THE NATIONAL FOREST
Multi-purpose objectives

- Recognisable Forest – 33% tree cover
- High quality timber
- Landscape enhancement
- Forest for wildlife
- New recreation and tourism resource
- Sustainable urban and economic growth
- Climate change – adaptation/mitigation
- Community involvement
National Forest origins

• Forestry in the Countryside (UK policy, 1987)

• 1991 – Development Team – Business Plan and Forest Strategy

• 1995 – National Forest Company – Forest implementation
The National Forest.
A new multipurpose forest in the heart of England
Creating the Forest – key policy mechanisms

• National Forest Strategy

• Biodiversity Action Plan

• Planning policy
Creating the Forest

- Grants to landowners
- Land acquisition
- Mineral and derelict land restoration
- Development-related tree planting
- Local authority projects
- Business sponsorship
Long Distance Trail
1995 – woodland cover

Forest Cover at 2014 – 19.8%