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The following projects make up the Foresters' Forest Landscape Partnership Programme. The list below provides a short summary of each project together with the Delivery Partner(s) for the project and the contact details for the project leader(s).




Code	Project	Delivery partner
1.0	Our Stronghold for Nature	
1.1	<p>Batscape Increasing the resilience of the Horseshoe 'Batscape', enhancing existing roosts, improving flight line connectivity, involving volunteers and the public in surveys and practical conservation work</p>  <p>David Priddis</p>	<p>Natural England</p> <p>Sarah Howells Sarah.Howells@naturalengland.org.uk Mob: 07818 587386 Please note: I work part time – Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays</p> <p>Jude Smith Jude.Smith@naturalengland.org.uk</p> <p>Youtube Video Links: Sarah Howells https://youtu.be/DOixFPsGbUw Sarah Ayling https://youtu.be/MF7kUGIHr4</p>
1.2	<p>Conservation Grazing Creating and linking open habitat - especially heathland - over a large area in the Forest of Dean and maintaining it through conservation grazing for the benefit of people as well as birds, butterflies, bats and reptiles.</p> 	<p>Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust</p> <p>Adam Taylor adam.taylor@gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk Head of Land Management Office: 01452 383333 Mobile: 07887544279</p> <p>Del Jones del.jones@gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk</p> <p>Kevin Caster kevin.caster@gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk 07900 050115</p>



1.3	<p>Community Study group Creating a self-sustaining study group at the end of the five years which will continue and build on the work of the Programme to create and maintain a comprehensive account of the Dean's wildlife.</p> 	<p>Gloucestershire Centre for Environmental Records/Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust</p> <p>Rosie Kelsall rosie.kelsall@gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk 01452 383333 07901711852</p> <p>Kathy Meakin Kathy.Meakin@gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk 01452 383333 07870632845</p>
1.4	<p>Birds Enhancing habitat for, in particular, woodlark, hawfinch, nightjar and willow tit through improving breeding and foraging areas. Monitoring populations and establishing whether nightjar song can be used to identify individuals.</p> 	<p>RSPB</p> <p>Hannah Booth hannah.booth@rspb.org.uk 01594 562852 07850 713804</p> <p>Lewis Thomson lewis.thomson@rspb.org.uk 01594 562852</p> <p>Phil Sheldrake philip.sheldrake@rspb.org.uk 01722 421973 07753 776303</p>
1.5	<p>Reptiles Developing a viable and improved network of habitat for all four reptile species found in the Programme area. Creating robust hibernacula. Engaging and training volunteers in survey and monitoring.</p> 	<p>Gloucestershire Naturalists Society</p> <p>David Dewsbury david.dewsbury@btinternet.com 07786 543961</p>




1.6	<p>Wetscape – Waterways, Ponds & Mires</p> <p>Focussing on the numerous brooks and ponds scattered across the forest, to restore ecological connectivity across the wetscape, creating accessible ponds for the benefits of local people and restoring waterways and valley mires in a phased approach including the removal of significant obstruction at Blakeney. Volunteers will help survey and monitor progress.</p> <p>Youtube link: David Dewsbury https://youtu.be/FrQDKWhxSI8</p> 	<p>Natural England/Gloucester Naturalists Society</p> <p>Alisa Swanson alisa.swanson@blackkdog.plus.com Mon, Tue, Wed</p> <p>David Dewsbury david.dewsbury@btinternet.com 07786 543961</p>
1.7	<p>Woodland FLORA</p> <p>A Forest of Dean Axiophyte list will be created following surveys by trained volunteers facilitating appropriate restocking of clear felling areas by assessing ground flora.</p> <p>Youtube link: Sarah Howells https://youtu.be/DOixFPsGbUw</p> 	<p>Natural England</p> <p>Chris Wedge chris.wedge@naturalengland.org.uk</p>
1.8	<p>Ancient and Notable Trees</p> <p>Raising awareness of the location and importance of ancient trees identified, as well as their cultural and ecological importance, to influence long term management of ancient trees and promote a new generation of potential ancient trees.</p>	<p>Plantlife</p> <p>Paul Rutter Paul.Rutter@plantlife.org.uk 01452 812005 07825 748697</p>

	<p>Youtube link: Paul Rutter https://youtu.be/q5FvAllh4E</p> 	
1.9	<p>Veteran Trees History Working in conjunction with the Ancient and Notable Trees project and particularly recording the archaeological landscape in which the veteran trees sit, the project will contribute to their conservation and survival to inspire a new generation.</p> 	<p>Dr Andrew Hoaen</p> <p>Andrew Hoaen awhoen1@mac.com 01905 423537 07415 484408</p>
1.10	<p>Butter flies Through habitat management, creating conditions favourable to the reintroduction of Small Pearl Bordered Fritillary, and surveying and monitoring butterfly numbers using trained volunteers.</p> <p>Youtube link: Simon Glover https://youtu.be/yyNmpSsb9Xc</p> 	<p>Butterfly Conservation/Forestry Commission</p> <p>Sam Ellis sellis@butterfly-conservation.org 01929 406039</p> <p>Kate Wollen kate.wollen@forestry.gsi.gov.uk 0300 067 4807 07786 526280</p>



1.11	<p>Dean Meadows and Orchards Working with landowners and communities to advise on how best to manage and enhance their wildflower areas and to provide advice on how to upgrade their knowledge and skills.</p> 	<p>Dean Meadows Group</p> <p>Rosie Kelsall rosie.kelsall@gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk 01452 383333 07901711852</p>
2.0	Exploring Our Forest	
2.1	<p>Bream Heritage Walk Creation of a signposted and sustainable walk around the village of Bream to re-establish the connection between residents and the heritage sites that shaped their villages. Research and some practical work to establish and maintain the route will be carried out by the villagers</p> 	<p>Forest of Dean and Wye Valley Tour Guides</p> <p>Geoff Davis gdavis@sungreen.co.uk 07968 676427</p>
2.2	<p>Bixslade Geocache Trail Creating a Geocache adventure trail starting and ending at Hopewell Colliery which will tell the story of the Freeminers and the industrial heritage of the area through various media. Volunteers will be involved in establishing and maintaining the route.</p> 	<p>Forestry Commission / Royal Forest of Dean Freeminers Association</p> <p>Project not starting yet</p>



2.3	<p>Heritage Open Days Participating in the national event, the doors of local heritage sites will be opened annually in the second week of September, ensuring free access and opportunities for local communities and tourists.</p> <p>Youtube link: Clare Ham https://youtu.be/xwlrL6B9INl</p> 	<p>Coleford Area MCTi Partnership</p> <p>Janet Marrott info@main-place.org.uk 01594 836469</p> <p>Clare Ham clareteach1@gmail.com</p>
2.4	<p>Hidden Heritage App The experience gained in the creation of this successful app in the development phase will be built on to create new apps for other projects.</p> <p>Youtube link: Bob Smith https://youtu.be/keUp1aDu1B8</p> 	<p>Hidden Heritage Apps Ltd</p> <p>Neil Batten neil@screwtechengineering.co.uk 07708 628 968</p>
2.5	<p>Walking with Wheels Hiring all terrain electric wheelchairs (called Trampers) at affordable rates, along with guides and other support to enable people who might otherwise be disadvantaged to enjoy the Forest of Dean.</p> 	<p>Forest Voluntary Action Forum</p> <p>Chris Brown help4groups@fvaf.org.uk 01594 822073</p>



2.6	<p>Worcester Walk Community project A local community project where the purpose is to create a heritage orchard and develop wildflower meadows, encouraging people to learn more about their natural and cultural heritage through increased interpretation, whilst managing the site to increase biodiversity.</p> 	<p>Worcester Walk Community Group</p> <p>Erica Hastings erica@designedforbeauty.co.uk</p> <p>Vicky Morgan vickyirwin75@btinternet.com</p>
3.0	Revealing our Past	
3.1	<p>Built Heritage Focuses on small-scale conservation works on a selected sample of industrial heritage sites in the Programme area identified during Development, using criteria set out in the Built Heritage Strategy. Volunteers and local contractors will be trained to help carry out these works. Volunteers will also be trained to continue to identify and record built heritage hidden in the Forest.</p> <p>Youtube Link: Ian Standing https://youtu.be/xomylUTI63o</p> 	<p>Contractor – to be tendered Forest of Dean Buildings Preservation Trust</p> <p>Kate Biggs kbiggs345@outlook.com</p>

<p>3.2</p>	<p>Buried Heritage Mapping and investigating 1700 points of potential interest previously identified by LIDAR, and following this up with site excavations of selected examples. Volunteers will be trained and will undertake the mapping and excavations as well as desk based research.</p> <p>Youtube Link: Robin Jackson https://youtu.be/roeGHOYisc4</p> 	<p>Worcestershire Archive & Archaeology Service</p> <p>Robin Jackson rjackson@worcestershire.gov.uk 01905 765984 07988 897309</p> <p>Justin Hughes JHughes@worcestershire.gov.uk 01905 765984 0771 0699 397</p> <p>Andy Walsh AWalsh@worcestershire.gov.uk 01905 765736</p>
<p>3.31</p>	<p>Voices from the Forest Training volunteers to interview local people and record their memories and stories. These new oral histories will be stored, catalogued and made available for use by the public.</p> 	<p>University of Gloucestershire</p> <p>Jason Griffiths jgriffiths@glos.ac.uk 01242 715094 07788 654023</p> <p>Roger Deeks roger.nedstop@btinternet.com 07708858274</p>
<p>3.32</p>	<p>Forest Oral Histories The existing archive of oral histories will be digitised, catalogued and made easily accessible for use by the public</p> <p>Youtube Link: Emma Smith https://youtu.be/M57scfgCEMk</p> 	<p>Dean Heritage Museum</p> <p>Emma Smith emma@deanheritagecentre.com 01594 822170</p> <p>Nicola Wynn Nicola@deanheritagecentre.com 01594 822170</p>

3.4	<p>Forest Dialect Working with local people, partners and community organisations to create a Forest Dialect bibliography of resources and catalogue which will be made available online. Local people will be engaged in, transcription, dialect research, bibliographical research and cataloguing</p> 	<p>University of Gloucestershire (Invitation to Quote in progress)</p> <p>Dr Michelle Straw mstraw@glos.ac.uk 01242 715312</p>
3.5	<p>Geology of Our Forest Increasing interest and understanding of the complex geology of the Dean through a series of walks and talks and taking the Rock and Fossil Roadshows to schools. Identifying the provenance of local building stone and linking this to the geology to show the influence on social development.</p> 	<p>Gloucestershire Geology Trust</p> <p>Dr Alice Kennedy alice@glosgeotrust.org.uk 01452 864 438</p>
3.6	<p>Heritage Craft Skills Teaching local people about traditional craft skills in hands- on workshops, including tanning, spinning, dying and weaving, green woodworking and blacksmithing.</p> <p>Youtube link: Scott Baine https://youtu.be/ZSTNkeb09GY</p> 	<p>The Rewild Project (Invitation to Quote in progress)</p> <p>Nichola Goff rewildproject@gmail.com 07883 147126</p> <p>Scott Baine scottrewild@gmail.com 07811517096</p>


4.0	Celebrating Our Forest	
4.1	<p>Community Celebration Working with local communities each year to create celebrations based on their own histories and aspirations, exploring a range of creative skills so as to share, exchange and develop heritage values.</p> 	<p>(Invitation to Tender needed)</p>
4.2	<p>Edible Forest Teaching people the skills to design, implement and manage an organic, perennial, edible food system in their back garden, field or community space using traditional methods and heritage trees.</p> 	<p>The Rewild Project</p> <p>Nichola Goff rewildproject@gmail.com 07883 147126</p> <p>Scott Baine scottrewild@gmail.com 07811517096</p>
4.3	<p>Forest Musical Landscape Bringing together the very active Brass Bands of the Forest, together with choirs and youth bands, in a series of concerts promoting the landscape and reflecting the connection of brass bands to the land based occupations of the Dean, particularly mining. Each band will also help in the recovery, copying, cataloguing and archiving of historical assets from each band.</p>	<p>Forest of Dean Brass Band</p> <p>Sharon Stratford sstratford@aol.com 07544704016</p> <p>Roger Deeks roger.nedstop@btinternet.com 07708858274</p>

	 <p>Linda Wright</p>	
<p>4.4</p>	<p>Love Your Forest Involving and helping people from across the community to clean up the areas in which they live and take pride and ownership of the area. Special focus will be on keeping the many local heritage features tidy of litter.</p> <p>Youtube link: Ann Harris https://youtu.be/9M33SozVOYA</p> 	<p>Hubbub, Forest of Dean District Council, Forestry Commission, Lucozade Ribena Suntory, Foresters' Forest</p> <p>Hubbub ElleMCall elle@hubbub.org.uk 02037017540</p> <p>FoDDC Rachel Capon Rachel.Capon@fdean.gov.uk 01594 810000</p>
<p>4.5</p>	<p>Mindscape Working with people suffering from dementia living in Care homes, aiming to reconnect them with the landscape, by providing relaxing and stress free artistic activities for Positive Welbeing.</p> <p>Youtube link: Nick Critchley https://youtu.be/hGMoxiEgoLQ Jo Jarrett https://youtu.be/d42BJ8JFpwE</p>	<p>Wye Valley AONB and Cinderford ArtSpace</p> <p>Nick Critchley development@wyevalleyaonb.org.uk 01600 710841</p> <p>Hannah Elton-Wall hannah@artspacecinderford.org 01594 825 111 (extn 4)</p>

		
4.6	<p>Reading the Forest Celebrating the rich variety of literature from the Forest, local volunteers will identify, research, write reviews and author biographies of local authors and their works. Educational materials will be created, a literary trail established, literary events celebrating local writing will be held and a "Forest of Dean Anthology" will be compiled and published.</p> <p>Youtube link: Jason Griffiths https://youtu.be/DAK88eYXc_U</p> 	<p>University of Gloucestershire</p> <p>Jason Griffiths jgriffiths@glos.ac.uk 01242 715094 07788 654023</p> <p>Roger Deeks roger.nedstop@btinternet.com 07708858274</p>
4.7	<p>Scarr Bandstand After repointing and cleaning the bandstand will now be used to host a series of events to establish the venue as a local centre for cultural activities making local people aware that the bandstand is now usable again. Local people's memories of the bandstand concerts, and their link with the mining and brass bands will be recorded.</p>	<p>West Dean Parish Council, Friends of Scarr Bandstand</p> <p>Alison Collison alison@alisonneil.co.uk</p> <p>Dave Kent admin@westdeanpc.org.uk 01594 564484</p>

		
4.8	<p>Interpretation</p> <p>The interpretation for the whole Foresters' Forest programme will include the use of a range of different media, targeting various audiences to tell the stories of the Forest.</p>	Foresters' Forest Management Team
5.0	Securing Our Future	
5.1	<p>A Future for Freemining</p> <p>Creating a new NVQ qualification to encourage young people to consider traditional freemining as a career. Setting up a briquette making machine to increase the financial viability and ensure the future of existing mines.</p> 	<p>Royal Forest of Dean Freeminers Association</p> <p>Richard Daniels richdaniels@btinternet.com 01594 810706</p> <p>Jonathan Wright jw@clearwellcaves.com 01594832535</p>
5.2	<p>A Future for Commoning</p> <p>Maintaining commoning traditions.</p> 	<p>Foresters' Forest Grazing</p> <p>Co-ordinator – yet to be appointed</p>

<p>5.3</p>	<p>Forest Explorers. By training voluntary leaders and facilitating a range of exciting, and engaging activities throughout the forest for children, young teenagers and families, the project seeks to encourage a much closer understanding, connection and engagement of young people with their local special area.</p> <p>Youtube links: Rosie Kelsall https://youtu.be/YrWoH0Xo7mM Hannah Booth https://youtu.be/3mv35eXji7g</p> 	<p>Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust / RSPB</p> <p>Rosie Kelsall rosie.kelsall@gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk 01452 383333 07901711852</p> <p>Hannah Booth hannah.booth@rspb.org.uk 01594 562852 07850 713804</p>
<p>5.4</p>	<p>New Leaf Delivering skills training via the BTEC Entry Level 1 and 2 Award/Certificate in 'Sustainability and Our Environment,' to children who have been removed from main stream education and young adults who are unemployed and may have a history of offending, as well as offering Forestry Commission (FC) accredited training and craft skills.</p> <p>Youtube link: Andy Cooper https://youtu.be/Dg6lxLD39ig</p> 	<p>New Leaf (Arbor Training)</p> <p>Andy Cooper andy.cooper@arbourtraining.org 01452 389200</p>

5.5	<p>Youth Rangers Enabling young people 14-16years who live in the Programme area to gain experience in a programme of activities featuring heritage interpretation, bushcraft, ecology, rural skills and hands on conservation work.</p> <p>They face personal challenges, gain insight, inspiration and motivation, with support and training from dedicated staff and volunteers.</p> 	<p>Wye Valley AONB</p> <p>Sarah Sawyer community@wyevalleyaonb.org.uk 01600710844</p>
5.6	<p>Working with Schools Engaging (through the Community Engagement Officer) with interested local schools and colleges, creating links with other Projects and facilitating participation through encouraging liaison with Project leads and some limited funding for visits to local heritage sites</p> 	<p>Lydbrook Primary School</p> <p>Simon Lusted head@lydbrook.gloucs.sch.uk 01594 860 344</p> <p>Margaret Redfern mredfern@lydbrook.gloucs.sch.uk</p> <p>Jodie Hughes jhughes@lydbrook.gloucs.sch.uk</p>
	<p>Forest of Dean Local History Society</p> 	<p>Forest of Dean Local History Society</p> <p>Simon Moore chair@forestofdeanhistory.org.uk</p> <p>Mary Sullivan vicechair@forestofdeanhistory.org.uk</p>

Youtube links:

Kevin Stannard – Forestry Commission (lead partner) <https://youtu.be/Dg6lxLD39ig>
 Chris McFarling – Foresters' Forest Programme Board Chairman <https://youtu.be/BVKqFVQrUjI>
 Sue Middleton – Foresters' Forest Programme Manager https://youtu.be/hWOBcBE50_8
 Deb Cook – Foresters' Forest Volunteer Co-ordinator https://youtu.be/Nt5PHppAr_M