

 **740** pairs of breeding wading birds counted

# The Allen Valleys Landscape Partnership Scheme by numbers

This highlights just some of the work completed by the North Pennines AONB Partnership and other groups, organisations and individuals, during the four year Allen Valleys Landscape Partnership Scheme.

**475** hectares of dense rush managed to help wading birds like lapwing

Restoration plans completed for **900** hectares of peatland

**48** hectares of bare eroding peat restored

**40** farmers supported to help wading birds like curlew and lapwing

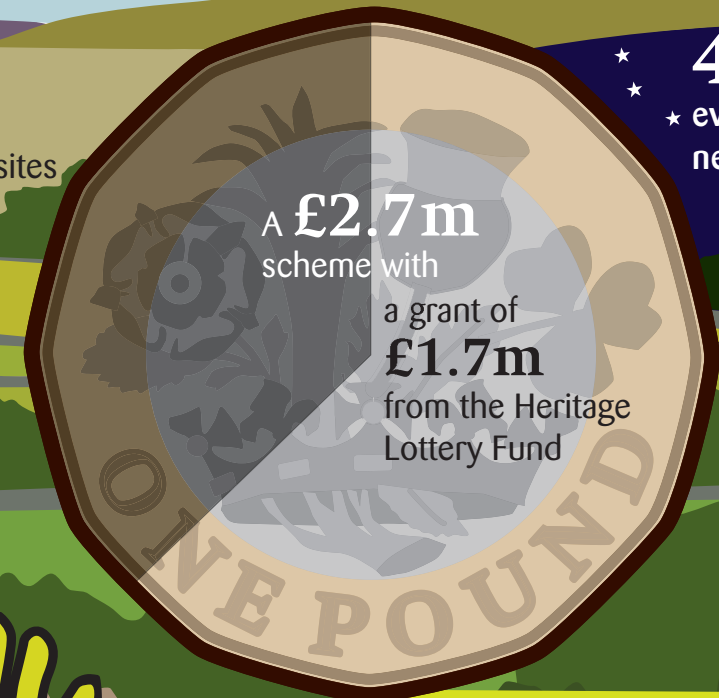
**4** historic structures saved

**3** important historic lead mining structures removed from the Heritage At Risk register

**10** historic sites interpreted

Heritage Open Days supported at **3** sites for **3** years

**45** astronomy events held at the new observatory



Woodland management plans written for **75** hectares of woods

**15** hectares of haymeadows restored

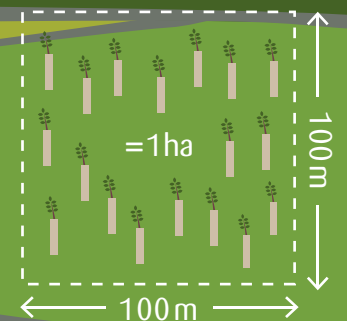
**23** hectares of new native woodland planted

**7,200** metres of hedgerows planted or restored

**650** field or hedgerow trees planted



**5** year-long traineeships for graduates



**4** trainees found jobs in the heritage sector (and one is doing a PhD in Astrophysics!)

Over **80** training events held (from fundraising to lime mortar pointing)  
More than **14,000** volunteer hours

**4** new community groups started (Allen Valleys Local History Group, North Pennines Astronomy Society, Deneholme Woods Volunteers, Allen Smelt Mill volunteers)



Over **150** electric bike hires last year from our new North Pennines Electric Bike Hire Network  
**1** new electric vehicle rapid charging point

**2** new fish passes installed

Reached the final for **2** national awards (and won one!)

**1** new bridge at Deneholme Wood

**3** new permissive routes at Deneholme Wood and Allenheads mineyard

**7** familiarisation days held for tourism businesses

**2.2 km** of eroding riverbank restored

**1** new community garden opened



5 Allen Valleys Folk Festivals held (and 2 wolves burned!)

Over 1,000 historical photographs and documents archived



5 educational resources created  
30 heritage events for schools and families

2 new social enterprises started (Allen Valleys Enterprise Ltd, Allen Valleys Promotions Ltd)

Information  
5 new information points in the Allen Valleys

**Evaluation**  
An evaluation of the Scheme using external contractors was commissioned in 2013 and completed in 2018. A number of factors were identified as having contributed to the Scheme's success...

- ✓ **Team attitude, skills and accessibility**  
Skilled and experienced staff located in the centre of the area.
- ✓ **Existing and continuing community activity and spirit**  
Being able to build on existing activity and enthusiasm.
- ✓ **An embedded community development approach**  
Taking time, making connections and talking to and listening to people.
- ✓ **Active & supportive partners and allies**  
Bringing experience, networks, resources and willingness
- ✓ **Persistence, combined with flexibility and patience**  
Setbacks are inevitable, but determination was key in converting them into opportunities
- ✓ **Welcoming, encouraging, valuing the volunteers**  
Making it a positive and meaningful experience for volunteers

The full evaluation report, by Resources 4 Change, and more details of the achievements of the Allen Valleys Landscape Partnership Scheme can be found on our website. [www.northpennines.org.uk/our-work/allenvalleyslps](http://www.northpennines.org.uk/our-work/allenvalleyslps)

## Our advisory board



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West Allen Parish Council  
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Community Foundation for Rural Development  
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Allenheads Trust  
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Visit Allen Valleys network  
RSPB

Farmers & smallholders of the Allen Valleys  
Northumberland County Council  
The Coal Authority

Allen Valleys Local History Group  
Allen Valleys Promotions Ltd  
Allen Valleys Wildlife Group  
Allendale Lions  
Allendale Village Hall & Recreation Ground  
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Deneholme Wood volunteers  
Durham County Council  
Dukesfield Reading the Past Group  
Park End Electricals  
North Pennines Astronomy Society  
N'land Wildlife Trust  
Ward Hadaway  
Woodland Trust



## Other help

We received many other gifts in kind and in time. We are grateful to all our volunteers who are too numerous to mention individually.