



Sheffield & Rotherham



Sheffield City Council



North-West Sheffield Moorland Fringe Landscape Partnership

Update No2

21st April 2016

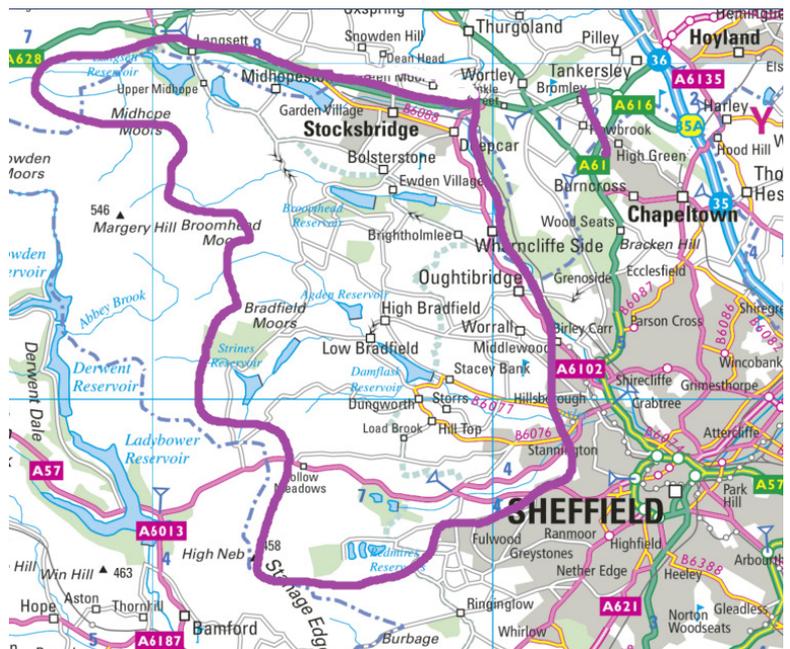
A brief reminder of what this is all about:

A Landscape Partnership (LP) focuses on local character and distinctiveness - what makes an area look and feel the way it does - and provides the opportunity for people and organisations to work together to better understand and look after that landscape. The LP identifies, funds and delivers a programme of activities, supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund. HLF typically award between £1m - £2m to LPs covering an area of anything between 20km² and 200km². HLF funds cover 60-70% of the costs of partnership projects, the rest being made up of other funds and contributions in-kind (including volunteer time) from partners.

A group of partners, co-ordinated by Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust, are working to become an LP supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF). We plan to submit a Stage 1 application to HLF on 31st May. This will include an outline of the partners involved, the projects we would all like to see delivered, detailed plans for the first development year and an outline budget. NB This is very much an outline application with the opportunity for more details to be worked up in full if we are successful and asked to go forward to Stage 2. HLF will let us know if we have been successful in October and development and delivery could run from 2017 – 2022/3

Since our last briefing note in March we have spoken to many people about the proposal and there is a lot of enthusiasm and support. We held an open meeting at Bradfield Village Hall and also met with a small group of local farmers. Our contact list is now over 150 and growing daily!

The Key Partners (the main contributing funders, groups and agencies in the area) met this week and we agreed to the landscape area of work as outlined on this map. This is a 'fuzzy boundary' to define for HLF the landscape character area we plan to focus on. ***It does not exclude people who live outside of the boundary from being involved in the project.***



The Partnership

We hope many groups and organisations who have an interest in this area will want to become involved in the Landscape Partnership. Already many people have contacted us - some partners have offered volunteer time, some want to suggest projects or ideas, some have funds to offer or professional advice to give. All help is very welcome and if you would like to be involved with the project going forwards please do let us know and then we can keep in contact with you. Please remember though – this is only an outline proposal at this stage so there will be the opportunity to develop ideas more fully in the future if we are successful.

What will the Partnership do?

We now have a long list of projects that we will be sifting down over the coming weeks. But currently the projects being developed include the following:

- Connecting the landscape – joining up woodlands, heaths and grasslands to benefit people and wildlife
- Finding ways to naturally improve drinking water quality and reduce flood and fire risk
- Improving access and recreation opportunities at key ‘hubs’ e.g. Little Don Reservoirs
- Enhancing the landscape alongside the A616
- Looking for ways to support birds of prey, white clawed crayfish and other rare species
- Surveying and recording cruck barns – using techniques to date and understand more about these historic features that are particularly identified with this area
- Exploring the local woodland archaeology, pre-industrial sites and prisoner of war history
- Working with local music and art groups, exploring the local carols and cultural heritage
- Sharing this landscape with people of all ages – offering school visits, farm visits, family activities, strolls for older people, better access, Forest Schools, training in heritage skills
- Promoting local produce from local farms
- Repairing drystone walls and other important landscape features
- Offering community grants for local groups to help look after and share the landscape and heritage with others

What’s in a name?

NW Sheffield Moorland Fringe is taken from a technical document used to classify this Landscape Character type and so we are looking for a better name for the project area. So far ‘Sheffield’s Lakeland’, ‘The Four Valleys (of NW Sheffield)’ and ‘Sheffield’s Pennine Fringe’ are the most popular but we are still open to suggestions and comments on these!

Want to find out more?

We are inviting any local groups or people with an interest in the area to come to our:

Open Meeting on Saturday 7th May, 10-12noon

Stocksbridge, The Venue, S36 1DY.

Please contact Jo Walker, j.walker@wildsheffield.com tel: 0114 263 4335 if you would like to come along or if you can’t make the meeting on 7th May but would like to discuss how you can get more involved in the project. This will be our final open event before we submit the outline application at the end of May.

Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust
Tel: 0114 263 4335
Why not join us and become a member?
Please go to www.wildsheffield.com