



GALLOWAY GLENS

Landscape Partnership

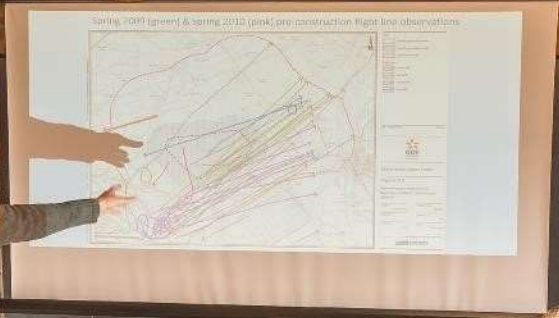




Galloway Glens Scheme:

- 5 years of co-ordinated and landscape scale activity in the Ken/Dee Valley
- Harnessing our amazing natural & cultural heritage to address today's challenges
- An initiative of D&G Council's Environment Team
- More than £6million of investment, built around a £2.7m grant from NLHF





Where to look

Map of the area with a legend and a scale bar. The legend includes: a black square for 'We are here', a black circle for 'Observation point', a black line for 'Flight line', a black line for 'Flight line', a black line for 'Flight line', and a black line for 'Flight line'. The scale bar is 0 to 1000 meters.

Hareshen
Pipitrelle bat
Canada geese
Barn owl
Waterfowl
Badger













Tackling today's challenges:

- Responding to Climate & Biodiversity Crises – Projects including Black Water of Dee Habitat Restoration and Climate Ready Ken
- Support to Loch Ken Trust and the first community-led ranger service in Scotland
- Providing economic boost for D&G – 75% of expenditure with D&G Businesses
- More than 190 Businesses in D&G have received work through the scheme
- Approx 35 projects being supported up and down Ken/Dee valley





THE GALLOWAY GLENS SCHEME - AN OVERVIEW

The **Galloway Glens Scheme** is an initiative of Dumfries & Galloway Council's Environment Team, running between 2018 and 2023 in the Ken/Dee valley in Galloway. The Scheme worked with a brilliant range of partners to 'connect people to their heritage', boost the local economy and support sustainable communities.

Funded by The National Lottery Heritage Fund and a variety of other sources, more than 75% of scheme expenditure stayed in the region, being spent with Dumfries & Galloway Businesses.

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PRIMARY FUNDER:



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OVERSEEN BY A PARTNERSHIP BOARD CONSISTING OF:



>21,000 ATTENDEES AT PUBLIC EVENTS

LAUNCHED THE SOUTH OF SCOTLAND TREE PLANTING GRANT SCHEME IN D&G

THE SCHEME HAS UNDERTAKEN ACTIVITY WORTH MORE THAN **£6 MILLION**

10 NEW OR REFURBISHED BUILDINGS

>35,000 MILES TRAVELLED BY THE TAGGED GREENLAND WHITE FRONTED GESE

206 HECTARES OF LAND BROUGHT INTO CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT

£100,000 SPENT ON **27** PROJECTS THROUGH THE SMALL GRANTS SCHEME

'NATURE POSITIVE' PROJECTS SUPPORTED INCLUDING THREAVE LANDSCAPE RESTORATION PROJECT, PEATLAND CONNECTIONS AND THE BLACK WATER OF DEE HABITAT RESTORATION

120 ATTENDEES ON 'GO WILD CAMPS'



4 YEARS OF THE NATIONALLY ACCLAIMED 'CAN YOU DIG IT' COMMUNITY ARCHAEOLOGY PROJECT

MORE THAN **90%** OF VOLUNTEERS SAID THEY HAD LEARNED MORE ABOUT HERITAGE

OVER **190** D&G BUSINESSES RECEIVED WORK

SUPPORTED THE LOCH KEN TRUST NOW RUNNING ONE OF THE FIRST COMMUNITY-LED RANGER SERVICES IN SCOTLAND

35 HEADLINE PROJECTS SUPPORTED UP AND DOWN THE VALLEY

>2,000 ENTRIES ON THE GALLOWAY GLENS PLACE NAME DATABASE

95% OF PEOPLE RATE THE GALLOWAY GLENS SCHEME AS 'GOOD OR VERY GOOD' (OF 420 SURVEYED)

23 MILES OF FOOTPATH INSTALLED OR IMPROVED

15 INTERN POSITIONS SUPPORTED

690 VOLUNTEERS GAVE THEIR TIME, WORTH MORE THAN **£300,000**

This presentation is not about the projects.

That would be a much more enjoyable presentation.



Scheme established a role as a local example in approach to:

- **Natural capital**
- Responding to the **Biodiversity + Climate Crisis**
- Seeking '**nature positive**' solutions and a **just transition**
- An example of '**place-making**' – aligning with Local Place Plans



Particular points for consideration

- Shameless focus on a place. Grassroots engagement rather than strategic ambition.
 - ❑ Geography grew through life of scheme
- ‘How can place names tell us about our changing landscape’ rather than ‘Consultation event about upcoming proposal’



There is room for a brand...

- Momentum “It looks like you do good stuff”
- Emerging opportunities “This feels Galloway Glens-y”



The law of unexpected outcomes

- Red Squirrels + Historic Maps
- Galloway Footsteps – now Biosphere Footsteps



What worked for us

- Recruitment
 - competitive recruitment process
 - Competitive salary + suitable employer
 - Staff share rewards of delivery
- Time limited nature – 5 years was about right?
- Relentless, never ending comms through all channels
- Everyone was a potential partner

Scheme legacy

“Leave them
wanting more”



Coming Soon...



Thank you...



RIVER DEE PEARL c. Alistair Livingston





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