

Lessons from the landscape partnerships



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Some of our Partners



Arch & Arch



£7.6 Billion in Heritage Projects

Thanks to National Lottery Players





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£3.3 million



The Area

Fishburn

Sedgefield

Bishop Middleham

Newton Aycliffe

Darlington

Sadberge

Heighington

Houghton-Le-Side

Walworth

Barmpton

Mordon





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River Improvements Wetland Creation Heritage Community



**HERITAGE
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Projects

Wetland Creation

Bishop's Fen

Woodham Fen

Archaeology

Sedgefield

Bishop Middleham

Seeking Funders and Partners for The Great North Fen



Projects

Village Atlases

Research, walks,
resources, stories,
memories, people and
places

Illuminating the Past

Books, art, music,
celebration, events



Ways to Volunteer

Other opportunities

- **Video, photography, sound recording**
- **Social Media and Communications**
- **Administration and support with volunteers**
- **Village Atlas's**
- **Arts projects**
- **Magazine Distribution**



Lessons Learned

- Projects can be complex
- Lots of stakeholders
- Working via external partners is rarely straightforward
- Need to drive projects forward or run out of time and fail to meet funder's requirements

- Challenges by splitting development and delivery teams
- Created expectations then radio silence
- Things change - priorities
- Time slippage
- Scope creep

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- Legacy – have we made it sustainable?
 - Who will take responsibility?
 - How will it enable the next improvements?
 - Evaluation
 - Impacts and outcomes not inputs and outputs
 - Natural capital and biodiversity
 - Social value

Thank you for the opportunity to share



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