Newsletter No. 3

Water, Mills and Marshes: the Broads Landscape Partnership

Our bid

The Broads Authority and its partners are developing an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund, Landscape Partnership Scheme for submission in May 2015

the outlaw and his friends sailed on their way, through a country as flat as Holland, past huge old windmills, their sails creaking round, pumping the water from the low-lying meadows on which the cows were

Arthur Ransome, Coot Club.

grazing actually below the level of the river"

Get involved

If you would like to talk about a project, if you are part of a local group what may be able to help deliver an activity in your local area or if you just want to be kept informed please let us know.

To talk about a project idea, please contact 01603 610734, if you would like to be added to the mailing list send us an *email here*

We're nearly there...

With the HLF deadline looming, we are putting the finishing touches to our Landscape Partnership Scheme application. There are more details on individual projects in the following pages, but the headline figures are...

38 projects

55 partner organisations delivering activities

18 months development January 2016 to June 2018

5 years delivery 2018 to 2022

£2.6 million grant request from the Heritage Lottery Fund

£1.7 million additional cash, in-kind and volunteer contributions offered

Total Landscape Partnership Scheme value £4.3 million

Creating a landscape legacy

Our bid is centred on restoring the emotional and physical connection with the grazing marsh landscape, engaging with the many people and communities that live within and around the river valleys to become actively involved in its conservation, its appreciation and its future management.

The delivery of Water, Mills and Marshes: the Broads Landscape Partnership is split into six programmes:

Programme 1: Landscape Interpretation

Increasing information and interpretive material about the area's history and special qualities.

1A: Celebrating the Landscape - Mass public participation and engagement events and activities.

1B: Capturing the Landscape - Oral history, research and archiving projects.

1C: Interpreting Landscape - Making information about the landscape accessible, physically and virtually, to all ages and abilities.

1D: Halvergate Drama, the Drama of the Broads - A play that looks at the history of the Halvergate area and considers its future.

Programme 2: Landscape Exploration

Encouraging people out into the landscape; improving physical access to, and within the area.

2A: Gateways to the Broads - Using urban hubs as focal points for access into the wider, wilder landscape. Enhancing locations where 2B: "Going the extra mile" activities take place.

2B: Going the Extra Mile - Encouraging people out into the wider landscape, taking small steps out from the urban hubs to intriguing locations.

2C: Improving Physical Access - Creating fully accessible walking and cycling routes within the LPS area, linking urban hubs, project sites and wider countryside.

Programme 3: Learning and future skills

Engaging with all ages, enabling heritage and cultural skills training

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3A: Heritage construction skills training - Embedding heritage construction skills training courses into existing construction curricula with practical training helping deliver restoration and repair activities on heritage structures identified in 4F "Land of the Windmills"

3B: Discovery Days - Engagement activities with young people aged 8 to 21. Helping them to identify with and discover their local area.

3C: Broads Young Rangers - Providing skills training and inspiring young people aged 16 to 21 to volunteer and work in the Broads

3D: People Engagement - Development and delivery of innovative family engagement events and activities. Inspiring families about the Broads and providing family groups with practical volunteering skills.

3E: Broad Knowledge - Education and training programmes to increase basic levels of wildlife knowledge and to encourage interest in specialist identification and recording activities.

Programme 4: The Historic Landscape

Protecting and enhancing assets at risk; discovering, recording and protecting waterlogged archaeological assets.

4A: The Chet Boat - Creation of a replica medieval sailing boat, based on the hull plan of a boat excavated from the river Chet near Loddon in 2013.

4B: Community archaeology and Training programme - Recruitment and training groups of archaeology volunteers. Volunteer skills developed in this programme used practically in 4C.

4C: Broads Hidden Heritage - Investigating local archaeology and potential buried heritage of the LPS area. 5 topics including Aerial photograph interpretation, Investigating WWII remains, Trade routes and Industry, Wreck sites, Understanding the Marshes

4D: Burgh Castle Almanac - Provide education, skills, health and wellbeing benefits for people in recovery and being supported to live independently through regular training and creative activities at Burgh Castle Roman Fort.

4E: Parish Landscapes - Interpreting the landscape, understanding geology and geomorphology through investigating the fabric of church (and possibly other) buildings

4F: Land of the Windmills - Understanding, recording, interpreting, restoring and conserving historic drainage windmills that have shaped the drained marsh landscape.

Programme 5: Natural Landscapes

Creating and connecting habitat corridors to strengthen ecological networks; improving land and water management regimes to adapt to climate change and development pressures.

5A: Broads Land management - Ensuring efficient, targeted and effective management of floodplain grassland to encourage overwintering birds and breeding waders.

5B: Broadland Tales of the Past, Skills for the Future - Focussing on the farmers, land owners and land managers of the Broads. "Tales of the past" will capture the changes in agriculture and land management in the Broads through recent generations, "Skills for the future" will identify knowledge and skills gaps amongst the farming community and provide workshops and demonstrations to meet these needs.

5C: Biodiversity Enhancements - Improving management, restoring habitats and supporting endangered species in designated wildlife Sites within the LPS Area.

5D: Wild Energy Harvest - Use new techniques and technologies to convert waste fen arisings into bioenergy products.

5E: Wetland Life, the really rare and camera shy - Discovering the rare and hidden wildlife living in the local area.

Programme 6: Community Grant Fund

6A: A grand for a grand idea - Enabling important, local, small scale projects through a third party grants scheme.



Social media

Follow our progress via the regular updates on our new twitter feed. @Broads_LPS

Facts and figures

158 listed buildings

29 Grade 2 or 2* mills and engine houses

13 Scheduled monuments



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We need your support.

Your support of our application means a great deal. Many of the projects within the scheme will only be successful if the local communities become actively involved. A letter of support now from your organisation or community group will help us demonstrate to Heritage Lottery Fund that the project is important, that you are happy to be involved and that you will help ensure the project is a success.

We have created a template letter of support to be used as a guide, the link is bulleted underneath Water, Mills and Marshes - Newsletter 3 on our website.

Please modify the contents to suit your individual requirements, or write your own personal letter of support for the project.

Letters need to be with us by 30th April 2015

Timescales

16th April • Project Board Meeting

1st June • Final application deadline

Oct / Nov • HLF Decision

January 2016 • Start of development phase (if successful!)

