

VALLEYS REGIONAL PARK ACTION PLAN

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Gelliwerd Recreation Park, Garnant
 Fos Las Racecourse link to Botanic Gardens
 Penygroes Brick Works
 Ynysdawela Nature Park
 Cynheidre Heritage Railway
 Garnant Park Golf Club
 Wernos Site
 Betws Colliery
 Gwenllian Pool Kidwelly
 Mynydd Llangendeirne
 Penmynydd Picnic Site, Trimsaren
 Glyn Abbey Ponds/Fishing Platforms
 Tysha Road Habitat Improvements, Tumble
 Pembrey Coastal Park

Merthyr Tydfil:

Cyfarthfa Heritage Area 41
 Brecon Mountain Railway
 Taff Fawr & Taff Fechan Reservoir sites
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 Welsh International Climbing Centre and ParcTaf Bargoed
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 Nant Morlais Community Route
 River Corridor
 Cefn Glas

Monmouthshire:

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 Clydach Ironworks
 Llandegfedd Water Sports Centre
 Keepers Pond
 Goytre Wharf & Hall Wood
 Monmouthshire & Brecon Canal
 Llanfoist Wharf & Car Park
 Llandegfedd Environmental Education Centre
 Castle Meadows, Abergavenny

Neath-Port Talbot:

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 Afan Forest Park

Pontneddfechan & Aberdulais Falls
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Victoria Park

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Mon & Brecon Canal Corridor

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Pontypool Park
Mon & Brecon Canal Corridor
Cwmbran River Park
Llanyrafon Mill and Farm
Cwm Lickey & Glyn Pits
The British

Valleys Regional Park Management

Core Team Set up

Name	Activity	Outputs	Cost	Fund	Lead & Potential Match Funding
Establish VRP Core Team	Appoint small team of staff to develop & drive forward a collaborative approach to delivering countryside, tourism and heritage services across 14 LA's thereby meeting the Assembly Government's aspirations in terms of Making the Connections.	Core team established Coordinated service deliver across the VRP		ESF P 4.1	WAG (DE&T) LA's, WLGA, LSB's Private Sector Funds

Sustainable Development Integration & Appraisal

Name	Activity	Outputs	Cost	Fund	Lead
SD Appraisal	Develop SD toolkit to measure projects against SD criteria	Toolkit	VRP Core Team		VRP Core Team
VRP Quality Standards	Develop a standard approach to site design, management, interpretation etc. to help develop consistency in Valleys Regional Park	Quality Standards Guidance Document including design and management guidelines	VRP Core Team		VRP Core Team
Project Management	Mainstream standard project management approach to ensure deliverability.	Project Management Guidance Document	VRP Core Team		VRP Core Team

Themed Cross Boundary Projects: Economy

Economy

Name	Activity	Outputs	Cost	European Funding	Lead & Potential Match Funding
Private Sector Engagement	<p>Supporting enterprise through the environmental and social activities detailed within this programme:</p> <p>Linking business/economic opportunities to practical environmental activities links with RDP's. Inc. accommodation provision, social enterprises & developing useful contacts with business assoc and chambers of commerce to support specific parts of action plan that will deliver outputs for them.</p> <p>Providing advice and support for businesses and new ventures that use the natural environment and heritage.</p> <p>Business Environmental Improvements: Improvements to business sites where these meet the strategic objectives of VRP</p>	<p>Advice and support given to 10 existing or prospective SME's</p> <p>3 Business sites improved</p>			<p>VRP Core Team Visit Wales/CRT & SWWTP, DE & T, LA's Private Sector Funding (in kind)</p> <p>DE&T/Private Sector</p>
Cluster Development	Development and enhancement of thematic and destination business clusters linked to key market propositions for the VRP e.g. activity tourism	10 clusters supported	150k pa	VRP E4G HoV E4G	CRT & SWWTP, HoV
Private Sector Affiliation Fund	Developing a partnership approach with the private sector to encourage design, quality and sustainable environmental management	Report and recommendations adopted by 10 LA's		LA's	LA's, WAG (DE&T)
Economic Assessment of Existing Sites and Facilities	<p>Study into economic activity that has been developed around existing facilities, identifying:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • crucial criteria to ensure success, • a typical model that works • lessons learnt <p>May not need to be new work but involve pulling together existing studies and information</p>	<p>Report and recommendations adopted by LA's, CCW, EA, FCW</p> <p>increase in number of new business start ups or expansions</p>			Visit Wales

Valleys Cycle Network

Name	Activity	Outputs(For complete VCN project)	Cost (Entire VCN project)	Fund	Lead & Potential Match Funding
Taff Trail	<p>Long distance route. Improvements to trail and completing links through Cardiff, Merthyr Tydfil and Rhondda Cynon Taff. Raising awareness of Trail and improving links to and from.</p> <p>Upgrading community links and infrastructure improvements to facilitate greater community use and realise potential economic regeneration benefits of the whole Taff Trail green corridor stretching from Taffs Well to Abercynon (not just the path surface) are required. Areas requiring specific, integrated and targeted improvements are:-</p> <p>Rhydyfelin Section (Pontypridd) - corridor running through housing estates (Communities First area)</p> <p>Penrhos Cuttings (Nantgarw) - potential LNR.</p> <p>Trallwn (Pontypridd) to Cilfynydd - river corridor. Resurface route from Nantgarw to Cilfynydd</p>	<p><i>Development of all-Trail website</i></p> <p><i>Production of free Trail leaflets</i></p> <p><i>Production of more informative Trail Booklet</i></p> <p><i>Developing links to the Trail {Cardiff}</i></p>	<p>£1,365,000</p> <p>£250,000 -</p> <p>£600,000</p>	Convergence P 3.1 (except Cardiff)	Sustrans , Groundwork WAG (HoV) RCTCBC, Cardiff CC, MTCBC
Rhymney Trail	Development of long distance Trail along the Rhymney Valley from Cardiff to Brecon Beacons. Extend existing section (from coast to Llanederyn in Cardiff) to north linking with other strategic trails. Includes raising awareness and improvements of linkages to other routes and local communities			Convergence P 3.1	Cardiff CC, other LAs on route, Sustrans? Groundwork?
Trevithick Trail	Remaining sections and links including connect 2 bridge scheme.		£612,000	Convergence P 3.1	Sustrans (connect 2) , TG, Sewta RTP, MTCBC
Celtic Trail and Garw Valleys	Proposed works to the Celtic Trail include schemes to link and work holistically in Parc Tondu, Bedford Park, Bryngarw Park	5000 additional visitors	£4,982,000	Convergence P 3.1	Sustrans , TG, SEWTA, RTP,

	including environmental improvements, access, cycle routes, car parking, interpretation etc. Junction improvements from Ogmore, Llynfi				BCBC,
	Implement Mawdlam to Nottage Celtic Trail link	6km route upgraded		1.3M	
Celtic Trail and links to Llynfi, Garw and Ogmore Valleys and from Bridgend to Porthcawl and Porthcawl to Celtic Trail at Pyle	<p>Production of a feasibility study to identify missing links and the opportunities for new links to be created in the Aberkenfig, Sarn and Brynmenyn area.</p> <p>The links from the Celtic Trail for implementation include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link 1. The Garw Valley Community Route and the visitor attraction of Bryngarw House. • Link 2. Bridge over the River Ogmore at Brynmenyn Industrial Estate. Scheme has the potential to open up an east west route linking to Pencoed. In addition there is the possibility of forming a safe route for employees of the industrial estate as an alternative to using the car. • Link 3. Parc Tondy to the Celtic trail via Aberkenfig Development Site. <p>Production of a feasibility study to identify a route from Bridgend to Porthcawl.</p> <p>Surface Improvements to parts of 3 existing cycle routes to bring those sections up to the same standard as the rest of the cycle route network in Bridgend. The routes are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Part of the Brynmenyn to Sarn section of the Celtic Trail 2. The Croft Goch Road to Bridge Street section of Pyle to Porthcawl Cycle Route 3. The Nantfyllon to Cemetery bridge, section of the Upper Llynfi cycle route 4. Production of a feasibility study to identify a route from Bridgend to Rhonnda Cynon Taf (via Pencoed) 	<p>1km additional route</p> <p>8km additional route</p> <p>1km additional route</p> <p>1 study report 16km additional route</p> <p>0.5km additional route</p> <p>0.5km additional route</p> <p>2.6km additional route</p> <p>1 feasibility study</p>	<p>£10,000</p> <p>£20,000</p> <p>£9,000</p> <p>£10,000</p> <p>£50,000</p> <p>£10,000</p>	Convergence P 3.1	<p>Sustrans BCBC, SEWTA, WAG</p>

	5. Production of a feasibility study to identify a route from Bridgend to the Vale of Glamorgan	1 feasibility study	£10,000		
Route 47/4	Key access and site improvements around Carmarthenshire		£1,800,000	Convergence P 3.1	Sustrans, SWWITCH
Links to Route 46	Construct link between Blaenavon and Brynmawr	Creation of 7 km cycle track 500 no of additional visitors	£1.25M in TCBC £450,000 in Blaenau Gwent	Convergence P 3.1	Sustrans , TCBC, Private Sector Funds WAG (HoV)
HOV Cycle Route 46	Completion of all remaining sections		£1,412,000		Sustrans , WAG(HotV), TG
Afan valley	Connect 2 link from Port Talbot to Afan Forest Park		£900,000	Convergence 3.1	Sustrans (Connect 2), NPTCBC (Section 106)
Strategic Valley routes and links	Rhymney Ebbw Fach and Fawr Sirhowy Cynon Rhondda Fach Garw, Ogmore Llynfi Neath Swansea Amman valley Gwendraeth		£14,753,000	Convergence P 3.1	Sustrans TG, WAG (HotV) Sewta/SWWITC H
Urban networks	Aberdare, Pyle, Maesteg, Pencoed, Swansea, Caerphilly		£2,454,000		Sustrans , WAG (SRtC) TG,

					SEWTA, SWWITCH
North Gower Trail	Completion of remaining phases		£250,000	Convergence P3.1	Sustrans Connect 2 WAG (DE&T)
Integrated Transport Systems, (alternatives to journeys by private car)	Work with public transport providers to develop opportunities for a more integrated transport system involving walking, cycling, bus and train links.	Report			

Identity

Name	Activity	Outputs	Total Project Cost	European Funding	Lead & Potential Match Funding
Valleys Regional Park Summary Document	Revise and sharpen the VRP vision, objectives, outputs and outcomes. Could be text for web page and 2000 leaflets/ briefing pages produced	1 updated concise document 1 web site created 500 promotional leaflets	£1,000		VRP Core Team, WAG (DE&T)
Communications Strategy	Prepare communications plan for Valleys Regional Park that will include a coordinated cross boundary approach to community engagement in VRP.	1 Communications Plan			VRP Core Team
Marketing Audit	Undertake a marketing audit in Valleys Regional Park	Completed Marketing Audit	£5000		CRT, Visit Wales, SWWTP
Marketing Activity	Subject to a Marketing Audit, support relevant existing destination and thematic marketing campaigns across VRP e.g. Wisdom and Walks Swansea Bay Carmarthenshire Heritage Coast Activities Walking Riding Cycling Heritage and Culture Events	15:1 RoI from marketing activity Tourism growth in VRP 6.5% pa	£400,000pa	VRP E4G	Tourism Marketing Areas, Visit Wales, CRT, SWWTP, Private Sector

VRP Gateway Improvements	Entrance Gateways to VRP significantly improved to raise the quality and recognition of key routes into to the VRP.	12 no strategic gateways improved	500,000	Convergence P 5.1	LA's WAG (DE&T)
Programme of Events across the Valleys	1 -2 large events supported e.g. World Heritage Weekend (including Garn Lakes day or lighting and fireworks at Blaenavon Ironworks Develop coordinated programmes of small events across VRP	Develop 6 existing events and set up 6 new events? Include and expand 'Valleys Walking Festival' Support for all LA walks programmes All above marketed and publicised jointly 25,000 visitors	250,000	Convergence P4.3	CRT, SWWTP
VRP Branding & Visitor Information	Encourage tourism businesses to work together to create an integrated suite of branded visitor information relating to VRP			Convergence P4.3	Visit Wales
Web Based Tourist Information on Landscape Biodiversity, Culture and Heritage	Support regional biodiversity centres in the dissemination of information to tourists Develop wildlife tourism campaigns & awareness raising			P 4.3 (Sustainable Tourism)	Visit Wales

Skills

Name	Activity	Outputs	Total Project Cost	European Funding	Lead & Potential Match Funding
Audit	Undertake skills audit to establish gaps in skills market for VRP - will cover practical and professional skills in environment, tourism & heritage.	1 report on skills gaps & a planned way forward to fill these			VRP Core Team , TTFW, LA's, Herian, Hov
Environment, Tourism & Heritage Skills Development Programme	<p>Establishing Skills Training Programmes to meet the needs of SME's and provide opportunities for young people and the unemployed to gain recognised qualifications that lead to employment. & signpost to social enterprise/community business. Involves engaging with educational establishments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tourism Skills • Countryside Skills • Heritage Skills <p>BCBC has applied for funding under RDP to deliver Herian's Green Badge Training or similar programme to Private and Voluntary sector within rural Bridgend. This becomes part of the Herian element.</p>	<p>500 no individuals involved (inc.180in CCBC) 500 no of qualifications gained (inc. 180 in CCBC) 5 no of jobs secured (inc. 2 in CCBC)</p> <p>300 People [60 people p.a. 5 jobs p.a.]</p> <p>60 conservation apprentices (over 5 years) 60 NVQs gained 45 of the apprentices to go onto further relevant employment 650 volunteers trained 200 land based skill courses</p>	£1.5M	ESF RDP	HOV, TTFW GWT, Skills Sector organisations Groundwork, LA's, CCW, Education Bodies, BTCV. HLF, Cadw BTCV
Professional Skills Development Programme	<p>Establish links with higher education establishments, Wales Biodiversity Partnership, LIW & LA's, to provide work experience/on the job training leading to professional qualifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecological field skills • Landscape Architecture/Management • Tourism. 	<p>5 Sandwich Year Student Placements per annum</p> <p>Deliver 5 adult wildlife awareness courses involving 200 people as a pilot</p> <p>Deliver 10 presentations per annum, to GCSE & A-Level students in schools and colleges to encourage interest in environmental careers</p>	£20,000pa	ESF P 1, 2 & 3	VRP Core Team , LA's, LIW, WBP, Universities

Access and Recreation

Name	Activity	Outputs	Total Project Cost	European Funding	Lead & Potential Match Funding
Loops and Links: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mountain Biking Trails 	<p>Enhance existing trails by improved coordination of the mountain bike experience, transport to facilities, on site facilities and marketing. Initial focus on existing flagships e.g. Afan Forest Park, Cwmcarn Forest.& Cwmtillery Com first CALON project – Mountain bike centre (BGCBC) Essential to consider long-term maintenance and management.</p> <p><i>Potential to develop further routes or new centre e.g. Gethin/Merthyr subject to a feasibility study to establish what the market potential is and what further infrastructure is needed fully integrating with FCW Mountain Bike strategy and priorities</i></p>	<p>Feasibility Study to determine following outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of Centres Additional Routes Transport to sites Site facilities and Marketing Long term management 	<p>£10k</p> <p>£3M</p>	<p>Convergence P 4.3</p>	<p>Visit Wales, LA's, FCW</p> <p>FCW/LA's Private sector</p>
Loops & Links: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walking Trails 	<p>Work in partnership with the Town and Community Councils, CCW, landowners and users to further develop the series of walks leaflets as per the current CCW Access Improvement Programme in Bridgend.</p> <p>Long Distance Walks:</p> <p>Interpretation and Promotion of long distance routes e.g. Cistercian Way, Coed Morgannwg Way Ogmore Way St Illtyds to St Cadocs Twmbarlwm Route to Mon & Brec Canal Gwendreath Valley Route</p> <p>Design and develop walking links from local communities to green space, open access land and recreational sites by enhancing the PROW system. Programme to include surfacing, gates, stiles and other infrastructure, signage, way-marking and</p>	<p>Creation of at least 9 additional circular walks in BCBC</p> <p>Improvement to at least 50Km of public rights of way in BCBC</p> <p>10 no of additional trails</p> <p>5km km of route created 25000 no of additional users in CCBC</p>	<p>£25,000 p.a.</p>	<p>Convergence P 4.3</p>	<p>LA's with Groundwork in Wales, WAG, DCWW, (DE&T) CCW, FCW</p>

	<p>promotion. Some physical improvement works should be carried out by Pride Development Officers and local communities.</p> <p>This should build upon the work already carried out as part of the loops and links project, or similar programme, and the ROWIP's, to create a comprehensive network of local links. Preference to be given to strategic and cross border links and joint working.</p> <p>Include schemes to encourage people to use their local countryside. Review all access to FCW land against results of LA implementation of CCW Assessable Greenspace tool kit. Use results of review to influence work programme</p>	<p>Consider package B&B with luggage shuttle { orfaen}</p> <p>Programme of activities to make woodlands more accessible (FCW)</p>	<p>£75,000 p.a. for 5 years</p>		<p>FCW</p>
<p>Loops and Links:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Horse Riding & Walking Trail 	<p>Develop improvements to bridleway network including long distance route and facilities. Initially develop a flagship route. Identify other key routes from stables or country parks including proposals for route improvements, associated infrastructure and marketing to enable riding through the VRP. Encourage business development along side improved network. Feasibility study for such development around Caerphilly Mountain Ridgeway trails</p> <p>An important part of the access network that needs to be comprehensively planned with consideration to the needs of different users i.e. walkers, mountain bikers, horse riders. One new horse riding route/trail per county, cross border routes that will enhance and compliment existing and proposed RoW improvements. Linking/developing with equine accommodation to complement these routes and with the potential to generate up to 27 million for the Welsh Economy (BHS, Jan Roche)</p>	<p>10 additional trails created 3 (3 in CCBC) 5km of route created 25000 additional users</p> <p>Consider a route that includes walking, cycling, riding, canoeing etc</p> <p>Consider package B&B with stabling for horses. Look at cross boundary routes and strategic links that ultimately make a Wales-wide network of bridleways. [Torfaen]</p> <p>Better used facilities with job creation</p>	<p>£20,000 per authority</p> <p>10,000</p>	<p>Convergence P 4.3</p>	<p>LA's with Groundwork in Wales, BHS, CCW</p> <p>Visit Wales</p>

<p>Loops and Links:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Cycling Trails 	<p>Improvements to accessibility from local communities & signage. Additional physical improvements.</p> <p>Create gateways to and from national cycle trails at key access points, particularly local shopping centres or tourist sites (Sites to include branding, information & orientation points, seating, improved environment etc.)</p>	<p>12 km of route improved 25000 visitors</p> <p>20 key gateways created at strategic points in the network</p>	<p>£500,000</p>		<p>Sustrans, Groundwork in Wales, LA's</p>
<p>VRP Connections</p>	<p>Enhancement of public transport gateways and tourist information provision, including bus services, railway stations, park and ride facilities and bicycle carrying services</p>				<p>SEWTA SWWITCH, Groundwork, LA's</p>
<p>Outdoor pursuits promotion</p>	<p>Implementation of Outdoor Pursuits Feasibility Study.</p> <p>Outdoor Pursuits Projects across the VRP delivered according to the findings of the study, and the Visit Wales Strategy Priorities and objectives. And the recommendations of the governing bodies</p> <p>Climbing centre / Horse riding Centre / Indoor Caving centre for Torfaen (may be in different locations)</p> <p>HoV 2008 Walking Festival</p> <p>Torfaen holiday Package w/e where you could try several activities - linked to local providers. Could be VRP wide.</p>	<p>Completed study</p>	<p>£15,000</p> <p>£1m</p>	<p>Convergence P 4.3</p> <p>Convergence P 4.3</p>	<p>CCW, SCW HOV, LA's, Private Sector Volunteer Time. CCW, FCW, Outdoor Pursuits governing bodies, Landowners, Sports Council for Wales LA's , WAG (HoV)</p>
<p>Fishing Initiatives</p>	<p>The promotion & development of community based fishing initiatives & development of community fisheries & improve fishing infrastructure inc. fishery & habitat management</p>	<p>10 fishery infrastructure improvements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BDAA approved access audits Better access Signage Car Parking Toilet Facilities Angling Platforms Improved fishery 	<p>£200k</p>	<p>ERDF ESF</p>	<p>S E Wales Rivers Trust, EAW, Dwr Cymru, LA's</p>

		<p>management</p> <p>Establish 5 community fisheries managed by local angling clubs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase club funds through extra members & day ticket sales • Host club led angling participation events (supported by FWA & EAW) • 5 no of community based fishing groups • 5 no of water bodies stocked 	£100K		
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Themed Cross Boundary Projects: Environment

Name	Activity	Outputs	Total Project Cost	European Funding	Lead & Potential Match Funding
Geological Heritage	Assess the feasibility of and develop proposals and business plan for a coordinated approach to the protection, promotion and interpretation of geological heritage	Report & business plan	£10K		BIGC
Ecological Connectivity	<p>Undertake a study to determine ecological connectivity opportunities within the VRP (and links to the Wales wide connectivity work currently being undertaken by CCW.</p> <p>Implement recommendations from the study particularly related to water, woodland and grassland habitats.</p> <p>To be undertaken within the context of the Networked Environmental Region concept as identified in the Wales Spatial Plan.</p> <p>Update Phase 1 Habitat data across the area. This can then be used to inform emerging Local Development Plans (LDPs) and update other initiatives such as Landmap.</p> <p>Includes Coalfields Rhos Pasture Project: Working with farmers and landowners to protect and enhance grassland connectivity for the UK BAP Marsh Fritillary Butterfly. The connectivity mapping for this species is already in place and the project will be based on a successful pilot project in Tonyrefail.</p>	<p>GlamBAG and GGBAG coordinated projects to develop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> detailed habitat mapping, disaggregated regional HAP and SAP targets a practical "Toolkit" <p>Will be linked with practical improvements and a targeted biodiversity action grant scheme</p> <p>LBAP targets for Marsh Fritillary Butterfly</p>	<p>Initial Stage £20-40K</p> <p>£1M</p>	LIFE 2	<p>CCW, Pont WAG (HoV) WAG (DE&T), WBP, LA's, EAW, Wildlife Trusts FCW GGBAG, GLAMBAG</p> <p>Butterfly Conservation LA's – Bridgend, Merthyr, Rhondda, Caerphilly, Neath.</p>
Biodiversity Project Action Grant scheme	Develop a funding mechanism to support and implement the connectivity strategy. Includes working with landowners to manage access & enhance biodiversity, better country side code behaviour and could link into a Common land management grazing scheme (below) and Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINCs) and Local Nature Reserves (LNRs)	10 individual schemes funded 5ha of habitats connected and/or secured against further fragmentation access	£500K PA Scoping	LIFE 2	CCW, LA,s, Private Sector Funds WAG (RDP's) CCW (poss?) WAG (HoV), FCW, Wildlife Trusts,RSPB

	Develop local markets and support agri-management particularly of commons, linked to RDP proposals.		project Prioritised actions thereafter		HOV, LA's, WAG (RDP's)
Valleys Forest: Woodland Management	Improvements to the conifer plantations across S Wales integrating them into the landscape, converting areas to Broadleaf trees and removal from inappropriate areas. Bring all woodlands within public ownership into management schemes. Restore existing neglected woodlands. Ensuring woodlands provide ecological connectivity, are appropriate in the landscape and bring biodiversity gains.	Enhanced landscape setting for VRP area making area more attractive to live and work, creating wealth. Greater community and biodiversity benefits 50 Ha of land improved		FCW core budget	FCW , LA's
Valleys Forest: Expanding the area of Woodland	Develop new broadleaf woodland planting. New woodlands will also be assessed for the social, economic and climate change benefits they can provide.	100 Ha of new broadleaf woodland per annum	£1 million	Convergence P4.3	FCW LA's
Upland Common Management	in accordance with Part 2 of the Commons Act 2006, prepare and implement 5 year Management Plans for 5 pilot commons throughout the VRP to improve and conserve cultural and historical aspects, biodiversity, landscape, encourage local involvement and support local services. Preference will be given to cross border and collaborative working and community involvement. Local Authorities to submit proposals for specific sites. Develop guidance on a range of commonly occurring legal issues surrounding Common Land	5 year management plans for 6 Commons 5 Full Time Jobs Created 1 Initiative to develop the natural and/or historic landscape on at least 3 separate sites 1 Environmental Risk Management Initiative Min 1000 hectares of land managed sustainably across VRP	£2M	LIFE 2	CCBC, BCBC, CCW WAG, Pont HoV, Private Sector Funds, Commoners HLF Gelligaer Commoners Coity Wallia Graziers, Dunraven Estates, CCW, and possibly others, Esmee Fairburn Trust, HLF, the Tubney Trust.
Invasive Species	Develop and implement a pilot project to determine the value of undertaking a valleys wide strategy to control invasive species. Undertake monitoring of post habitat management. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Japanese Knotweed,• Giant Hogweed etc.• Parrots Feather,	Initial study (Year 1) Japanese Knotweed: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• evaluate success of previous work across HoV area,• continue follow up treatment of previously treated	£200K (HoV subject to programme approval)	Convergence P5.1 ESF P1T1&T2 LIFE	LA's WAG (HoV) £100k WAG (DE&T?) EAW?, FCW Private developers?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water Fern, Red Eared Terrapin <p>A JK study was carried out last year 2007 photographing the whole of Wales using colour infra red imagery. This may be used to identify areas of knotweed.?? Commissioned by WAG – company called COWI</p> <p>Data available from Geoperspectives. Could save lots of £££ on the survey (BGCBC)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> areas, map all existing areas. Refer to data held by Geoperspectives develop a VRP wide strategy for control and potentially eradication develop a monitoring strategy for the work <p>Control and eradication project running over a minimum of 3 years ideally 5 – 10 building on the work of the pilot project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 Full Time Jobs created 200 hectares land remediated 25 No achieving environmental qualifications (CCBC) 	£1.5 Million		£500,000 WAG (HOV)
Historic Landscape restoration	<p>Develop implementation programmes for the Historic Landscape Conservation Management Plans being prepared for Merthyr Tydfil, Rhondda, Gelligaer Common, & Clydach Gorge landscapes of historic interest.</p> <p>Undertake assessment of key sites to restore and/or enhance the historic & cultural aspects of the environment, including derelict, underused and historical landscapes within the VRP. Inc:</p>	<p>Completed study and 2 pilot projects completed by March 2010</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 F/T Job Created 2 P/T Jobs Created 	<p>2 Projects</p> <p>2.5 million</p> <p>Study £100,000 ccbc</p>	Convergence P4.3	<p>LA's, CADW, WAG (DE&T), Herian, Wildlife Trusts HLF Private Sector Communities Next/First Voluntary Sector</p> <p>40,000 (CCBC)</p> <p>BGCBC</p>

	<p>Sirhowy Valley Landscape Partnership</p> <p>Provide recommendations for long-term use, income generation and management.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50 Volunteers Trained • 6 Hectares of Land Restored (CCBC) 	Works £1,000,000 (CCBC)		400,000 (CCBC)
	<p>Blaenavon Forgotten Landscape Partnership</p>	<p>Total project area 71 sq kilometres</p> <p>Increased visitors to the landscape 5,000/annum</p> <p>Potential for additional 1 job</p> <p>5km improved footpaths and disabled access</p> <p>Reduce crime in the Countryside</p> <p>Interpretation and education, particularly in the new WHS Visitor Centre</p> <p>Encouraging wider access</p> <p>Enhancing and conserving the historic landscape</p> <p>Enhancing and protecting valuable habitats</p> <p>Working with landowners and commoners</p> <p>Developing training and education programmes</p>		Convergence P4.3	<p>TCBC/ Blaenavon Forgotten Landscape Partnership HLF WAG, EAW Cadw,</p>
<p>Valleys Regional Park Landscape Action Plans for each LA</p>	<p>Preparation of Landscape Action Plans for BGCBC, CCBC, MTCBC, RCTCBC, BCBC, NPTCBC, SCC & Carmarthen CC and part of Cardiff</p> <p>To include the identification of "Hidden Valleys" the post-industrial 'Hidden Gems' that are</p>	<p>9 Landscape Action Plans prepared.</p> <p>1 for each of the LA's</p>	150,000		<p>LA's, (DE&T)</p>

	tucked away and not recognised for their immense Cultural, Historical, Ecological and Geological importance. These neglected but vital assets to the VRP need to be celebrated. Process to take account of LANDMAP				
Town Parks, open spaces, incidental spaces	There are many spaces in valleys towns and urban fringe which are in poor condition and require significant investment. These are very important for the image of the valleys, and contribute to achieving Greenspace health targets.	10 Ha of open space upgraded 4km of footpath improved	£1million		LA's , HLF WAG EAW Cadw, CCW
Nature Reserves for People & Wildlife	Manage and promote a network of nature reserves as accessible greenspace, through habitat management, public access provision, volunteer recruitment and training, community engagement and site promotion to local people and tourists Project will showcase the distinctive variety of wildlife habitats in the VRP – both ancient habitat and the results of vegetation development on mining wastes, particularly through natural regeneration. The network of sites will have key linkages with economic objectives, by promoting tourism and environmental quality which should lead to economic investment; to access and thus informal education, health & recreation (links with CCW urban greenspace toolkit); and to skills and training Links envisaged with nature conservation apprenticeships programme	Use the rangers identified in the Rangers Programme to implement Number of sites: 20 20,000 Visits/site/yr 60 no. volunteer wardens trained and involved	£25,000 per authority per year	Convergence P4.3	LA's , TCBC , WAG, BLF, CCW, GWT, WTSWW, DCWW, Coalfield Regeneration Trust

Themed Cross Boundary Projects: People

Health

Name	Activity	Outputs	Total Project Cost	European Funding	Lead & Potential Match Funding
Health Challenge Valleys	<p>Maximise health gain across the HoV area through better co-ordination. Development and expansion of the Health Challenge Valleys Network which currently includes healthy living projects across the patch – who deliver a range of activities and initiatives focusing on improving physical, mental and social wellbeing. Many of the activities are focussed within the natural environment.</p> <p>Successful projects to be used as evidence base to ensure they are rolled out across the whole Valleys Regional Park Area, also attracting funding streams for successful delivery of projects.</p>	<p>Expansion of the HCV Network and evidence of projects delivered jointly between Network members e.g. Healthy Living Projects.</p> <p>Groundwork and BTCV to maximise the potential of the environment in improving health and wellbeing within the most deprived communities in the HoV area.</p>	Roll out of activities £100k		HoV , BTCV, Visit Wales, Outdoor Pursuits governing bodies, LA's, Private Sector Funding
Health & Environment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VRP Adventure/Working Holidays 	Undertake a study & develop an action plan to determine the potential opportunities for activity/adventure/working holidays within VRP.	Completed study Action Plan	£30,000		BTCV , Visit Wales, Outdoor Pursuits governing bodies, LA's, Private Sector Funding
Health & Environment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to water strategy (inc fishing & canoeing) 	Develop coordinated approach toward encouraging sensible use of local water. From sites, to outdoor pursuits to household use.	Completed Strategy	£10,000		EAW , LA's, BTCV, Fishing Clubs, Dwr Cymru, CCW, BW, SE Wales Rivers Trust Welsh Canoe Association (WCA)
Health & Environment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green Gym 	Roll out and develop the green gym/green exercise concept across South Wales Valleys. The projects will be aligned to the delivery of infrastructure projects where possible.	1000 individuals involved 40 community groups participated,	£550k p.a.		BTCV , LA's WAG (HoV), Sustrans, Comm 1 st Groups Groundwork „, Ramblers Communities 1st

<p>Health & the Environment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greenspaces for Health 	<p>Implement recommendations from Greenspace Toolkit Assessment funded by HOV in relevant LA's & BCBC for that area</p> <p>Undertake assessment in non HOV areas</p>	<p>% decrease in areas not meeting the green space standard</p>	<p>1M</p>		<p>LA's CCW, HoV Environment, BTCV/ Groundwork/Sustrans, WAH Health Improvement Division</p>
<p>Health & Environment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lets Walk Wales 	<p>Develop the lets walk Wales campaign within the valleys.</p>				<p>CCW, WAG (Visit Wales), Sports Council for Wales, LHB's, LA's</p>

Environmental Education

Name	Activity	Outputs	Total Project Cost	European Funding	Lead & Potential Match Funding
Education Strategy	Prepare Environmental Education Strategy to develop formal links with schools and the National Curriculum using the Valleys environment as an outdoor classroom. Will include setting out a self funding implementation system over the project period. This to be done with the aim of creating greater awareness of global issues on a local scale but also generate awareness of geology, local habitats and species.	Audit of existing environmental education provision 1 strategy & business plan	£20,000	Convergence P 4.3	CCW with DCWW, RSPB, EAW, VRP Core Team, LA's, Wildlife Trusts, Herian Forest Education Initiative (FEI)
Eco Education Roll Out	Further roll out of eco education initiatives as part of SD inc. Eco Schools especially focusing on secondary school pupils. Make use of the LNR's to provide opportunities for local schools in the promotion of environmental education. Further roll out of Forest Education initiative and 'Forest School' People & Wildlife: Lifelong Community Education Design, develop and deliver a programme of lifelong, community wildlife conservation education to ensure more communities, groups and individuals: * Understand and enjoy the natural environment * Have the skill, knowledge to become actively involved in wildlife conservation Establish links to national strategies (e.g. National Curriculum) and focus on those who traditionally have little contact with nature conservation. Establish close links with LEAs, FE and HE. To maximise impact provide others with the skill, knowledge and enthusiasm to teach people about wildlife and conservation. Links envisaged with nature conservation apprenticeships programme Waste Management & Flood Risk awareness initiatives	50 additional schools involved 200 wildlife conservation courses for adults and families 300 courses for school age children 10 wildlife campaigns 20 wildlife events 30 INSET courses for teachers 20,000 people participate in the programme	£100,000k (ccbc) £750,000 over 5 years	ESF P1T1+2	DCWW, LA's Careers Wales Edu Business Partnership FCW, Schools, GWT WAG,CCW, Las, FE & HE (inc. Coleg Gwent & The Learning Campus), Forestry Commission, Conservation Bodies, Environmental Bodies

Community Engagement

Name	Activity	Outputs	Total Project Cost	European Funding	Potential Match Funding
Valleys Regional Park Ranger/Wardens	<p>Development & Management of the VRP. Managing the facilities associated with the VRP will require park rangers/wardens. The project will include a baseline assessment of existing provision, and future need. The Rangers will have a community focus, but will develop and manage programmes of activities and events for visitors, working with the Cleaner Greener Communities Officers & HOV funded Town Centre Rangers to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * implement visitor management programmes * manage facilities and infrastructure * work to support statutory agencies to tackle anti social problems thereby reducing the fear of crime in rural and urban fringe areas. * Involve local people in the practical management of the Park by setting up 'Friends Groups' that will help communities solve local problems, engage the disaffected and improve and maintain health and well-being of the communities * work to improve land for nature conservation, access and community use, work with volunteers to repair fences/stone walls, plant trees, etc * organise and implement environmental education & support training programmes with local schools and community groups to contribute to environmental awareness raising and the National Curriculum objectives * devise health initiatives such as walks and practical activities events <p>Local authorities to make case for funding to</p>	<p>Report on existing provision, cross boundary & cross sector working, and future need 100 no of visitor events/yr 2000 no of participating visitors 10 no of jobs created 100 no of qualifications gained 50 no of community/friends groups established 100 hectares of land improved for community use & biodiversity 500 no of metres of stone walling restored/hedgerows laid/fences erected/trees planted etc. 50 no of environmental education/training events held 10 No of health promotion events held per annum</p> <p>Wildlife audits for 80 sites / year</p> <p>Habitat management/creation on 40 sites (est. 80 ha) / year</p> <p>VRP needs to agree how many @ circa £20-25k per officer.</p>	<p>£1m pa for 5 years</p> <p>£5m</p>	<p>Interreg IVB</p> <p>Convergence P 4.3 for VRP</p>	<p>LA's KWT& BTCV/Sustrans/ Groundwork? – Sustrans has cycleway rangers? WAG (HOV)</p> <p>LA's, LHB,s Green Exercise partnership</p>

	<p>appoint based on a Management Plan and Exit Strategy.</p> <p>Wardens to engage with Cleaner Greener Communities in the education, training and physical improvement work with volunteers.</p>				
Cleaner Greener Communities	<p>Establish a community engagement scheme to develop and maintain local community greenspace?? Based on protocol & partner need</p> <p>Includes Pride in Our Communities Initiative with 8 focus campaigns to target fly tipping hotspots with enforcement, engagement & education, involving businesses & communities.</p> <p>Water quality monitoring</p>	<p>30% reduction in fly tipping at identified hotspots, measured against LEQ standards. Water quality monitored & improved on 20km of river</p>	<p>2.4 Million (CGC across whole VRP area)</p>	<p>Convergence P5T2</p>	<p>KWT, BTCV, Groundwork, CCW, EAW, WAG (DE&T) WAG (HOV) £1.8M, WAG (LEQ Funds) WTSWW</p>
Community Chest	<p>Community chest for small-scale community park initiatives (up to £20,000 per project). Development of locally important sites by local groups/ organisations. Run in conjunction with the officer based programmes of the VRP</p> <p>Must comply with specific project criteria</p>		<p>£100,000 pa</p>	<p>This should consider existing models of Development Officer support to help deliver the money.</p>	<p>VRP Core Group LA's Community Groups Groundwork BTCV Communities First KWT</p>
Herian: Implementation of the Herian Interpretation and Related Access Infrastructure Plan	<p>Interpretive Advisory Service:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage specialist advisors Interpretive Training programme <p>Community Heritage Training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome to our Heritage Local Ambassadors Scheme Green Badge Tour Guides Scheme <p>Chartist Project (People and Protest)</p> <p>Interpretation Through Performance:</p> <p>Herian Information Point Kiosks</p> <p>Trail of Light</p>	<p>3 pt/advisors 100 groups /orgs receiving advice 50 groups supported 50 local Ambassadors trained 50 'accredited' guides trained 200 tours delivered</p> <p>10 groups supported 10 events</p> <p>30 performances</p> <p>15 additional kiosks</p> <p>35 additional heritage</p>	<p>£260k (3 yrs) £122k (3 yrs) £80k (3 yrs) £94k (3 yrs) £60k (3 yrs) £370k (3 yrs) £222k (3 yrs) £1762k (3</p>	<p>Convergence P4.3</p>	<p>HERIAN</p> <p>WAG (Visit Wales), HLF, LA's, Volunteer Time, WAG (HOV), WAG (DELLS), Private sponsorship</p>

	<p>Interpretation and Access Points</p> <p>Valleys Built Heritage Project: Promotion & identity of the Valleys traditional terraced housing, its urban role within the context of VRP, & its maintenance/repair using traditional building/craft skills.</p>	<p>structures lit</p> <p>50 interpretive/access projects supported</p> <p>1 web site</p> <p>1 travelling exhibition</p> <p>100,000 promotional leaflets</p> <p>1 TV series</p> <p>1 pilot project on valleys community</p>	<p>yrs)</p> <p>£1546k (3 yrs)</p> <p>£100k</p>		
Off Road Motorcycling	<p>Further develop the action plan prepared by the Cross Boundary Group, in partnership with the police, to tackle the problem of illegal off road motorcycle use in the countryside/urban fringe and open spaces</p> <p>Support the develop of innovative off road provision schemes that will educate and train local people</p> <p>Support the All Wales Off-road steering group and the 'Provisions Group' to develop an applicant's tool kit based on experience and best practice across GB, to guide applicants for site provision through the process for establishment</p>	<p>Updated action plan</p> <p>Build on the existing BTCV pilot provision in ystalyfera and roll out across VRP</p> <p>4 no of sites established</p> <p>Toolkit</p>	<p>£10,000</p> <p>£459,000 per annum [btcv]</p> <p>Need further output info</p>		<p>VRP Core Group, CCW HOV, Police, LA's, WAG, BTCV</p> <p>WAG Off road steering group</p>
Crime in the Countryside	<p>Expand the motorcycling issue to include all crime in the countryside e.g. Arson, theft, anti-social behaviour, fly-tipping.</p> <p>Social research project into the problems of grass & forest fires in the south Wales valleys & evaluation of current community engagement techniques to combat the problem</p>	<p>Support existing Car Park Watch Schemes and set up new ones</p> <p>Set up 10 no new 'Countryside Crime' partnerships in Local Authority Areas</p> <p>Set up 10 no Education / Youth programmes (Bike Swap – Mountain bike for motorbike?) set up mountain bike groups</p> <p>A report that provides a clear understanding of the problem and gives direction for future anti arson initiatives</p>	<p>£350,000</p> <p>£106,000</p> <p>2 year project</p>	<p>Interreg</p> <p>Convergence 4.3</p>	<p>LA's, Groundwork, EA, WAG FCW, Fire Services (SWFRS, MWFRS) and Police Services</p>

The Visit Network Community Tourism Initiative	<p>Visit Network development across South Wales Valleys to work together to support, communicate, develop sustain and promote the opportunities for community based tourism in the south Wales Valleys. Activities will complement the work of Visit Wales and the Heads of the Valleys Tourism Strategy and will provide community engagement opportunities and green social enterprise / heritage development for the Valleys regional Park.</p>	<p>6 Jobs</p>	<p>£177K</p>	<p>P 4.3</p>	<p>Groundwork, Wales</p>
Churches Tourism Network in Wales	<p>Promotion of Churches and Churchyards as visitor attractions. Community based tourism initiatives, Incorporating biodiversity enhancement to create living churchyards linked by walking trails.</p>	<p>Undertake feasibility study & prepare action plan</p> <p>Implement Carmarthenshire Churches & Schools Trails Project</p>	<p>Report & action plan</p> <p>£30K</p>		<p>Groundwork & CTNW Wildlife Trusts, LA's</p>
Sustainability & Support in Communities	<p>Greencare practical environmental improvements Greencare Networks Greencare Apprentices</p> <p>Coverage: VRP area Delivery Partners: Sustainable Swansea BTCV – FEI component part</p> <p>Community based practical toolkit and development project to empower communities to adopt a more sustainable form of living. Links to local Communities First action plans – environment and links design and environmental guidance.</p> <p>Creation of a central reference point and other resources for CF partnerships and others to enable community groups to undertake design and environmental planning with professional teams and to incorporate into local action plans and strategies.</p> <p>This project links directly with the WJEC</p>		<p>£4.5M</p> <p>£770K</p> <p>£1M</p>		<p>Groundwork, Wales</p>

	<p>environmental design proposal currently registered as a Priority 3 ESF project. Groundwork Wales will take some lead in this.</p> <p>Technical support to move groups and community ideas forward through skills development to trading ability and procurement.</p> <p>Support for business planning, sourcing funds, visioning, project and programme management, evaluation etc.</p>		£738K		
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Local Authority Infrastructure Priorities

Key Strategic sites

- Already visitor destination nationally
- Near major transport corridors
- Near major settlements

Local sites

- Serve local population
- Local authority Priority

Connector sites

- Those sites that lie geographically outside Valleys Regional Park boundary but are central to signposting visitors to sites

Local Authority	Name	Activity	Outputs	Total Project Costs	European Funding	Lead & Potential Match Funding
Blaenau Gwent						
Key Strategic Sites	Brynbach Country Park, Sirhowy Valley	Events programme to include Golf Tournaments, cyclo cross, BMX (British and national events) Fishing caravanning and adventure activities, It's a knock-out Triathlon, Go Wild event etc. Expansion of existing golf facility Hotel development	20 no events 100 000 no participants 130 jobs created 27 jobs safeguarded Provision of 30 bed bunkhouse facility	(£4- - 10M + £2M ,£600K, £500K) Total £13M	Convergence P 4.3	BGCBC WAG (Visit Wales, HoV) Sports Council, Private Sector investment
	The Works, Corus, Ebbw Fawr: Major regeneration project inc. housing, retail, woodland, wetland & gardens	Construction of Environmental Education Centre Environmental/landscape works as part of the development including development of the central valley on the steelworks site linked via a land bridge and the Eastern Valley	Provision of 1 no education / environment centre 100 hectares of environmental improvements 5Km of access improvements 30 no jobs created 20 qualifications gained	£3M	Convergence P 5.1	BGCBC WAG (HOV), WAG (DE&T), GWT

		Slopes to Silent Valley to include woodland, wetland & gardens including Eastern Valley Slopes to Silent Valley				
Local Sites	Bedwellty House and Park, Sirhowy Valley	Overall restoration of Bedwellty House and Park, Ponds, grotto, ice house. Improvements as part of Sirhowy Landscape partnership and in line with Markham Colliery. Potential for Open Garden events.	100K no of additional visitors 10 hectares of land improved 50 no of jobs created (based on 1 job created per £100K investment) 9620 man days of volunteer time (based on 185 volunteers @1 day per week for 1year)	£5.2M	Convergence P 4.3	BGCBC , WAG (HoV) £1M HLF, sports lot
	Western Ebbw Fawr Garden Festival Site, Ebbw Fawr: Retail, restaurants & parking.	General environmental improvements to encourage private sector engagement. Wider environmental improvements to provide access to high quality natural open space for local communities	200K no of additional visitors 2 no jobs created 200 Hectares of land improved 2Km of access improvements	£250k	Convergence P 5.1	BGCBC Private Sector Sponsorship HOV, WAG
	Eastern Ebbw Fawr Silent Valley, Ebbw Fawr SSSI & LNR	Provision of an Environmental Education Facility / Training Centre (linked to the learning Campus) and site access enhancements. Reuse of Landfill site offices upon decommissioning	50K no of additional visitors 2 no of jobs created 2KM of access improvements	£250K	Convergence P 4.3	GWT , CCW, Visit Wales, WAG (HOV somewhere in the region of £250K for blue lakes subject to PID approval)
	Blue Lakes Community Fishing Initiative	Provision of an ecobuild fishing / visitor centre (gateway to Valleys fishing, General environmental and access improvements	1no of jobs created 20no of events held 20K no of additional visitors attracted 2Km of access improvements implemented 90 no man days of volunteer time provided	£800 K		EVAD , HOV, WAG HLF, community funds
	Ebbw Fach Community Initiatives Name Beaufort Ponds	Environmental	2 no of jobs created	£500K		BGCBC , Com 1 st , WAG, HLF, HOV, DCWW

	<p> Parc Nant-y-waun Trevor Rowson Heritage Park Roseheyworth Community Woodland and riverside walk CALON Westside Community woodland group </p>	<p> improvement works to a network of community based environmental project areas, Hosting events , access improvements, artwork and habitat creation etc </p>	<p> 20no of events held 10 no of additional visitors attracted 5 Km of access improvements implemented 20no of qualifications gained 20no of habitat improvements delivered </p>			
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Bridgend						
Key Strategic Sites	Bryngarw Country Park	New visitor centre, classroom and ranger base is a priority for this site. Proposed countryside management service, improved signage, interpretation and pedestrian/cyclist access provision. Environmental Improvements to raise the profile of the Country Park	350m of pedestrian/cyclist routes 2 no of signage/interpretation facilities 1 no enhanced seating area 90,000 no of visitors 1 new visitor centre/classroom/ranger base	£250K excluding countryside management service	Convergence P 4.3	BCBC WAG (DE&T) 100k
Local Site	Bedford Park:	Environmental improvements including enhancement of footpaths and car parking facility. Work forms part of circular walk creation (see access section) Japanese knotweed control Infrastructure improvements Habitat management Improved signage, interpretation and facilities for walkers and cyclists	300m of improved footpath 5000 no of visitors 15 new car parking spaces	80k	Convergence P 4.3	BCBC WAG (DE&T)
Connector site	Kenfig Pool and Dunes:	Improvements/signage to VRP sites and local attractions	Promote VRP		Convergence P 4.3 Visit Wales	BCBC, CCW
Other	Parc Slip Nature Reserve	Improved signage, interpretation and facilities for walkers and cyclists Environmental Improvement works including woodland, wetland species rich grassland, & links to Bedford & Margam Parks	1 job, 3.5 km of routes created signed 10 new car parking spaces 65ha of woodland 5ha wetland 10.5 ha of species rich grassland restored		Convergence P 4.3	WTSWW & BCBC CCW

		To develop cycling & walking routes from Afan Forest Park to Caerau				
	'The Hub' Parc Tondu	Feasibility study for the creation of a cycle hire and repair centre linked to the Celtic Trail focusing on the promotion of cycling within the County Borough	1 no feasibility study	£15K		BCBC, Sustrans WAG (DE&T)
	The Events Amphitheatre, Parc Tondu	Feasibility study for the creation of an events venue linked to the Celtic Trail. The study would also identify opportunities for promoting arts throughout the County Borough	1 no feasibility study	£20K		BCBC, Arts Council of Wales, Sustrans, WAG (DE&T)
	Garw Fechan, Garw Valley	Promotion of scenic, rural visitor attraction. Environmental improvements including new signage, creation of footpath links, enhancement of built fabric and incorporation of public art	1Km improved pedestrian/cyclist route 1 no environmental artwork/signage 1 no improved way marking 2000 no visitors	£180K	Convergence P 4.3	BCBC, FC, WAG (DE&T)
	Former Dyffryn Llynvi & Porth Cawl Railway (DLPR) and associated heritage sites	To implement a series of actions contained in the Heritage Strategy for the former Dyffryn Llynvi & Porthcawl Railway (DLPR) and associated heritage sites through the promotion, enhancement and protection of the natural and built heritage.	Focussed on 25 key heritage assets, the project will enhance & provide interpretation of: 5 Scheduled Ancient Monuments 80 Listed Buildings Numerous buildings & structures of local architectural & historic importance 4 Conservation Areas It will also develop sustainable access to the sites, provide visitor facilities & promote the DLPR Trail as a tour package 1 job (Heritage Officer)	£600K	Convergence P4.3	BCBC, WAG (DE&T)

Local Authority	Name	Activity	Outputs	Total Project Costs	European Funding	Lead & Potential Match Funding
Caerphilly						
Key Strategic Sites	Cwmcarn Forest Drive:	Implement existing masterplan: Extend car parking, improve camping, improved access, accommodation, cross country bike trail, improvements to Forest Drive facilities additional walking trails, adventure playgrounds/ jungle gyms.	100 no of new car parking spaces created 15,000 sq. metres of land improved New biking routes & features added and existing ones improved 6 no of facilities improved	£2.5 million	Convergence P 4.3	FCW, CCBC , Visit Wales (WAG), potential private sector franchises of selected elements
	Llancaiach Fawr:	Proposed improvement to barn conversions and gardens. Extension and enhancement of facilities to allow an all day experience	30,000 No additional visitors	3 million the majority Funded by HLF		CCBC HLF WAG (RDP)
Local Sites Move to strategic	Markham Colliery: Proposed climate change park	Proposed development to turn former colliery and associated tips into Climate Change park with environmental works, signage, educational opportunities and visitor facilities.	Markham Colliery project is part of the HoV tourism theme year project – anticipated funding £1,000K – see project PID for details <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 57 ha Land Reclaimed • 1 No Initiative to develop the natural/historic environment • 1km managed access to countryside • 1 No renewable energy project • 50,000 visits per annum • 1 no Community Enterprise Established • 1ktC reduction in greenhouse emissions • 1 No Environmental risk Management Initiative • 10 No environmental training 	£5,325,000	Convergence P 4.3 Possible elements Of P3T2, P4T2, P5T1.	CCBC WAG (DE&T), WAG (HoV) £815,000 Coalfield Communities Big Lottery Private Sector Visit Wales RDP Communities First/Next

			<p>events held</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25 No FTE Jobs created • 1 No Environmental Education Centre • Min 1000 square metres of community and business premises 			
	Pen y fan Ponds	Improved signage to Pen y Fan Pond Country Park and surrounding attractions including links to Markham	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2Km managed access to the Countryside • 10,000 additional visitors 	£50,000	Convergence P 4.3	CCBC
	Penallta Park	Improvements to 2 nd gateway entrance and signage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 No initiative to develop the natural/historic environment • 1 Km managed access to the Countryside • 20,000 additional visits per annum • 5 No Communities Sustained • 3 ha derelict and contaminated land reclaimed • 1 No Infrastructure project undertaken 	£1,800,000	Convergence P4T3 P5T1	CCBC WAG (DE&T) Coalfield Communities
	Ty Fry Reservoir Environmental Education Centre	Proposals to develop an environmental education centre on land owned by Dwr Cymru/Welsh Water, adjacent to Aberbargoed grasslands SSSI/SAC owned by CCBC	One environmental education centre facility for school and community use			DCWW/CCBC
	Caerphilly Basin Semi Rural Landscape Crumlin Arm of the Mon & Brecon Canal		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 km access improved • 1 No Initiative to develop the historic/natural environment • 1 No signage and interpretation scheme • 1 No Warden Post created • 3 No Community Groups/enterprises established • 20,000 visitors attracted 	£3,500,000	Convergence P4T3 P3T2 P5T1	Las Islwyn Canal Trust, Mon Brecon Abergavenny Canal Trust, WAG (DE&T) Cadw CCW
	Caerphilly Castle		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 No Community Events • 1 No Interpretation and Signage Project 	£50,000	Convergence P 4.3	CCBC, CADW, HLF

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Cardiff						
Key Strategic site/s	Castell Coch	Improved signage and physical improvement to connect to Caerphilly mountains. Potential for view point improvements				CADW, Cardiff CC,
Local Sites/ Connector sites	Taff Gorge Gateway inc. Forest Farm	Potential to develop visitor centre, signage & connections to nearby attractions as part of this gateway to the VRP.			Convergence P 4.3 & 2.1	BTCV, Cardiff CC
	Caerphilly Mountain Ridge	Proposed developments to link between Cefn Onn & Caerphilly via Caerphilly Mountain/ Ridgeway Walk. Inc. routes and land management, but not Common Land	6km of footpath/cycle route created 6 km	£17,000 CCBC	Convergence P 4.3	Cardiff CC CCBC, RCTCBC CCW
Connector sites	Connector sites	Visitor information provision from key connector sites e.g. Cardiff Castle, Cardiff Bay, Castell Coch etc.			Convergence P4.3 (Visit Wales)	Cardiff CC

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Carmarthenshire						
Key Strategic Site/s	Mynydd Mawr Woodland Park	Improvements to dissuade anti social behaviour, inc physical improvements, signage and facilities		£270K	Convergence P 4.3	CCC
	Llyn Llech Owain Country Park: lake, cycle tracks, visitor centre, café, mountain bike trail, adventure playground	Develop links to open access land	2 Jobs created/safeguarded	£500K	Convergence P 4.3	CCC
	Ffordd Cwm Gwendraeth Heritage Trail inc Khymers Canal & Pentremawr Leisure Route	Potential cycleway/footpath/bridleway with associated heritage railway facilities along disused railway from Burry Port up through the Gwendraeth Valley linking communities and green spaces	Feasibility & masterplan for part of routes 13km of access route 18 jobs created/safeguarded	£2.45M		CCC
Local Sites	Kidwelly Castle	Improved signage linking into nearby attractions				CADW
	Kidwelly Industrial Museum	Improved visitor reception & interpretation		£250K	Convergence P 4.3	CCC
	Brynamman Lido Pool Heritage	Heritage investment	2 Jobs created/safeguarded	£200K		CCC
	Silica Brickworks Site	Develop walking links	2 Jobs created/safeguarded	£200K		CCC
	Allt Nant y Ci-Saron/Penyban c	Create new green space	2 Job created/safeguarded	£150-200K		CCC
	Gelliwerdd Recreation Park, Garnant	Improve open space including artwork	2 Jobs created/safeguarded	£200K		CCC

	Fos Las Racecourse, Henllys vale, & Links to Botanic Gardens Aberglasny	Opportunities to manage greenspace		£60K		CCC
	Penygroes Brickworks Site	Feasibility and masterplan inc ecological assessment. Potential Community Forest	2 Jobs created/safeguarded	£100K		CCC
	Ynysdawela Nature Park	Access Improvements	1 Job created/safeguarded	£60k	Convergence P4.3	CCC
	Cynheidre Heritage Railway	Support the private trust	1 Job created/safeguarded			CCC
	Garnant Park Golf Club	Create habitat schemes				CCC
	Wernos Site	Private development as part of VRP Feasibility study needed		£40K		CCC
	Betws Colliery	Development site with associated woodland	1 Job created/safeguarded	£50K		CCC
	Gwenllian Pool, Kidwelly	Develop access to the river		£20K		CCC
	Mynydd Llangendeirne	Interpretation/signage	10 no entry points	£10K		CCC
	Penmynydd Picnic Site, Trimsaran	Install viewing platform & interpretation		£25K		CCC
	Glyn Abbey Ponds/Fishing Platforms	Improvements		£10K		CCC
	Tysha Road, Tumble	Habitat Improvements	1 Job created/safeguarded	£40K		CCC
Key Connector Sites	Pembrey CP & Millennium Coastal Park	Improved signage & interpretation linking into nearby attractions		£5-10K		CCC

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Merthyr Tydfil						
Key Strategic Site/s	Cyfarthfa Heritage Area	Tourism improvements to Castle and Park. 2007 Visitor No's: 68148 Improved access, biodiversity & interpretation between Park, Castle, & BBNP via Taff Fechan LNR/SSSI Complete heritage package linking the park, castle & furnaces. Extend features to encourage visitors to the furnaces.	10,000 extra visitors to park & castle per annum. 3 additional/improved tourism facilities 5km improved access to the National Park 2000 sq metres land improved 7 key sites improved as detailed in the Cyfarthfa Heritage Area Masterlan.	£1M	Convergence P4.3	CADW , MTCBC £850K secured WAG (HoV) £1M
	Brecon Mountain Railway: Restaurant, shop, toilets, booking office, disabled facilities.	Improved signage from major transport corridors. Link to public transport services. Improve access with additional link from Asda to the attraction Improve horse access	5 no of signs upgraded Promote as part of VRP		Convergence P 2	Private Sector , MTCBC, DCWW
	Taff Fawr & Taff Fechan Reservoir sites	Extension of existing walking route to complete circular walk around Llwyn Onn Reservoir Potential shared ranger resource	Improved tourist attraction Picnic areas 2km additional route	10K	Convergence P4.3	DCWW , RCTCBC, MTCBC, CCW HOV
	Pontsticill Reservoir	Develop water walk linked to Brecon Mountain Railway Potential shared ranger resource	Improved tourist attraction Increased visitor numbers Improved safety and security			DCWW , MTCBC,HOV
	Welsh International	Proposed circular trail link to Taff Trail.	2 no of jobs created 1 masterplan developed		Convergence P 4.3	MTCBC , Private Sector

	Climbing Centre & Parc Taff Bargoed	<p>Link improvements to the Celtic Trail</p> <p>Development of Countryside Management Service to cover this and the wider borough.</p> <p>Improvement of biodiversity, access, recreation & interpretation.</p> <p>Landscape Enhancements to gateway from Treharris WICC Visitor No's in 2007: 32,687</p>	<p>1 management plan 10,000 sq metres of land managed for biodiversity 5 km new access routes created</p> <p>12 partner organisations involved</p> <p>2 Gateways improved</p> <p>5000 additional visitors</p>			HOV (£150K)
Local Sites	Gethin Woodland Park:	<p>Improvement of biodiversity & access</p> <p>Enhance visitor perception & information points.</p> <p>Webbers Pond Nature Reserve Links to Coed Morgannwg Way & improved access northwards to Rhydycar Leisure Village</p>	<p>3km access routes improved 2000 sq metres land managed for biodiversity 1 native woodland themed art work 3 interpretation panels</p>		Convergence P 4.3	MTCBC, FCW
	Dowlais top Fishing Ponds,	3 pools/ponds, disabled access, members only	Potential interest from HoV as part of general fishery/angling improvement works – no active proposals currently received but potential		Convergence P 4.3	Private Sector Funding WAG (HOV)
	Trevithick Trail/Taff trail	<p>Create post for a full time Create full time Trail Warden.</p> <p>Install waymarkers/ signage to promote circular links.</p> <p>Merthyr Tydfil Green Routes to Work Network</p>	<p>1 no of jobs created 15.2 Kilometres of trail enhanced/maintained 9 village circular links to encourage visitors into core of villages/town 2 annual events created</p>	£300k	Convergence P4.3.	
	Nant Morlais	Implement masterplan	6km cycleway/walking route	£500K	Convergence	MTCBC

	Community Route	<p>providing link from Merthyr town centre & Trevithick Trail to Mountain Railway & BBNP</p> <p>Promote forgotten heritage features</p>	<p>created</p> <p>1 no pedestrian/cycleway crossing</p> <p>1 link to Trevithick Trail</p> <p>6 no interpretation panels</p>		P5.1	
	River Corridor	<p>Extend landscaping enhancements from Merthyr Tydfil Town Centre River Corridor to Southern areas of the valley.</p> <p>Install signage from village cores to the</p> <p>Devise alternative links to points of interest from main walkway.</p>	<p>8 jobs safeguarded for duration of project.</p> <p>2 pathways improved</p> <p>6 no directional signs installed</p> <p>1 themed artwork feature in bronze</p>	£1.5M	Convergence	WAG (DE&T)
	Cefn Glas	<p>Improve recreational/heritage attraction point, raise profile & implement a strategic landscape masterplan</p> <p>Promote heritage features inc. "Giants Bite", SAM's & rich biodiversity</p>				MTCBC

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Monmouthshire						
Key Strategic Sites Also see Torfaen	Blaenavon World Heritage Site: inc., access and interpretation of heritage & environment within the landscape; including Keepers Pond; Llanfoist Wharf & Car Park and connector sites	Environmental Improvements, heritage conservation Gateways, Access Projects, including Pwll Du balance lift; Pwll Du tunnel; Bloreng Tunnel & Cut & Cover Tunnel; Brake Wheel & Llanfoist incline and other sites. Implementation of Visitor Management and Interpretation Strategy (Red Kite Study)	12 no sites conserved and access improvements 19 no of interpretation facilities, plus other interpretative resources	£465,000 £100,000	Convergence P 4.3 & 5.1	TCBC, MCC, BBNPA WAG (DE&T) Cadw CCW
Key Strategic Sites	Clydach Gorge Gateway: including Clydach Ironworks (SAM); Clydach South car park & picnic area; Clydach NNR	Programme of environmental, recreational and physical improvements (Clydach Gateway study to be prepared by June 2009). Clydach Ironworks, consolidation, access & interpretation; Car park and visitor information / orientation & local access enhancements, conservation management; Dispersed gateway sites	3 gateway site improved interpretation facilities new circular walks	£574,000		MCC, CCW, BBNPA, WAG (DE&T). Cadw
	Llandegfedd Water Sports Centre	Develop new water sports centre for use by various water sports groups				Llandegfedd Sailing Club, DCWW
Key Connector Sites Also see Torfaen and Newport	Monmouthshire & Brecon Canal including Goytre Wharf and Goytre Hall	Programme of environmental, recreational and physical improvements along the canal corridor to capitalise	6km of improved footpath/cycle route created 1 gateway site improved interpretation facilities new circular walks	£243,000	Convergence P 4.3 & 5.1	BWB, Canal partnership, WAG (DE&T), CCW

	wood	on its community, tourism and conservation management potential. Key sites include Goytre Wharf (and Goytre Hall Wood), Llanfoist Wharf, Govilon and Gilwern wharfs including barrier free access				
	Llandegfedd Environmental Education Centre	Develop new environmental education centre as a shared resource for various organisations				DCWW
Local Site	Castle Meadows, Abergavenny	Visitor information / orientation & local access enhancements, conservation management, river frontage improvements (links to Monmouthshire & Brecon Canal and World Heritage Site)	1 Conservation management plan prepared 3 no of interpretation facilities 4.5km of footpath/cycle route signed / improved 20ha of land improved	£111,000		MCC, CCW

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Neath Port Talbot						
Key Strategic Site/s	Margam park: Visitor centre café, railway, adventure playground farm trail, fairytale land, café, picnic areas	Provision of signs, interpretive panels and information technology to increase visitor appreciation of the historical, landscape and architectural value of Margam Park with a focus on regenerating and developing the historic woodlands. Improvements to walkways and trails to increase public accessibility to park facilities and the new Discovery Centre. Support to preserve and maintain the listed buildings within the park	10% increase in visitor numbers 5 new signs, 3 interpretive panels and 2 interactive information stations 0.25k of improved access routes. More sustainable use and management of the Park within a strategic economic and business model.	£ 350k	Convergence P 4.3	NPTCBC CADW Heritage Lottery
	Afan Forest Park: Visitor centre, parking, trails, cycle routes, café, picnic areas, camp site, bridleways, Ty Maen amphitheatre, Miners Museum	Improvements to signage, and visitor centre facilities to improve access and parking for buses and coaches to increase the number of visitors arriving by public transport. Provide support for improvements to accommodation catering for walkers and cyclists.	1 new turning circle and two bus bays 2 new signs no of signs improved 2 visitor facilities improved 20 additional bed spaces or 4 improved accommodation facilities	£250k £250k	Convergence P 4.3	NPTCBC Private Sector Funding
		+Caerau to Afan forest park. Create a link to Dare Valley Country park Proposals pending				

						RCT, NPTCBC, Forestry Commission, WAG
	Poneddfechan & Aberdulais Falls and the Vale Of Neath	<p>Ponteddfechan proposed Geopark visitor centre. Improvements to signage and interpretative facilities and visitor facilities for Waterfall Walks including Cwm Gwrelych Geo Heritage trail</p> <p>Reconstruction of Neath Canal towpath to complete the missing link between Briton Ferry and Glyneath and creating a circular walking route between Resolven, Abergarwed and Melincourt waterfall.</p>	Increase by 1.5km the length of towpath available for walking and cycling. Increase number of users by 5%	£150k	<p>Convergence P 4.3</p> <p>Convergence P 4.3</p>	<p>NPTCBC</p> <p>BBNP Authority Private Sector Aggregates Levy CCW</p> <p>NPTCBC, Neath canal Navigation Co., Sustrans, Neath and Tennant Canals Trust, WREN, CCW</p>
Local Site	The Gnoll: Visitor centre, lake, walks, adventure playground landscaped gardens, golf course. 150000 visitors to house, 5000 to grounds,	<p>Upgrading of visitor centre adventure play area and restoration of Gnoll cascades</p> <p>Upgrade footpaths for less able visitors</p> <p>Improve Desit Ponds by removal of silt, improving biodiversity and fish stocks.</p>	<p>Increase in visitors to Gnoll Park and duration of visit</p> <p>Restoration of a feature of historical significance</p> <p>Better access for less able visitors</p> <p>Increase in fishing and outdoor activities</p>	<p>Subject to specification and preliminary costings</p> <p>Estimate £500k</p>	Convergence P 4.3	NPTCBC
	Victoria Gardens	Physical and signage improvements Renovation of bandstand to create a link with town centre as a cultural venue for day visitors and local people	Major contribution to the restoration of an historical town park	£150k	Convergence P 4.3	NPTCBC Heritage Lottery Private sector

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Newport						
	14 Locks	Improvements to engineering works and physical structure. Improvements to local accessibility, signage and interpretation			Convergence P 4.3	NCBC M&B Canal Trust Landfill Tax Credits
	Mon and Brecon Canal	Improvements to canal towpath and physical engineering works Improvements to local accessibility, signage and interpretation			Convergence P 4.3	NCBC, WAG (DE&T) M&B Canal Trust Landfill Tax Credits

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Rhondda Cynon Taff						
	Dare Valley Country Park: 500 acres, 2* B&B, visitor centre, 3* caravan and camping site	<p>Enhancing Infrastructure for tourism facilities on site – Build new Amenity Block to service the newly expanded camping and caravan park</p> <p>Improving tourism access/Information – Provision of new access signage on key routes such as A470 outside of HOV area</p> <p>Improved tourism access/information – Construction of new access road off A4233 (Monk Street)</p> <p>Improved tourism access/information – Replacement of bridges from library square and upgrade of footpath to Dare Valley Country Park as part of a new Greenway that is looking to expand the hierarchy of paths within an enhanced landscape</p> <p>Improved tourism access/information – Car parking facilities. Further 75 spaces.</p> <p>Enhancing the visitor experience/provision – Updated interpretation</p>	<p>Improved facilities for camping and caravan users leading to increased visitor numbers in the order of 10,000 per year</p> <p>Raise awareness of Dare Valley Country Park and all facilities</p> <p>Direct/easier access to Dare Valley Country Park. Expansion to coach based target markets (education and tour operators). Increased visitor numbers. Safer access avoiding narrow residential streets and local primary school.</p> <p>50ha of land improved 5km of improved access Increased domestic (Aberdare) footfall to the path with corresponding higher visitor spend. Improved access for Park users, visitors/campers into town centre and thus increase spend.</p> <p>Improved access and facilities, increased capacity to deal with additional visitors.</p> <p>Expansion of parks appeal as a “Tourism Gateway” to target markets (family & education).</p>	<p>Estimated £500,000</p> <p>Estimated £90,000</p> <p>Estimated £600,000</p> <p>£400,000</p> <p>£170,000</p> <p>£500,000</p>	<p>Convergence P 4.3</p> <p>Convergence P 4.3</p> <p>Convergence P 4.3</p> <p>Convergence P 4.3</p> <p>Convergence P 4.3</p> <p>Convergence</p>	RCTCBC WAG (HoV) £1M

		<p>centre. Eco lab style centre with interactive facilities.</p> <p>Safari off road project. Tours suitable for all ages taking in the local environment with an “off road” adventure experience.</p> <p>Improved management and wardening of the site for biodiversity and production of renewable energy</p>	<p>Expansion of the parks appeal as a “Tourism Gateway” to target markets (family & education)</p> <p>Provision of site based workshop and equipment store to enable the Country Park Rangers and the countryside service to carry out repairs and maintenance within the wider countryside</p>	<p>£50,000</p> <p>£30,000</p>	<p>P 4.3</p> <p>Convergence P 4.3</p> <p>Convergence P 4.3</p>	
	<p>Rhondda Heritage Park: and links: Key attraction and tourism hub providing visitor centre and access to countryside</p>	<p>Tourism Hub development and improvement of linkages/access to surrounding area and key town of Pontypridd.</p> <p>Upgrade and improvement of visitor facilities and interpretation within and extending from the Park. Improved landscaping within the Park.</p> <p>Major path and infrastructure improvements to access route from Pontypridd to the Park via Barry Sidings key countryside site</p>	<p>5km of improved routes</p> <p>15 ha of green corridor improved</p>	<p>2 Million</p>	<p>Convergence P 4.3</p>	<p>RCTCBC 50k study costs (study into development options for the park is currently being carried out) Herian, HLF</p>
<p>Local Site/s</p>	<p>Ynysangharad War Memorial Park: War memorial, sports facilities, pavilion, bandstand, formal gardens</p>	<p>Improvements, signage, Taff Trail and Pontypridd Circular walk Improvements to Lido and other infrastructure as part of HLF bid</p>	<p>20km of improved footpaths/cycleways</p> <p>4ha of Historic or Natural Environment Improved for Local Communities, Businesses or Visitors</p>	<p>1.Million</p>	<p>Convergence P 5.1</p>	<p>RCTCBC, HLF</p>

	<p>Cynon Valley River Park</p> <p>Significant environmental corridor with key wetlands, heritage features, cycle links and link to Dare Valley County Park and adjacent communities</p>	<p>Implementation of Cynon Valley River Park strategy-a key landscape scale partnership approach to environmental improvement.</p> <p>Development as a linear green space, linking, existing open spaces, parks and playing fields, new local nature reserve, and local communities. , signage, interpretation and walks. Aiding regeneration of local communities by providing new direct access to outdoor facilities throughout the valley length with additional benefits in terms of health and improving non-vehicular links to employment sites.</p> <p>Expansion of the environmental improvements undertaken as part of Heads Of The valleys Environment Programme. Safeguarding of the wetland habitats as an important under exploited visitor attraction through development of a new, community LNR and as an aid to flood prevention.</p> <p>Completion of remaining sections of the Cynon Trail and essential links.</p>	<p>16km of access improvements on new cynon trail path</p> <p>10km improvements to existing & new walking and cycling routes</p> <p>100ha of land improved and being actively managed</p>	<p>1 Million</p>	<p>Convergence P 4.3</p> <p>Highways convergence bid</p>	<p>WAG (DE&T) (HoV) RCTCBC HLF</p>
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	Rhondda Valleys Tourism study	<p>Feasibility study into developing a landscape scale countryside and tourism development plan for the Rhondda valleys including Llanwynno area.</p> <p>Additional support for community led environment/tourism initiatives in Clydach Vale, Treherbert and other Communities First areas</p>	Study undertaken and recommendations taken forward	30k		
	Garwnant Woodland Park	Ph 1: Refurbishment of existing café. Ph 2: Construction of multi-purpose space to house the education dept and double as a function room. Ph 3: Erection of a high ropes park Promote facility within the wider VRP	5000 additional visitors per annum 91 additional schools visits	Ph 1 £300K	HOV (300K) Convergence P4.3	FCW, HOV
	Cilfynydd Environmental Education Centre	Creation of signage and interpretation displays along woodland trail at Cilfynydd EEC	Improved environmental education information providing free primary school visits from schools across the whole South Wales region (approx 4,000 pupils per year.)	£3-5K		DCWW
	Darren Park - Ferndale	<p>Improve existing facilities, provide new attractions & raise awareness of the park.</p> <p>Develop “The Hub”, a green building for multi-functional use.</p> <p>Environmental improvements inc. the entrance.</p> <p>Establish story telling trails & themed events spaces</p>	<p>Improved facilities with an increase in number of visitors.</p> <p>Develop site as an innovative centre of Welsh Legend</p>	<p>£974K</p> <p>£275K</p> <p>£280K</p>		<p>RCT CBC</p> <p>HOV, HLF, Big Lottery, WAG (DE&T)</p>

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Swansea						
Local Sites	Swansea Industrial Heritage Trail	Improve access, visitor facilities & interpretation. Environmental Improvements		£2.25M	£1.3M	CCS , HLF, FCW, SCW, Private Sector.
	Penllergaer Forest and Heritage Site	Restoration of Registered Park and Garden and Country Park Improvement of Woodland for public enjoyment. Creation of Public Access Routes				Penllergaer Trust , CCS, FC, CCW, Cadw
	Coed Bach Park	Environmental improvements and access linkage improvements				CCS , CCW
	Clydach Canal, Clydach Park & RSPB Bird Reserve	Canal Restoration, environmental improvements, interpretation and access enhancements Six primary canal-side sites will form the main focus for interpreting the Swansea Canal and its corridor, subject to consultation with the local communities. Initial site appraisals have been undertaken by the current partners. Implement interpretation at key visitor/community locations along the length	3 no of community groups facilitated 3 no of community projects undertaken 10 no of access improvements implemented 6 no of interpretation/orientation sites	£250k Total 2 yr programme	British Waterways/Arena Pontardawe/Swansea Canal Society Convergence CCW LA's Visit Wales Sustran's Connect 2	CCS , CCW, RSPB, Sustrans, Clydach Community Development Trust

		<p>of the canal, as identified. Provide orientation and signage for visitors. Apply the findings of an 'access for all' audit (incl resting places), already undertaken.</p> <p>Volunteer Training in built and natural heritage skills, guided walks and 'Welcome to your Heritage'.</p>			Big Lottery	
Connector Sites	<p>Tawe Riverside Heritage Area: inc. Hafod, White Rock and Upper Bank Copperwork sites, and Swansea and Smiths Canals.</p>	Promote VRP sites and activities				<p>CCS, WAG (DE&T) Private Sector, Cadw, GGAT, CCW, FCW</p>
	<p>Swansea Community Farm</p>	Promote VRP from the facility				

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Torfaen						
Key Strategic Sites	Blaenavon World Heritage Site: inc. landscape, St Peter's WHS Centre, Big Pit, Ironworks SSSI, access and interpretation of heritage & environment within the landscape	General Activities including implementation of Interpretation Strategy Gateway improvements, Access Projects & management of landscape Implement Access and Ecological Management Works within the Bloreng Management Plan (Some of this is covered in Forgotten landscapes see joint Environmental projects)	Improve footpaths –5km Additional visitors 5,000 5 hectares improved 5 Interpretation events	£500,000	Convergence P 5.1 Convergence P 4.3	TCBC WAG (DE&T) (HoV) TCBC
		signage strategy & improvements,	1 comprehensive signage scheme	£300,000		TCBC WAG (DE&T) (HoV)
		The Pontypool & Blaenavon Railway extension project (and cycleway – see Themed Cross Boundary Projects: Economy	Extension of railway 2.5 miles Improved cycle and pedestrian access 2.5miles Significant additional visitors 500 additional cycles per annum	£3million		TCBC WAG (DE&T) (HoV)
		Big Pit – Upgrade facilities, new displays and restoration of features. Training of apprentices to secure long term visitor facility	Upgrade 500m2 Improve footpaths - 300m Additional visitors (to be determined)	£50,000 - £750,000		TCBC WAG (DE&T) (HoV)
		Blaenavon Ironworks – improvements to access and interpretation	Install bridge to Blaenavon Ironworks 1,000 Additional visitors (to be	£200,000		TCBC WAG (DE&T) (HoV)

			determined)			CADW
	Greenmeadow Community Farm: Shop, café, learning facilities, adventure playground	<p>Improve entrance/signage and visitor information</p> <p>Access, infrastructure, boundary features, facilities information & habitat improvements</p> <p>To become the best centre for local produce within Torfaen, providing a conduit for local farmers to sell their goods to the public without having to set up their own farm shop. This will incorporate:</p> <p>Establishing 'Taste of Torfaen' – a farmers market type event which will initially take place as a 'one-off' but with a view to repeating as frequently as possible throughout the year</p> <p>Selling the farm's and other farm's produce through the farm shop so that locals know they can buy locally sourced fresh farm produce</p> <p>Transforming the café from a frozen/fried operation into a more traditional farmhouse kitchen, offering homemade food using fresh</p>	<p>5,000additional visitors</p> <p>500 sq m of land upgraded</p> <p>8km of footpath upgraded</p> <p>20m of new stone walling</p> <p>3 new signs installed Site furniture upgraded</p> <p>Enabling site to be able to offer this event – power, stalls</p> <p>Speak to EHO re. feasibility Purchase of refrigerated units. Investment in shop – heating, possible mezzanine level to store stock, etc. Improvements to shop itself, new counter, new floor, rearranging. Staff training</p> <p>Employment of new Catering Supervisor. Possible employment of more trained staff</p>	£300,000	Convergence P 4.3	TCBC, WAG (DE&T)

		<p>local ingredients. Once this is in place we can then actively pursue extra functions, business and private</p> <p>Planting Pear & Apple Trees in order to work with the Welsh Perry & Cider Society and supply local producers with apples and pears. Many events can then be focussed around the apple trees inc. Apple Day, harvesting, Wassails, etc.</p> <p>Developing the education offer in conjunction with TCBC Countryside. In particular Forest School sessions</p> <p>Establish the farm as a centre for meetings and conferences</p>	<p>Purchase of trees, planting and maintaining. Possible purchase of equipment to produce our own cider/Perry. Staff training. Organising and promotion of events.</p> <p>Create a sustainable building (e.g. log cabin or clay cob, etc.) which would be exclusively for education and schools – would need toilet facilities, etc.</p> <p>Install fixed projectors, display screens and audio systems in the newly refurbished haybarn. Have wifi facility in order to market this to prospective clients. Also, installation of new heating systems in the lower restaurant and meadow room which are lovely spaces but unusable half of the time due to temperature. Ideally to use a sustainable heating method which can also be showcased.</p> <p>Exterior painting and sprucing up. Improved signage for whole site. Replace open fires with new so that they can be used daily. Shop as above</p>			
		<p>General building upgrades</p>	<p>Purchase of more rare breeds to encourage growth of breed, education and sustainability. Construction of sustainable animal housing in order to</p>			

		<p>Animal housing and further support of rare breeds</p> <p>To become a centre of farming excellence and encourage more animal/farming groups to use the farm as a base for workshops, a.g.m's, etc.</p>	<p>house more animals</p> <p>Networking and promotion. Staff training</p>			
Local Sites	<p>Pontypool Park / American Gardens: 150 acre park, parkland play areas, swimming pool, sports halls, squash courts, café and bar, twin ice houses</p>	Ski centre	<p>New Ski centre and extended Ski Slope</p> <p>Significant additional visitors (no current figures available, say additional 3,000/annum inc ski slope)</p> <p>Possible creation of 2 new jobs in ski centre café if realised (Much more discussion is required regarding this)</p> <p>Area upgrade 1500m2</p> <p>1,000 new visitors to Centre</p>	£1million	Convergence P 4.3	TCBC , HLF, WAG (DE&T) Lottery
		Historic park restoration - American Gardens, Park Management for biodiversity & people. Improved signage and infrastructure	<p>Restore historic lakes to improve habitat 8,000m2</p> <p>Upgrade 3km of footpaths and renew 4 signs</p>	£500,000		TCBC , HLF, WAG (DE&T)

			Additional visitors 1,000			
		Education and training facilities and Ranger office	Convert offices Training programme 50 people trained in various horticultural and environmental issues	£350,000		TCBC , HLF, WAG (DE&T)
		Create walking and Cycling link between Pontypool Park and Pontymoile Basin	Route upgraded 5km 15 signs installed 500 additional visitors	£150,000		TCBC , HLF, WAG (DE&T)
Key Connector Sites	Mon & Brecon Canal	(also see Newport) Programme of environmental, recreational and physical improvements along the canal corridor to capitalise on its community and tourism potential. Key sites include new Canal Centre Cwmbran Town Centre Pontymoile Basin, Open Hearth; Ty Coch; Usk Rd Pontypool, including disabled toilets and improved wheelchair access Create an all year round multi user route-way along the canal towpath (linking in with Sustran's route 46 and other existing walking/cycling trails). This recreational route project will:- Apply the findings of an EQUAL 2007 'access for all' audit (incl resting places), already	4 environmental / physical improvement schemes completed 4km of footpath upgraded 3 hectares of land upgraded 1,200 additional visitors contribute towards 53 kms of traffic- free route-way 15 no of access improvements implemented 6 no of interpretation/orientation sites	£750,000 £3.8m 2009/10 £2.4m 2010/11	Convergence P 4.3 & 5.1	TCBC Private Sector Funding Canal Trust WAG (DE&T), CCW, Visit Wales, HLF

		<p>undertaken.</p> <p>Conserve and enhance the canal channel and towpath, to protect the unique natural environment and habitats within the canal corridor.</p> <p>Implement interpretation at key visitor/community locations along the length of the canal, as identified within the Mon & Brec Canal Interpretation Plan 2004.</p> <p>Provide orientation and signage for visitors to this important gateway and primary corridor for the Valleys Regional Park area.</p> <p>Volunteer Training in built and natural heritage skills, guided walks and 'Welcome to your Heritage'.</p> <p>Bringing Rural and ISW communities together through joint projects and training.</p>				
Local Site	Cwmbran River Park Lakes, outdoor seating, play areas, formal and informal parkland, river	Rebuild boathouse / visitor centre, Lake improvements, bird watching points and infrastructure improvements to access routes/river management for biodiversity. Also includes Llanyrafon Farm, Llanyrafon Mill and other facilities within park	<p>New Boathouse built and boats used on lake</p> <p>4 new jobs created (2 café / 2 boats)</p> <p>0.05km² of land upgraded. Lake upgraded and improved habitats</p>	£600,000	Convergence P 4.3	TCBC , WAG (DE&T) CCW Section 106
		Llanyrafon Mill restored	<p>Mill restored</p> <p>Visitor numbers 3,000 (to be</p>	£1.2million		

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		Llanyrafon Farm restored	Visitor numbers 20,000	£2.2million		TCBC, WAG (DE&T) (RDP) CCW Section 106
		Footpaths	3km of footpaths created restored	£200,000		
		Play areas	2 play areas replaced	£150,000		
		Gateways to the park	3 visitor arrival points created	£350,000		
Local Site	Cwm Lickey / Glyn Pits	Reclamation and regeneration of Cwm Lickey, wider Cwmyrnyscoy valley and Glyn Pits. Sustainable re use of derelict former industrial land including reducing environmental risks, improving access for local communities to the natural environment and heritage.	1 Physical Improvement Scheme 1 ha land Developed	£1.4M	Convergence P 4.3 & 5.1	TCBC, WAG (DE&T) CADW Lottery Private sector
	The British	Landscape and environmental improvements which will form part of the restoration and regeneration of this major brown field site. The scheme will help enhance the recreational and biodiversity potential of the site for the local community and visitors.	1 Landscape Management Plan 1 Job created 1 environmental improvement scheme completed	£250,000	Convergence P 4.3 & 5.1	Private Sector TCBC WAG (DE&T)