

# Tamar Valley

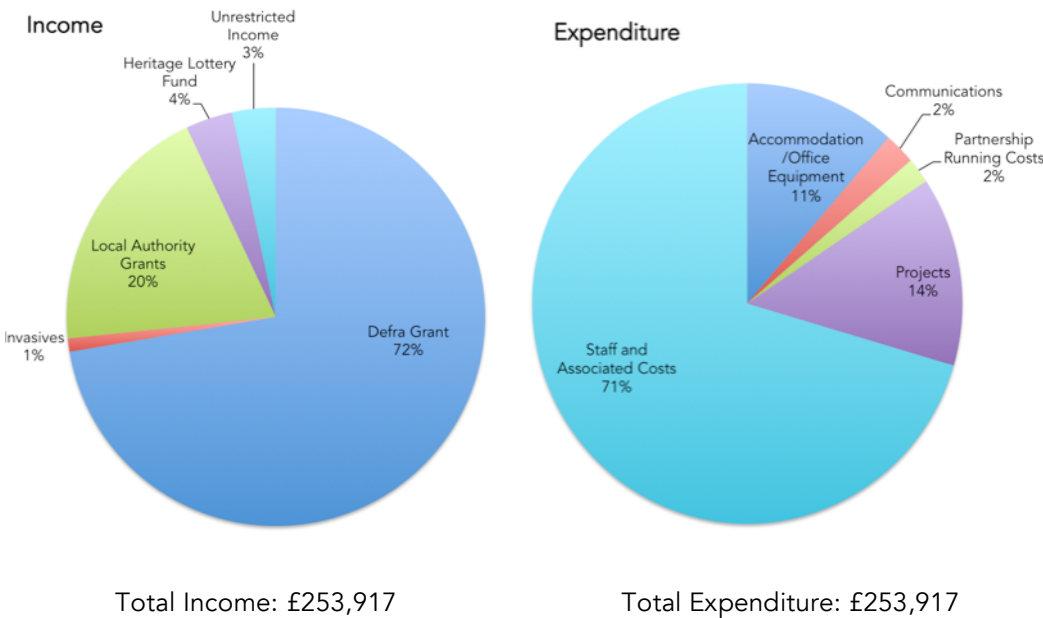
Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

## Our 20-year Vision for the Tamar Valley

The people of the Tamar Valley are stewards of this rare valley and water landscape, of high visual quality, a unique wildlife resource with a remarkable heritage, which is a legacy of thousands of years of human occupation. By supporting a thriving community with a sense of belonging and identity, we will ensure the sustainability of the area as a peaceful, tranquil breathing space, at a time of unprecedented change.

The AONB partnership comprises of 28 organisations that cover the geographic extent of the AONB and provide a breadth of expertise and insight into local issues.

## Finances 2016-17



Working in partnership to conserve and enhance our landscape

Annual Review  
2016-17

We receive our core funding from DEFRA, Cornwall Council, Devon County Council, West Devon Borough Council and South Hams District Council.

## Working with partners

- Worked with the Devon Greater Horseshoe Bat Project to increase awareness of what an important landscape the Tamar Valley AONB is for the greater horseshoe bat and other bat species
- Worked with Natural England, Environment Agency and Cormac to control Giant Hogweed on 90 landholdings. 86.3% reduction in 4 years, 488 plants found and treated
- Heritage Lottery funded Helping Hands for Heritage concluded having engaged 2,302 people in 119 events

## Conserving and enhancing the landscape

- Secured £9,900 from Heritage Lottery Fund to deliver the Heralds of Spring project, celebrating and recording the historic daffodil varieties in our landscape
- Engaged partners and local people in initial conversations about the proposed Tamara Landscape Partnership bid, developing a number of projects for the benefit of heritage, people and communities across the Tamar Valley and beyond
- Provided responses to planning applications, comments on the Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan and inputs to neighbourhood plans to ensure the best outcomes for this special landscape
- Provided detailed response on draft sustainability framework for villages

## Bringing the rivers back into focus

- Continued watching brief over National Grid Landscape Enhancement Initiative and identified potential opportunities to use the funding available
- Involved in the discussions around flood management and habitat creation opportunities in the Valley
- Continued to support the Tamar Estuary Consultative Forum
- Carried out Watery Heritage programme as part of Helping Hands for Heritage providing valuable baseline data for quays, weirs and other riverside heritage
- Signposted Valley Volunteers to watery based citizen science projects

## Supporting the economy and communities

- Provided 2,644 hours of training for volunteers across the AONB through the Helping Hands for Heritage project
- Supported and promoted Valley Volunteers and Tamar Community Trust
- Supported number of community projects and organisations through SDF funds
- Tamar TLC registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation to raise funds for the conservation, protection and enhancement of the AONB
- Continued to build the health and wellbeing opportunities within the TVAONB
- Supported the St Dominica Heritage Trail project
- Hosted the Man Engine as a stopping off point for his journey celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Cornwall and West Devon Mining Landscape World Heritage Site

## Key statistics

### In the community...

Tamar Community Trust volunteers – 21 workdays to maintain the legacy of the Mining Heritage Project



St Dominica Heritage Trail

Newly skilled volunteers remaining active at the end of Helping Hands for Heritage project – 81

Events and exhibitions – 20

Participants in walking for health programme – 316

### Spreading the word....



Press releases issued – 28

Subscribers to e-bulletin – 1610

Social media – 890 followers on Facebook, 1447 on Twitter

Number of Valleys distributed, winter – 8,000, summer – 8,000

### Sustainable planning for the Valley...

Planning applications reviewed and appropriate responses made – 125



Volunteers at Tamar Trails

Awarded 7 grants to community groups totalling £3,376.00



Celebrating Shamrock with the Heritage Guides