

Trent Vale Habitats Appeal

Your support could make all the difference

Last year we launched an appeal to help raise £35,000 to release grant funds crucial to the completion of this ambitious project. To date we have raised over £15,000 – a tremendous achievement, but more funds are urgently needed. We are grateful to the many members and companies that have supported our appeal so far, but in order to be able to complete the main phase of the habitat restoration this autumn, we need to raise the remaining £20,000 quickly.

This money will go to supporting the restoration of key wetland habitats and will benefit species such as reed bunting, otter and the iconic bittern. If every member donated just £2 we would exceed this target – enabling us to do even more work to transform Trentside habitat.

In addition, your support will help release crucial funding for other schemes within the Trent Vale Landscape Partnership project – helping us and our partners to support dozens of local schools and community groups re-connect with this magnificent river.

“We need to raise £20,000 to help us ‘unlock’ further grant funds, every £1 given will effectively enable us to invest £15 – people can really help us make a difference”.

John Everitt
Chief Executive.

To support our Appeal please complete the slip on the reverse of the carrier sheet sent with your newsletter or visit:
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Raised so far



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Trent Vale: a project update

by Jenni Hignett – Habitats and Heritage Officer



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Each potential project is assigned an appropriate adviser who carries out a site visit and gives advice about the practical aspects of the project, and its eligibility for a TVLP grant. If you have a project in mind that aims to improve or create either habitats and/or heritage features in the TVLP area, or would like more information about the grant scheme, then please contact Helen Keating on 01636 675763.

Work is continuing on the new Trent Vale website which will be up and running within the next few months. The website will publicise local events such as wildlife walks and talks, provide information about the history, heritage and wildlife value of the Trent Vale area, and act as a reference point for visitors to the Trent Vale area.

Jenni Hignett - biography

After completing an MSc in Biodiversity and Conservation, I worked for the Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust (BBOWT) as a trainee reserve warden, carrying out practical habitat management of calcareous grassland and woodland habitats. This led to my next role managing four National Nature Reserves in Oxfordshire and Bedfordshire for Natural England. I then moved back to BBOWT as a project officer working on commons in the south Oxfordshire Chilterns. I was attracted to the role of Trent Vale Habitats Officer as it offers an opportunity for me to develop the landowner liaison skills that I have used in my previous jobs. I was also keen to gain more experience of surveying, managing and restoring wetland habitats.

There has been a lot of interest in the new Habitats and Heritage small grant scheme which offers grants to farmers and community groups for projects to improve habitat or heritage features across the Trent Vale area. Examples of projects that have been suggested include the construction of an otter holt, planting a traditional orchard, creating scrapes for wetland birds and providing local bird watching tours.

The Trent Vale project team is looking for volunteers who are willing to help out with the project, from practical conservation work to biological recording, assisting at events, helping with school visits, office volunteering, and much more. If you are interested in volunteering then please contact the TVLP team at British Waterways on 01636 704481.