

LEI projects funded to date

More than **£2.3 million** has been awarded through the Landscape Enhancement Initiative to date, with the latest five projects receiving confirmation of their grants in January 2019:

- **High Downs project (Kent Downs AONB)** – creating a conservation network to enhance the landscape’s rolling mosaic of downs and heathland
- **North Downs Living Grid project (Kent Downs AONB)** – enhancing the landscape’s character through extensive planting including five hectares of meadow and 2000m of hedgerow
- **Gentleshaw Common into the Future (Cannock Chase AONB)** – restoring a colourful lowland heath landscape and improving visitor amenities including footpaths and a boardwalk
- **Reconnecting the Ridgeway (Dorset AONB)** – strengthening the features of a historic landscape, including the creation of two new wildlife ponds
- **Arncliffe Wood and Scarth Wood Moor Restoration (North York Moors National Park)** – regenerating nearly 30 hectares of ancient woodland in a well-used area of the National Park

Projects are already underway across England and Wales to conserve and enhance landscapes containing or impacted by National Grid’s transmission infrastructure:

- **Beautiful Boundaries** (High Weald AONB): enhancing a historically rich, ‘patchwork’ landscape by renewing boundary features including hedgerows, fencing and woodland
- **Over Silton to Thimbleby Bridleway Upgrade** (North York Moors National Park): improving the surface of a busy 2.2km public bridleway to provide a safe and attractive route
- **Central Longdendale Trails Landscape and Access Enhancements** (Peak District National Park): encouraging visitors to enjoy the landscape by improving trails and creating accessible circular routes
- **Snowdonia Traditional Boundaries** (Snowdonia National Park): enhancing traditional boundaries to reinforce their ability to reflect local geology, history and culture
- **Lost Landscapes** (Clwydian Range & Dee Valley AONB): establishing roadside nature reserves and habitats through tree clearance and heathland restoration
- **Magical Marshwood Vale** (Dorset AONB): reinstating key natural habitats through hedge laying, orchard planting, pond and river restoration and wild daffodil planting
- **Dyffryn Maentwrog Woodland Restoration and Landscape Improvement** (Snowdonia National Park): improving habitat connectivity to encourage wildlife, safeguarding historic oak trees and managing invasive species
- **Woodland Improvements and Wild Play at Holbury Manor / Warren Copse** (New Forest National Park): managing woodland surrounding a medieval manor house and improving amenity by creating a ‘wild play’ area for children

- **Longdendale Landscape Restoration** (Peak District National Park): increasing habitat diversity and restoring landscape features including dry stone wall repair
- **Dyffryn Ffestiniog (East) Woodland Restoration and Landscape Improvement** (Snowdonia National Park): connecting habitats and encouraging wildlife through hedgerow and woodland restoration and rhododendron management