

Valleys Regional Park Approved Projects Summary V8

Ref	Project Title	Sponsor	Status & Project Ref Number
1	<p>Valleys Cycle Network</p> <p>Construction of various multi user routes that link some of the visitor centres, to progress completion of the Valleys Cycle Network, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link between the Darran Valley Cycle Routes at Parc Cwm Darran and Pontlottyn • Link from Argoed and the Sirhowy Valley to Oakdale Industrial Estate and Penyfan Pond • Monmouth and Brecon Canal Gateways (leading to Cwmcarn Forest Drive and Mountain Bike Centre) • Improvements to the Taff trail between Pontypridd and Nantgarw • Link between NCN 46 and Cwm via Ebbw Vale following the route of the Ebbw Valley Railway in places • Northern extension to the Sirhowy Valley Cycle Route to the boundary with Blaenau Gwent CB. Extension to Bedwellty Pits in BGCBC • Sirhowy Valley Country Park NCN Route 47 improvements • Velindre to Afan Forest Park • Llynfi Valley Route to Afan Forest Park • Gwendraeth valley Cycleway 	Sustrans	<p>Approved in Principle</p> <p>EP001011</p> <p>Three schemes to ATC.</p>
2	<p>Valleys Heart & Soul Capital Region Tourism</p> <p>Adoption of a consistent approach to community tourism development across the Valleys celebrating heritage, culture and landscape</p> <p>Implementation of the Valleys events strategy agreed in 2008</p> <p>Operational launch of the Valleys destination management system</p>	CRT	<p>Approved in Principle</p> <p>EP001012</p> <p>Events and interpretations round completed and applications processed.</p>

	<p>Roll-out of the agreed Valleys brand to internal and external markets</p> <p>Optimisation of marketing opportunities in 2010 and beyond linked to the overall investments through Regeneration and Convergence budgets</p> <p>Best practice adoption of destination management principles across the Valleys.</p>		
3	<p>Presenting a Clean & Pleasant Env for visitors</p> <p>An integrated approach to tackle the problem of fly tipping and litter within and on the approaches to the visitor centres and landscapes within other parts of the programme through <i>enforcement, engagement and education</i>.</p> <p>Activities include:</p> <p>A range of pilot activities, including innovative use of GPS;</p> <p>A media campaign linked to Valleys Heart & Soul involving a wide range of partners across the VRP area;</p> <p>Sophisticated and ongoing educational interventions with schools, households and businesses;</p> <p>High profile 'clean-up' campaigns, and additional waste collection resources, which demonstrate the value and easiness of <i>avoiding</i> fly tipping behaviour.</p>	EAW	<p>Approved in Principle</p> <p>EP001013</p>
8	<p>Sirhowy Valley Landscape Partnership</p> <p>Improvement of 3km of access trails to the South and East of Tredegar, providing visitor routes between communities and the wider countryside. Includes the Sirhowy Woodland trails.</p>	BGCBC	<p>Approved in Principle</p> <p>EP001035</p> <p>Phase 1 at ATC stage.</p>
12	<p>Crossing the Mountain</p> <p>Provide improved access and visitor perceptions (through trail developments and boundary enhancements) to encourage increased visits to Caerphilly Common from Caerphilly town and Cardiff.</p>	CCBC	<p>Approved in Principle</p> <p>EP001014</p> <p>Phase 1 at ATC stage.</p>
13	<p>Cwmcarn Forest Development</p> <p>Improve access provision to visitor centre to increase</p>	CCBC	<p>Approved in Principle</p>

	<p>visits to the centre from a car park that is separated by a small valley.</p> <p>Create/improve various trails within the Forest Park with associated environmental improvements, and provision of visitor facilities.</p>		<p>EP001040</p> <p>Phase 1 at ATC stage.</p>
14	<p>Cwmdu Glen Urban Woodland, Pontardawe</p> <p>1.9km of access improvements to and within a small wooded valley river valley adjacent to Pontardawe town centre. Includes new river bridge and disabled provision.</p>	NPTCBC	<p>Approved in Principle</p> <p>EP001038</p> <p>Project on hold awaiting match funding.</p>
15	<p>Cyd Tce, Neath Canal Clyne & Ynysbwlllog Aqueduct</p> <p>Create 1km trail with associated canal, access and environmental improvements along the Neath Canal to encourage more visits to an area promoted for its water features, and to enhance the potential of re opening the canal to navigation.</p>	NPTCBC	<p>Approved in Principle</p> <p>EP001015</p> <p>Project complete</p>
16	<p>Cyfarthfa Heritage Area – Cyfarthfa Heritage Unearthed</p> <p>Restoration of the historically important Cyfarthfa Lake Feeder and enhancement of the adjacent equally important old tramway to provide 1km of new pedestrian access between Cyfarthfa Park and Taff Fechan Nature Reserve.</p>	MTCBC	<p>Approved in Principle</p> <p>EP001027</p>
17	<p>Cynon Valley River Park</p> <p>Strategic project to create and improve 10km of access encompassing various trails between communities and the natural environment with associated environmental improvements in the Cynon Valley.</p>	RCTCBC	<p>Approved in Principle</p> <p>EP001028</p> <p>Phase 1 at ATC stage, Phase 2 out to tender.</p>
18	<p>Dare Valley Country Park Ph II</p> <p>Provide pedestrian access from Aberdare town centre, and Coach Parking.</p>	RCTCBC	<p>Approved in Principle</p> <p>EP001029</p> <p>Climbing wall purchased. Phase 2 out to tender.</p>

19	Ebbw Fach Trail – Hafod Arch Works to preserve Hafod Arch as a heritage feature and an access route. 1km of access improvements linking to the Ebbw Fach Trail and Blaenavon WHS.	BGCBC	Approved in Principle EP001016 Phase 1 at ATC stage.
20	Ebbw Fach Trail A strategic project creating a trail from Brynmawr to Aberbeeg including 5km of new access route, general landscape improvements and installation of facilities for visitors.	BGCBC	Approved in Principle EP001017 Phase 1 at ATC stage.
22	Garth Farm – M4 West VRP Gateway Create access trails, composting toilet and horse riding facilities for visitors	Swansea CC	Approved in Principle EP001030 At ATC stage, awaiting claim.
24	Gnoll Estate Country Park Accessibility Project Improving 2km of access for the disabled by resurfacing existing paths, and providing off road disabled scooters to visitors enabling them to access more of the country park.	NPTCBC	Approved in Principle EP001031
27	Lower Rhondda Valley Green Corridor Improving 5km of access trails, with associated environmental improvements between Pontypridd & Porth including enhanced access to Rhondda Heritage Park & Barry Sidings Countryside Park.	RCTCBC	Approved in Principle EP001032 Phase 1 at ATC stage, Phase 2 at tender stage.
33	Parc Cwm Darran Enhancement Country park improvements including: Provision of large and small events area Infrastructure to facilitate interpretation Creation of an outdoor activity point Installation of a sustainable heating system	CCBC	Approved in Principle EP001041 Phase 1 complete.
34	Parc Taff Bargoed Southern Gateway Gateway improvements and the creation of 180m of access trail from southern boundary of site	MTCBC	Approved in Principle EP001033 <i>Works complete.</i>
35	Penallta Community Park New Entrance Create new access to the Country park with coach parking provision and 1km of new access trails.	CCBC	Approved in Principle EP001019

36	Penyfan Access Improvements Environmental improvements to car park and 0.6km of access	CCBC	Approved in Principle EP001020 Phase 1 at ATC stage.
40	Cwmbran Riverside Park 2.8km of access improvements with associated landscape improvements.	TCBC	Approved in Principle EP001021 Phase 1 complete. Phase 2 at tender stage.
41	Blaenavon Forgotten Landscape Project As part of the wider project, this element focuses on a strategic approach to developing the World Heritage Site landscape and its hinterland as a visitor destination, by enhancing trails and visitor attractions.	TCBC	Approved in Principle EP001022 First 3 elements at ATC stage.
42	Greenmeadow Community Farm Improvement of facility for enhancements, the creation visitors by landscape of 0.46km of access trails, and the provision of green energy demonstrations systems.	TCBC	Approved in Principle EP001036 Project complete.
51	Environmental Resource Centre, The works Ebbw Vale Construction of new environmental resource/visitor centre at the Works site Ebbw Vale.	BGCBC	Approved in Principle EP001042 Project complete.

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52	<p>Blaen Bran Community Wood – Access and Environmental Improvements</p> <p>Upland valley with an active community group who want to promote the site, improve access tracks, parking, signage & encourage new visitors. Existing links to Cwmcarn Forest Drive & Twmbarlwm & upland landscape.</p> <p>Funding wanted to upgrade access points including signs, boundary improvements, woodland walks, improved parking, waymarkers, tree planting and access to long distance trails.</p>	TCBC	<p>Approved in Principle</p> <p>EP001043</p> <p>Phase 1 at ATC stage.</p>
53	<p>Pontymoel Basin Environmental Improvements</p> <p>An existing destination. Improvements needed to infrastructure, car parking, signage, boundary fencing etc. Links to canal & NCN routes & Pontypool itself.</p> <p>Funding wanted for an upgraded entrance, boundaries & car park. Improved picnic area, seating, cycle racks, benches, signage & paths.</p>	TCBC	<p>Approved in Principle</p> <p>EP001044</p>
56	<p>Treharris Gateway – Parc Taff Bargoed</p> <p>Improved gateway for pedestrians and cyclists (and other users) linking Treharris with Parc Taff Bargoed. Second most busy entrance. Existing is low quality and over-engineered.</p> <p>Upgraded gateway and links to local trails and walks. Environmental enhancements, fencing, signage, feature gateposts & artwork.</p>	MTCBC	<p>Approved in Principle</p> <p>EP001045</p>
57	<p>Aberdulais Falls- your heritage</p> <p>Only surviving water powered tin works in UK (SAM). Over 100 volunteers. Want to consolidate structures & improve access for visitors.</p> <p>Improved presentation of the SAM, consolidate river wall and improve access, create 2 dams.</p>	NPTCBC	<p>Approved in Principle</p> <p>EP001046</p>

<p>64</p>	<p>Development of the Café and Fishery at Lower Lliw Reservoir</p> <p>Reopen café and fishery as a lease from DCWW. Community based organisation.</p> <p>Refurbish café, upgrade the catering equipment, redecorate the toilets.</p>	<p>CCS</p>	<p>Approved in Principle</p> <p>EP001049</p>
<p>65</p>	<p>Enhancing the Valleys Regional Park Experience for Visitors</p> <p>Application for project officer Quality standard for country parks, standards for walking and cycling routes to grade route for ease of route, links to tourism ambassador scheme, specialist interpretation advice consistently across VRP, real best practice examples of delivering green infrastructure cultural landscape approach. 2yrs 1post. Project officer will sit in CCW and be part of the core team. Plus targeting grant aid to VRP objectives.</p>	<p>CCW</p>	<p>Approved in Principle</p> <p>Officer in post. Project at ATC stage.</p>
<p>66</p>	<p>Craig y Ddinas Recreation Area improvement.</p> <p>Waterfalls country. Issues around signage and car parking in Pontneddfechan.</p> <p>Funding wanted for 1.7km of path improvement, 0.5ha improved car parking area + Outdoor changing area, more picnic benches.</p>	<p>FCW</p>	<p>Approved in Principle</p> <p>EP001050</p> <p>Phase 1 at tender stage.</p>
<p>68</p>	<p>Crwydro'r Cymoedd</p> <p>3 parks, differing in offer in the Aman and Gwendraeth valleys. Links to long distance paths, need to improve site infrastructure.</p> <p>Mynydd Mawr – level area for events, fencing, workplaces, low ropes course and site drainage.</p>	<p>CCC</p>	<p>Approved in Principle</p> <p>EP001048</p>
<p>70</p>	<p>Garth Farm- M4 West Valleys Regional Park Gateways</p> <p>Phase 2 of Garth farm- part of western gateway to VRP. Site is part SSSI and part</p>	<p>CCS</p>	<p>Approved in Principle</p> <p>EP001051</p> <p>Awaiting further</p>

	<p>SINC. Links to River Tawe and NCN & walking distance to Glais, Ynystawe & Clydach. Underused & in need of improvement.</p> <p>Links to community. Compost toilet, fencing, seating areas and event area.</p>		information before issuing AIP.
71	<p>Kidwelly Quays</p> <p>Based on feasibility study - 'hidden gem'. Project to deliver improved accessibility, land management & potential wildlife tourism. Need relatively minor infrastructure changes to draw in 30,000 visitors.</p> <p>Funding wanted for landscaping, improve access, low impact shelters.</p>	CCC	<p>Approved in Principle</p> <p>EP001052</p> <p>Phase 1 at design/tender stage.</p>
72	<p>M4 South West Valleys Regional Park Gateways</p> <p>Coed Gwilym Park- town park with canal and links to VCN. Want to make more of the site- upgrade parking etc and renew a disused heritage visitor centre. Provision of interpretative information.</p> <p>Funding for improved links with canal/footway, develop heritage centre.</p>	CCS	<p>Approved in Principle</p> <p>EP001053</p>
73	<p>Penllergare Valley Woods</p> <p>Valley Woods- part of old estate. Interesting features e.g. waterfalls. Want to promote area to local community and visitors. Wider project to improve interpretation of site, signage, website etc</p> <p>Access through culvert linking to large FC owned site. Suspended walkway for bicycles and buggies.</p>	CCS	<p>Approved in Principle</p> <p>EP001054</p>
74	<p>Bridgend Community Route Enhancement Scheme</p> <p>Improvements to several sections of the Celtic Trail plus 1km missing link to Garw Valley.</p>	BCBC	<p>Approved in Principle</p> <p>EP001047</p> <p>Awaiting further information before issuing AIP.</p>
76	<p>Garw Valley Environmental Improvements</p>	BCBC	<p>Approved in Principle</p>

	<p>Bryngarw Country Park- Footpath, boardwalks, waymarking & landscape management (to compliment visitor centre improvements incl. cafe and toilets).</p> <p>Cwm Garw Fechan - Funding wanted for strengthening of existing ped/cyclist routes & creating new route. New waymarkers and access barriers. New signage and landscape design to entrance.</p>		EP001048
77	<p>Amman Valley Trotting Club</p> <p>Entrance way enhancements and landscape improvements on site.</p>	NPTCBC	<p>Approved in Principle</p> <p>EP001035</p> <p>At ATC stage.</p>
81	<p>Kidwelly Quays and Kymer's Canal – Phase 2</p> <p>Phase 2 works is to complete all path works, ecological & environmental improvements and works to preserve the historic integrity of the Kymer canal.</p>	CCC	<p>Approved in Principle</p> <p>Project code to be confirmed.</p>
83	<p>Parc Slip Visitor Centre Renovation Project</p> <p>Renovation of the visitor centre to include café and heritage centre. Visitor centre will act as gateway to all WTSWW reserves in VRP area.</p>	WTSWW	<p>Approved in Principle</p> <p>Project code to be confirmed.</p>
94	<p>Ancient Heritage – Access and Management Improvements</p> <p>A range of environmental and access improvements to open up and develop links between key sites in the currently 'untapped' ancient heritage and landscape history along the South Torfaen-Caerphilly border to develop and expand the area's tourism and visitor offer.</p>	TCBC	<p>Approved in Principle</p> <p>Project code to be confirmed.</p>
95	<p>Hidden Landscapes of Forgeside</p> <p>A high quality route from the Blaenavon World Heritage Centre to Big Pit Mining Museum.</p>	TCBC	<p>Approved in Principle</p> <p>Project code to be confirmed.</p>
96	<p>Parc Tondu – Heritage Connections – Access</p> <p>Open the remaining 1ha open to public access through the provision of a safe walkway to the coke ovens. Create a timber board walkway across some of the archaeological features</p>	Gwrk BNPT	<p>Approved in Principle</p> <p>Project code to be confirmed.</p>

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