

The Naseby Project - Battling for Funds

Did you know that the English Civil War battlefield site at Naseby in Northamptonshire has no modern facilities to explain the significance of this important battle?

Or that a greater proportion of the English population perished in the Civil War than in the First World War?

The decisive Battle of Naseby took place in June 1645. It proved to be one of the most important ever fought on English soil, effectively marking the end of the Civil War. Although King Charles I dragged matters out until Oxford surrendered in 1646, the Royalist military machine was irrevocably broken at Naseby by Cromwell's New Model Army.

The lack of present-day visitor facilities is hopefully about to change because of the vision of the Naseby Project Team. They plan to create a visitor centre at the site which

will really bring the battle to life. And GrantScape Services Ltd is proud to have been asked to assist in bringing this vision to fruition.

In the short-term, there are many visitor improvements that can be made at the site, ranging from footpaths and interpretation boards, to suitable car parking facilities. Beyond this, the Naseby Project Team plan to provide detailed interpretation of the battle itself and of the nature of the Civil War in general, making comparisons to contemporary wars. This will include information on the 17th Century society from which the War grew, and the way of life that the two armies literally fought over.

Currently, the Naseby Project is being formally constituted. A major fundraising programme will begin very shortly.

OutLook Goes Electronic

We are changing the way that you receive *OutLook*. In future, we intend to distribute a quarterly e-newsletter and will no longer be producing hard copies of *OutLook*. This method of communication is not only more environmentally friendly, but it will also enable GrantScape to save money.

The autumn edition of *OutLook* will be emailed to all individuals and organisations on our e-newsletter distribution list.

To ensure that you don't miss out on receiving the next edition, please make sure that we have your correct email details on our list. You can do this via our website, using the link in the header bar on the home page - www.grantscape.org.uk



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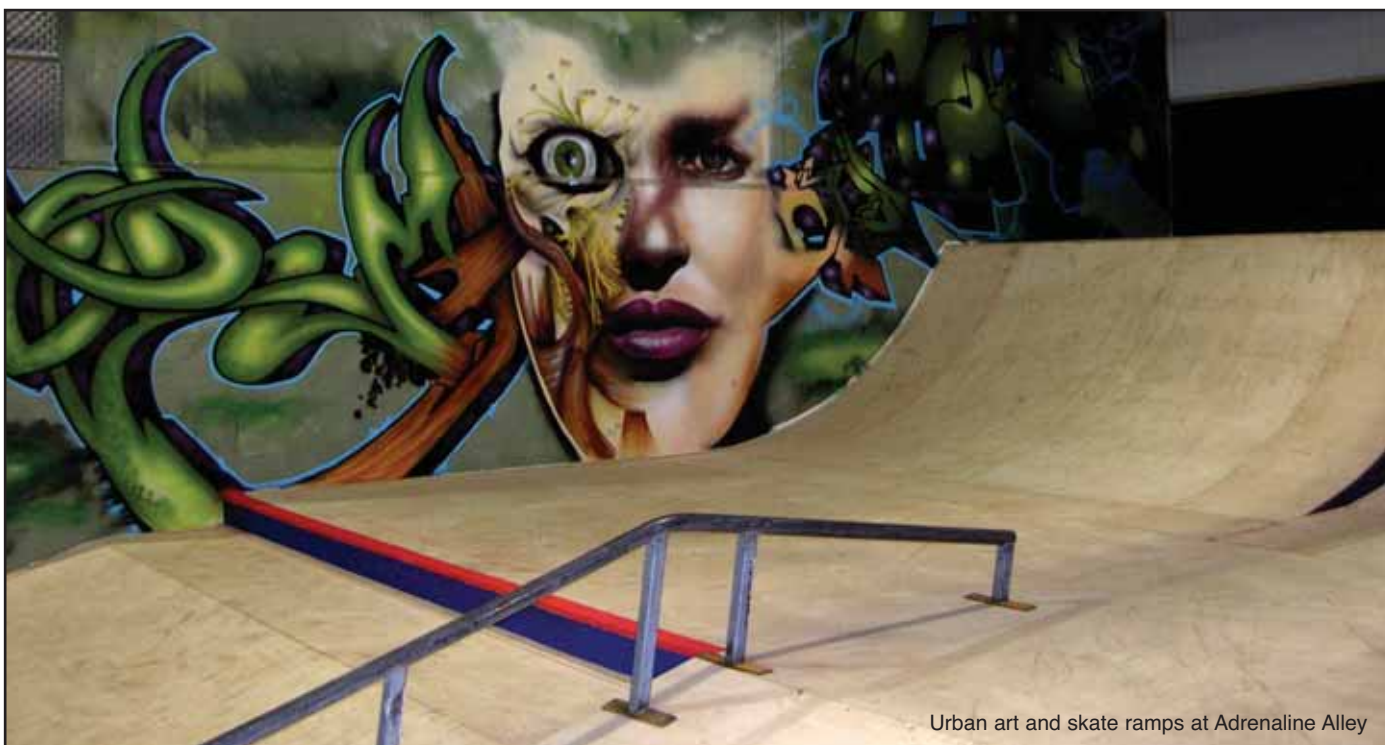


Great New Facilities as Adrenaline Alley Moves Indoors

Project Title - Adrenaline Alley: New Skate-Park Equipment

Grant Awarded - £45,500

Organisation - Adrenaline Alley



Urban art and skate ramps at Adrenaline Alley

Adrenaline Alley skate-park is "run by the youth of Corby for the youth of Northamptonshire" and provides safe, supervised facilities for people wishing to participate in urban wheeled sports such as skateboarding, blading and BMX-ing. Its particular aims are to support healthy lifestyles in a fun environment, encouraging young people to participate and make a positive contribution to life in their community. Since opening in July 2003, over 12,800 people have enjoyed using the group's former outdoor facility at Rockingham Motor Circuit.

Staff and volunteers, aged from 10 to 70, have been the driving force behind the charity's development to date, with their effort and dedication having won the project widespread respect. The most visible evidence of this has been Adrenaline Alley's recent success in securing a substantial new indoor site on Priors Haw Road in Corby. Here it has been busy constructing a purpose-built performance centre for urban and multi-sports use, designed to be of world-class standard. In addition, new facilities such as a recreation room, music practice rooms and an ITC suite have been introduced to provide

training and learning opportunities for people of all ages and abilities.

Adrenaline Alley's move has been made possible through the support of funders and the generosity of major local businesses, such as Corus Group and BeeBee Developments Ltd, committed to helping the group become self-sustainable. GrantScape's contribution to the project has been a grant of £45,500 to fund a range of exciting new ramps requested by users. All this support means that the skate-park will be one of the biggest in the UK, with unique equipment designed to attract national and international participation, hopefully helping Northamptonshire to produce its own national champions for the future.

The new skate-park's official opening was on 15th July, ready for the summer holidays. It will be open Monday-Sunday, except Wednesdays, from 12 noon to 8.30pm.

For further details visit www.adrenalinealley.com

Staff Update

Since the last edition of *OutLook*, **Tina Knibbs** is now on maternity leave looking after her son, Thomas.

Anita Wilder has joined us as cover for Tina's position. GrantScape Services Ltd has appointed

Gareth Kingston as General Manager to develop the charity's trading company.



How Volunteers are Helping Wildlife - Owl's That!

Project Title - Bedfordshire Otters & Rivers Project

Grant Awarded - £96,200

Organisation - Ivel and Ouse Countryside Project

The Bedfordshire Otters and Rivers Project (BORP) focuses on the conservation of the county's waterways and wetlands and their associated wildlife. It uses the much-loved otter which, until fairly recently, had been absent from the county's rivers for many years, as a flagship species to highlight and promote its work. Other at-risk species which the Project is seeking to conserve include the water vole, white-clawed crayfish and barn owl.

A particularly important facet of BORP is the emphasis placed on involving local volunteers in conserving and enhancing the wealth of wildlife in the county's waterways and wetlands. This has included habitat improvement works (such as constructing otter holts, and erecting barn owl and bat boxes), species surveying and monitoring, and other conservation work such as tree planting. Over 40 volunteers have supported the Project thus far.

Meanwhile, BORP staff have been active in visiting local schools to explain to over 350 children the importance of

what they are doing. They have also given numerous illustrated talks at locations around Bedfordshire.

GrantScape is supporting BORP with a three-year grant of £96,200, which is now approaching its half-way point. We are delighted to report that, as a result of the Project's efforts, otters have continued to return to Bedfordshire's rivers, whilst barn owl numbers have increased and water voles are just managing to hold their own against predation by American mink.

For more information, visit www.ottersandrivers.org.uk



Young barn owl being ringed

Royal Visit to Gower

Project Title - Life in Common

Grant Awarded - £540,000

Organisation - The National Trust

HRH The Prince of Wales and HRH The Duchess of Cornwall visited Gower during their recent tour of Wales. The visit coincided with the 50th anniversary of Gower peninsula becoming the first area in the UK to be designated an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

As part of the tour, the Royal party visited Rhosilli, where Prince Charles had kindly agreed to join in The National Trust's celebration of the GrantScape-funded "Life in Common" project, which was awarded a grant through the Biodiversity Challenge Fund 2005.

As the sun shone over Rhosilli Bay, Their Royal Highnesses were introduced to representatives from all partner organisations, including Andrew Ladds, GrantScape's Chairman, and GrantScape staff members Anne England and Elizabeth Payne.

Siân Jones, Property Manager for The National Trust said: "It was a great way to celebrate such a fantastic partnership and the amazing support of GrantScape. Their Royal Highnesses were very interested in how we achieve improvements for lowland heath habitats. The project not only benefits Gower's common land, but we are also using our



practical experience to help other areas - so the impact of this grant is felt throughout the UK."

It is the dramatic landscape of the commons, made up of wide stretches of heathland, purple moor-grass, and dry acid grassland, which make the area so attractive to the millions of visitors to Gower each year. However, in 1998 it was recognised that the commons were in decline, and so a local partnership, "The Gower Commons Initiative", was established to tackle the issues.

Heritage Lottery Fund provided funding to undertake a three year pilot project to establish how best to manage the Gower commons. Working from experience gained through the pilot project, the "Life in Common" project will provide funding for a further three years to continue to improve the commons.



Continuing the Work of EBMK

After eight years of funding community and environmental projects through the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme, EB Milton Keynes Ltd (EBMK) has decided to wind-up its activities. GrantScape Services Ltd will facilitate this process by taking on the long-term monitoring of EBMK's projects.

"We are extremely pleased that ENTRUST, the regulator of the Scheme, has agreed to our helping EBMK", says Gareth Kingston, GrantScape Services Ltd's new General Manager. "The decision demonstrates a recognition that many Environmental Bodies (EB's) simply don't have the

resources to continue monitoring projects after all their grant money has gone. GrantScape Services Ltd has established internal processes that can cost-effectively monitor projects in line with the regulator's guidance. This will therefore help to ensure that projects funded by EBMK remain open to the public for many years into the future."

If you are an EB considering winding-up, please contact Gareth to see if GrantScape Services Ltd can help you with the long-term monitoring of your projects.



**Biodiversity
Challenge Fund**



GrantScape is proud to announce that it has awarded grants totalling £2.5 million to five superb biodiversity projects through its Biodiversity Challenge Fund 2006:

British Waterways: "Wolverhampton and Staffordshire Canal Corridor Biodiversity Challenge"

Kent Wildlife Trust: "Restoration and Re-creation of Ancient Heath in Kent's Low Weald"

Menter Môn: "Anglesey Red Squirrel Project"

The Woodland Trust: "Restoring Wentwood Forest"

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB): "Heathland Restoration Across the High Weald"



For further details see the Biodiversity Special Edition of *OutLook* available on our website, www.grantscape.org.uk

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Milton Keynes Windfall

GrantScape will be delivering a one-off challenge fund for community projects in Milton Keynes. Details of the programme will be announced on our website.

Community Buildings Programme

GrantScape Services Ltd is able to provide a range of services to support applications to this new Big Lottery Fund Programme. For more information see our website.

