

## **Cotswolds Conservation Board Business Plan 2018 – 2021**

### **Conserving and Managing Sub Committee**

#### **Summary Work Programme 2018-2021**

#### **Conserving and Enhancing**

##### Landscape

- Shape a 25 year vision for conserving and enhancing the Cotswolds landscape by engaging communities, the academic sector and other stakeholders in a Future Landscapes Programme (C&M)
- Improve the landscape setting of Bath by supporting the 'BATHSCAPE' Landscape Partnerships bid to HLF (C&M)
- Develop a new Landscape Partnerships proposal for the north / east part of the AONB (C&M) focusing initially on the Evenlode catchment. (C&M)

##### Rural Land Management

- Develop proposals for a post-Brexit agri-environment scheme that will achieve the best outcomes for the Cotswolds (C&M)
- Encourage land management practices that protect the geological and archaeological heritage of the AONB (C&M)
- Raise awareness of sustainable land management through engaging with the farming and land managing community (C&M)

##### Historic Environment

- Develop a new Heritage Lottery Fund proposal based on the AONB's historic heritage. Initially investigate a project engaging people in a characteristic suite of archaeological sites. (Currently E&A but Constitution indicated it should be C&M)

##### Biodiversity

- Find ways to further enhance the natural grassland network including road verges in the AONB (C&M)
- Support landscape scale conservation through the Cotswolds Ecological Networks Forum and the two Cotswolds Nature Improvement Areas (C&M)

##### Natural Capital and Ecosystem Services

- Provide landscape advice to bodies implementing natural flood management projects to ensure that Cotswolds river catchments deliver their flood management potential in a way appropriate to the landscape character and special qualities of the AONB (C&M)