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DEPRA'S AGGREGATES LEVY SUSTAINABILITY FUND GRANT SCHEME

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Levy Sustainability Fund

Progress Towards Targets

Woodlands-

- Favourable management in all (1640ha)
Ancient Semi-natural woodland - **788ha (48%)**
- Favourable management in 90% (1257ha)
Plantation on Ancient Woodland Sites –
1017ha (72%)
- Favourable management of 100ha of mature
secondary woodland – **150ha**
- Creation of 500ha of new woodland **360ha**
(171ha in National Forest)

Progress Towards Targets

Wood pasture, parkland and veteran trees

- Management – 318.28ha (about 9%) of resource under grant aid,

Wet woodland

- Estimated resource – about 150ha
- Under favourable management – 25ha (SSSI)
- Created – 5ha

Progress Towards Targets

Grassland

- Estimated resource – 1,746ha (includes 52ha of calcareous grassland, 150ha of acid grassland and 1543ha of neutral grassland)
- 238ha under Countryside Stewardship Scheme/National Forest Tender Scheme.
- Creation of 104ha of neutral grassland and 2.5ha of acid grassland

Progress Towards Targets

Swamps, reedbeds, mires and fens

Estimated resource- 165ha of swamp and fen

- - 10-20 ha of fen meadow
- - 27ha of reedbed

Created- 5ha reedbed

- - 2.5 ha of fen meadow

How are we going to achieve the rest?

- Ongoing activities from LBAP partners and use EWGS, HLS and ELS
- Action under specific 'Projects'
- Action under specific 'Projects' currently seeking funding
- Luck!
- A planned approach..... Implementation strategy

'Specifically Funded Projects'

People:

- More than 15 posts supported by external funding.
- 16 sources of 'Trust, Grant' or business funding
- 4 major LBAP partners and all local authorities
- County-wide coverage

'Specifically Funded Projects'

Site projects:

- 10 LBAP partners have external source of funds for site works/management .
- 6 from Countryside Stewardship
- 5 from Woodland Grant scheme
- 4 from Wildlife Enhancement Scheme (WES)
- 2 from other bigger sources

Projects currently seeking funding

- Value in Meadows (to boost the existing project)
- Great Trees of Derbyshire Project
- Wild About Grassland (LNR project)
- Habitat protection in Moss Valley
- Reedbed restoration (Williamthorpe)
- Transforming the Trent Valley

Implementation strategy.

- Identify what needs doing
- By when
- Who to involve
- Cost
- Where to source funds from