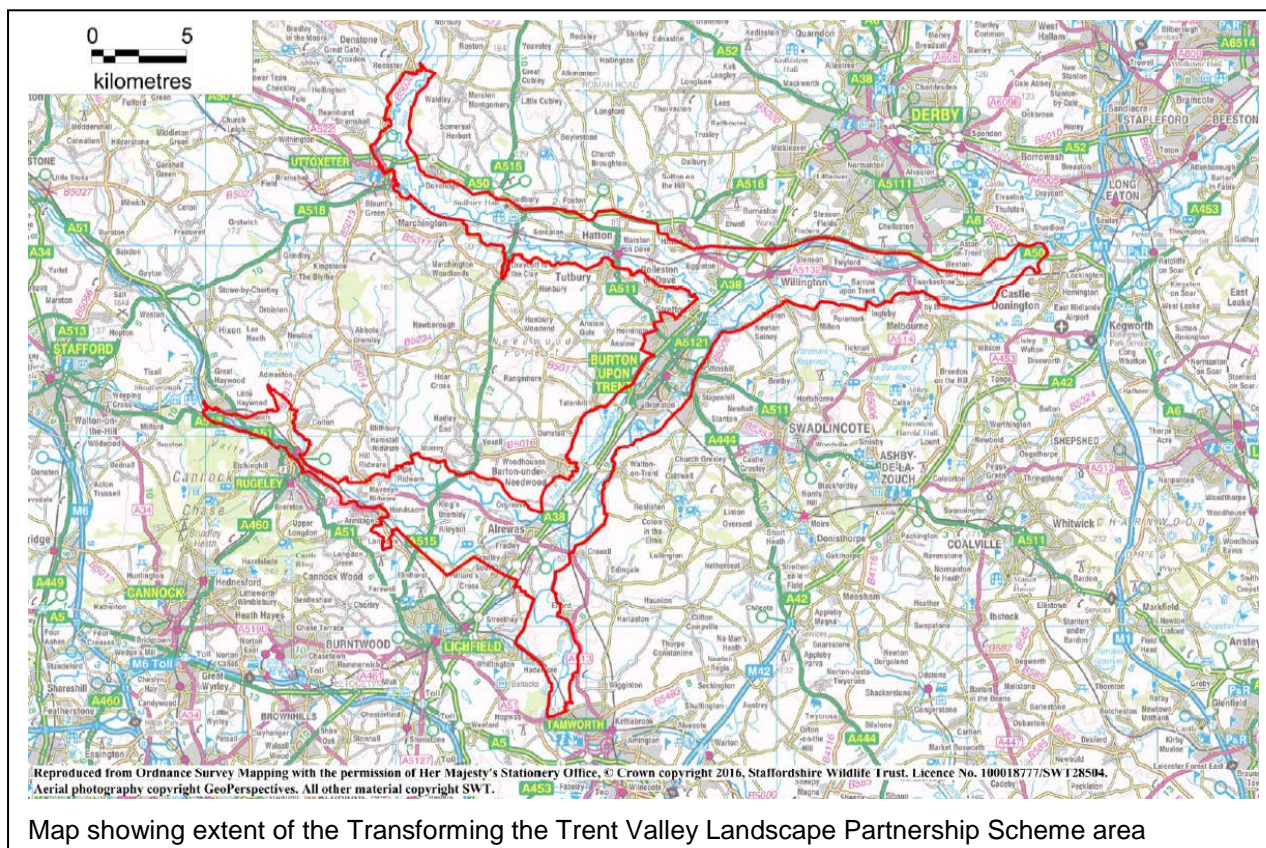


TRANSFORMING THE TRENT VALLEY

LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP SCHEME

Once scenically-attractive, wildlife-rich and providing an important flood storage function, the Trent Valley landscape is now degraded. Local people have ‘turned their backs’ on the river and floodplain which have become invisible, taken for granted or increasingly seen as a ‘problem’.



Staffordshire Wildlife Trust is the lead partner of a new Landscape Partnership Scheme (LPS), a Heritage Lottery Funded (HLF) project that is currently in its development phase. The partnership secured a grant from HLF for £297,826 in November 2016 and over the next 18 months will work together to develop a vision and a plan for the landscape.

Transforming the Trent Valley LPS is focused on the middle reaches of the River Trent and includes sections of its tributaries Tame and Dove. Characterised by alluvial floodplains and river terraces, the landscape of 200km² stretches across Staffordshire into Derbyshire.

Transforming the Trent Valley has emerged out of the Central Rivers Initiative, a long-standing partnership of organisations working together to guide the progressive restoration and revitalisation of the river valley between Burton, Lichfield and Tamworth. For more information please visit our website www.centralrivers.org.uk.

The partnership

Aggregate Industries
British Canoeing
Canal and River Trust
Derbyshire County Council
Derbyshire Wildlife Trust
East Staffordshire Borough Council
Environment Agency
GeoConservation Staffs
Hanson UK
Lichfield District Council
National Forest Company
RSPB
South Derbyshire District Council
Sport Across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent
Staffordshire County Council
Staffordshire Wildlife Trust
Support Staffordshire
Tamworth Borough Council
Tarmac Aggregates Ltd
Trent Rivers Trust

Who is involved in Transforming the Trent Valley?

The partnership is made up of statutory and voluntary organisations and quarry operators actively engaged in steering the project. Some partners are inputting directly into the learning and understanding of the scheme whilst others sit on the project board and provide valuable steer and support.

What happens next?

Over the 18 month development phase the partnership is undertaking a series of audits to better understand the natural and cultural heritage of the landscape and the barriers to access and engagement. A series of 'Community Conversations' will consult local community representatives to better understand people's perceptions of the landscape and to guide future projects.



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The development phase will culminate in a second round submission to HLF for a 5-year delivery grant to deliver a series of environmental, cultural, heritage, education and community-led projects. The scheme also has an outlook to the future and to securing a long-term legacy in the landscape.

How can you get involved?

We would like to involve Parish Councils in the development of this project and there are a number of ways you can get involved.

Consultation

Help us to reach your communities by providing contact information for key community groups in your parish. We will invite them to participate in our Community Conversations and include them in other consultations as well.

Give us your views

Tell us about the issues that affect your parish and future concerns.

Help our spatial planning

As part of the development of the scheme we need to have an in-depth understanding of the spatial factors that impact the landscape including development schemes, mineral restoration plans and relevant strategies as well as existing schemes including management plans for public open spaces and local plans.

Please let us know if you are willing to contribute information that will help in the production of a landscape spatial strategy. The better informed the scheme is on local issues, the better placed to guide future projects and legacies.



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How can you get in touch?

You can email your feedback and information directly to Louise Morris, TTTV Landscape Partnership Manager. We hope that you will support our scheme with a letters of support for our final application next year.

If you have questions please email Louise Morris who will identify the appropriate partner to respond to you directly.

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