

P37 Derwent Valley Landscape Partnership

Theme(s):	A: Conserve and restore river habitat, and adapt to / mitigate for the physical impacts of weather extremes and climate change. B: Improve people's understanding of rivers, catchments, weather extremes and climate change. Increase community participation
Goal(s):	A2: Retain or restore biodiversity, taking account of weather extremes and climate change. B2: Improve access to river-based recreation to engage more people in river issues.
Sub-goal(s):	A2d: Create better, and improve existing, in-river and riverside habitat.

The Derwent Valley is a landscape that has been influenced and moulded by centuries of industry. To recognise the inter-relationships between built heritage, landscape and nature, access and participation and the area's economy, the Partnership is committed to taking forward projects that create multiple benefits. For example, woodland restoration can incorporate new green infrastructure provision, which enhances access to a restored heritage site thereby increasing tourist income.

The partners are seeking to deliver a package of work that leaves a legacy of a more environmentally and economically sustainable Derwent Valley, which could include actions directly linked to improving river quality and people's access to rivers.

Update as at April 2013: the partnership is continuing to develop the Derwent Valley Landscape Partnership bid, including river habitat improvement measures.

Project Status:	Proposed and being developed
Potential Deliverer(s):	Gateshead, Durham and Northumberland Councils, Durham Wildlife Trust, Groundwork, Tyne Rivers Trust, Forestry Commission, Woodland Trust, Environment Agency, North Pennines AONB Partnership, Northumberland Wildlife Trust
Estimated Timeframe:	5 to 10 years
Estimated Project Cost:	more than £500,000
Potential Funding Source(s):	Heritage Lottery Fund - Landscape Partnership Fund
Green Infrastructure link:	Part of the NewcastleGateshead Green Infrastructure Strategy; the lower Derwent is afforded particularly high priority as an Opportunity Area