

## D2 Landscape Discovery Final Report

<b>D2</b>	Training and Skills – Landscape Discovery
<b>Lead</b>	Various; overall Susie Lane (HoT Community Officer)
<b>Original budget</b>	£38,000
<b>Actual Budget</b>	£20,200
<b>Actual Spend</b>	£19,214 (including projects funded by grants eg schools, Bowes Museum and The Witham)
<b>Match funding</b>	Cash £1,170
<b>Timeframe</b>	November 2011 – March 2016 – actual October 2013 – October 2016
<b>Partners</b>	<p>Bowes Museum – Outdoor Explorers project</p> <p>Groundwork NE and Cumbria – Woodland Wonders project</p> <p>The Hub – outdoor activities</p> <p>The Witham – 2 workshops as part of Dahl celebrations</p> <p>Schools: Bowes Hutchinson’s pre-school and primary school; Montalbo; Cotherstone Primary School; Gainford Primary School; Ingleton Primary School; St Osmund’s pre-school</p>
<b>Outline</b>	<p>The Partnership will support a number of initiatives that enable groups, teachers, individual enthusiasts and volunteers to develop their learning and skills throughout the scheme, and beyond. This will include projects led by the Partnership, and those suggested by others to meet developing needs associated with the landscape partnership themes. Examples of activities include: support for curriculum development; training of trainers and teachers to extend their capacity to teach beyond the classroom; training around habitat and species identification; workshops on climate change and adaptation, biodiversity and community responses to these issues; workshops for specific types of conservation work e.g. rivers, woodland; training to develop the ability of volunteers and groups to develop heritage skills such as surveys, recording, cataloguing, digitisation, oral histories or interpretation. Training and mentoring schemes that enable groups to increase their effectiveness in delivering projects will also be considered: for example, project management, fundraising, accounting, evaluation or business planning.</p>
<b>LCAP Aims</b>	<p>20 specific workshops or similar events</p> <p>40 individuals gaining practical skills for their own and community use</p>

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<b>Outputs</b>	<p>541 people engaged with HoT led activities</p> <p>22 workshops delivered including green wood working, family tree research, scything, tracks and signs; 1 big outdoor event</p> <p>Outdoor Explorers: 50 adults and 81 children engaged</p> <p>Woodland Wonders: 20 sessions delivered to 11 different education providers; 483 children engaged in outdoor education activities; 237 adults engaged in outdoor education activities; 24 early years practitioners/primary school teaching staff/early years students involved in environmental education training events; 11 early years/education providers engaged in the programme; 1 higher education provider engaged in the programme</p> <p>School Sessions: 111 children engaged at 7 schools</p> <p>Two Witham workshops: 17 children</p> <p>One Discovering Britain walk</p>
<b>Additional achievements</b>	<p>Far exceeded the targets on number of people engaged with and the number of activities with significantly less budget than originally committed</p>
<b>Lessons Learnt</b>	<p>Project should have started sooner to use full budget available and engage even more people</p> <p>Training could have been more integrated into other project activities</p> <p>There's a strong desire for training and people are keen to learn</p>
<b>Legacy</b>	<p>Legacy in the number of people engaged with and the skills they are learnt during training.</p> <p>School children through sessions and through teacher training (Woodland Wonders) have really benefited from outdoor learning.</p>
<b>Comments</b>	<p>Woodland Wonders: 'Very practical and hands-on, which has really engaged me and made the course very enjoyable and worthwhile.'</p> <p>'Really enjoyed the day and lots of good ideas to use in the future.'</p> <p>School sessions: "The sessions at Deepdale Woods were inspirational.</p>

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The sessions kept all the Year 6 children interested and were safe. I'd love to take other groups in the future." Mrs McIntyre.

Maisy: "I loved all of my time in the forest. It would be great if other years could do it!"

Jeni: "I loved making crafty things out of natural objects/ We did lots of risky things but felt safe as Honia took care of us."

### Photos



Montalbo



Montalbo – Forest Schools



St Osmund's pre-school – living eggs

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Limestone Grassland training



Water vole survey training



Scything course