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Where have we come from & where are we heading...

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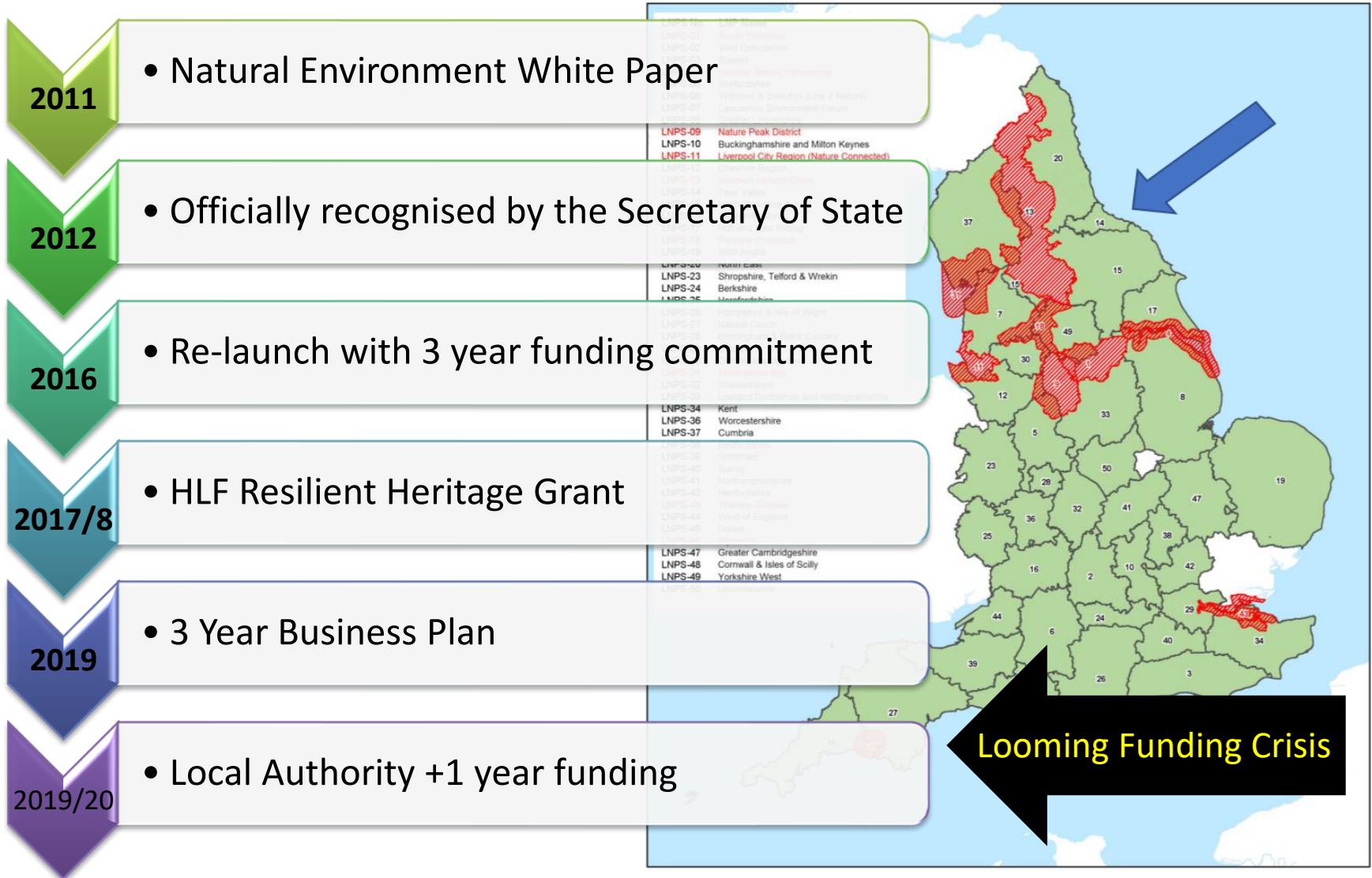


To date over 40 partners from large national bodies to small local groups have joined the partnership





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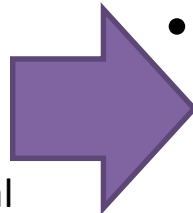
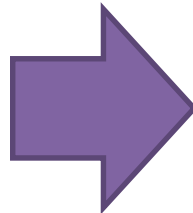
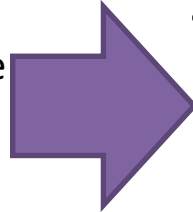


According to government...

OUR PURPOSE

According to TVNP...

- Drive **positive change in the local natural environment**, taking a strategic view of the challenges and opportunities involved and identifying ways to manage it as a system for the benefit of nature, people and the economy.
- Contribute to achieving the Government's **national environmental objectives** locally, including the identification of local ecological networks, alongside addressing **local priorities**.
- Become **local champions influencing decision-making** relating to the natural environment and its value to social and economic outcomes, in particular, through working closely with local authorities, Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) and Health and Well being Boards.



- Provide a **strategic framework for local environmental delivery**.
- Influence **local plans, strategies and policies to integrate the delivery of environmental benefits and services** alongside economic and social benefits.
- Be an effective **unified voice to champion the Tees Valley's environment**.





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‘At a local level we want environmental effort to be guided by the goals we have outlined but also to reflect local needs and priorities as well as being more integrated and efficient’ *25 Year Environment Plan 2018*

‘The most successful LNPs tend to be the ones who have secured funding, but this remains an impediment to all LNP’s’ *Defra Local Delivery Team 2018*

LNP’S HAVE NEVER RECEIVED CENTRAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING



We are organised into 3 Themes/areas of work:

NATURAL ASSETS

Protecting and improving the natural environment



AIM: Support policies & projects that ensure the protection & enhancement of the Tees Valleys natural environment

NATURAL GROWTH

Nature and economy working together



AIM: Embed a Natural Capital approach across the Tees Valley

NATURAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

Reconnecting people and nature



AIM: Help more people realise the health benefits of engaging with the natural environment

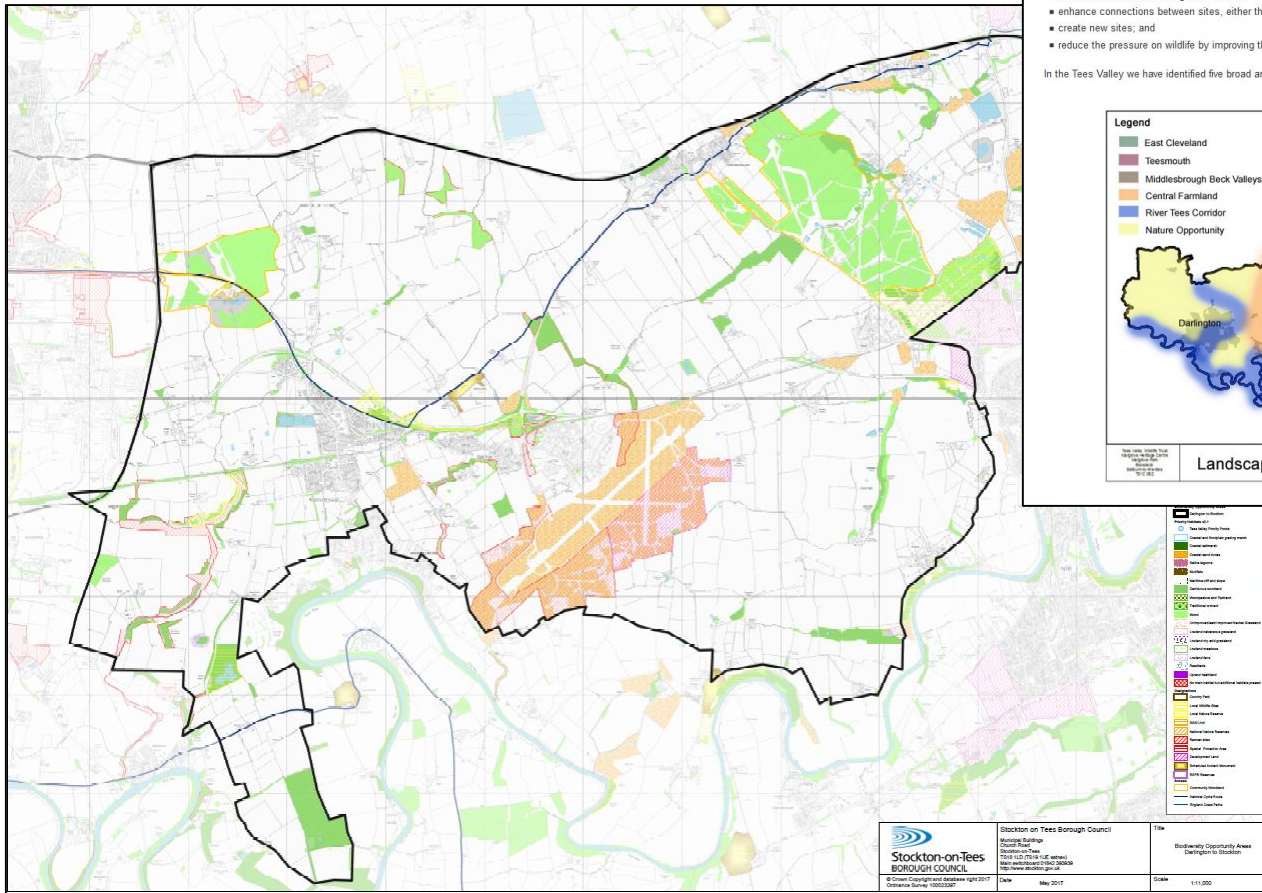


As well as creating an amazing forum for connection, sharing, discussion and development the partnership has undertaken some specific initiatives:

‘The future of nature is under threat and we must work together; Governments, conservationists, businesses and individuals, to help it.’
~*Sir David Attenborough*



Stage 1: Natural Networks & Landscape areas Stage 2: Biodiversity Opportunity Areas (BOA)



Natural Networks & Opportunity Maps

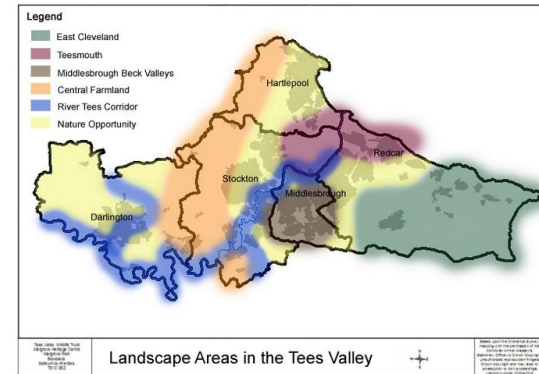
The importance of creating larger and better connected areas of natural habitat is now recognised as a key strategy for maintaining biodiversity and enabling wildlife to adapt to climate change. Many organisations are now promoting the creation of ecological networks and the use of landscape-scale approaches to conservation.

Making Space for Nature – more, bigger, better and joined up

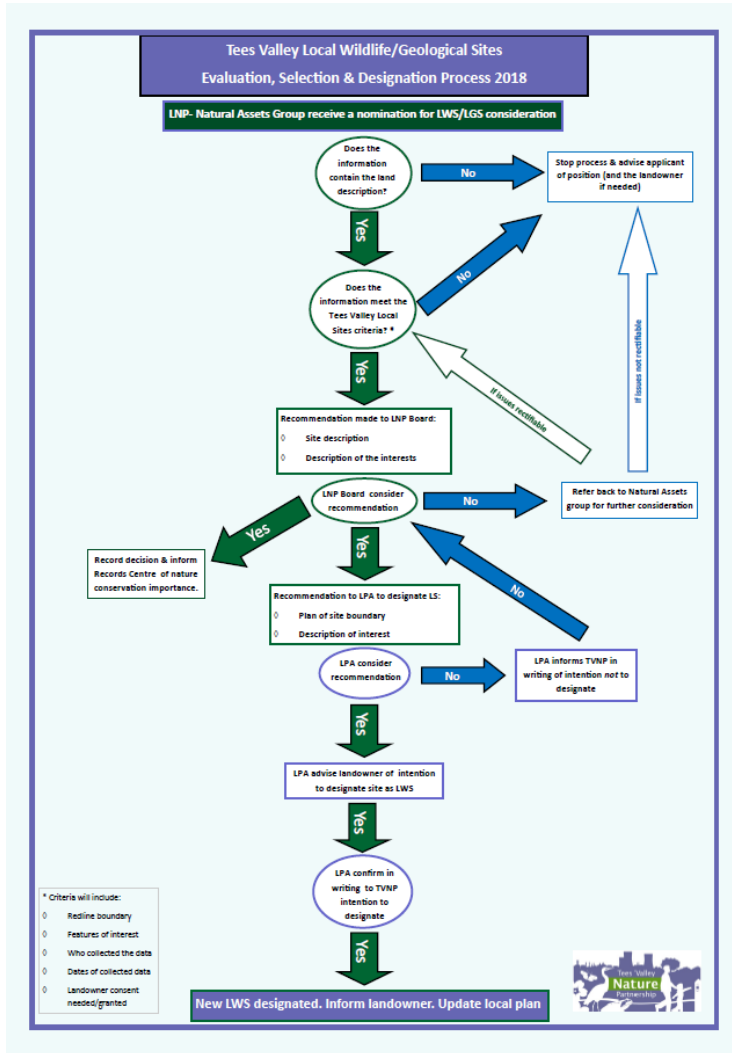
The Making Space for Nature review of terrestrial wildlife sites in England argued that we must:

- improve the quality of current wildlife sites by better habitat management;
- increase the size of existing wildlife sites;
- enhance connections between sites, either through physical corridors or through 'stepping stones';
- create new sites; and
- reduce the pressure on wildlife by improving the wider environment.

In the Tees Valley we have identified five broad areas of landscape type:



Stage 3 +: Evolving mapping & data. Local Nature Recovery Strategies...



NATURAL ASSETS WORKING GROUP

– Our ‘biodiversity expert group’ who advise the Steering Group





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Local Environment and Economic Development Toolkit (LEED)

Level 1 Workshop - TVCA



Stage 1: LEED Workshop & Report
Stage 2+: Natural Capital Approach





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TEES NATURE JOINT PARTNERSHIPS CONFERENCE 2017



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Local Partnerships Conference  #TeesNatureConference2018

Thursday 21st June 2018
9.30am – 3.00pm
Trinity Centre, Middlesbrough

Varied talks & workshops
Meet organisations & groups involved in nature
Share ideas & get inspired
'Market place' & interactive stands

HOW TO BOOK
FREE



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TEES NATURE CONFERENCE 2019

Inspire, Connect and Celebrate



Above: Tony Juniper CBE, the new Chair of Natural England.

THE CONFERENCE HAS GONE FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH each year and is fast establishing itself as the go-to event for those working towards a greener future, both locally and with growing national interest too.

This year, the Tees Valley Nature Partnership (TVNP) and Your Tees Catchment Partnership teamed up to run the event, with Teesside University and MIMA (Middlesbrough Institute of Modern Art) hosting the morning and afternoon sessions respectively. Over 120 people attended the day, which had a mixture of interesting presentations and workshops, plenty of opportunities for attendees to forge new links together and all rounded out with some extremely yummy local produce provided by Elizabeth's Kitchen!

Professor David Hill, Chair of the Environment Bank, was our keynote speaker for the morning. We were all in agreement that this inspiring and thought-provoking talk helped set the tone for a great day ahead. Everyone then had a choice of attending various workshops, which included a look at two exciting landscape partnership projects – River Tees (which is coming to an end) and Wild Tees and Discover Bright Water, a new project that is just starting out.

Following this we had some punchy presentations introducing 2019 as 'The National Year of Green Action', kicked off by the Environment Agency and followed by our own Chief Executive Officer, Jeremy Garside, putting the spotlight on our recent acquisition of Lazenby Woods. TVNP Chair, Timothy Crawshaw gave us some inspiration from the Rthur Valley and, finally, to lead us into a creative afternoon, a poetic reading taking us from the river Dee to the river Tees – given by the Dee's artist in residence, Nicole Manley.

Over lunch the National Lottery Community Fund presented the Tees Valley Nature Partnership with a massive cheque for over £280,000, funding our efforts for the next three years (more of that in a later article). The day was rounded off with an afternoon of artists' talks, bursts of horticulture and clean air workshops.

Leading straight on from the conference to a drinks reception, we had the great delight of welcoming one of our countries most eminent environmentalists, Tony Juniper (now the Chair of Natural England), Daisy Cooper (local representative from the UK Student Climate Change Network) and Elinor Morgan (Senior Curator at MIMA) to launch MIMA's 'Fragile Earth' exhibition, which runs through to the 26th September – well worth a visit!

"The event was brilliantly organised, with some great content and we got a huge amount out of it. Thanks once again, I can't wait for the next one!"

Alan Liddle, Friends of Stainton and Thornton Green Spaces

If you'd like to know more about the conference or the work of TVNP, please visit our website at teesvalleynaturepartnership.org.uk

Nature Partnership Manager, **Rachel Murtagh**, tells us all about recent successes for Tees Valley Nature Partnership.



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- Natural Environment White Paper



- Officially recognised by the Secretary of State



- Re-launch with 3 year funding commitment



- HLF Resilient Heritage Grant

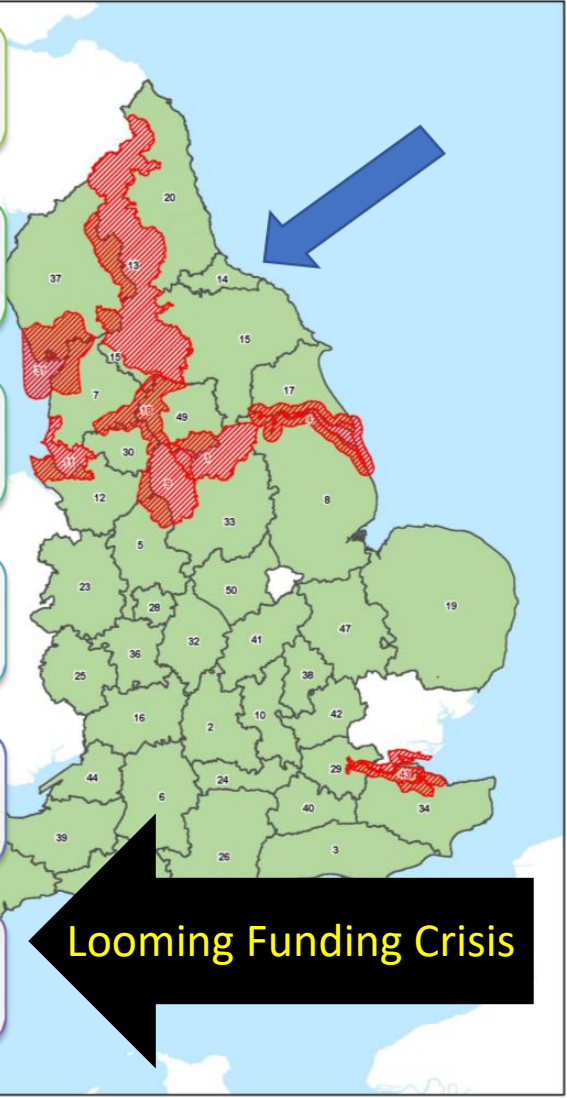


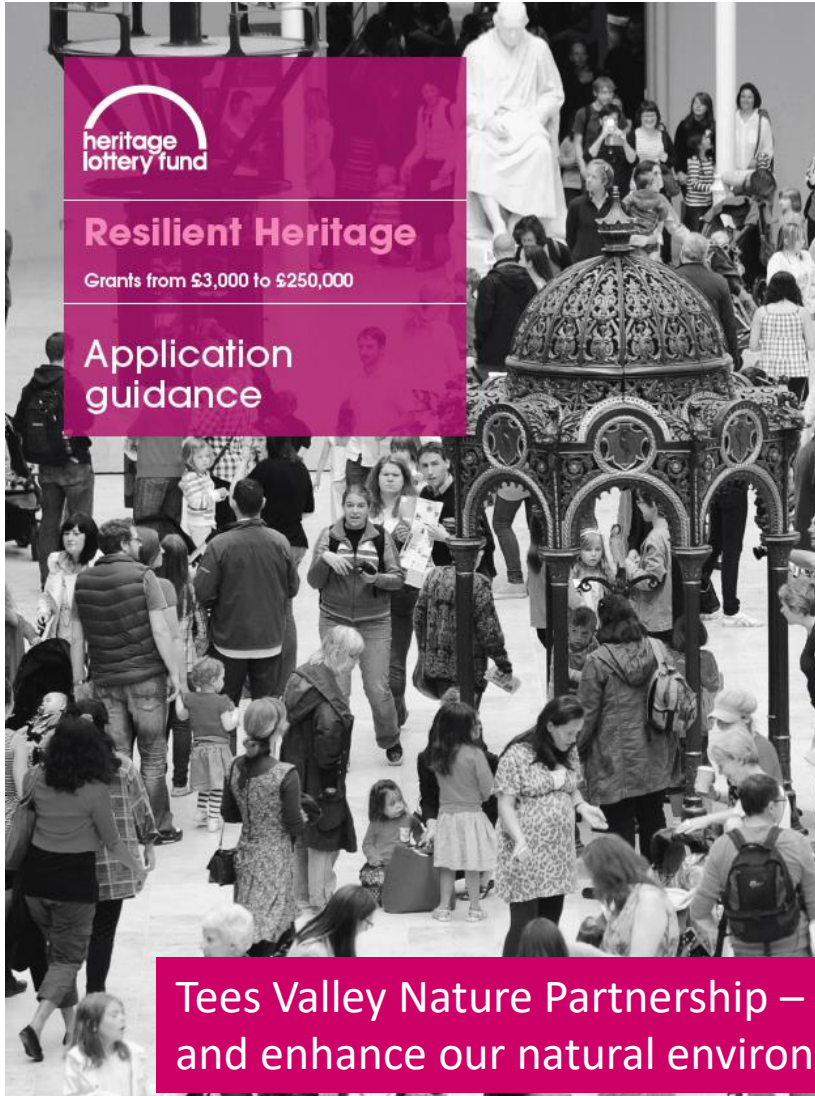
- 3 Year Business Plan



- Local Authority +1 year funding

LNPS No.	LNPS Name
LNPS-01	Great Ouse Valley
LNPS-02	Wild Colne Valley
LNPS-03	Wymore
LNPS-04	Wymore Nature Partnership
LNPS-05	Wymore & Gordon (Link 2 Nature)
LNPS-06	Wymore & Gordon (Link 2 Nature)
LNPS-07	Lancashire Environment Forum
LNPS-08	Wymore
LNPS-09	Nature Peak District
LNPS-10	Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes
LNPS-11	Liverpool City Region (Nature Connected)
LNPS-12	Wymore
LNPS-13	Northern United Cities
LNPS-14	Tees Valley
LNPS-15	Wymore
LNPS-16	Wymore
LNPS-17	Wymore
LNPS-18	Wymore
LNPS-19	Wild Angles
LNPS-20	Wymore
LNPS-21	Wymore
LNPS-22	Wymore
LNPS-23	Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin
LNPS-24	Berkshire
LNPS-25	Herefordshire
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LNPS-32	Worcestershire
LNPS-33	Lowland Cheshire and Nottinghamshire
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LNPS-36	Worcestershire
LNPS-37	Cumbria
LNPS-38	Wymore
LNPS-39	Wymore
LNPS-40	Sussex
LNPS-41	Northamptonshire
LNPS-42	Hertfordshire
LNPS-43	Thames Gateway
LNPS-44	West of England
LNPS-45	Devon
LNPS-46	Wymore
LNPS-47	Greater Cambridgeshire
LNPS-48	Cornwall & Isles of Scilly
LNPS-49	Yorkshire West





Phase 1 – £10,000 Funding awarded

- **Independent review** – practical next steps, governance, business operating model, exploration of alternative income streams
- **Training, mentoring & fact finding**

Phase 2 - (proposed – not funded)

- Business plan & work programme
- Marketing & communication strategies
- Training
- Trial income generating models



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A Tees Valley where more people are connected to bigger and better wildlife rich spaces

- Our extensive review resulted in a Business Plan.
- To deliver our ambitions we needed help!
- Building on the last 3 years & the plan we put a funding proposal together...



THEME 1: NATURAL ASSETS Protecting & Enhancing the Natural Environment	<i>Our aim: Support policies and projects that ensure the protection and enhancement of the Tees Valley's natural environment</i>	Objective 1: Protect What We Have
		Objective 2: Enhance What We Can
THEME 2: NATURAL GROWTH Nature & Economy Working Together	<i>Our aim: Embed a natural capital approach across the Tees Valley</i>	Objective 3: Promote Our Natural Assets
		Objective 4: Support Our Mayoral Combined Authority
THEME 3: NATURAL HEALTH & WELL-BEING Reconnecting People & Nature	<i>Our aim: Help more people realise the health benefits of engaging with the natural environment</i>	Objective 5: Further Involvement & Ownership
		Objective 6: Improve Health & Wellbeing
THEME 4: STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT Ensuring the Partnerships Future Success	<i>Our aim: A strong, functioning local nature partnership for the Tees Valley</i>	Objective 7: Ensure Sustainability of TVNP
		Objective 8: Secure Partner Engagement & Ownership

Business Plan
2019-2022



BIG LOTTERY – PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAMME - PROPOSAL

Harness public love & concern for nature. Grow involvement - extend our influence

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more people are
connected to bigger and
better wildlife rich
spaces



GROWING
PUBLIC
INTEREST IN
NATURE

- Residents & schools
- local businesses
- Local politicians



Raise the profile of TVNP

ACTIVITIES:

Marketing & promotion	Environment Awards	Feedback map	Links with industry
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expert guidance • Social media • Website 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Different categories • Local sponsors? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • interactive 	

Build the capacity of local groups

Training	Communication	Leadership	Small grant scheme
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Planning system * Funding * Marketing & promotion * Data collection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * On-line forum * Newsletters * Conference 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Cross partner mentoring * Advice & support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Administered by TVNP * Community decision panel

Build the capacity of the partnership

Resources	Income 4 management	Communication	Expertise & Leadership
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Mapping Data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Test income streams * Chargeable services? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * CPD for professionals * Annual reports etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Natural Capital * Public health



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£328,000 BOOST FOR THE NATURE PARTNERSHIP



The National Lottery Community Fund has awarded us **£280,758** with a match from the five Tees Valley Local Authorities of £47,621





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Linking with other Tees Valley programmes...



New for 2019: Borderlands | Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland

Original funding award (2019-23): £2,000,000

Project Partners: Middlesbrough Institute of Modern Art, Teesside University, Middlesbrough Football Club Foundation, North Star Housing, Tees Valley Nature Partnership, Tees Valley Education

Borderlands is a major programme of creative growth, focused on the wards of North Ormesby, Brambles and Thorntree in Middlesbrough, and Southbank and Grangetown in Redcar and Cleveland. The project will focus on significantly increasing the number of local people taking part in cultural activity as well as embedding culture as a part of Tees Valley's approach to health, wellbeing, education and employability.

'You've Got This' - South Tees Local Delivery Pilot

NEW APPROACH TO DELIVERING PHYSICAL ACTIVITY LOCALLY

LOCATIONS:

- RURAL PLACES
- SMALL TOWNS
- COASTAL COMMUNITIES
- BIG CITIES

£100 MILLION of National Lottery money across 12 local pilots

Location	Population
Redcar & Cleveland and Middlesbrough	274,000
Bradford	112,800
Widnessea	6,000
Doncaster	304,800
Greater Manchester	2,756,200
Birmingham and Solihull	471,400
Essex	1,443,200
Hackney	248,000
Southall	71,200
Greater Exeter	155,200
Calderdale	206,400
Pennine Lancashire	532,800

113 APPLICATIONS

19 PROPOSALS SHORTLISTED

12 PLACES SELECTED

REACHING:

- PEOPLE FROM SOME ETHNIC MINORITIES
- DISABLED PEOPLE
- OLDER PEOPLE
- WOMEN
- PEOPLE ON LOWER INCOMES
- FAMILIES

FOR HEALTHIER, happier communities AND TO DISCOVER a blueprint for tackling inactivity locally

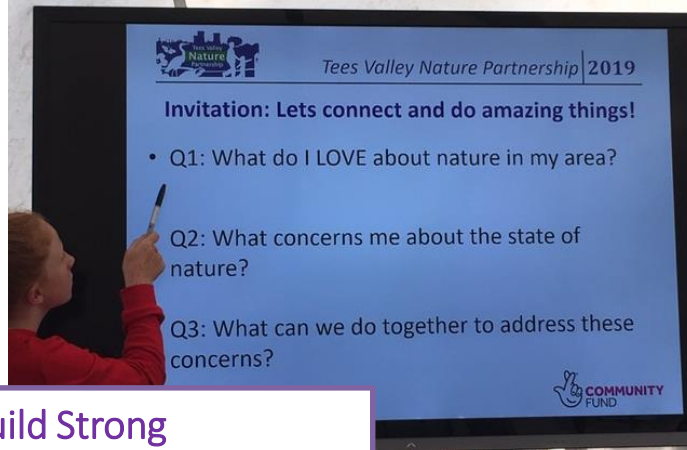
sportengland.org/localpilots

The Big Conversation: City of Culture 2025 Bid



VONNE Regional Climate Project & bid to NLCF new Climate Action Fund
<https://youtu.be/4uGtxwYRgAk>





Bring People Together & Build Strong Relationships in & Across Communities

- **Activity 5.3:** Design a programme to engage and involve greater numbers of people in the work of the partnership.
TVNP Business Plan 2019-2022

The Festival of Thrift 2019 – World Café Tent





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Re-launch partnership 2016 DEVELOPMENT

- SET UP STEERING GROUP
- WORKING GROUPS
- WIDER CONTACTS LIST
- INVITE LOCAL GROUPS TO JOIN

Partnership Review 2018 DESIGN

- BUSINESS PLAN
- CONSULTATION & ENGAGEMENT
- VISION & PRIORITIES
- OPPOURTUNITIES & THREATS

Grow & Develop 2019 on DELIVERY

- REACH OUT TO WIDER STAKEHOLDERS
- BUILD ENGAGEMENT PLATFORM
- FUND & RESOURCE
- DELIVER ACTIONS

National Lottery Funding has allowed us to move through these stages

