

## WYE VALLEY AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY (AONB)

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<p><b>AONB Management Plan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Publicise and distribute Wye Valley AONB Management Plan 2015-2020</li> <li>Average 100 downloads of Plan from website and 10 requests for printed copies of Plan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AONB Management Plan 2015-2020 signed off by all Local Authority partners</li> <li>AONB Management Plan 2015-2020 available on AONB website <a href="http://www.wyevalleyaonb.org.uk/index.php/about-us/management-and-guidance/management-plan-2015-2020/">http://www.wyevalleyaonb.org.uk/index.php/about-us/management-and-guidance/management-plan-2015-2020/</a></li> <li>Management Plan publication designed in draft</li> </ul>
<p><b>AONB Strategy &amp; Development Advisor</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Renew contract for year to support AONB Officer.</li> <li>Comment on relevant Planning Applications and strategic planning documents</li> <li>Annually monitor and review development trends and the approach taken by planning authorities to issues that affect the AONB</li> <li>Engage in development and consultation stages of national strategy in liaison with NAAONB</li> <li>Deliver CPD &amp; training for LA Planning staff &amp; members</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contract renewed with Worcestershire County Council (WCC) Planning Department, shared with Malvern Hills AONB Partnership.</li> <li>500 planning applications were registered in the AONB.</li> <li>35 planning applications assessed by the contracted Planning consultants</li> <li>26 responses submitted by the AONB Manager on behalf of the AONB Partnership.</li> <li>A protocol has been established with Monmouthshire County Council whereby the AONB Manager is consulted on draft Planning Committee Reports. During 2016 in total 9 applications were commented on through this protocol.</li> </ul>
<p><b>AONB Farming Awards</b></p> <p>Promote &amp; publicise 10th Awards. For farmers and landowners to promote best practice in land management that makes an outstanding contribution to conserving or enhancing the features, special qualities and natural beauty of the Wye Valley AONB.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seek sponsorship for the AONB Farming Awards from local businesses, supermarkets etc.</li> <li>Site visits of all farm entries for short-listing</li> <li>Site visits by the judges to the short-listed farms for the AONB Farming Awards 2016</li> <li>Present the AONB Farming Awards 2016 prizes at the Monmouthshire Show</li> <li>Involve winner in Open Farm Sunday event.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 nominated farms for 2016 AONB Farming Awards: Square Farm, Mitchel Troy, Monmouthshire and Broome Farm, Peterstow, Herefordshire. Judging panel consisted of AONB Manager, NFU Wales and Farming4Wildlife representatives. Broome Farm was the winner. The Award was presented in the Countryside Matters Ring at the Monmouthshire Show on 25th August.</li> <li>AONB Development Officer and LEMUR+ placements spent 2 days with Farming Award 2015 winner, Lewstone Farm, Herefordshire, undertaking water quality sampling on a stream running through the farm with Year 4 pupils from Ashfield Park Primary School, Ross-on-Wye.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Sustainable Development Fund (SDF)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collate SDF project applications for the SDF Assessment Panel</li> <li>Service SDF Assessment Panel for allocating funds</li> <li>Review SDF application processes and Assessment Panel</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12 projects supported - 7 led / managed by AONB Unit &amp; 5 led by voluntary/3<sup>rd</sup> sector with AONB staff assisting / supporting - including: Savoy Youth Theatre Promenade Sensory Theatre, Deer Initiative project &amp; Venison Processing and Marketing Feasibility Study, Bee Friendly Monmouthshire Hedgerow Manifesto, St. Dennis PCC Churchyard Restoration Project, Gwent Wildlife Trust Pentwyn Reserve Cattle Project, Landscape and Biodiversity Enhancement grants, Friends of Llandogo School pond project, Wye Valley AONB Youth Rangers, Wye Valley River Festival 2016, education strand and WVRF 2018 R&amp;D</li> <li><i>Final SDF report due shortly with leverage figures; our expectation is that figures will be similar to 15/16 approximate totals of £180,000, with £140,000 cash and £40,00 In kind</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>Picturesque</b></p> <p>Produce and distribute regular on-line editions of the AONB newsletter, 'Picturesque' to provide information and interpretation to increase subscribers' awareness and appreciation of the AONB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decision made to turn Picturesque into an electronic / browser based publication. However due to staff long term sickness absence this has yet to be implemented. A new member of staff has been appointed to action this publication and implement website. They commence in June 2017.</li> </ul>
<p><b>AONB Partnership events</b></p> <p>For JAC members, AONB Ward members, representatives from</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>32 attendees for AONB Partnership tour on 23<sup>rd</sup> September. The tour included Lower Wire Works Tintern, Old Station Tintern, Kingston Brewery, Tintern Abbey, Abbey Mill, Upper Wyndcliff and Penterry</li> </ul>

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<p>partner organisations and local Town/Parish/Community Councils</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organise AONB Partnership Seminar on key issue</li> <li>Organise AONB Partnership Annual Study Tour of key sites &amp;/or issues (not to clash with HC Full Council meeting)</li> <li>Repeat 2011 'Questionnaire on your perceptions of the Wye Valley AONB, the JAC &amp; the AONB Unit'</li> <li>Undertake the TBG 'Ecosystem Approach Self-Assessment Criteria and Method'</li> </ul>	<p>Church.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wye Valley AONB Perceptions survey sent to 620 key partners and interested parties. 234 responses received (Private Sector 11%, Voluntary Sector 18%, Local Community 13%, Public Sector 42%, &amp;/or as a private individual 28%). 87% rated achievements of AONB Unit as 'Good or Very Good', 96% 'Agree or Strongly Agree' that "The designation of the Wye Valley as an AONB has significantly helped conserve and enhance the natural beauty of the area" and 73% 'Agree or Strongly Agree' that "The statutory AONB Management Plan is a key tool in the conservation and enhancement of the natural beauty of the AONB." Further evaluation of the survey results is on-going.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Exhibitions &amp; Outreach</b> Promote the AONB through</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stands at the Wye Valley River Festival, Monmouthshire Show, Herefordshire Country Fair and other relevant shows.</li> <li>Local exhibitions and other local appropriate / prestigious events.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AONB stand only at Monmouthshire Show, Forest Showcase and Wye Valley River Festival events, but due to staffing issues and illness not at other local shows.</li> <li>mindSCAPE &amp; Wye Valley River Festival display boards exhibited at various local venues</li> </ul>
<p><b>MindSCAPE</b> Year 3 of £165,000 Big Lottery funded 4 year initiative enabling people living with dementia to access and reconnect with the landscape, through arts and creative environmental activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Manage project and submit reports &amp; claims for Big Lottery</li> <li>Supervise contractor to organise regular creative sessions, workshops and social activities at appropriate sites for participants who are living with dementia and their carers and families.</li> <li>Develop legacy project &amp; exit strategy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Artspace Cinderford continue to deliver the activities fortnightly with 22 people (dementia sufferers and carers) engaged</li> <li>Summary of feedback &amp; questionnaire statistics: 100% Have made friends; 81% less isolated; 90% less stressed; 90% More positive/happy 45% more fit/active; 81% More able to do 'mindscape activities' at home; 90% more creative 100% feel more part of their community</li> <li>3 Carer Training Events delivered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NHS Together Trust Forest of Dean Dementia Forum (for dementia professionals, care workers and activity co-ordinators as well as community dementia link workers) 11 attendees.</li> <li>NHS Together Trust County Professional Development Event for professional carers who work with people with dementia. 32 attendees.</li> <li>Gloucestershire Activities Co-Ordinator Network, 2 sessions, sharing activities with people who work in residential carehomes for older people. 23 attendees.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Artspace Manager delivered plenary presentation on mindSCAPE at NAAONB Landscapes for Life conference and at the 'Delivering the health and wellbeing benefits of the natural environment' seminar in Bristol (jointly hosted by the South Region Sustainability and Health Network and the South West Local Nature Partnerships).</li> <li>Annual report produced and circulated amongst Councillors, key partners and other AONBs.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Wye Valley River Festival 2016</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deliver Festival from 29<sup>th</sup> April - 15<sup>th</sup> May</li> <li>Submit claims to Arts Councils and other funders of the Festival</li> <li>Undertake monitoring and evaluation of Festival &amp; publish report.</li> <li>Commence developing event ideas for Research &amp; Development phase for 2018 Festival</li> <li>Develop business sponsorship for 2018</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>29,000 people engaged through 28 events at different venues</li> <li>8 local communities engaged: Hereford, Ross, Bishopwood, Lydbrook, Redbrook, Monmouth, Llandogo, Coleford, Chepstow</li> <li>2 local Partnership sites: The Slaughters (FC), Tintern Old Station (MCC)</li> <li>10 schools &amp; 1200 pupils engaged with the Festival</li> <li>220+ local singers, musicians and performers were involved in the performances</li> <li>Total raised from other sources £129,664, Total raised in kind £20,700</li> <li>Reached 80% satisfaction level with audience feedback</li> <li>Report has been published and shared widely with partners, available here: <a href="http://www.wyevalleyaonb.org.uk/index.php/wye%20valley%20river%20festival%202016">http://www.wyevalleyaonb.org.uk/index.php/wye%20valley%20river%20festival%202016</a></li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Wye Valley River Festival 2016 was Highly Commended at the Visit Herefordshire Awards for Excellence 2016 in the Best Festivals &amp; Events (Community) category</li> <li>Research &amp; Development phase of 2018 Festival commenced with 2 Creative Camps and 70 attending.</li> <li>8 WVRF 2018 meetings held with Festival Development Team.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Youth Rangers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deliver a structured programme of activity for 3<sup>rd</sup> Cohort of young people (14-16 year olds) that will increase their skill set in landscape and heritage conservation and management.</li> <li>Develop the next phase of the scheme, linking with the Foresters Forest LP and other funding sources to continue the model of engaging young people in conservation and heritage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The third cohort of Wye Valley AONB Youth Rangers attended monthly events; including river ecology &amp; monitoring, farming &amp; land management, coppicing &amp; woodland work, filming, Wye Valley River Festival day, monitoring &amp; tracking deer, drystone walling, kayaking, scything, climbing &amp; abseiling and visiting the National Museum of Wales</li> <li>Youth Ranger programme included in the successful Foresters' Forest Landscape Partnership Scheme with Heritage Lottery Fund.</li> <li>Report on project to date available on request.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Deer Management</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Convene &amp; service Deer Management Groups and Deer Monitoring Project</li> <li>Coordinate deer surveys in the Woolhope Dome and Lower Wye Valley</li> <li>Assist co-ordination of collaborative deer cull through the Deer Management Groups</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lower Wye Valley Deer Management Group met 25th May &amp; 5th Oct.</li> <li>Lower Wye Valley Wild Venison Marketing Feasibility Study commissioned</li> <li>Deer Initiative co-ordinated collaborative culls in Woolhope Dome</li> </ul>
<p><b>Habitat Conservation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue Phase 1 and priority BAP habitat surveys</li> <li>Development of projects with the help of LEMUR+ students.</li> <li>Organise monthly volunteer task days</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11 conservation activities with approximately 70 volunteers took place in a variety of locations across the AONB. The work ranged from hedge planting, vegetation management, drystone walling, coppicing and permissive path management. A diverse range of partners were involved from the Deer Initiative, NRW, Community Councils, Wildlife Trusts, Plantlife and private landowners.</li> <li>LEMUR+ Trainees were commissioned to undertake ecological survey work for Ross Town Council and along the Garren &amp; Gamber Brooks, funded by Natural England.</li> <li>Project funding secured from Natural England enabling collaborative work with Ross Town Council to manage bankside vegetation and erosion along the riverfront park recently taken over by the Town Council from Herefordshire Council.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Website and social media</b> Upgrading and management of <a href="http://www.wyevalleyaonb.org.uk">www.wyevalleyaonb.org.uk</a> and social networking sites e.g. facebook and twitter. Maintenance of <a href="http://www.wyevalleywalk.org">www.wyevalleywalk.org</a> and hosting of <a href="http://www.overlookingthewye.org.uk">www.overlookingthewye.org.uk</a> &amp; <a href="http://www.wyevalleyriverfestival.org.uk">www.wyevalleyriverfestival.org.uk</a> websites.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Due to staff long term sickness absence little progress was made with website upgrades.</li> <li>Facebook 'Likes' for Wye Valley AONB <a href="https://www.facebook.com/wyevalley.aonb/">https://www.facebook.com/wyevalley.aonb/</a> increased from 650 before the Wye Valley River Festival to 890 after the event, ending the year with 920 'Likes'. The highest reach was 13,710 people.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Work placements</b> Support the needs of student placements/group projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LEMUR+ trainees on 9 month &amp; 4 month placements.</li> <li>Host PhD research post on 'Corporeal Connections in the Contemporary Landscape' and provide technical assistance with PhD dissertation and evaluation of data regarding the cultural significance of the AONB</li> <li>Investigate new under-graduate and post-graduate research opportunities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 LEMUR+ Ecological Survey trainees hosted by the AONB Unit, on 9 month and 4 month placements. Both offered short term extended contracts to remain at the AONB to undertake additional project work.</li> <li>Presentation by PhD Researcher given to a workshop during the NAAONB Landscapes for Life conference. PhD Thesis currently being finalised</li> <li>Liaison with NAAONB over post-graduate research opportunities through University of Winchester.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Undergrounding</b> Continue working with Western Power to promote schemes within</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AONB Development Officer attended Wales undergrounding group meetings on June 20<sup>th</sup>, Sept 19<sup>th</sup> and Jan 16<sup>th</sup>; also West Midlands Undergrounding Group meetings on Apr 15<sup>th</sup>, June 17<sup>th</sup> and Jan 12<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>

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the AONB.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is currently 1 active undergrounding scheme in Goodrich which is close to completion, and 2 schemes in Tintern which have been approved by the Protected Landscapes group. Western Power are currently undertaking detailed assessments of the proposals.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Landscape scale conservation</b> Develop and support partnership projects that deliver landscape scale conservation activity and initiatives within and adjoining the AONB.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop scheme around Little Doward &amp; South Herefordshire with Herefordshire Wildlife Trust &amp; others</li> <li>Scope for appropriate projects and prepare applications for National Grid Visual Improvement Programme (VIP) for area between Ross &amp; Goodrich</li> <li>Investigate options for Woolhope Dome with Herefordshire Wildlife Trust</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engaged in Wye Valley Woodlands Project, led by Gwent Wildlife Trust. Includes management of Piercefield Viewpoints, maintaining Overlooking the Wye project work.</li> <li>Preliminary research on landscape-scale partnership proposal for Woolhope and Wye floodplain developed.</li> <li>Under development is a drystone walling project of further survey and awareness raising.</li> <li>Project funding secured through Natural England for study work on the Garren and Gamber brooks, convening conservation organisations, conducting river corridor surveys and identifying potential project work for future funding applications on these tributaries of the Wye.</li> <li>National Grid VIP Landscape Enhancement Initiative bid submitted for Walford and Coughton March with Herefordshire Wildlife Trust, but unsuccessful.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Wye Valley Walk</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support Wye Valley Walk Partnership</li> <li>Monitor counters along Walk</li> <li>Manage Passport scheme</li> <li>Facilitate future options for Lydbrook Bridge</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6 counters along Wye Valley Walk in AONB were checked and recorded 90,193 movements in 2016.</li> <li>Feedback from walkers remained largely positive despite monitoring of website and Passport scheme being hindered by staff long term sickness absence.</li> <li>AONB Volunteers regularly working on Wye Valley Walk through Piercefield</li> <li>Monmouthshire County Council delivered £48,000 of access improvement work along Wye Valley Walk with additional Welsh Government funding.</li> <li>Meetings held with Gloucestershire County Council and engineers to progress solutions for Lydbrook Bridge.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Public Relations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote guided walks, events, children's activities and countryside craft /rural skills courses</li> <li>Give talks/presentations to local groups</li> <li>Regular press releases and magazine articles / advertorial</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8 Talks and presentation were given including to Gwent Wildlife Trust Monmouth branch, Wye Valley &amp; Forest of Dean Tourism Association, North Dean Ramblers, Wye Valley National Nature Reserve Summit and German Europarc study trip</li> <li>Community Links Officer has given 4 talks to schools.</li> <li>PR on Farming Awards and Wye Valley River Festival, but due to staff long term sickness absence most other PR has focused on remaining AONB staff working with Twitter @wyebeauty and Facebook pages: Wye Valley AONB &amp; Wye Valley River Festival.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Partnership</b> Influence &amp; attend partnerships as appropriate; eg:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strategic Partner in Wye Valley &amp; Forest of Dean Destination Management Partnership.</li> <li>Attend or receive minutes of Local Nature Partnerships</li> <li>Participate in Wye Catchment Management Partnership</li> <li>As member of Wye Navigation Advisory Committee (WyeNAC)</li> <li>Monmouthshire Environmental Partnership,</li> <li>Herefordshire Wildlife Link</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Due to staff long term sickness absence the Wye Valley AONB Sustainable Tourism Strategy 2011-2016 was not fully delivered. The AONB Unit is directing tourism liaison through the Strategic Partnership of the Wye Valley and Forest of Dean Tourism Association and the Visit Herefordshire Tourism and Leisure Forum.</li> <li>AONB Manager attended meetings of Wye Navigation Advisory Committee (NAC), Wye Catchment Partnership, Lower Wye Internal Drainage District Advisory Group, Severn Basin Catchment and Monmouthshire Environmental Partnership Board. Also represented NAAONB at launch of Welsh Government's State of Natural Resources Report.</li> <li>Hosted visit by NRW and NAAONB chairpersons</li> <li>AONB Manager gave presentation to Brecon Beacons National Park Authority.</li> <li>AONB Development Officer attended Herefordshire Wildlife Link and Local Nature Partnership meetings in Herefordshire and Gloucestershire.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Collaboration</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend National Association for Areas of Outstanding Natural</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AONB Manager, Development Officer and JAC Chairman attended NAAONB Landscapes for Life conference, which included presentations on mindSCAPE and Corporeal Connections in the</li> </ul>

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<p>Beauty (NAAONB) and Europarc seminars &amp; events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with Welsh Government and Wales Designated Landscapes in taking Future Landscapes Wales Programme forward</li> </ul>	<p>Contemporary Landscape PhD work and a hosted field trip in the AONB.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Protected Landscapes in Wales collaborated over the “Find Your Epic” Year of Adventure campaign with Visit Wales Year of Adventure.</li> <li>• The Protected Landscapes in Wales collectively published the Scenic Wales calendar 2017.</li> <li>• AONB Manager contributed to Future Landscapes Wales programme, participating in ‘Innovation in resourcing’ Project Group, attending and presenting to the Working Group and contributing to Drafting sub-group.</li> <li>• AONB Manager attended AONB Lead Officers’ meeting and NAAONB AGM &amp; Chairman’s Conference</li> </ul>
<p><b>Monitoring</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing updating of the AONB GIS</li> <li>• Monitor and review implementation of the AONB Management Plan Action Plan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LEMUR+ Ecological Survey Trainees completed approximately 36 sq km of Phase 1 Habitat survey work in the Doward and south Herefordshire, including digitisation on QGIS.</li> <li>• LEMUR+ Trainees undertook a comparison of 1990s &amp; 2015/16 Phase 1 Habitat surveys in Monmouthshire and are finalising the report of their findings.</li> <li>• Development Officer, Community Links Officer and LEMUR+ trainees undertook QGIS training with Herefordshire Wildlife Trust.</li> <li>• Data collation for AONB Management Plan ongoing</li> </ul>
<p><b>Governance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Service and set agendas for JAC, TOWP and Steering Group</li> <li>• Prepare grant bids and claims for Natural Resources Wales and Defra, and other funding bodies as required.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 full JAC meetings held, 4th July &amp; 7th November 2016 &amp; 6th March 2017, preceded by TOWP meetings on 8th June &amp; 5th Oct 2016 &amp; 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2017,</li> <li>• AONB Annual report presented to JAC in July 2016</li> <li>• AONB Steering Group held on 5th Oct 2016 &amp; 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2017, with AONB Unit budgets and spend profile presented and scrutinised.</li> <li>• All bids and claims submitted on time.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Funding and resources</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue investigating funding and development opportunities.</li> <li>• Investigation into external funding and securing sources for strategic and partnership projects</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On-going, including discussions with Foresters’ Forest Landscape Partnership scheme, Arts Council, Herefordshire Community Foundation, National Grid, Highways Agency etc.</li> <li>• Staffing issues due to ill health resulted in AONB Information Officer post becoming vacant in January 2017.</li> <li>• Agency cover for AONB Finance &amp; Admin Officer was extended until their return to work in September 2016.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Irresistible Offa</b> <i>Investigate opportunities for future cross border partnership projects along the corridor of Offa’s Dyke,</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>promoting walking and sustainable tourism, building on the Walking with Offa project, with potential bids to INTERREG Atlantic Area &amp;/or HLF</i></li> <li>• <i>investigative archaeological and interpretation project of Offa’s Dyke monument for possible HLF bid</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Irresistible Offa Partnership investigated HLF and INTERREG funding opportunities but struggled to find appropriate partners and have put proposals on hold.</li> <li>• AONB Manager is on steering group for Offa’s Dyke Collaboratory, focused on fostering new collaborative projects along the Dyke and its landscape setting. Following publication of ‘Offa’s Dyke: Landscape and Hegemony in Eighth-Century Britain’ (Windgather, 2016)</li> <li>• Discussions with various organisations, including Forest of Dean Buildings Preservation Trust, about potential archaeological project focused on Offa’s Dyke.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Overlooking the Wye legacy</b> <i>Continue to develop heritage &amp; Community projects as part of the legacy of the Overlooking the Wye Landscape Partnership Scheme</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wye Valley Woodlands Project, led by Gwent Wildlife Trust. Includes tree management of Piercefield Viewpoints.</li> <li>• AONB Volunteers also regularly working on Wye Valley Walk through Piercefield</li> </ul>