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Landscape Partnership Scheme



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The Westmorland Dales Landscape Partnership Scheme ran from March 2019 to February 2024. Its vision was to unlock and reveal the hidden heritage of the Westmorland Dales, enabling more people to connect with, enjoy and benefit from this inspirational landscape. It had four key objectives:

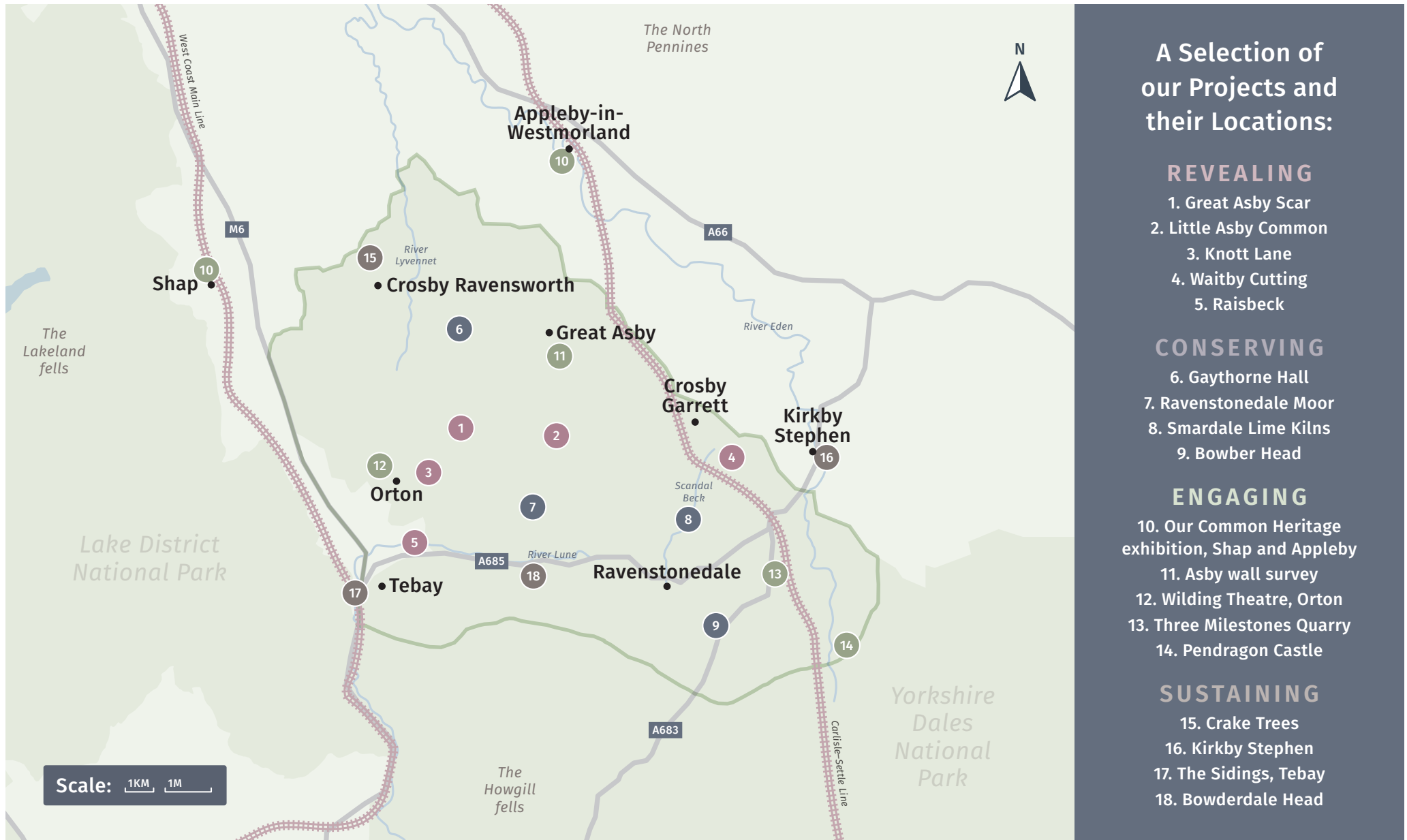
Revealing the area's hidden heritage

Conserving what makes the area special

Engaging people in enjoying and benefitting from their heritage

Sustaining the benefits of the scheme in the long-term

The Westmorland Dales lie within Cumbria, to the north of the Howgills, in the northwest corner of the Yorkshire Dales National Park.



REVEALING

Despite its riches, the Westmorland Dales has been poorly surveyed and recorded in comparison with adjacent areas. So much of our focus has been on starting to redress this imbalance, and to interpret it for all to appreciate.



50

archaeological trenches
and pits excavated

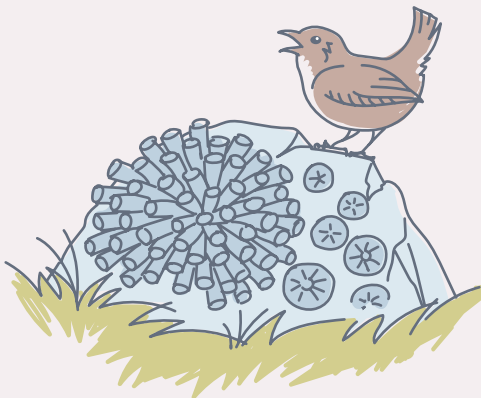
e.g. Little Asby Common



73

wildlife sites
surveyed

e.g. Raisbeck



12 new local geological
sites designated

e.g. Waitby Cutting



61 booklets, leaflets
and panels produced

e.g. Knott Lane



2,272 archaeological and built
heritage features surveyed

e.g. Great Asby Scar

CONSERVING

The area's rich natural and cultural heritage has been at the heart of our projects to conserve and enhance its special character, and to improve access for all to enjoy.



159

access improvements
undertaken

e.g. Ravenstonedale Moor



17,628

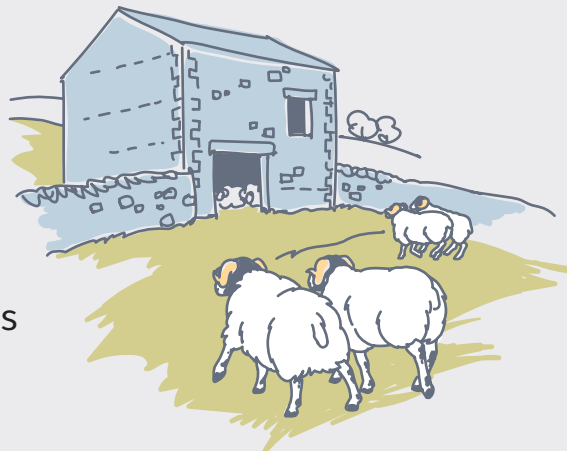
trees planted

e.g. Gaythorne Hall

7

historic buildings
and monuments
conserved

e.g. Smardale Lime Kilns



33.2

hectares of
habitat restored

e.g. Bowber Head

ENGAGING

Many people have an interest in our landscape today. Their engagement has been integral to our projects to reveal, conserve, enjoy and sustain its rich heritage.

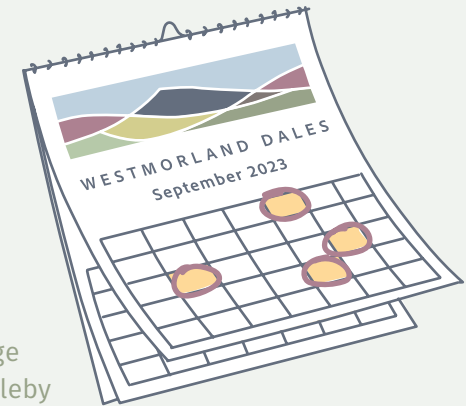
1,750
volunteer days
contributed

e.g. Asby wall survey



8,429
people attended
events

e.g. Our Common Heritage
exhibition, Shap and Appleby



2,566 pupil engagement
sessions held
e.g. Wilding Theatre, Orton



4,181 people watched
our webinars
e.g. Pendragon Castle



733 training days
delivered
e.g. Three Milestone Quarry

SUSTAINING

The benefits of the Scheme in the long-term will be sustained by the ongoing commitment of land managers, farmers, tourism businesses, volunteers and others. Our projects have aimed to increase their skills and understanding of the area for their benefit and for the benefit of our heritage.

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tourism
businesses
engaged

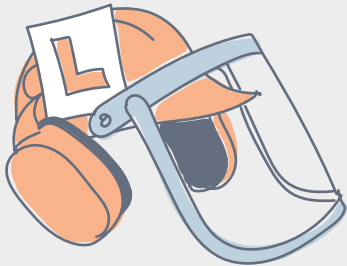
e.g. Kirkby
Stephen



94

farmers and
landowners
engaged

e.g. Bowderdale
Head



10

apprenticeships and trainee
placements completed

at The Sidings, Tebay



31

management agreements
in place

e.g. Crake Trees



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