



Transforming the Trent Valley Landscape Partnership Landscape Conservation Action Plan



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Transforming the Trent Valley LCAP

Executive summary

Transforming the Trent Valley is a Landscape Partnership Scheme that is bringing together an enthusiastic and diverse team of partners with a real enthusiasm for delivering landscape scale change across this part of Staffordshire and Derbyshire, uniting them through a shared vision for the Trent Valley landscape.

The middle reaches of the River Trent and its tributaries, the River Tame and the River Dove, flow through a landscape that is distinctive in character and unites communities that are facing similar challenges. This is a landscape that is defined by its rivers. The low, flat floodplains creates rich grazing meadows and arable farmland, which have attracted settlers to the area since prehistoric times. The river deposits that have been laid down over millennia provide the aggregates and raw materials that supply our construction industries and this activity has altered the features of our landscape. Industry has grown thanks to the driving force of the river powering watermills, and the deep aquifers of mineral-rich waters supplying the Burton beer industry. Habitats have changed



Cows on the river (Staffordshire Wildlife Trust)

as the intensification of agriculture has drained the traditional wet meadows and the more recent quarrying has created new lakes and wetland habitats.

Over time the river itself has transformed: its course has been altered and straightened by man and artificial weirs have been created that impeded the migration of fish. Expansion of our towns and villages has meant that the river is being more and more contained as the floodplain is developed and the natural ebb and flow is controlled. This has created conflict in the past: the river cannot be tamed for long and flooding becomes a present concern.

The purpose of this Landscape Partnership is to recognise the challenges and opportunities that are presented by this fluvial landscape. We will celebrate the waterways, industries and the communities that are the life-force of this rapidly evolving river valley landscape and which have shaped and continue to influence its form and use. Wildlife-rich rivers, waterways and wetlands will be at the heart of a revitalised, resilient and beautiful landscape that is connected and accessible for local communities and visitors to enjoy and explore as well as providing many opportunities to inspire and re-connect people to the river valley by revealing its cultural, industrial and natural heritage.

Our vision is for *“wildlife-rich waterways and wetlands at the heart of a resilient, accessible, beautiful and culturally rich landscape. Creating a brighter future for people, business and wildlife in the Trent Valley.”*

Over the next five years this partnership will deliver a series environmental, cultural, heritage, education and community-led projects that aim to

inspire communities and protect and enhance natural and cultural heritage, whilst having an outlook to the future, and securing a long-term legacy in the landscape.

This scheme is embedded in national and international strategy: The European Landscape Convention recognises landscapes as *“an essential component of people’s surroundings, an expression of the diversity of their shared cultural and natural heritage, and a foundation of their identity”* and states that there is a need to *“increase awareness among the civil society, private organisations, and public authorities of the value of landscapes,*

their role and changes to them.” Natural England has devised a number of ‘National Character Areas’ (NCA) into which this scheme slots into NCA 69: Trent Valley Washlands, and contributes to all four of the identified environmental opportunities.

We recognise that achieving landscape scale change will not happen overnight, a paradigm shift is needed that will take a generation to embed. The next five years are crucial, and the funding that will be provided by the Heritage Lottery Fund will give us the momentum we need to make the vision a reality.



River Tame at Elford (C Wilkinson)

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Boating on the canal
(Canal and River Trust)

PART 2: PROJECT PLAN SUMMARIES

PROJECT SUMMARIES

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CCA03 Big Washlands Watch
CCA04 Transforming Lives
CCA05 Connecting with Nature
CCA06 Tales from the River Bank
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RVC02 Canal Access
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RVC04 Gateway to the Trent Valley
RVC05 Way Marking of Cycle Routes
TL01 Living Floodplains
TL02 Rolleston Brook Hollows
TL03 Transforming the Trent Valley's Heritage
TL04 Stop! The Military Heritage of the Trent Valley

TTTV2 Interpretation Programme

Interpretation

Lead organisation: Staffordshire Wildlife Trust

Project summary

This over-arching programme is designed to interpret the story of the valley through modern technology as well as more traditional interpretation. This programme encompasses various smaller site-based interpretation projects to improve visitor experience at key attractions and across the scheme area.

The programme will fund a mobile display which will tour the key attractions in the scheme area showing how the area has changed with the same augmented reality technology.



Budget

Total project	HLF	Cash	In kind	Volunteer
£238,110.00	£219,110.00	£10,000.00	£0	£9,000.00

Timeline

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
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HLF Outcomes

Heritage will be:			People will have			Communities		
better managed	in better condition	identified/ recorded	developed skills	learnt about heritage	volunteered time	negative environmental impacts will be reduced	more people and a wider range of people will have engaged with heritage	your local area/community will be a better place to live, work or visit
				✓	✓		✓	✓

Audience

- Young people
- Families with young children
- BAME - black, Asian, and minority ethnic
- People with restricted mobility
- Health disadvantaged
- Socially & economically deprived
- Visitors and tourists

Staff

Interpretation Officer

Outcomes and outputs

Outcomes

People will have learned how the valley has changed naturally and under the influence of man since the Stone Age. People will understand the importance of the valley and will feel pride in the history and the wildlife.

Easy to understand and cutting edge modern technology visitor experiences will give visitors an enjoyable experience in the valley.

People will have changed their attitudes and behaviours.

Outputs

More people will have engaged with heritage.

A hub website supporting a hyper-local approach will be set up.

Five new circular trails including benches walk information will be created.

Specific locations allowing people to connect with nature will be created for mindfulness and wellbeing.

Video & audio recordings telling the story of the transformation of the landscape.

Celebration and engagement events.

Risks

Risk

Unable to get enough sites

Unable to get suitable contractors

Not enough volunteers

Difficulty getting permissions for all circular paths

Mitigation

We have already been in discussion with most major landowners in the area.

We have an extensive list of footpath contractors and experience in recruiting for projects of this nature.

Experience has shown there's not a problem attracting volunteers who are keen to develop skills

We are already working with most major landowners and discussing the potential routes.

Legacy

The display materials will be made available to local museums beyond the end of the project. The newly-formed volunteer groups will continue to meet and care for the area beyond the end of this project.

The Augmented Reality deliverable will be maintained as art of the Staffordshire Wildlife Trust's 25-year vision for the TTTV wetlands area.

Physical infrastructure will be maintained by the landowners into the future.

CCA01 Community Engagement

Connecting Communities through Action

Lead organisation: Support Staffordshire

Project summary

The project will seek to actively engage the residents of the Trent Valley in the Landscape Partnership - enthusing them about the project aims; encouraging them to get involved through volunteering in the projects; enhancing the TTTV outcomes by supporting additional community projects; and, overall, engendering a new sense of understanding of and commitment to the Trent Valley that will leave a lasting legacy.

It will achieve this through a Community Engagement Officer who will work with communities, community groups and parish/ town councils across the TTTV area and through a Community Grant scheme to help fund new contributory community projects. The post holder will also manage the Big Washlands Watch and Tales from the Riverbank projects.



Budget

Total project	HLF	Cash	In kind	Volunteer
£397,949.98	£288,799.98	£100,000	£3,750	£5,400

Timeline

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					✓		✓	✓

Audience

- Local interest groups
- All those who live, work or visit the landscape
- Community and voluntary groups in the landscape including parish/town councils

Staff

Community Engagement Officer

Outcomes and outputs

Outcomes

More people, and a wider range of people, will have engaged with the cultural and natural heritage of the Trent Valley.
Local areas/ communities in the Trent Valley will have a better community spirit and be better places to live

Outputs

Grants awarded
Community groups engaged
Parish/ town councils briefed (presentations made)

Risks

Risk

Mitigation

Lack of grant applicants

Good publicity for grant scheme

Lack of volunteers

Effective communication of volunteer opportunities and support to individuals wishing to volunteer

Lack of local community engagement

Good publicity and communication. Mix and match a variety of methods to engagement. Use good practice achieved at other Landscape Partnerships.

Community groups unable to proceed with projects due to lack of match funding

Community Engagement Officer will provide advice and assistance with seeking other funding and fundraising

Negative press from projects supported by the Community Grants

Robust Community Grant Scheme application process ensuring all successful applicants meet the TTTV aims and are monitored throughout the lifetime of their project

Legacy

The aim of the community engagement project is to involve people from all communities living in the Trent Valley so that they have gained a better understanding of the cultural and natural heritage by the end of the programme that they can carry into the future.

Those who volunteer for projects during the programme may well continue to make a difference, either by continuing to volunteer for one of the partner organisations, or for a local community group, or by continuing on an individual basis e.g. as a citizen scientist. Community groups which receive a TTTVLP community grant may continue to develop activities and projects that further the aims of the TTTVLP beyond the life of the programme. The TTTVLP can be seen as a starting point for lifelong appreciation of and involvement in the cultural and natural heritage of the Trent Valley.

CCA02 Wildchild

Connecting Communities through Action

Lead organisation: Staffordshire Wildlife Trust

Project summary

The Wildchild Project will work with families and children across the LPS area through informal education activities that encourage them to understand, visit and want to take care of the heritage of the Trent Valley Washlands. This will be achieved through a range of activities including Wildlings & Nature Tots (aimed at pre-school children), Wildplay and Forest Schools as well as working with schools to refer them on to the Big Washlands Watch project. The project aims to influence future generations by engaging with families we have the opportunity, not only to influence the next generation, but also to increase the use of natural open spaces for recreation, learn



about and value the heritage on their doorstep.

As well as delivering activities we will also offer taster and training days for parents to provide support and ideas for family days out throughout the project area.

A project officer will be appointed to co-ordinate and run the activities, with occasional sessional support where required.

Budget

Total project	HLF	Cash	In kind	Volunteer
£194,878.82	£120,956.42	£23,400	£38,522.40	£12,000

Timeline	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
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			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

Audience

- Schools – primary
- Young people
- Families with young children
- SEND children (special educational needs and disabilities)
- Socially & economically deprived

Staff

Wild Child Officer

Outcomes and outputs

Outcomes	Outputs
Children & Families will be more connected to nature as a result of attending Wildchild sessions.	Minimum of 75 family events per year. 5 family 'training' opportunities per year. 15 unique school groups per year to key heritage sites

Risks

Risk	Mitigation
Low attendance at events	Initial event locations will be well known and well visited sites across the valley. We will work with existing groups and run taster sessions
Landowners refusing access to sites	We will mainly use sites that already have access arrangements in place – such as local authority sites or Wildlife Trust nature reserves. Activities will be tailored to sites.
Safeguarding/H&S Incidents	All project staff and volunteers operate under Staffordshire Wildlife Trust policies and procedures which are based on national policies and guidance provided by HSE, NSPCC, Local Safeguarding Children's Boards
Failure to Recruit to Post	We have a number of these posts already working for SWT, and are continuously improving our recruitment methods for play and youth based posts.

Legacy

Families engaged will have a greater knowledge of accessible sites and strategies for engaging with nature. They will have learned about appropriate use of wildlife & heritage sites and their use will continue past the life of this funded project.

Some elements of this project will be able to continue past its initial funded term, Wildlings, Wildfamilies and Nature Tots all run in other parts of the county on a charged-for sustainable basis. Often we find that when something has been offered for free for many years, introducing a charge is almost a death blow. This project will be offering greatly subsidised fees for sessions, with attendees clear that they are being subsidised via HLF support.

The school engagement will also be able to continue on a paid for basis, as we do elsewhere in the county.

The level of delivery will no doubt reduce as the need to cover staff time may divert the focus away from this area, unless we find a new source of funding to continue subsidising the role.

CCA03 Big Washlands Watch

Connecting Communities through Action

Lead organisation: Staffordshire Wildlife Trust / Support Staffordshire

Project summary

A range of events and activities to engage with a broad range of people to provide them with support and resources to be able to identify and record species.

Citizen Science recording; we will provide a self-guided identification pack featuring a number of species which we would expect to be present. It will be used by families and schools who will share this data with us.

Specialist group recording: we will engage with specialist groups such as anglers to give us species level data which can be submitted to Staffordshire Ecological Records (SER) and Derbyshire Biological Records Centre (DBRC).

Bioblitz events: we will run one Bioblitz in the first year of the project and two per year for the following three years to show seasonality. These will be held at key sights providing an opportunity for the surrounding communities to have access to a range of subject area specialists such as mammal group, butterfly group etc.

We will run training events to increase identification skills for volunteers.



Budget

Total project	HLF	Cash	In kind	Volunteer
£95,700	£26,800	£3,900	£20,000	£45,000

Timeline

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		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	

Audience

- Schools – primary
- Secondary and Further Education
- Young people
- Families with young children
- Older retired people
- Local interest groups – e.g. heritage, friends of groups
- Voluntary and specialist groups

Staff

Community Engagement Officer

Outcomes and outputs

Outcomes

The community around the Trent Valley Washlands will have more identification skills, submit more ecological records and will take part in more citizen science projects

Outputs

Resource Packs
No of records received
Specialist groups engaged
Bioblitz Events
Schools Engaged
Number of courses delivered – 12 per year

Risks

Risk

Low attendance at events

Mitigation

Initial event locations will be well known and well visited sites across the valley. We will work with existing groups and run taster sessions

Landowners refusing access to sites

We will mainly use sites that already have access arrangements in place – such as local authority sites or WT nature reserves. Activities will be tailored to sites.

Failure to secure match funding

We will produce fewer packs, and compromise on finish.

Legacy

Families engaged will have a greater knowledge of habitats and ecology. They will have learnt about species present in the landscape, how to identify them, record them and provide data to eth biological recording centres to assist with mapping and planning requests in future. Understanding how different species fit together in a complex ecosystem will make sure that they know how disruptive human's influence can be – e.g. pollution incidents and how it can have far reaching effects on a healthy ecosystem.

Leave behind a network of experienced recorders with wide knowledge of sites and species of the valley area.

Audience

- Young people
- Wider community

Staff

Training and Wellbeing Officer

Outcomes and outputs

Outcomes

Young adults in the valley will have an increased knowledge of the natural heritage in the area

Trainees will have been inspired to want to protect and maintain the natural heritage of the valley.

Trainees will have gained the skills to be able to do this.

Local communities will benefit from community projects delivered in their local areas by trainees.

People from the local communities will know more about the natural heritage of the Trent Valley by the end of the project through contact with the trainees (via community projects and activities)

Partner organisations will have increased numbers of young adults engaging with them.

Outputs

30 young adults will:

- gain training in a range of natural heritage skills and achieve a John Muir Award

- gain additional work experience from working with host partner organisations

- receive certificates of participation and where possible accreditation for training.

At least 10 community natural heritage projects will have been delivered by the trainees in the local community and or project area that demonstrates their learning.

At least 100 people from the community will know more about the natural heritage of the Trent Valley by the end of the project.

At least 3 partner organisations will have increased their knowledge of working with young adults

Risks

Risk

Mitigation

Trainee recruitment is insufficient

Early engagement - staff contract early enough to encourage and support attendees working with key partners. Options for replacement of trainees, built into recruitment strategy. Strategy kept under review to ensure ongoing effectiveness.

High drop-out rate of trainees

Opportunities for 'taster sessions' will be offered prior to programme start, to ensure prospective trainees have a level of understanding of what the programme will entail.

Trainees do not finish programme

We will make sure there is enough overlap of time to deliver the project.
Effective support of trainees provided by volunteer mentors. Provide training/accreditation throughout programme to ensure trainees gain accumulative benefit from their engagement.

Loss of experienced staff

Relevant records will be maintained to ensure any hand-over to new staff can be achieved with minimum disruption.

Legacy

Local young adults will have become engaged with the local natural heritage of the Trent Valley corridor and have the desire, knowledge and skills to protect and conserve it into the future.

CCA05 Connecting with Nature

Connecting Communities through Action

Lead organisation: Derbyshire Wildlife Trust

Project summary

This project will connect hard to reach groups to the Trent Valley Landscape and examine the effect of this connection has on mental health and wellbeing. Thirty individuals each year over 3 years will be connected to their local and wider landscapes and begin to understand the river, wetlands and heritage of the area. A 9-week programme using 'forest school' type methods will connect people with nature and demonstrate how this can improve mental health and wellbeing. The University of Derby will be supporting collection and analysis of data and production of a final project evaluation report.



Budget

Total project	HLF	Cash	In kind	Volunteer
£135,738.28	£87,618.28	£30,000	£4,620	£13,500

Timeline	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
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HLF Outcomes

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			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓

Audience

- Vulnerable adults
- Elderly
- BAME - black, Asian, and minority ethnic
- People with restricted mobility
- Health disadvantaged

Staff

Training and Wellbeing Officer

Outcomes and outputs

Outcomes	Outputs
Participants will have an improved sense of wellbeing. Participants will have higher levels of nature connectedness. Participants will have an increased knowledge and awareness of their local area and what it has to offer them.	People from hard to reach groups from the local area will engage with the Connecting with Nature project. New mini nature areas will be created in the local area. Group projects. Forest-school type programmes will be delivered to adult, hard to reach groups.

Risks

Risk	Mitigation
Unable to recruit 100 people from hard to reach local groups	The project lead will work closely with Support Staffordshire to maximise opportunities for engagement with hard to reach groups. The programme delivery format will be kept under review and be flexible to change and development as barriers to engagement are identified.
Low attendance rates	Every effort will be made to involve individuals and groups in the design and content of programmes. This will embed a sense of ownership and connection with the group and maximise potential for ongoing engagement
Inclement weather during programme period	The 3 annual programmes will run in Spring, Summer and Autumn in an attempt to avoid the worst of the winter weather. Appropriate clothing will be discussed at the beginning of each programme and may be provided where possible. Alternative activities will be planned for days when weather conditions would be a barrier for some participants' attendance.

Legacy

A key legacy for this project will be to link participating groups with partnership organisations who have historically not engaged with hard to reach groups.

By evidencing the link between mental wellbeing and connecting to nature, other organisations, such as NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups, may be inspired to prescribe nature based activities for adults.

CCA06 Tales from the River Bank

Connecting Communities through Action

Lead organisation: Staffordshire Wildlife Trust / Support Staffordshire

Project summary

This oral history project aims to reignite people's enthusiasm for, and connection with rivers. Working with specialists in oral history and storytelling we will gather people's recollections and thoughts about the past present and future. This will also be a cross generational project. The older generation will share their stories of how they used the rivers in the past or share stories handed down through their predecessors. We will work with local schools to help the next generation start their journey and forge connections and associations with the river which we hope will last a lifetime. We will identify a number of opportunities within the project where we can train young people to participate in interviewing older people.



Budget

Total project	HLF	Cash	In kind	Volunteer
£28,464.00	£11,880.00	£2,280.00	£4,704.00	£9,600.00

Timeline

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		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓

Audience

- Schools – primary
- Secondary and Further Education
- Young people
- Visitors and tourists

Staff

Community Engagement Officer | Wild Child Officer

Outcomes and outputs

Outcomes

Local communities become more engaged in their local stories

Outputs

Soundbites and clips available to use in interpretation

Risks

Risk

NCS Group does not choose project

Mitigation

Make project as attractive as possible and work with NCS to prepare project in advance. Have a back-up group ready. Be prepared to push project back to subsequent years of Scheme

Match funding is not found

We have access to media equipment via RSWT to borrow for short term, and we will expand our list of potential funders to include corporates and other foundations/charitable Trusts.

Lack of Interview subjects

We have already identified some volunteers and subjects for interviews. Including those volunteering at heritage sites across the valley.

Legacy

There will be a lasting legacy through the collection of memories which will be shared on the internet through partners' websites/YouTube etc.

The use of the information through various forms of interpretation within the project area will also ensure that the memories are used in other media.

RVC01 Trent Valley Way River Valley Connections

Lead organisation: Trent Rivers Trust

Project summary

The Trent Valley Way is a long distance walking route along the Trent Valley. This project will develop and promote the Trent Valley Way within the TTTV LPS area. The walking route will act as a spine along the river valley, connecting heritage, paces and communities.

It will link up with other access routes (footpaths, cycle ways and the National Forest Way) and heritage projects. Along its length there will be a series of spurs and circular walking routes connecting to key cultural, industrial and natural heritage sites.



Budget

Total project	HLF	Cash	In kind	Volunteer
£124,780.10	£62,230.00	£48,143.25	£340	£5,550.00

Timeline

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
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			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓

Audience

- People with restricted mobility
- Visitors and tourists
- Local interest groups – e.g. heritage, friends of groups

Staff

Trent Valley Way Project Officer

Senior Catchment Manager

Outcomes and outputs

Outcomes

People will have learnt about heritage.
People will have volunteered time.
More people and a wider range of people will have engaged with heritage.
Improved walking routes and opportunities to participate in walking and improve health.
Increased awareness of the river valley and its heritage

Outputs

6 capital works and 14 stiles replaced
20% increase in the use of the route.
12 volunteers recruited.
10 Interpretation sites, 120 waymark posts, 10 finger post signs in place.
7 circular walks established
Viewranger SMART phone app available.
Geocaching trail established.
1 public event that celebrates walking the TVW.

Risks

Risk

Delay or complications arising from capital works and installing interpretation materials (weather, utilities, ground conditions access etc.)

The TVW at Barton is due to be diverted from its current interim route to the long term route after quarry excavation has been completed, due 2023. Risk that the quarry company may not complete restoration in time.

Circular routes require significant improvement beyond costs approved within available budget.

Difficulty recruiting project officer with necessary skills and experience.

Workload for TVW project officer too much making the organisation of a dedicated TVW walking festival unviable.

Mitigation

Start work for capital works early.
Include a contingency in budget for capital works.

TVW will have to use the interim route for longer, and not the preferred route within the lifetime of the TTTV LPS.

Remove or modify circular route.
Raise additional local funds to fund capital works.

Delay to recruitment of PO, carry out a repeated round of recruitment. All works are delayed until suitable candidate employed.

Share event with one of the other project, to reduce planning time.

Legacy

The TVW follows Rights of Way. The long term maintenance will be the responsibility for the landowner under the guidance of the Rights of Way departments at Staffordshire and Derbyshire County Councils.

TRT remains committed to promoting the entire TVW including the area within the TTTV LPS area and upstream and downstream of it. Funding will be sought to continue to look for opportunities to further develop and promote it.

RVC02 Canal Access River Valley Connections

Lead organisation: Canal River Trust

Project summary

The 250-year-old Trent & Mersey Canal provides the historic and cultural spine to the Trent Valley. Improvements to surfacing, signage and access for walkers, cyclists, canoeists and boaters will reconnect communities with both this historic environment and the wider landscape.

The Canal & River Trust manages 2,000 miles of historic waterways across England and Wales, including the Trent & Mersey Canal which forms part of this bid. The project is predominantly an access improvement scheme to upgrade and improve sections of the towpath that have been highlighted in the Access Audit. These improvements will be to the benefit of multiple users including those with disabilities, walkers, cyclists and anglers.



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Access to the towpath will also be improved to provide key locations, communities and attractions with new or upgraded access to areas currently identified as poorly accessible.

Budget

Total project	HLF	Cash	In kind	Volunteer
£767,500.00	£391,000.00	£361,500.00	£10,000.00	£5,000.00

Timeline

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
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HLF Outcomes

Heritage will be:			People will have			Communities		
better managed	in better condition	identified/ recorded	developed skills	learnt about heritage	volunteered time	negative environmental impacts will be reduced	more people and a wider range of people will have engaged with heritage	your local area/community will be a better place to live, work or visit
✓	✓						✓	✓

Audience

- Schools – primary
- Secondary and Further Education
- Young people
- Families with young children
- SEND children (special educational needs and disabilities) and vulnerable adults
- Elderly
- BAME - black, Asian, and minority ethnic
- People with restricted mobility
- Health disadvantaged
- Socially & economically deprived
- Visitors and tourists
- Local interest groups – e.g. heritage, friends of groups
- Academics/ specialists

Staff

Canal Access Officer

Outcomes and outputs

Outcomes

Outputs

Improved sections of towpath for mixed users.

Increased promotion of cycling to the NMA and wider landscape.

Risks

Risk

The key risk for delivering access improvements on the towpath is the integrity and stability of the canal bank on which it is laid. As a 250-year-old asset, there is always a risk of bank collapse when utilising plant, so survey work and inspection is vital prior to delivery.

There are also risks in relation to cost of construction which can be affected by the ease or difficulty of access, and whether materials need access from the water, and also is weather dependant.

Mitigation

The Canal & River Trust and framework contractors Kier are well versed in mitigating this risk through inspection, time and financial contingencies.

A generous time contingency and risk allowance in the budget should mitigate this.

Legacy

The Trent and Mersey Canal is over 250 years old and is an important part of the heritage of the Trent Valley. The towpath improvements will be maintained in the future by CRT and will be enjoyed by a large and diverse range of canal users including walkers, cyclists, canoeists and boaters. The improvements ensure that the length of the canal in the landscape remains safe, open and accessible into the future and provides an excellent access route to other parts of the Trent Valley.

RVC03 Canoe Discovery

River Valley Connections

Lead organisation: British Canoeing

Project summary

The project will deliver a crucial element of re-connecting people to the water space within the Trent Valley. Canoe Trails will enable communities to enjoy the natural and built up environments including experiencing the native wildlife in the area as well as the historical heritage on offer. The project will link into other opportunities to get people out enjoying our rivers.

Canoe Trails are a free resource that give paddlers all the information needed to set out on a canoeing adventure on their own, with family or with friends. They are a great way for people with some canoeing experience to find new and exciting places to paddle.

New infrastructure including launch and landing points will be required at key locations.



Local canoe clubs will be offering taster sessions as the new trails are launched to encourage people to take up the sport; these will be offered to local community groups including local angling clubs.

Budget

Total project	HLF	Cash	In kind	Volunteer
£33,119.74	£19,700.82	£1,993.92	£9,800.00	£1,625.00

Timeline

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
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HLF Outcomes

Heritage will be:			People will have			Communities		
better managed	in better condition	identified/ recorded	developed skills	learnt about heritage	volunteered time	negative environmental impacts will be reduced	more people and a wider range of people will have engaged with heritage	your local area/community will be a better place to live, work or visit
			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Audience

- Local communities including hard to reach groups
- Visitors and tourists - Visitors to the area with an interest in paddling
- Specialists – Local paddlers both members and non-members of existing canoe clubs

Staff

Access and Environment Officer

Outcomes and outputs

Outcomes	Outputs
More people will be aware of the trails through online and hard copy publications of the canoe trails.	<p>The River Tame and Trent will have 6 formalised access points improving access to the river and providing a portage provision between the River and the Coventry Canal.</p> <p>A 17-mile canoe trail will be published to promote canoeing primarily along the River Tame and River Trent. Along with an additional trail focussed but not limited to the canal network. The two trails will connect the rivers to the canal network, this will be important to improve connectivity across the Trent Valley, eventually creating a circular route.</p> <p>10 formal totem poles with QR codes will be installed to delineate and track use of the trail.</p>

Risks

Risk	Mitigation
Changes to landownership	The audit and site visits have identified alternative options for the sites identified for infrastructure improvements, should any issues arise.
Water levels much lower than anticipated in summer	A further site visit will be undertaken in summer 2018 to assess significant changes in water levels. Additional infrastructure costs would be covered in the contingency costs.
Locals not supporting the trails	Promotion and publicity will focus on the positive benefits to recreation, environment and campaigns like Check Clean Dry.
Challenges to the right of navigation on useable rivers.	No known disputes along this section of the River Tame or Trent. British Canoeing will work with other parties to provide opportunities to try out paddling and share the passion for improvements to the river environment.

Legacy

The legacy will be a canoe trail that can be used and promoted for many years, with minimal maintenance and upkeep costs being primarily managed by volunteers. The legacy will be more people accessing the Trent Valley waterways for recreation health and wellbeing, whilst linking rural communities together.

Both trails will form the basis from which future trails can be extended along the waterways within not only the project area, but neighbouring counties too. The success of the project will showcase how canoe trails inspire more people to get active and engage in their environment, to enable future funding to be secured to extend along the River Trent. The new trails will be available online.

RVC04 Gateway to the Trent Valley cycleway

River Valley Connections

Lead organisation: Staffordshire County Council

Project summary

This project will complete the cycle link between National Cycle Network route 54 from Lichfield to the west, and the National Memorial Arboretum (NMA), Croxall and wider landscape to the east.

The route will run from the top of the A38 off slip down the A513 before entering a field to provide a segregated cycle route within the field. The route will follow the field boundary and emerge opposite the NMA access allowing cyclists to cross directly to the NMA, or out into the wider landscape.

This link will encourage leisure cycling and promote healthy lifestyles associated with cycling. This will increase the sustainable accessibility of the Trent Valley and be part of an important river connection with associated waymarking. It will provide an important east-west sustainable transport link and connect well with the proposed improvements along the Trent and Mersey canal providing a more comprehensive network for walking and cycling.



Budget

Total project	HLF	Cash	In kind	Volunteer
£400,000.00	£200,000.00	£200,000.00	£0	£0

Timeline

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
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HLF Outcomes

Heritage will be:			People will have			Communities		
better managed	in better condition	identified/ recorded	developed skills	learnt about heritage	volunteered time	negative environmental impacts will be reduced	more people and a wider range of people will have engaged with heritage	your local area/community will be a better place to live, work or visit
						✓	✓	✓

Audience

- Young people, esp. those without access to a car
- Families with young children
- Visitors and tourists as well as local residents
- Local interest groups – e.g. Sustrans

Staff

Connectivity Strategy Officer

Outcomes and outputs

Outcomes	Outputs
Expansion of cycle network, linking to NCN54 and encouragement to cycle	Increased length of local cycle network
Improved links between Lichfield, Alrewas and the east of the A38	Increase in number of visitors to the NMA travelling by bike
People new to cycling using the cycleway and reporting and wellbeing gains	Improved directional signing to NMA
Existing cyclists using the cycleway to cycle more	Increased promotion of cycling to the NMA
Physical access to the environment improved	Increased usage of NCN54
Access to heritage improved	More adults and children trained to ride bikes
Overcome barrier to east-west sustainable travel formed by A38	
More adults and children trained to ride bikes	

Risks

Risk	Mitigation
Third party land availability (Tarmac)	Ongoing discussions with a view to a formalised legal agreement
Availability of publicly sourced match funding	Inclusion in SCC capital programme
Road safety issues	Road safety audit plus design review.
Highways England and SCC (need for traffic management)	Early discussions with HE and SCC concerning road space booking and availability
Statutory undertakers equipment	Trial holes to determine stats
Environmental issues	Environmental issues can be managed even in a SSSI with close liaison involving key stakeholders and the SCC environmental team
Lack of support	Early and ongoing engagement with relevant parties

Legacy

When the route has been completed the highway based element will be maintained by SCC as part of the routine inspection programme whilst the element within Tarmac's land will be maintained by Tarmac. Tarmac will routinely inspect the section within their land and undertake reparation works as necessary.

The project will provide a designated sustainable connection between Lichfield, Alrewas, the NMA and the Trent Valley. The route that runs across land owned by Tarmac will be maintained as a route to the NMA when the site is fully reinstated after extraction works in the area have been completed over the next 10 years.

Adult and child cycle training and led rides will continue beyond the physical delivery of this project.

RVC05 Waymarking of Cycle Routes River Valley Connections

Lead organisation: East Staffordshire Borough Council

Project summary

This project will waymark four 'British Cycling' approved cycle routes in the Transforming the Trent Valley area.

The four cycle routes start and finish at local leisure facilities: Shobnall Leisure Complex, Meadowside Leisure Centre and Barton Marina. All four routes vary in distance and ability, with one route being completely off road. The routes are designed to encompass local leisure areas and landmarks, giving plenty of rest opportunities.



The four routes have been mapped and are promoted via East Staffordshire Borough Council's website and leisure centres. The level of current mapping insufficient alone being difficult to print and navigate whilst cycling. This project will allow families to follow the waymarks, navigating their way around the routes with ease.

Budget

Total project	HLF	Cash	In kind	Volunteer
£22,000	£22,000	£0	£0	£0

Timeline

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
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HLF Outcomes

Heritage will be:			People will have			Communities		
better managed	in better condition	identified/ recorded	developed skills	learnt about heritage	volunteered time	negative environmental impacts will be reduced	more people and a wider range of people will have engaged with heritage	your local area/community will be a better place to live, work or visit
						✓	✓	✓

Audience

- Schools – primary
- Secondary and Further Education
- Young people – those without access to cars
- Families with young children
- Health disadvantaged
- Socially & economically deprived
- Local residents, visitors and tourists

Staff

Interpretation Officer | Senior Enterprise Officer

Outcomes and outputs

Outcomes

Well designed and Planned cycle routes
Installation of waymarkers across four family-friendly routes

Outputs

Waymarkers installed across all four cycle routes.
Post completion launch and family events

Risks

Risk

Planning consent

Mitigation

Work with ESBC's planning team – initial conversations have given no reason to assume permission will not be granted.

Legacy

As with the Run England 3-2-1 routes, East Staffordshire Borough Council remain responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the waymarking posts.

The off road areas where posts are to be installed, are managed by East Staffordshire Borough Council. Areas on road are managed by Staffordshire County Council, and installation agreements will include future management.

To date, we have only experienced minimal maintenance cost to the Run England posts and expect the same for these additional posts. East Staffordshire Borough Council will cover any future costs to repair or replace posts.

The Borough Council also has responsibility of managing the grass verges at the roadside. We will develop a system to ensure any ongoing maintenance is reported by the council's contractor.

Audience

- Local communities and people who own property in flood risk zones
- Landowners
- Visitors and tourists
- Local interest groups – e.g. heritage, friends of groups
- Academics/ specialists – quarry companies

Staff

Natural Heritage Officer

Outcomes and outputs

Outcomes	Outputs
A more connected floodplain landscape.	Coastal Floodplain Grazing Marsh
Increase in priority habitat coverage in the project area.	Lowland Meadow
Increase in sustainable funding of ongoing management through biodiversity offsetting.	Wet Woodland
Improved natural flood management solutions.	Ponds
Improved water quality.	Reedbed
	Swamp
	Connecting habitats e.g. hedgerows / arable margins etc.
	River restoration (river island, reprofiling, etc.)

Risks

Risk	Mitigation
Key staff retention	Attractive salary and benefits as well as support from in-house staff at SWT to buffer any potential losses.
Long term staff absence	Collaborative working to ensure that a number of people are involved with the delivery of the project and can take over if absences occur.
Unfavourable weather conditions	Weather conditions will need to be mitigated against by timetabling work to be undertaken in the most optimal months of the season.
Lack of uptake by landowners	Attractive options through biodiversity offsetting which have the potential to deliver habitat creation/restoration over a longer time period than conventional agri-environment schemes. Additional land management options of interest being included in CS mid-tier scheme may make restoration more financially viable and appealing.
Delay periods in gaining consents	Planning to gain consents well in advance of on the ground delivery being scheduled.

Legacy

The project will aim to leave a legacy of sustainable funding to continue the work started with the Landscape Partnership Scheme via quarry restoration, agri-environment schemes and biodiversity offsetting. Biodiversity offsetting has the potential to fund 10 – 25-year management programmes depending on the conditions of the development. This will support landowners in the long-term management of created projects.

The Catchment Partnerships that covers this area will support ongoing work on river restoration through the River Basin Management Plans and Flood Risk Management Plans.

TL02 Rolleston Brook Hollows Transforming the Landscape

Lead organisation: East Staffordshire Borough Council

Project summary

Restoration work to be carried out including some removal of the silt from the lake and looking to create an engineering solution to reduce significantly any future silting taking place. It is also the intention to create a space for visitors to sit and enjoy the area.



Alongside this an ongoing programme of woodland maintenance will ensure the best possible environment for wildlife and inform visitors of the history of the site by developing its heritage. If possible, identify and replace some of the original specimen trees planted in the 19th century.



The site will also be somewhere to hold events celebrating the heritage and nature for the benefit of the local and wider community.

Volunteering days will be held that will help to maintain the area and develop the skills of individuals. Also provide education opportunities for children from inner wards of Burton and surrounding areas.

Budget

Total project	HLF	Cash	In kind	Volunteer
£206,226.66	£149,800.00	£25,000.00	£19,426.66	£12,000.00

Timeline

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
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HLF Outcomes

Heritage will be:			People will have			Communities		
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✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓

Audience

- Local residents
- Schools – primary
- Families with young children
- Elderly
- Visitors and tourists
- Local interest groups – history society, friends-of group

Staff

Senior Enterprise Officer

Outcomes and outputs

Outcomes

Improvement on the appearance and utilisation of the site.

Outputs

Engineering solution and restoration of the lake area.

Improvements/management to the spinney and walks.

Raising awareness of the Heritage by the introduction of information boards and access to online resource.

Access to the site for young people including school visits and other youth groups for a set number of days per year.

At least 5 volunteering days per year.

Risks

Risk

Planning Permission (particularly for the interpretation boards.)

Silt removal

Insufficient Funding / Overspend

Mitigation

negotiation to find alternatives to the issues that are preventing the scheme going ahead

Silt removal costs mitigated by using it to create part of a reconfigured landscape within the site itself. No offsite removal will be included in the spec.

Tender to be designed to a fixed cost project that should prevent increased costs being added during the works

10% contingency built into the budget.

Legacy

ESBC will be the responsible authority for on-going maintenance of the site. There is a strong drive from local groups to continue use of the site and utilise the resource as an educational tool. The local community is proactive and will continue in voluntary activities. It is intended that the majority of the partners will continue to contribute to the activities and maintenance of the site.

Audience

- Local communities
- Visitors and tourists
- Academics/ specialists

Staff

Cultural Heritage Officer

Outcomes and outputs

Outcomes	Outputs
A greater understanding of heritage assets and their condition within the Trent Valley Heritage assets within the Trent Valley in better condition being monitored, managed and conserved for future generations Engaged local communities with the knowledge and skills to act as custodians of the historic environment Responsible landowners actively involved in the management of heritage assets in their care.	Heritage assets better understood. Heritage assets within the Trent Valley in better condition. Engaged local communities with the knowledge and skills to act as custodians of the historic environment. Responsible landowners actively involved in the management of heritage assets in their care.

Risks

Risk	Mitigation
No access to heritage assets	Ensure programme of engagement with landowners which stresses the benefits of providing access to heritage assets on their land.
Lack of volunteers	Work with Support Staffordshire to produce a strategy for identifying and engaging with local communities. Communication on volunteering opportunities targeted at specific audiences or community groups as appropriate. Develop a training program which gives communities the confidence to put newly learned skills into practice.
Lack of interest from landowners in managing heritage assets	Targeted engagement with landowners which recognises specific barriers to heritage asset management and offers practical options for resolution. Identify a range of management opportunities for landowners, based on the variety of land management practices across the landscape.

Legacy

The aim of the project is to empower local communities and landowners to take responsibility for their heritage. Through training it will provide them with the skills to understand, record, monitor, manage and maintain heritage assets within the landscape partnership scheme area.

It will provide a framework to facilitate the longer-term curation of the historic environment, including the establishment of ongoing monitoring regimes and access to training materials to give landowners and local communities the confidence to be involved in the management and improvement of their local historic environment.

The condition of heritage assets and their principal threats and vulnerabilities will also be better understood, enabling strategies for longer-term designation and management to be developed.

Audience

- Local communities
- Schools – primary
- Secondary and Further Education
- Young people
- Elderly
- Visitors and tourists
- Local interest groups – e.g. heritage, friends of groups
- Academics/ specialists

Staff

Cultural Heritage Officer

Outcomes and outputs

Outcomes

A greater understanding of the military heritage assets and their condition within the TTTV project area.

Engaged local communities with the knowledge and skills to act as custodians of the historic environment.

Better understanding of the suitability of military heritage assets (in particular pillboxes) to be reversibly and sensitively converted as bat roosts.

Military heritage assets in the TTTV project area will be better interpreted and understood by locals and visitors.

Responsible landowners actively involved in the management of military heritage assets in their care.

Outputs

Military Heritage Assets better understood and interpreted.

Military heritage assets within the Trent Valley Project area in better condition.

Engaged local communities with the knowledge and skills to act as custodians of the historic environment.

Inform others (within and outside of the TTTV project area about how to convert pillboxes for reuse as bat roosts, bird hides, geocache locations, walkers refuges.

Responsible landowners actively involved in the management of military heritage assets in their care.

Risks

Risk

Mitigation

No access to military heritage assets

Ensure programme of engagement with landowners which stresses the benefits of providing access to military heritage assets on their land.

Lack of volunteers

Work with Support Staffordshire to produce a strategy for identifying and engaging with local communities.

Communication on volunteering opportunities targeted at specific audiences or community groups as appropriate.

Develop a training programme which gives communities the confidence to put newly learned skills into practice.

Legacy

The Stop! project will have shown that, when done sensitively and when properly considered, military heritage assets such as pillboxes can be provided with a new purpose such as bat roosts, bird hides etc. which can ensure their longevity and upkeep. Local communities, local groups and landowners will have taken responsibility for and engaged with their heritage. Through training the project will provide them with the skills to understand, record, monitor, manage and maintain heritage assets within the landscape partnership scheme area.

CHANGES SINCE OUR STAGE ONE APPLICATION

The stage 1 approval in November 2016 released £256,300 of grant funding to support and 18-month 'Development Phase'. Key objectives agreed with HLF for the Development Phase were:

The Development Phase ran from February 2017 to July 2018 and employed a full-time Partnership Manager for 18-months and a part-time Finance and Admin Officer for 15 months. The team was based at Wolseley Bridge hosted by Staffordshire Wildlife Trust.

The Development Phase allowed working relationships to develop between partners who have come together with a common vision for a landscape that is good for communities, good for wildlife and good for the economy. The partnership expanded from the original Central Rivers Initiative, growing from 11 partners across private business, statutory and voluntary sectors to a working partnership of 20 organisations.

The partnership has been affected by a number of external influences: staff changes has led to a new development team from the outset and staff changes within the partners has impacted on development of the project. Economic changes have influenced the availability of funding that has been committed to the scheme and put pressure on the partners to source funding to cover deficits that had previously been considered secure. Further economic uncertainty has resulted from Britain leaving the European Union following the Referendum in June 2016.

As a result of the development stage projects and the learning that has arisen from the various audits and consultations, the delivery projects have evolved in scope and direction from the outline projects submitted in May 2016. These changes have been summarised in the table below:

Project	Changes	Reason
<p>TTTV 1</p> <p>Scheme management</p>	<p>Many of the 'core' posts have been moved into projects.</p> <p>Overhead costs have been reviewed and reduced. Some costs (website, events etc.) have been added in.</p> <p>Some of the original job roles have been reviewed and refined.</p>	<p>Integrating staff into projects has enabled partners to think wider about project delivery and has highlighted where staff resources can be shared and efficiencies made. It also has given the partnership the opportunity to take responsibility for new roles. Additional costs have been built in following advice from the Interpretation Strategy. Development of the scheme has highlighted where gaps existed in comms: raising awareness, gaining momentum, celebrating success.</p>
<p>TTTV 2</p> <p>Interpretation Programme</p>	<p>This programme has been formed by merging two projects from our first-round submission. Forgotten River and Wetlands Wonderland have been merged to form one Visitor Experience Project combining the original aspirations of both projects.</p>	<p>The detail has been developed in tandem with the Interpretation Strategy</p>
<p>CCA01</p> <p>Community Engagement</p>	<p>The community grant scheme has increased from £50k to £100k with a 50% cash match from successful applicants.</p> <p>A new partner (Support Staffordshire) has joined the partnership to deliver this project. They have experience in community outreach and grant scheme delivery. The original Community Officer role has evolved to include more outreach, more engagement in the community and support with finding cash match as well as the grants application. Administration of the grants will be part of the Finance</p>	<p>In order to reach and support a large cross-section of communities supporting the aims of TTTV the available grant has been raised. A dedicated outreach officer will ensure that the quality of applications is high and that match funding is secure. A larger grant availability means that more communities can be supported.</p> <p>A Community Engagement Officer post means that a dedicated role directly engages with communities and volunteers. Providing support to other partners, the role will help ensure a holistic approach to the scheme,</p>

	Officer role. The post will be hosted by Support Staffordshire to utilise the skills and expertise this partner brings to the scheme	rather than the delivery of disparate projects.
CCA02 Wildchild	<p>There have been budgetary changes made through the introduction of a small charge for public activities (Wildlings, Wildfamilies, Nature Tots etc). The fees have been added as match funding.</p> <p>The initial submission budget for the Wildchild Officer did not include NI & Pension and so these have been factored in.</p>	<p>Experience from previous funded projects supports a subsidised fee giving greater chance at sustainability of groups. People are reluctant to start paying when the sessions have been free for a long time.</p> <p>Inclusion of NI and pension ensures that the partner is not delivering the role at a deficit.</p>
CCA03 Big Washlands Watch	The changes to the budget have included the introduction of match funding and including volunteer time.	Match funding has been included to demonstrate cash commitment to the project and therefore better value for money. The small number of volunteers that will support this participant led project will be recorded.
CCA04 Transforming Lives	<p>The direction and aims of the project remain largely unchanged, however the budget has changed to reflect the improved understanding of the work required to deliver a project of this nature.</p> <p>The volunteer match contribution to this project has been significantly reduced. The input of support from partners has increased.</p>	<p>To provide high quality training for young people, what sits well within the needs of the individual, the needs of the landscape, and provides a tangible output that will improve the quality of employment prospects is very resource intensive. The development of the project has allowed more detailed research to be undertaken and the costs reflect this.</p> <p>Originally, the trainees were listed as volunteers, but it is acknowledged that these individuals are participants. The volunteer input has been adjusted to reflect this</p>
CCA05	The focus of this project has moved away from volunteer training (which is picked up	This project initially focused on a volunteering group that would be trained to work in the

<p>Connecting with Nature</p>	<p>through the Community Engagement project) towards a low-intensity approach to access to the countryside for communities traditionally disengaged from their landscape. This has resulted in an increase in costs for managing a more intensive programme, and a reduction in volunteer contribution.</p>	<p>region. However it became apparent through the development stage that there is much more work needed to connect with harder to reach or disengaged groups. A less intimidating approach is required for those who have not accessed the landscape before. This project will focus on wellbeing and low-intensity engagement.</p>
<p>CCA06</p> <p>Tales from the River Bank</p>	<p>This project has largely remained the same in direction and outputs, however an emphasis on volunteers has been added, as well as an input from other partners.</p>	<p>Increasing volunteer input into the project refocuses the direction towards individuals engaging with their communities (volunteers interviewing members of their community) rather than solely on external consultants gathering archive materials.</p> <p>Input from partners means that this project can link in with other projects as they occur, rather than independently.</p>
<p>RVC01</p> <p>Trent Valley Way</p>	<p>The plan has been extended to include more circular routes and spurs as identified through the project development stage and public consultation. It also will include a link to the National Forest Way, as suggested by project partners.</p>	<p>Feedback from the Community Conversations has identified a need for more, and better waymarked, short circular routes. These need to include countryside walks and easy access routes.</p>
<p>RVC02</p> <p>Canal Access</p>	<p>The aims and outputs of the project remain the same, however the budget has increased to allow for more improvement works to be carried out.</p> <p>Canoe portage points have been built into the budget. Match funding has increased to accommodate the elevated project costs.</p>	<p>Surveys and audits throughout the development phase have resulted in a better understanding of the scale of improvement works required on the canals across the Trent Valley.</p> <p>Working with British Canoeing, a need for canoe portage points, particularly at locks, has been built in to enable trails that incorporate the canal as well as the rivers.</p>

<p>RVC03</p> <p>Canoe Discovery</p>	<p>The costs have been split to cover design and printing of a leaflet, to install a number of information posts, and to include small scale bank improvements to create a complete canoe trail. Costs have increased slightly</p>	<p>The access audit raised a need for a more detailed assessment of canoe access along the Rivers Tame and Trent. Improvement works will focus on the River Tame, where an existing trail to the south has been developed by a sister project. Leaflets will incorporate trails across the River Trent and the Trent and Mersey canal in partnership with CRT. Whilst the scope of the project has increased, by working with partners there has been an attempt to keep in line with the original budget.</p>
<p>RVC04</p> <p>NMA Cycleway</p>	<p>The scale of the project has altered from the original project outline, however the total and the output remains unchanged.</p> <p>Highways England has since withdrawn support due to changes in core funding, however new approaches are being investigated. The current change is a large increase in the HLF cash request.</p>	<p>Detailed design has altered the approach to the engineering works, but not the location, length or suitability of the cyclepath.</p> <p>Loss of key funding means that the HLF ask has increased. The intention is to bring this down and a number of approaches are being taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tarmac, as a key landowner, will be asked to undertake some of the earthworks as an in kind donation; - Highways England are being approached to waiver some of the highway management costs, in lieu of the original match funding that has been withdrawn; - Sustrans were approached, but no suitable funding is currently available; - Amey, contractor, are being asked to review the design to determine where savings could be made.
<p>RVC05</p> <p>Waymarking Cycle Routes</p>	<p>There has been a small change in match funding from the first round. We are working to find a different cash commitment.</p>	

TL01

Living Floodplains

Amalgamation of the two projects 'Working Together for Wetlands and Woodlands' and 'Rivers of Life' to a more cohesive joined up approach to river and floodplain landscape in the project area. The weir at Dovecliff is still an important part of the project and the connectivity of the River Dove to the wider catchment, however, due to slightly off-set development timelines, the match funding for the work has been moved from cash match to in kind match to minimise the risk. Furthermore, we have been working with EA on other opportunities in the landscape and have identified cash match for flood management mitigation on the Burton Washlands.

This has allowed the budget to be reviewed to find efficiencies and gives scope for stronger partnership working. The Environment Agency and Lichfield District Council have an interest in linking up with this project to add value to wider landscape initiatives.

TL02

Brook Hollows Restoration

The aim and outcomes of the project remain unchanged as does the scope. The development phase has included detailed site investigations and engineering solutions that have been fed back to the local community. Changes will be to total costs and allocation of these costs. This detail is currently being finalised.

A detailed survey of the lake and the hydrological processes feeding into it has been undertaken alongside a survey of the adjacent woodland. This has led to a number of possible solutions, only one of which is practical within the time and cost constraints, and as a solution for an amenity asset.

TL03

Transforming the Trent Valley's Heritage

This project retains its advisory element; however, the focus is on specific heritage targets following the detail of the Cultural Heritage Audit.

Costs have changed as the 'core' role has been integrated into the project and will be part match funded.

The cultural heritage audit identified that below ground archaeological remains are a particularly vulnerable resource within the Trent Valley. In order to better understand the condition of these assets and to develop appropriate mitigation and management strategies for them it has been agreed, in discussion with Historic England, to target a sample of

	<p>Volunteer input has been added.</p>	<p>the more significant of these sites for more detailed assessment. This assessment following Historic England's 'Conservation of Scheduled Monuments in Cultivation' or 'COSMIC' methodology. The funding for this element of the project will be secured through a capacity building grant from historic England and the results of the assessment will be used to inform appropriate management regimes for these buried heritage assets.</p>
<p>TL04</p> <p>Stop! The Military Heritage of the Trent Valley</p>	<p>No major changes to the outcomes or costs of the project from the first-round submission. The project will now be delivered by the Cultural Heritage Officer who will be partly match funded.</p> <p>Volunteer input has been increased.</p>	<p>The Cultural Heritage Audit demonstrated how sites could be better targeted and resources shared. There is greater scope for volunteer input so training has been built in to both cultural heritage projects with a desire to build on local interest and build in sustainability from the outset.</p>