



Growing confidence in the Cotswolds

2021/22 Annual Review

Chairman's welcome

In the summer of 2021, at the time of our last Annual Review, the Cotswolds National Landscape, with the rest of the country, was emerging from the chrysalis-like period of lockdown. Life was beginning to return to a 'new normality' and we were looking ahead with some degree of optimism. The extraordinary emotional and financial rollercoaster of the pandemic seemed to be receding in the rearview mirror and as a nation, we were keen to quickly regain and increase our activity levels. Reflecting on the period since then, I think the Cotswolds has done just that. In spite of new challenges presenting themselves since February 2022, we continue to move forward with energy.



Brendan McCarthy.

This 2021/22 review highlights many achievements and shows how adaptable and flexible our hardworking team and volunteers can be, with some great results coming through.

2021/22 has been a year of considerable growth for us. Bolstered by extra funding from Defra and a number of project partners, we've been able to increase our team numbers to deliver many new initiatives. The new Defra-led Farming in Protected Landscapes programme, and the three-year Everyone's Evenlode project (with financial underpinning from Thames Water) are two particular highlights.

I'm very struck by what Farming in Protected Landscapes is achieving across the Cotswolds. It's inspiring people to look for answers to the complex questions that we simply can't ignore. How can we meet the challenges of protecting our landscape and natural habitats, while being able to feed our growing population, and all while heading towards a net zero future? This, against a background of diminishing traditional grant aid now that Brexit is behind us, and the transition end date of 2027 – when direct payments will end, and a new approach to grants based on 'public money for public goods' will have been brought in. Big challenges for farmers and landowners across the Cotswolds National Landscape.

It's been really uplifting to see the range of projects coming forward which endeavour to meet these challenges, both from individual

farmers and large groups of adjoining landowners working collaboratively on a landscape scale. Our assessment panel of experts have so far awarded over £950k to individual schemes in the last year and we plan to allocate £1m between now and 2024. Helping to work out which 'public goods' should be sustainably financed is the foundation of every decision by the panel, and the debates are fascinating.

Our new Everyone's Evenlode team is enthusiastically engaging with a wide range of younger audiences within the Evenlode catchment to help raise awareness of the importance of river health. Thames Water is all too aware of the need to improve the quality of many of our Cotswold rivers, a number of which require significant investment over many years. This relatively small project, by comparison, is a step along the way towards this vital challenge.

It has been rewarding to see the success of the Kingfisher Trail over the summer and autumn of 2021. Not only were we able to raise substantial funds for re-investment into projects for young people across the Cotswolds, we calculated that over 20,000 people participated in the trail during the summer. The quality of the artwork on each kingfisher was breathtaking, a truly lovely project that inspired many.

The growth in recruitment for our Cotswold Voluntary Wardens has been equally uplifting to see. Over 400 volunteers now turn out regularly to carry out practical conservation

and access work both on the Cotswold Way, throughout the parishes of the Cotswolds, and through working with our Glorious Grasslands Team. While out walking, you will invariably come across a gate, footbridge or stile that has been skillfully installed by a local team. It was also wonderful to be able to celebrate, albeit a little late due to the pandemic, the 50th anniversary of the Cotswold Way being established. What a success story that has been, enjoyed by millions of local, national and international visitors over the last five decades, and increasingly popular every year.

We've been active on the fundraising front too, developing our Caring for the Cotswolds offer and helping to support some really exciting projects. The new community shelter at Westonbirt Arboretum is something we are really proud to have contributed to. In many respects, this sums up what we see as a key role for the CNL. Defra, Natural England, and support from our 15 Local Authorities underpin much of what we do but increasingly, we act as a generator of funding packages and support that can be spent and used across the Cotswolds to good effect. This is ever more recognised by our growing band of partners, whose ambitions match ours and who wish to see their contributions adding real value. I thank them for their support and the confidence they have in us.

All this can only be achieved by the strenuous efforts of our still relatively small team standing on the shoulders of our volunteers and supported by our Board, which this year has seen many new members. I thank them all for their fantastic efforts to recover our mojo post-pandemic and go on to achieve a great number of things throughout the year.

As the country, indeed the world, faces so many difficult challenges, it is increasingly obvious that positive collaboration and sharing of knowledge, expertise, experience and funding represents the only sensible way forward. The Cotswolds has never been more in need of a positive, joined-up, and sensitive approach as it is in the 2020's and I'm delighted that the Cotswolds National Landscape team is leading the way in this.

Thank you again for your support throughout the year.

Brendan McCarthy

Chair of the Cotswolds National Landscape

Cotswolds National Landscape

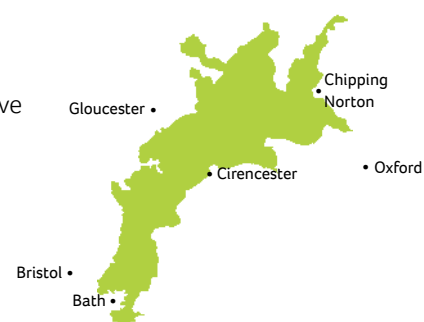
The Cotswolds National Landscape is a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, in recognition of its rich, diverse and high quality landscape. Covering 2,038 sq km, it is the largest member of the family of the AONBs in England and Wales, and the third largest protected landscape in England after the Lake District and Yorkshire Dales National Parks. The Cotswolds National Landscape is looked after by a small employee team, with support from 37 Board members and over 400 Voluntary Cotswold Wardens.

Our role

We are an independent statutory body, established by Parliament in 2004. We have two statutory purposes:

- to conserve and enhance the natural beauty of the AONB;
- to increase the understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of the AONB.

In fulfilling these roles we have a duty to seek to foster the economic and social wellbeing of people living in the AONB.



Celebrating the Cotswold Way

The original celebrations for 50 years of the Cotswold Way were intended for 2020, but were rescheduled due to the pandemic. So, 50(ish) years of the route were celebrated in 2021. A week-long relay walk of the 102 mile Cotswold Way route began in Bath on 11th September, with the first relay team walking from Bath and heading to Cold Ashton.





Beginning the Cotswold Way at 50 celebratory relay walk at Bath Abbey

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The relay, organised by Margaret Reid, Head Voluntary Warden, and Becky Jones, Volunteer and Access Lead, saw a baton being passed along the entire length of the Cotswold Way between relay teams made up of CNL team members and Cotswold Voluntary Wardens, The Ramblers, and teams from local businesses Robert Welch Designs and John Lewis in Cheltenham.

Each day of the week featured a new team taking the baton, designed and made by Robert Welch, and walking a section of the route. The aim of the relay walk was to celebrate everything the Cotswold Way has to offer: spectacular views, quintessentially Cotswold towns and villages, and an unforgettable walking experience. More than that though, it was to raise awareness of what it takes to look after a national trail like the Cotswold Way: the time, effort and funds spent taking care of pathways, stiles, gates, and access. Much of the route's maintenance work is completed by volunteers, but few of the tens of thousands of walkers who enjoy the route each year are unaware of how much work goes on behind the scenes.

The relay teams concluded their efforts on Sunday 19th September with a final leg from Broadway to the marker stone for

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the Cotswold Way in Chipping Campden. Following that, a celebration was hosted to say thank you to supporters of the Cotswold Way, including members of The Ramblers, volunteers, Cotswold Voluntary Wardens, the Cotswold Way Association, and many other special guests who have all contributed over the years to the success and popularity of our local national trail.



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Farming in Protected Landscapes – a success story unfolding

The Farming in Protected Landscapes programme, being delivered locally by the Cotswolds National Landscape team, has already allocated almost £1 million pounds in grant funding since the programme launch in July 2021.

In the Cotswolds, 39 projects have been approved so far, with allocated grants exceeding £950,000.

The Farming in Protected Landscapes programme was created and launched by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra).

Through the programme, farmers and land managers can be supported to carry out projects that support nature recovery, mitigate the impacts of climate change, provide opportunities for people to discover, enjoy and understand the landscape and cultural heritage, or support nature-friendly, sustainable farm businesses. The programme is part of Defra’s Agricultural Transition Plan and has been developed with AONB and National Park colleagues from across the country. One of the unique features of the programme is that work funded by it must also deliver on the priorities of the CNL Management Plan.

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Martin Hayes, funded to provide training in the preservation of traditional orchards

at over £1.6 million in total project costs, representing a huge investment in the Cotswolds landscape.

Funding has been allocated to a wide range of creative and considered projects: from accessible paths across farmland showcasing organic arable and livestock farming; to owl and kestrel boxes, and farmland bird conservation helping support wildlife; to hedgerow creation and restoration to increase biodiversity and help capture carbon; a woodland skills education centre to increase accessibility and education; to an on-farm education centre demonstrating

Key project numbers:

3 year programme, until March 2024

Over 100 programme enquiries


39 projects funded

£957,000 in allocated grants

Total project delivery over £1.6million



The North East Cotswold Farming Cluster at an event in March 2022



“We’d like our project to open up conversation and understanding about farming. With better and more accessible paths around the farm, visitors will be able to see wildflower meadows and understand how we rotate our pigs and crops – seeing first hand how much we care about animal welfare, and farming with nature.”

Helen Wade, grant recipient

Helen and Sam Wade, who have been funded to create a more welcoming and accessible experience on their farm

regenerative farming and conservation grazing – applicants have impressed the assessment panel with the breadth of their projects, and their understanding of the key themes outlined by Defra.

The programme has highlighted just how many farmers in the Cotswolds are committed to not only producing great food, but also to looking after this special place for others to enjoy. With major changes in farming and environmental policy now well underway, coupled with the urgent need to

tackle the climate and nature emergency, it’s a time of great uncertainty and huge challenges for the sector. But there’s clearly a willingness to adapt and seize opportunities that will lead to a more prosperous future, not only for farmers, but for people, wildlife and the planet. By funding and showcasing just some of the fantastic work farmers do in the Cotswolds, the Farming in Protected Landscapes programme helps to lay the groundwork for more farmer-led activity in future.

Everyone’s Evenlode in full flow

In January 2022, the new Everyone’s Evenlode project, being delivered by the Cotswolds National Landscape team, picked up pace with the final member of the new team arriving in post.

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Thanks to funding from Thames Water’s Smarter Water Catchment initiative for the River Evenlode (in partnership with the Evenlode Catchment Partnership), three new team members dedicated to education and outreach across the Evenlode catchment area have joined the Cotswolds National Landscape team. Rosalind Marsden has joined as the new Education Officer, Ruth Rudwick is the project’s Community Outreach Officer, and Rowan Wynne-Jones is the Community Outreach and Education Officer.

Thames Water’s River Evenlode Smarter Water Catchment plan aims to develop a programme of inspiring activities. The new Everyone’s Evenlode team will help by encouraging people to understand the amazing benefits of a healthy river environment; helping them access and enjoy nature; and by engaging with schools – to help inspire younger generations to connect with their local stretch of river, learn about healthy river environments and nature, and act to take positive action to care for and ecologically improve the River Evenlode.

Ruth works with youth and community groups to help them access the Evenlode. She says, “By exploring opportunities to enjoy the river, people also understand its environment more and that can lead to action to take care of it. It’s about enjoying and caring for the whole catchment area, even beyond the river itself: doing hedgerow surveys, or creating leaky dams to help with flood management, or building and putting up bird and bat boxes”.

Ros, whose previous roles have included outdoor teaching for organisations like Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust and the National Trust is setting up a pilot River Schools project aimed at both primary and secondary students, similar in concept to Forest Schools. Ros offers a range of activities to choose from, for example pond dipping, ❖



Ruth Rudwick

A primary school group learns about river environments

Key project numbers:

Engaged with 285 primary school pupils From 4 primary schools

Engaged with 45 secondary school pupils From 5 secondary schools

Engaged with 10 university students, from the Royal Agricultural University

Engaged with 104 people from other community groups

tracks and signs, seasons and senses, rural crafting, river walks, or learning related to water cycles.

Rowan is an experienced forest school leader, youth worker, and community outreach worker. Her hybrid role for Everyone's Evenlode includes elements of both community outreach, and working with schools. She says, "Spending time in nature provides a multitude of benefits for people's mental and physical wellbeing,

from reducing stress levels and anxiety, to increasing fitness levels and general happiness, whilst simultaneously helping individuals to feel a greater connection to something outside of themselves. Providing children and young people with the opportunity to explore, learn about, and engage with their local watercourses can help spark a life-long passion for protecting the environment, as well as providing opportunities for memorable, hands-on learning."

A group of Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme participants on a work party at Combe Mill

Rural skills outreach

Our outreach and work with young people developed in 2021-22.

We ran a series of ten outdoor learning sessions delivered to a total of 137 children, from five different schools. With the exception of two sessions, the group sizes were purposefully small, from 6 - 15 pupils. These pupils in particular were selected by their respective schools because it was felt they especially would benefit from the bespoke outdoor learning. In one school, the children came from farming backgrounds and the sessions offered them learning opportunities the school simply could not

Images show young people getting involved in practical outdoor activities



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provide. Other groups consisted of pupils with challenging behaviour. Bringing them out of the classroom and into a woodland, for example, allowed them to focus on a very specific practical task. To embed learning, the same group of pupils attended multiple sessions. As well as learning new practical skills, soft skills were also developed: concentration, self-belief, confidence, and communication.

We also delivered four outdoor learning sessions to a total of 40 'NEET' (Not in Education, Employment, or Training) young people, by working with charity partners. These young people were from the Churn ❖❖❖

Key project numbers:

- 10 outdoor learning sessions with a total of 137 children from 5 different schools*
- 4 outdoor learning sessions with a total of 40 young people from NEET backgrounds with charity partners
- 4 days of forest school as part of a Holiday Food Programme over Christmas break for a total of 38 children
- 6 work experience placements, for secondary and higher education students
- Provided bespoke training to 2 young people in a range of rural skills

* (some children attended more than one session)

Project in Cirencester, with outdoor sessions taking place at Scrubditch Care Farm.

Activities were centred around building confidence, and inviting the young people to experience various practical skills with a woodland focus. Their work varied: from hedge laying, to sourcing firewood and lighting a campfire, to preparing a meal and baking outdoors bread. They also worked on cutting stakes to exact dimensions for use on access improvement works throughout the Scrubditch Care Farm woodlands. STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) subjects were also integrated into sessions: practical mathematics was explored, by using trigonometry to calculate tree height; and diameter at breast height (DBH) measurements were introduced



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Young people learning to light a campfire responsibly

to assess tree age. Another group, from Gloucester, took part in a woodland management day.

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Parish wardening

Often referred to as the ‘eyes and ears of the Cotswolds’, parish wardens play a key role in the work of the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens.

Parish wardens take on a local parish, walking the paths and meeting local landowners, parish councils, residents, and visitors and help to identify potential improvements in the local area. Work is then passed to the warden work parties and rights of way teams who source materials, organise and carry out the work. Examples of projects include improvements to routes by replacing stiles with gates, restoring dry stone walls around the local church, and local features such as milestones, improvements to school grounds, and information boards and leaflets.

During the pandemic, parish wardening was one of the few activities that we could continue with, and wardens continued to

walk their local paths, clearing vegetation and reporting back any major issues to Public Rights of way to help keep the paths accessible. The rights of way networks have been more heavily used than ever over the last few years and have been a valuable resource for people to use not only for exercise but also their mental wellbeing.

Increased applications for parish wardens roles, as well as existing wardens taking on available parishes has led to greater coverage than ever. The parish wardens continue to identify work needed, and liaise with the local warden work parties and public rights of way to help make the Cotswolds accessible to residents and visitors alike.



Nicole Daw



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Key project numbers:

90% coverage area by current parish wardens

6,214 hours patrolling

948 miles of footpath covered

323 minor works

1,208 hours given to looking after the Cotswold Way



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Above: GCG art competition winners took part in an exclusive 'Painting with Plasticine' workshop led by renowned animator, Jim Parkyn

Glorious Cotswold Grasslands work is flourishing

Glorious Cotswold Grasslands started as an exciting and ambitious 3-year project funded by the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation to create the largest network of wildflower-rich Jurassic limestone grassland in the country.

The original aim was to create or restore around 100 hectares of wildflower grasslands. The team, with their project volunteers achieved this target, and much more. From 2019-2022 they initiated restoration work on over 200 hectares of land throughout the Cotswold National Landscape, delivering more than double the original target – an amazing achievement. Engagement was high too – with a number of media interviews throughout the project on local radio and in the written press, people’s curiosity about this project has bloomed. And in 2021 – 2022, an arts competition

was run for young people resulting in a gorgeous exhibition of works at Nature in Art near Gloucester.

In 2021 the team entered into a partnership with Severn Trent Water as part of their Great Big Nature Boost – and this funding, combined with several other funding sources, has enabled the Cotswold National Landscape to move the work onto a permanent footing, meaning we will be working to restore Cotswolds grassland for many years to come. ❖❖❖



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Showing work completed during the workshop



Anna Field

A healthy wildflower meadow

Key project numbers 2021-22:

75	hectares: area where restoration has been initiated
29	number of donor sites (across 41 individual fields)
140	number of recipient sites
85	highest number of species recorded at one site
6 hectares	largest single participating site in 2021-22
1517kg	wildflower seed harvested in 2021

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Nature Recovery Plan published

Adopted by the Board of the Cotswolds National Landscape as guidance in October 2021, the Cotswolds Nature Recovery Plan (CNRP) was developed in partnership with the Cotswolds Nature Recovery Forum.

It is a deep dive into the species and habitats of the Cotswolds, and what we can all do to help them flourish and spread across the landscape. The plan represents a broad consensus from across the Cotswold’s conservation and land managing community. Over 218 individuals representing over 75 organisations were consulted on the plan, and a workshop was held for a group of farmers and land managers. Participants were selected to represent a variety of farm types, scales and extent of current engagement in nature recovery.



Simon Smith

Pearl Border Fritillary butterfly



Anna Field

Sowing wildflower seeds by hand

Kingfisher Trail – fundraising on the wing!

Summer 2021 saw the Kingfisher Trail swoop its colourful path across the Cotswolds National Landscape. The trail featured 20 large artist-designed kingfisher sculptures, hosted at various locations. An additional special Flying Kingfisher perched in a new location every two weeks – ensuring the trail covered as much ground as possible. A 22nd sculpture aptly named the Golden Kingfisher, was part of a prize draw competition.

People were invited to seek out the 22 impressive sculptures by downloading the trail map from www.kingfishertrail.org, where they also found information about the artists and their inspiration. An accompanying app allowed people to track their progress finding kingfishers on the trail, submit bids to buy them, and bookmark their favourites. The kingfishers were hosted at a range of

venues, from historic castles to market towns, and nature reserves to cosy cafes. All the kingfishers were beautifully designed by an eclectic and impressive group of artists. Each kingfisher was truly unique, with surface decoration featuring themes close to the artists' hearts, including nature and wildlife, climate change, the pandemic, special people and places, and of course – the Cotswolds National Landscape.



Inkie's kingfisher, located in Chipping Campden during the trail

In October 2021, the Kingfisher Trail came to a celebratory close with an auction hosted by Chorley's Auctioneers at Pittville Pump Room, Cheltenham. At the auction, the birds were bought by auction guests and remote bidders. Several kingfishers were snapped up by eager buyers in the weeks before the auction, with the remaining sculptures selling through the auction. The sales of the sculptures were a fantastic acknowledgement of both the creative talent and skills of the artists involved, and the willingness for bidders to support the work of the Cotswolds National Landscape team.

Key project numbers:

Trail ran from 31 May – 30 September

20,000-25,000 people engaged with the trail

£20,000 surplus towards nature-based outreach for children and young people



Kerry Phippen works on her kingfisher in her studio



Kingfishers were sold at an auction hosted at Cheltenham's Pittville Pump Room.

OF MARK HOWELL
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Caring for the Cotswolds

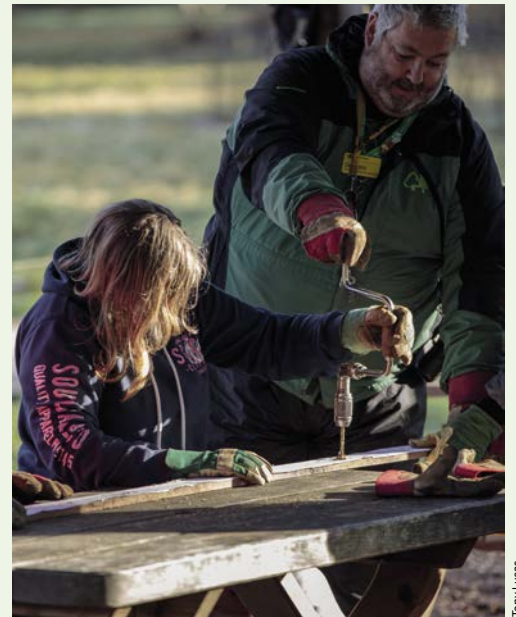
In autumn 2021, the Caring for the Cotswolds grant scheme opened to new applications. In January 2022, six of the applications were approved by the Grants Panel. In total, £6,000 was awarded. This scheme can only run with the generous contributions made by scheme members – both new and existing. We're grateful to all our members for their continued contributions, even through the pandemic.

“For some of the participants the experience has fundamentally changed their outlook on life.”

Graham Anstey

Among many of the projects Caring for the Cotswolds is proud to be supporting, the Friends of Westonbirt Arboretum is our biggest grant to date. The project harnessed local timber production, innovative technology, and community engagement to create a bespoke shelter to host educational events and activities on site, within the Westonbirt collection. Westonbirt's community programme team works with adults and young people with a wide range of needs, including people at risk of isolation or exclusion; autism; mental health conditions and learning disabilities. Bringing them into the collection and enabling them to spend time in nature has many benefits.

Pictures show students working on the building stage of the shelter



Tony Lucas



Allison Cobb

But, the lack of a suitable shelter had a profound impact on the community programme. The permanent, organically-shaped new shelter will provide familiarity, cover from the elements, a space to warm up, help create a sense of belonging, and show participants they are welcome at Westonbirt. It will go a long way to making the idea of spending all day in the woods less intimidating and encourage under-represented community groups to come to Westonbirt. The people who will use it have been involved in the design and build stage, alongside professional designers, architects, and crafts people. The oak used to make the structure has been grown, harvested, milled, and steamed on site at Westonbirt – a true emphasis on the shelter's connection to place. ❖❖❖

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The completed community shelter opened in May 2022

The project is working with a wide range of schools, charities and community groups. Graham Anstey, Community Shelter Development Officer said “We hear from the schools and colleges we work with that the students carry their engagement and confidence back with them, and often talk about their positive experience of being part of the programme.” The shelter was opened in May 2022.

You can catch up with other Caring for the Cotswolds projects on the website at www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk

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Caring for the Cotswolds grants awarded in January 2022:

100 Acer Wood Conservation Trust	Hedgerow/orchard planting & tools for management
Friendship Café & Cotswold Wardens	Equipment, clothing & maps to facilitate walking groups
Long Newnton Parish Council	Wild flower verge creation and management over three years
The Campden Society	Management and restoration of a traditional orchard
Tysoe Parish Council	Community engagement and conservation project
Wotton Area Climate Action Network	Wildflower plants and interpretation

Climate Commitment



Mike Elliott

In 2022, we published our Climate Crisis Commitment, and updated our Climate Change Strategy. The Commitment outlines the importance of developing an evidence-base to determine CNL’s current emissions, and the potential mitigation impacts of current and future land use changes and other solutions. It identifies as essential the consideration of different combinations of solutions to determine the optimum mix for reducing emissions and increasing carbon capture and storage, while conserving and enhancing CNL’s natural beauty and maintaining the social and economic vitality of its local communities. And, it recognises that encouraging our partners to adopt those combinations as they develop their responses to the climate emergency will

be vital for a landscape-scale approach to tackling climate change in the Cotswolds.

The Climate Change Strategy has been published to better inform the CNL Board and stakeholders of the likely impacts of climate change on the Cotswolds. The Strategy seeks to take a landscape-led approach, identifying actions to help decision makers, farmers, landowners, communities, and businesses to respond to climate change and make the Cotswolds more resilient in ways that are compatible with and, ideally, make a positive contribution to the statutory purpose of AONB designation.

The appointment of our Climate Action Lead will be integral to this work overall.

Public survey

In autumn 2021, we launched a survey online and on social media to ask how people felt about the Cotswolds National Landscape. A total of 830 people participated in the survey and we learned a great deal, which will continue to inspire and inform our work in the future.

The survey results give us plenty to think about as we consider future work, especially around inclusion

When describing the barriers they face, people included responses which described: not feeling safe alone in the countryside, being unable to navigate/map read, poor signage, confusion over access and permissions, fear of dogs, limited public transport, lack of car parking, unwelcoming attitudes towards ethnic minorities, and disabled access (or lack of access). There are over 2.4m people living in urban communities within the vicinity of the Cotswolds National Landscape: based on our survey findings, that would equate to around half a million people experiencing barriers to accessing the Cotswolds countryside.



Members of the Disabled Ramblers group enjoying the eight mile accessible route around Winchcombe

Key stats from the survey:

1 in 5 people consider themselves to have a disability

1 in 5 people consider themselves to have a mental health condition

1 in 5 people experience barriers to accessing the countryside

A growing team

Throughout 2021 and early 2022, our team continued to grow. We welcomed a number of new and valued colleagues:



Nicole Daw
Trails and Access Officer



Simon Joyce
Planning Officer



Mike Elliott
Climate Action Lead

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Farming in Protected Landscapes team

Mark Connelly and Scott Brown were joined by new team members to deliver the Farming in Protected Landscapes Programme.



Caroline Regan
Programme Administrator



Iris McCormick
Farming Engagement Officer



Heidi Gibbs
Farming Engagement Officer



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Everyone's Evenlode education and outreach team

Thanks to funding from Thames Water's Smarter Water Catchment Initiative for the River Evenlode (in partnership with the Evenlode Catchment Partnership) we were joined by new team members to deliver this element of the ECP project.

Rosalind Marsden, Ruth Rudwick, Rowan Wynne-Jones - forming the Everyone's Evenlode education and outreach team

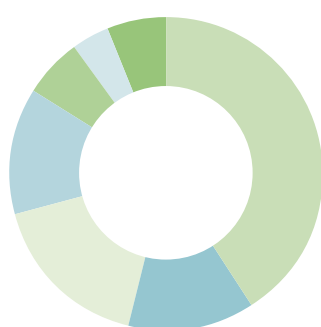
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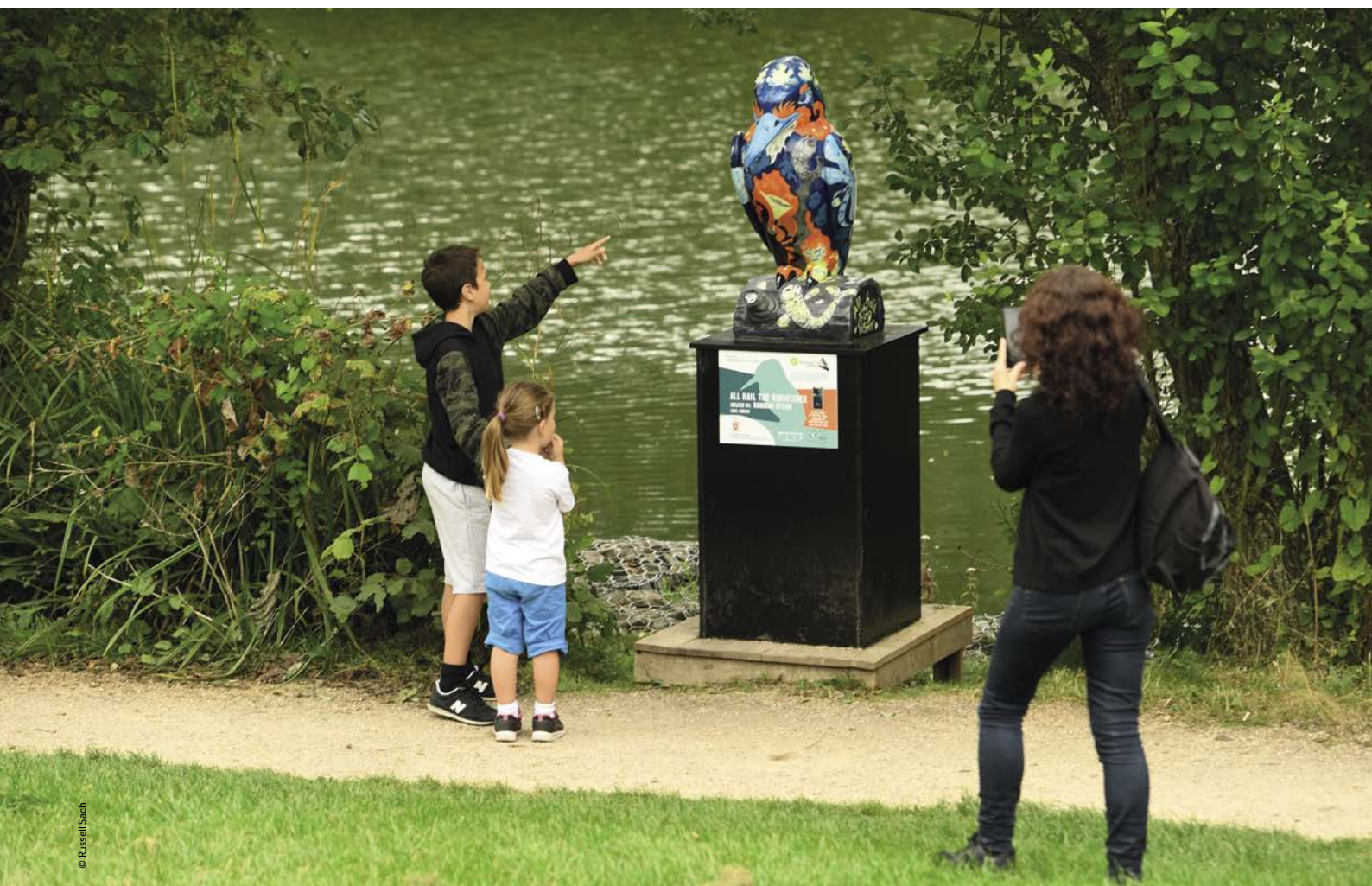
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	2020/21	2021/22
	£	£
Expenditure	940,827	2,086,120
Project Delivery	804,340	1,962,187
Corporate Management and Administration	136,487	123,933
Income	(911,705)	(2,021,827)
DEFRA Grant	(462,025)	(498,017)
DEFRA – FIPL		(655,775)
Natural England	(68,929)	(138,929)
Local Authorities & Parish Councils	(130,574)	(135,964)
Rural Payments Agency	(21,197)	(7,667)
National Grid LEI	0	(218,608)
Network Rail	0	(60,000)
Kingfisher Trail	(16,988)	(78,827)
Other	(211,992)	(228,040)
Deficit (Surplus)	29,122	64,293
Balance Sheet		
As at 31st March 2021		
	£	£
Net Assets:		
Fixed Assets & Investments	0	0
Current Assets	745,332	1,266,159
Current Liabilities	(38,949)	(624,069)
Net Current Assets	706,383	642,090
Total Net Assets	706,383	642,090
Financed by:		
Restricted Funds	624,586	489,885
Earmarked Reserves	10,000	79,080
General Fund	71,797	73,125
Total Reserves	706,383	642,090



Gross Expenditure 2021/22

Conservation of Natural Environment	41%
Conservation of Cultural Heritage	13%
Recreation Management & Transport	17%
Promoting Understanding	13%
Cotswold Voluntary Wardens	6%
Forward Planning	4%
Corporate Management	6%



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Enjoying the Kingfisher Trail, 2021



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