

Appendices to the Final Review

Final Review

Tame Valley Wetlands Landscape Partnership Scheme

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A close-up photograph of a green frog with brown mottled patterns on its back and head, sitting in a pond. The water is dark blue, and there are several lily pads floating around the frog. The frog's large, prominent eyes are visible.

Appendix One

Truncated Logic Chain

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Aims	objectives	activities/projects	outputs	outcomes	Impact	measures
AIM A Conserve, enhance and restore built and natural heritage features in order to improve the fragmented and degraded landscape of the Tame Valley. Emphasis will be given to linear features such as the River Tame and its floodplain, the canal corridor and historic hedgerows.	Work with partners to restore at least 2 historic, listed structures of built heritage importance.	A1 Paving the way - THIS PROJECT IS AN ISSUE AND WILL NEED TO BE RENEGOTIATED.	local contractors used, 1 x Grade II Listed structure improved aesthetically along with visitor safety enhancements, 53m of towpath / footpath improved, 50m handrail improved	Improved access, safety and visitor perception	Grade II listed structure preserved for future generations to enjoy.	Photos and invoices for works done, possible visitor survey with canal users?
		A2 Turret Restoration	local contractors used, bridge timber work renewed, new steel work in place, 2 parapets secured, stonework protected and enhanced, improved footpath and surfacing	Bridge more attractive and secure, safety improved, access improved, integrity of bridge strengthened	Iconic bridge preserved for future generations to enjoy.	Photos and invoices for works done
	With Water Framework Directive targets in mind, work with partners, landowners, farmers and local volunteers to create / enhance 50 hectares of Local Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP) habitat (predominantly wetland), and 1,000 metres of river or canal bankside habitat.	A3 Wilding the Tame	300m (linear) of re-profiled riverbank, 500m (linear) of improved pathway, approx. 1.5ha BAP priority habitat created in Hemlingford Water	Visual appearance of the river and lake are improved, reducing erosion and creating an aesthetically-pleasing environment.	River restoration occurs, allowing natural river processes to take place.	Photos and invoices for works done
		A5 Taming the Tame (South)	Create 200m length of backwater channel and new island POSSIBLY ONLY 160m CREATED	New fish refuge creation as well as new island habitat used by birds and otters, Trees planted on island offering protection from bank erosion and climate adaptation	Restoration provides a reversal of hard engineered banks on River Tame to naturalise the watercourse.	Invoices
		A6 Kingsbury's Community Wetland - NB ALSO CONTRIBUTES TO LBAP SPECIES	6ha area of (LBAP habitat) wetland created, improved paths, viewing platform created, 1 bank installed creating habitat for sand martins, creation of an area where reedbed can be established	Improved management of the site for wetland wildlife, project site becomes a flagship project for the scheme and a demonstration of the value of wetland habitat	Increasing flood capacity of the floodplain, leading to flood risk reduction.	External assessment, plus has won an Award and was on Countryfile
		A9 Wilding the Tame (North) - RESERVE PROJECT	300m (linear) of re-profiled riverbanks, approx. 1.5ha BAP priority habitat created in Hemlingford Water	Improvements for biodiversity and water quality under WFD.	Reduction in flood risk downstream due to slowing of river flow	External assessment
	Work with landowners, farmers and local communities to create / restore 1,000 metres of hedgerows and historic field boundaries.	B4 Hedgerow restoration	500 metres of hedge created / planted, 500 metres of hedge restored by hedgelaying or by coppicing and replanting,	increasing biodiversity	Greater awareness of importance of hedgerows and knowledge of traditional skills	Photos, participant MI and perceptions, farmers impressions

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	Provide improved habitat, protection, awareness and monitoring for at least 5 native LBAP species.	A4 Fantastic Fritillaries - THIS ONE NEEDS TO BE ALTERED	650m of ditch re-profiled, 1 x bund installed, 100m of riverbank re-profiled, 19.4 hectares of grassland cut and baled 100m RIVER BANK IS LIKELY TO BE CHANGED	24.3 hectares of land managed for biodiversity, but also appreciated, understood and valued by local residents.	An increase in the number of flowering fritillaries by the end of the project, compared to a baseline established in 2015.	1 event in 2015 to count fritillaries, wildlife recording ACTUALLY THERE ARE RECORDS ON THIS GOING BACK YEARS
		A7 Whitacre Wetland for Waders - THIS ONE IS GOING TO BE ALTERED	Improved water level management and improved conditions for breeding waders and other species requiring standing water into spring/summer	1 pair of breeding wading birds before 2018	Improved habitat for LBAP species and a helping hand for wading birds that are in significant decline both locally and nationally.	wildlife recording
		A8 Bringing Back the Boom	8 hectares of reedbed created; 20 hectare area of wetland enhanced, viewpoints created for visitors to have a closer look at species in the reedbed		Providing improved breeding opportunities for bittern and other reedbed species.	External assessment
		B9 Rattys Return	Identifying habitat improvement opportunities, ie 30 metres of waterway improved, 1 pond created or 1 ha land better managed, 10 mink rafts out and monitored	A database of interested landowners and volunteers created. Long-term strategic network of trained mink monitors / controllers.	Reduced fragmentation and natural dispersion and robustness of existing water vole populations aided.	wildlife recording
<p>AIM B Reconnect the local community with the Tame Valley landscape and its heritage by engaging and involving people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities with their local green spaces, sites of heritage interest and the conservation and restoration of these places. Emphasis will be given to engaging with hard-to-reach groups, community-led initiatives</p>	Undertake practical conservation and surveying work at sites across the scheme area through the creation of a regular and mobile volunteering programme, attracting 10 volunteers on average per session.	B3 Environmental Volunteering - aim to engage local volunteers in the management and restoration of sites of natural heritage interest within the TVWLPS area	614 participants, 86 sessions, 1 site improve, 9 bird boxes created, 8,000 metres of riverside/ floodplain litter-picked, invasive species controlled at 8 sites, 8 sites better managed for wildlife and their habitats restored/enhanced, 5 species surveyed across 3 different habitat-types in the scheme area		Improved habitats for wildlife and an increase in biodiversity.	WILDLIFE SURVEYING TO GET THE OUTCOMES, MI FOR THE INDIVIDUALS

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and delivering events and activities.	Explore ways to positively engage and involve hard-to-reach groups, particularly young people and those from deprived or segregated communities. This will be achieved through the delivery of targeted work such as youth engagement, which will engage with at least 200 young people.	B7 Youth Engagement - aim to actively involve young people in learning about, valuing and getting involved with their local green spaces in the TVWLPS area	25 youth focused sessions/ taster days per year delivered, with a minimum attendance of 6 young people per session (510 participants in total), 1 x youth volunteer group established, 25 young people take part in regular (more than six times) activities, at least 30 young people will complete the John Muir Award, 10-15 minute film about the Tame Valley produced involving 8-12 young people	The project will help the young people to develop a wide range of life skills including greater team working, increased confidence, enhanced interpersonal skills etc	More young people are aware of the green spaces in Tamworth Borough and the wider project area and want to be actively involved in protecting those spaces.	follow up with schools and clubs - MRE TO DEVELOP CHECKLIST OF QUESTIONS TO USE WITH SCHOOLS AND CLUBS
		B8 Schools engagement - aim to engage with local schools within the TVWLPS area, in order to inspire and educate children between the ages of 5 and 15 about the Tame Valley landscape and its rich heritage.	40 in-school sessions reaching approximately 1,200 pupils, 20 field trips organised and delivered with approximately 500 students, 1 pack created with a variety of lesson plans linked to the National Curriculum and the Tame Valley landscape, 80 children with special needs engaged across 10 field trips ACHIEVED OUTPUTS	Local children are enthused and inspired about the local landscape.	The Tame Valley is more likely to be protected and promoted by local people in the future due to a younger generation's improved understanding and connection with the landscape	follow up with schools and clubs - MRE TO DEVELOP CHECKLIST OF QUESTIONS TO USE WITH SCHOOLS AND CLUBS - AUTUMN INTERVIEWS
		C8 Education materials for Girl Guides - aim to produce a family-friendly resource pack with games and activities to encourage informal learning about the landscape and its heritage.	6 sessions delivered (2 per year) with 60 participants, 20 Girl Guides achieve their Finding their Way badge and Animal Active badge SLOW START SO NOS LOW AT PRESENT	Girls gain confidence in exploring the countryside and learn about local endangered species.	Girls pass on the messages of the TVWLPS to their families and friends and more people become involved and are able to enjoy and understand their local heritage.	follow up with schools and clubs - MRE TO DEVELOP CHECKLIST FOR USE WITH SCHOOLS AND CLUBS

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	Provide opportunities for communities to take ownership of their local area and to work constructively with others to take positive action to conserve and promote local heritage. This will be achieved through community-led initiatives, focusing on cultural heritage and by setting up new (or supporting recently established) local volunteer groups to ensure there are at least 3 active groups spanning the length of the scheme area.	B2 Your local heritage - aim to explore the cultural and intangible heritage of the area, by working with local communities and using a variety of tools, to record the memories and experiences of local people - NEEDS TO BE RENEGOTIATED, MUSEFY NOT WORKED OUT, OUT TO TENDER	Across 6 sub-projects: 624 people involved, 4 workshops, 1 webpage designed and maintained, 1 activity pack created, 1 large map created, 1 exhibition and 2 pop-up exhibitions, a tour of 2 towns undertaken, 4 private home owners engaged WALKS	Shared experiences. Improved the well-being and memories of local people. Improved perceptions and image of care homes both within and outside, making residents feel more at home. Elderly residents feel more valued members of the wider community.	Improved awareness of past mining and industrial heritage.	local population survey - WEBSITE MONITORING, TAMEFEST QUESTION
		B5 Community Grants - aims to deliver a community grants programme to community organisations wishing to deliver projects in alignment with TVWLPS aims and objectives. SLOW START, PICKING UP	At least 10 community groups engaged, approximately 8 community groups receive TVWLPS HLF funding to deliver projects that meet the scheme aims, 50% additional matchfunding is brought into the scheme	The local community has a deeper sense of involvement in the scheme and a greater say in its outputs.		INTERVIEWS WITH COMMUNITY GROUPS FOR FINAL EVALUATION DONE BY MRE
		B6 Community Groups - aims to support existing community groups or to help set up new Friends of Groups in the TVWLPS area	3 new or recently set-up groups supported, with at least 12 participants, 1 new overarching volunteer group established and supported, involving approx. 6 people, each group to receive up to £1,000 worth of equipment and training	Local community groups are supported and are equipped in order to make a positive difference to the local landscape.		INTERVIEWS WITH COMMUNITY GROUPS FOR FINAL EVALUATION DONE BY MRE
	Promote the landscape's natural and built heritage as an educational resource. Develop and deliver comprehensive events and activities for schools and families across the Scheme	B1 Heritage events - aim to deliver an engaging programme of events, focussing on natural heritage and traditional heritage skills	63 events, 2660 people attend events, 30 Wild Wednesday sessions - OUTPUTS ACHIEVED, 67 AND 4300	Local people learn and are enthused about heritage	Local people are inspired to care for their local heritage and environment.	local population survey

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	area, with the target of reaching 1,000 school children and 500 members of the public.	C7 Your heritage family - aim to produce a family-friendly resource pack with games and activities to encourage informal learning about the landscape and its heritage NEEDS REJIGGED	Resource pack created, 8 children and their family members are engaged in the development process, Pack is downloaded and used by local people	Families and workshop leaders will have a resource to enable families to learn about the Tame Valley.	More local people able to enjoy and understand their local heritage and better appreciation of the landscape.	WEBSITE HITS
AIM C Improve access and learning for local people – both physical access on and between sites and intellectual access on and off site through a range of resources. This includes development of the 'Tame Way', themed trails, and a Gateway to the Tame Valley interpretation centre and website.	Encourage inclusive physical access and health and wellbeing by removing actual or perceived barriers, improving access at 10 key sites of interest, and by creating 5 new circular / themed trails across the area.	C1 Access Group - aim to establish a flexible and independent working group with access improvements as their key area of focus EVOLVING IDEA FROM ORIGINAL CONCEPT TO BE RATHER LESS FORMAL AND MORE PRACTICAL	1 new and flexible group established and supported, with at least 12 participants	Local community and interested volunteers are supported and are equipped in order to make a positive difference to access in the local landscape.		FOCUS GROUP WITH THOSE WHO DO IT
		C4 Tame Valley Access improvement - aim to improve access at sites of heritage interest and across the scheme area (if not on the Tame Way).	60m of boardwalk installed, approx. 30 new steps installed improving access and safety between canal and river, Woodland Walk - 860m of improved path Improved connection with Tame Way, Middleton - 700m of new footpath created, 2,700m of new circular route opened up, several sections of bridleway improved and 1 new section opened up (subject to match funding) SLOW START, HAPPENING NOW AND LATER THIS YEAR	20,000 plus people per year able to use the new route, higher quality experience for visitors able to use circular walk rather than a "there and back route"	Improved access for local people and improved understanding of the Tame Valley and its sites of interest.	photos and local perception survey

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		C5 Circular and Themed walks - aim to develop and promote a portfolio of circular and themed walks and cycle rides across the scheme area of varying lengths and difficulties.	5 new walking routes created between 1 and 6 miles long engaging 2 volunteers, 2/3 new cycling routes created between 5 and 15 miles long engaging 2 volunteers, 10 walk leaflets created, 6 walks delivered attracting 10 people at each, At least 10 walks are accessible on the phone app and it is used / downloaded regularly SLOW BUT NOW DESIGNING TRAIL GUIDES	More local people able to enjoy a couple of hours walk in a safe and inspiring landscape, away from traffic and noise	New areas close to amenities opened up and local businesses are indirectly promoted.	evidence resource exists
		C11 Sculpture Trail - aim to create a community sculpture trail along the canal network inspired by local heritage	1 new route promoted, linking with other routes in the area, 4 sculptures designed, created and installed RESERVE PROJECT - MAY HAPPEN BUT ISSUE OVER VAT	Higher quality experience for visitors using promoted trails – more points of interest for visitors and children along a trail.		visitor survey
	Improve existing access routes and the links between these in order to develop and promote a 'Tame Way' - an interconnected network of access routes, trails and themed walks encompassing a range of heritage sites along the scheme area.	C2 The Tame Way - aim to create, enhance and promote a network of interconnected routes that, together, form the 'Tame Way' – a long distance route spanning the length of the scheme area and beyond	14 information boards, 66 waymarkers, 33 fingerposts, 11 benches, 10m boardwalk, 3 gap stiles, 5 information signs, 810m new surfacing NOW SCOPED BUT NOTHING ON THE GROUND AND INCREDIBLY DELAYED	Physical and perceived barriers are removed by better signage, mapping, places to rest and quality of footpaths.	Long distance footpath draws tourists and walkers from further afield into the area	Local tourist information hits/queries (not under your control)
	Raise awareness of the landscape and its wildlife, heritage and accessibility through innovative learning and interpretation, both in the field and on the internet. This will be achieved through the development of a heritage resource pack	C3 Tame Valley Interpretation - aim to increase the level of signage and interpretation at heritage sites within the scheme area (excluding sites on the Tame Way)	10 new signs erected across the scheme area using new brand and logo, Dostill - 1 interpretation board created; 6 participants (local volunteers), Whitacre Heath SSSI - 3 local volunteers involved; 1 new bird hide erected; 1 new interpretation board created	A consistent, clear and recognisable brand is created that local people and visitors understand and identify with the local landscape.	The landscape becomes more of a tourist destination and viewed in a more favourable light. A positive knock-on effect on the local economy.	Local tourist information hits/queries (not under your control), ALSO QUESTIONNAIRE RERUNS

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	and site-based interpretation, through the use of new and social media and through the creation of a Gateway to the Tame Valley interpretation centre at Kingsbury Water Park and an interactive website. The centre and website will engage at least 55,000 people with the scheme.	C9 Gateway to the Tame Valley - aim to create a new vibrant and engaging interpretation centre and visitor experience in the heart of the Tame Valley	New and refreshed interactive and innovative interpretation at Kingsbury Water Park, 30 local people engaged through 4 scheme projects. 3 new and refreshed areas of interpretation over 3 years, 200 people engaged at event, 1 press release and articles featuring in the local media DELAYED 17/5 SOFT LAUNCH, 1/7 FORMAL LAUNCH	People learn about the Tame Valley and the events and activities that are on offer. The Tame Valley image, branding and appeal as a tourist destination and identifiable landscape is enhanced.	Visitors learn more about the wildlife and heritage of the area and are directed to areas of interest.	visitor survey/VISITOR COUNT
		C12 Information Hub - aims to provide a mobile information hub, taking the Tame Valley to its people! NEEDS TO BE RENEGOTIATED	At least 4 outreach trips per year, at least 100 people introduced to the Tame Valley per year (over 3 years)	People are introduced to the Tame Valley through a friendly outreach service, bringing information to their doorstep	New audiences become engaged in the Tame Valley, including hard-to-reach groups.	visitor survey, participation stats, MI, PERCEPTIONS OF THOSE WHO HOST BOARDS
	Promote the scheme and the Tame Valley identity, and raise awareness (both locally and strategically) of the environmental and socio-economic importance of the landscape - its heritage and its wetlands - particularly with reference to ecosystem services and climate change. 10 articles / press releases will be produced and promoted.	C10 Branding - aim to develop a Tame Valley brand and website in order to promote the landscape and TVWLPS, and to create a sense of place for local people and visiting tourists.	Recognisable brand for the TVWLPS created and adopted by the Partnership – Partners use the Tame Valley brand alongside their own brand, new engaging website with at least 15 pages created, approx. 10,000 unique visitors to the site over the life of the scheme, bounce rate <50%	Online and well-promoted hub established for information about the scheme and TVWLPS	The Tame Valley image, branding and appeal as a tourist destination and identifiable landscape is enhanced.	visitor survey TAMEFEST QUESTION

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<p>AIM D</p> <p>Provide training opportunities for local people by offering taster sessions, short courses, award schemes and certificates in a range of heritage and conservation topics, in order to increase the skill and knowledge levels within the local population and provide a lasting legacy.</p>	<p>Work with local experts and link across the scheme programmes, to deliver at least 150 taster days and short courses, training approximately 1,000 people in a range of natural and built heritage and conservation topics, such as stonework restoration, hurdle making, coppicing, hedge-laying and species identification.</p>	<p>D1 Taster Sessions - aim to deliver an exciting and engaging programme of taster sessions focussed on encouraging learning linked to the natural environment</p>	<p>18 activity/interest topics covered, 133 sessions, 1,072 participants 70 SESSIONS TO DATE - PERHAPS NEED TO LOOK AT WIDER APPEAL RATHER THAN USUAL SUSPECTS</p>	<p>People are inspired to get involved in volunteering.</p>	<p>Knock-on effect creating more 'caretakers' for the landscape.</p>	<p>volunteer tracking TVWLPS TO LOOK AT THEIR DATA FOR THIS</p>
	<p>Provide opportunities for local people to gain certification in heritage and environmental conservation skills. At least 40 people will carry out accredited training through OCN or City of Guilds qualifications. 10 of these people will go on to find employment, education or further training as a result of this training. 25 young people will also gain the John Muir Award.</p>	<p>D6 Accredited Training - aim to provide two different types of accredited training for local people within the Tame Valley; City & Guilds Level 2 Certificate in Work Based Conservation (0070-20) and OCN Level 1 and Level 2 (Award and Certificate) in Environmental Conservation and Heritage ISSUE</p>	<p>6 people achieve C&G training over 6 month periods (2 people in Year 2, 2 people in Year 3 and 2 people in Year 4), 35 people achieve minimum 60 hours each of OCN guided learning hours / accredited training (Certificate = 120 hours). 5 people in Year 1, 10 people in Year 2, 10 people in Year 3 and 10 people in Year 4, 2 new assessors trained</p>	<p>New bespoke heritage management training qualification produced (with particular focus on the theory and practical application of natural heritage management skills and job readiness skills) and designed specifically to help young people (aged 16/25yrs) to gain employment</p>	<p>Local people receive work based training and gain a greater awareness of their local heritage and the ways to maintain it.</p>	<p>learner numbers, feedback - MRE TO LOOK AT LEARNER SATISFACTION SURVEYS USED ELSEWHERE AND OFFER SUGGESTIONS</p>

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	Undertake focused learning and research with landowners, colleges and universities to facilitate and encourage sustainable land management and to provide useful data to inform landscape restoration work. 45 landowners / farmers will be engaged and the scheme will link with college, undergraduate and postgraduate level courses through close working with at least 4 colleges and universities.	D2 Research - aim to undertake research with colleges and universities to encourage sustainable land management and provide useful data to inform landscape restoration work	15-20 students undertake surveying on nature reserves twice a year over 2 years (60 participants), 10-20 students (16-19 year olds) attend guided talk once a year over 2 years (20 participants), 40 students undertake fieldtrips and produce coursework linked to college course, 2 MSc/MA students undertake research, 4 BSc / MSc students undertake environmental research, with 4 useful reports / research papers created, to be used as a scheme monitoring and evaluation tool SOME ISSUES, NO MSC	Students will learn how to undertake practical surveys, greater understanding of nature reserves in the Tame Valley by 16-19 year olds	Greater understanding of wildlife-friendly farming practices and sustainable land management linked to wetlands / farming in the floodplain.	learner numbers, feedback MRE STRUCTURED INTERVIEWS WITH COLLEGES TO SEE HOW HAS IMPACTED
	Strengthen skills and knowledge amongst scheme and Partnership staff and the wider network of local groups and volunteers, by delivering training sessions and encouraging shared learning, in order to increase capacity and sustainability in delivering the scheme objectives.	D3 Capacity Building - aim to work with partners and training providers in order to deliver a programme of training for Partnership and scheme staff and volunteers	11 areas of training, 19 sessions laid on, 118 participants, 6 NPTC qualifications achieved - ACHIEVED	Training creates a sense of value and confidence for volunteers and staff, safety-awareness improved and participants' health and safety is improved as a result, local needs are better understood and Partnership becomes more inclusive and open.	Legacy and sustainability of the scheme secured through training, particularly related to community groups, and their governance, etc.	volunteer, partner and community group feedback and interviews MRE STRUCTURED INTERVIEWS BUT NEED INFO FROM TVWLPS TO INFORM INTERVIEWS
		D4 Heritage Training - aim to provide a range of engaging training activities linked to the heritage of the landscape and scheme projects	6 activity areas, 20 sessions, 194 participants BEHIND AND THERE WILL BE CHANGES, I NOTED A POET, ARCHAEOLOGY STILL TO HAPPEN	Local groups and individuals learn how to lead their own projects and learn specific skills and techniques, participants see the link between all scheme programmes and feel that they are contributing to the actual conservation and restoration of the landscape	Local people gain a better understanding of built heritage and restoration techniques, leading to an improved appreciation and passion for heritage and the wider scheme	learner numbers, feedback

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		D5 Mapping - aim to improve the recording and mapping of built and natural heritage features within the landscape, acting as a valuable tool and scheme legacy for protecting and conserving these features into the future	15 people trained over 3 years, 2 sites assessed and designated as LWS THIS WAS ACTUALLY MORE FOCUSED ON TEAM AND IS BEHIND AND NUMBERS LOOK DODGY. IT CAN BE CLAWED BACK IN SOME DEGREE. LIKELY TO BE TINKERED WITH	Local groups and individuals learn to undertake their own fieldwork projects and learn archaeological skills, improved and more up-to-date mapping of natural heritage	Landscape is better protected	learner numbers, feedback AND MAPS FOR WARWICKSHIRE WT ARE UP TO DATE
		D7 Apprenticeships - aim to give one young person the opportunity to gain job experience as an apprentice for the TVWLP and develop skills for future employment	1 person (possibly post-traineeship) gains apprenticeship (2 year apprenticeship) in all aspects of the scheme and WCC Ranger work	One local person completes a two year apprenticeship and gains a greater awareness of their local heritage and ways to maintain it.	Apprentice goes on to find related work.	learner follow up

Appendix Two

Methodology for the Final Review

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Appendix Two - Tame Valley Wetlands LPS Final Review - Methodology

CORE EVALUATION ELEMENT	METHODOLOGY
Statement of performance against contract	This will draw on the final management information set for the programme on a project-by-project basis. This will involve working with the Programme Manager and Administrator through the history of initial contract, contract reviews and amendments and quarterly reports of outputs to demonstrate the extent to which the contract has been met.
Review of funding and added value	This will also draw on the final management information and reporting on a project-by-project basis to confirm the use of funds, that any virements were approved, and match funding has been provided.
Theme/Project review	<p>Each of the theme areas will be reviewed through management information, meeting with the relevant team member, interviews with a selection of delivery partners and, if applicable, with project beneficiaries.</p> <p>A team review workshop is not considered necessary, as numerous round table discussions have already been held with the team.</p> <p>An evidence review session will be held for each theme during which team leads should present the relevant evaluation evidence base they have assembled.</p>
Stakeholder review	The overall management and delivery of the programme, including working in partnership with other organisations, will be reviewed. This includes discussions with the staff team, Partnership Board members, the HLF Mentor and other relevant bodies. This will help to identify to what extent the management of the programme has contributed to the achievement of the outputs and outcomes, as well as looking at how sustainable the achievements of the programme will be in the future.
Assessment of outcomes and impact	Using suitable metrics, survey instruments, interview feedback and data collected by each of the projects, we will assess how far the programme overall has had a positive impact on the Tame Valley Wetlands area, and how sustainable this impact is likely to be, going forward.
Reporting	We will produce a main report and executive summary. The main report includes all the findings from the evaluation programme of work and draws in some materials produced in the mid-term review. It critically assesses the extent to which the ambition of the LPS has been met during the five years of funding.
Case study development	High quality, detailed, validated and attributable case studies of project activity are a very valuable way of demonstrating how well (or not) an intervention has worked. MRE will undertake a number of consistent case studies that are illustrated, validated and attributable.

Appendix Three - set of Case Studies
is a separate document,
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Appendix Four

HLF Funding Criteria

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Appendix Four

Heritage Lottery Fund Assessment Criteria

In addition to outcome measures set by the LPS Partnership, HLF developed three sets of criteria for Schemes supported by its Landscape Partnership fund, to assess what difference its investments have made in relation to *heritage*, *people* and *communities*. HLF offers guidance on how partnerships can tell whether they have met the criteria. However, the criteria were introduced after TVW developed its LCAP and HLF no longer formally requires Partnerships to assess their performance against these particular requirements.

Nevertheless, we think the former criteria are a useful yardstick for Scheme Managers and Boards, so, in Section Four of the Final Review, we have mirrored the questions asked by HLF to consider TVW's relevant achievements.

HLF is expected to publish an updated set of guidance shortly.

Outcomes for heritage

Through our funding we want to help sustain and transform the UK's heritage. Projects we've supported have rescued thousands of buildings and places from decay. They have breathed new life into neglected collections, parks and landscapes. And they've inspired communities to record and celebrate their stories.

With our investment, heritage will be better managed

There will be clear improvements in the way that you manage heritage. This could include the implementation of plans for management and maintenance, securing additional staff, Trustees or other resources that you need, or the more effective use of existing resources.

How you will know what you have achieved

As a result of these improvements, you will be able to show that the heritage you manage is in a stronger position for the long term including, if appropriate, a stronger financial position. These improvements to managing the heritage are likely to mean that you can meet national or sector quality standards.

With our investment, heritage will be in better condition

There will be improvements to the physical state of your heritage. The improvements might be the result of repair, renovation or work to prevent further deterioration, such as mending the roof of a historic building, conserving an archive, clearing field ditches or repairing a ship. Improvements might also result from new work, for example increasing the size of an existing habitat to benefit priority species, or constructing a new building to protect historic ruins, archaeology or vehicles.

How you will know what you have achieved

The improvements will be recognised through standards used by professional and heritage specialists, and/or by people more generally, for example in surveys of visitors or local residents.

With our investment, heritage will be identified/recorded

The heritage of a place, a person or a community will have been located/uncovered and/or there will be a record of heritage available to people now and in the future. This might include identifying places or collections that are of relevance to a particular community and making information about them available; documenting languages or dialects; recording people's memories as oral history; surveying species or habitats and making the survey data available; cataloguing and digitising archives; making a record of a building or archaeological site; or recording the customs or traditions of a place or community.

How you will know what you have achieved?

Heritage that was previously hidden, not well known, or not accessible will now be available to the public; visitors or users will tell you that this is an important part of our heritage and that they value it.

Outcomes for people

We believe that people from all communities should be able to see their heritage reflected in our national story. The projects we fund inspire young people to learn and get involved with heritage. They help people find fulfilling volunteer roles and develop skills and create thousands of opportunities for an enjoyable day out.

With our investment, people will have:

With our investment, people will have developed skills

Individuals will have gained skills relevant to ensuring heritage is better looked after, managed, understood or shared (including, among others, conservation, teaching/training, maintenance, digital and project management skills). Structured training activities could include an informal mentoring programme, on-the-job training or external short courses.

How you will know what you have achieved

People involved in your project, including staff and volunteers, will be able to demonstrate competence in new, specific skills, and where appropriate, will have gained a formal qualification.

With our investment, people will have learnt about heritage

Individuals will have developed their knowledge and understanding of heritage because you have given them opportunities to experience heritage in ways that meet their needs and interests.

How you will know what you have achieved

Adults, children and young people who took part in the project, or who are visiting your site or engaging with your heritage in other ways, e.g. through digital technology, will be able to tell you what they have learnt about heritage and what difference this makes to them and their lives. They will also be able to tell you what they are doing with that knowledge and understanding; such as, sharing it with other people, using it in their professional or social life, or undertaking further study.

With our investment, people will have volunteered time

Individuals will be contributing their time and talent and will find it a rewarding experience. They will give their time to activities at all different levels – from project leadership and management to helping at events or creating a website.

How you will know what you have achieved

Volunteers will be able to report personal benefits whatever their experience, background and level of engagement. These might include: new skills; increased confidence; a sense of purpose; enhanced wellbeing; a feeling of making a contribution to heritage and society; or influencing the success of your project and the way it is regarded in the community.

Outcomes for communities

Heritage is at the heart of the tourism industry, attracting overseas visitors and bringing investment into local economies. Heritage projects can re-energise neglected areas, creating vibrant places to live and work. And they can foster a real sense of community.

With our investment environmental impacts will be reduced

You will have minimised the environmental impacts of your heritage/site and, if possible, reduced them from a current or baseline position, in the key areas of: energy and water use, and visitor transport. If your project is site-based, you will have taken opportunities to enhance the biodiversity (habitats and species) of the site.

How you will know what you have achieved

At the end of your project you will report on the resources used. You will also be able to demonstrate a reduction in carbon emissions generated by your site.

With our investment more people and a wider range of people will have engaged with heritage

There will be more people engaging with heritage and this audience will be more diverse than before your project. Changes will have come about as a direct result of your project, particularly your audience development work and community consultation, by collecting and analysing information about the people who engage with your heritage – and those who don't – before, during and after your project.

How you will know what you have achieved

You will be able to show that your audience profile has changed; for example, it includes people from a wider range of ages, ethnicities and social backgrounds; more disabled people; or groups of people who have never engaged with your heritage before. You will be able to show how more people, and different people, engage with heritage as visitors, participants in activities, or volunteers, both during your project and once it has finished.

With our investment your local area/community will be a better place to live, work or visit

Local residents will have a better quality of life and overall the area will be more attractive. As a result of improving the appearance of heritage sites or of the opportunities you have provided for local people to visit, use, get involved with, and enjoy heritage, residents will report that they feel greater pride in the local area and/or have a stronger sense of belonging.

How you will know what you have achieved

Community members will report a greater sense of shared understanding and a better sense of getting on with each other. Visitors to your heritage project will also tell you that the area has improved as a direct result of the project, as well as what they value about it."



Appendix Five

Glossary of Terms

Final Review

Tame Valley Wetlands Landscape Partnership Scheme

June 2019

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ABBREVIATION	DESCRIPTION
Bioblitz	A time-limited event, perhaps 12 or 24 hours, to audit all or some of the flora and fauna on a defined site e.g. wildflowers, insects or moths.
HLF	Using money raised through the National Lottery, the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) gives grants to sustain and transform the UK's heritage. Museums, parks, historic places, archaeology, natural environment and cultural traditions all receive investment.
LBAP	Local Biodiversity Action Plan. The UK Government's response to the Convention on Biological Diversity, opened for signature at the Rio Earth Summit in 1992. A set of future actions that will lead to the conservation or enhancement of biodiversity.
LCAP	Local Conservation Action Plan. The list of activities that an LPS plans to carry out using the funding it receives from HLF.
Living Landscapes	Areas across the country where the network of Wildlife Trusts has a vision of "(Creating) Living Landscapes where wildlife habitats are bigger, better managed and more joined-up."
LNR	Local Nature Reserve. A statutory designation for open spaces with some special features that should be protected.
Logic Chain/Logic Model	Often shown in diagrammatic form, this sets out the logic model for the changes a project or activity (or Scheme as in this case) is intended to make. It normally contains an aim, inputs, activity, outputs, outcomes and impact, and includes measures for outcomes and impact.
LPS	Landscape Partnership Scheme – a competitive funding programme run by Heritage Lottery Fund to support natural and heritage conservation.
LWS	Local Wildlife Sites. Areas which are locally important for the conservation of wildlife.
MRE Unlocking Enterprise	The company that has undertaken the Mid Term and Final evaluation reviews of the LPS.
Natural Character Area	A subdivided descriptive unit of England defined as an area that shares similar landscape characteristics.

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Nature Improvement Area	Areas of land that have been identified for the opportunity they offer to restore nature at a landscape scale in conjunction with other land uses.
NPTC	City & Guilds Land Based Services (formerly NPTC) is the UK's largest awarding body in the land-based sector.
OCN	OCN London is a national not-for-profit organisation that creates and awards qualifications – www.ocnlondon.org.uk
SSSI	Site of Special Scientific Interest. SSSI is a formal conservation designation. Usually, it describes an area that is of particular interest to science due to the rare species of fauna or flora it contains - or even important geological or physiological features that may lie in its boundaries.
TameFest	A public event held annually during the four-year period of the TVW Landscape Partnership Scheme, using fun activities to raise awareness of conservation issues and the importance of local green spaces.
TameForce	A group of conservation volunteers who regularly undertake practical improvements and maintenance across various nature reserves in the Tame Valley.
TVW	Tame Valley Wetlands – an area of approx. 1000 hectares of wetland situated between Coleshill and Tamworth through which the River Tame flows. The area is the subject of a funding contract with the Heritage Lottery Fund.
TVW Partnership	An informal group of organisations with a common interest in the conservation of the Tame Valley area. Also, the group that has directed the delivery of the LPS in Tame Valley.
TVWLPS	Tame Valley Wetlands Landscape Partnership Scheme – the funding contract granted by Heritage Lottery Fund for a 4-year programme of improvement activities.
Transition Plan and Addendum Plan	An additional plan of activity that TVW Partnership negotiated with HLF to build on its achievements, extend some projects and lead into the period after HLF funding.
WWT	Warwickshire Wildlife Trust. Manages the HLF funding contract for Tame Valley and employs most of the executive team (others were seconded from partner organisations).