpose:

- Leadership
- Coordination
- Innovation
- Resources

Frequency of meetings:

Meeting 2-3 times annually

SVP Working Group

Current membership/lead contact:

Members co-opted from the Steering Group and other relevant Statutory and Non-Statutory Organisations including individuals with specialist expertise.

The membership will be kept under review.

Purpose:

- Directing
- Commissioning
- Influencing
- Doing

Frequency of meetings:

Meeting 3-4 times annually

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