



RSPB - Dove Stone

“We are delighted with the support that GrantScape have given us. This grant will result in the restoration of an area of upland on which some of the plants and animals most in need of conservation depend. It will also result in significant gains for water quality and be a tremendous place to visit.”

Rob Taylor
Conservation Programmes
Manager, RSPB



The RSPB's project at its Dove Stone Nature Reserve in the Peak District will restore 3,000ha of blanket bog, safeguarding it for the future and supporting a full range of unique and rare wildlife.

Blanket bog is a UK Biodiversity Action Plan priority habitat and is home to some of the UK's most threatened species, such as the water vole, curlew and twite. The restored upland bog will capture significant amounts of CO₂, instead of releasing this in large quantities and contributing to climate change. It is amazing that the South Pennines' damaged blanket bog is reportedly presently exporting more carbon than all of the UK's cars!



Due to the inaccessibility of the site for vehicles, large quantities of materials need to be transported to Dove Stone by helicopter, adding to the interest in the skies around the area whilst the project is being delivered.

This nationally significant project was awarded a £300,000 grant through GrantScape's "Working With Nature" grant programme.



Habitat Heroes - Biodiversity Action at Wormwood Scrubs

"Wormwood Scrubs is a Site of Importance to Nature and of great ecological importance to the borough and the rest of London as well. As such it requires appropriate ecological management. Such habitats do not maintain themselves in our modern 'fractured' ecosystem where natural processes no longer occur. GrantScape's funding for the Habitat Heroes Volunteer Project has enabled a year long programme of nature conservation work at the site. The results have not only benefited the Scrubs as a conservation and recreational space, but also the volunteers, the wider local community and our Borough partners."

Mark Patterson
Nature Conservation Officer
Groundwork London



Wormwood Scrubs Park in west London is a designated Local Nature Reserve adjoining Little Wormwood Scrubs Park. However, these two green spaces were far from ideal for wildlife, due to habitat fragmentation and a lack of connecting hedges between key areas.

Groundwork London's "Habitat Heroes" project set out to tackle these issues, and GrantScape was happy to support the group with a grant of £44,000 through our Inner London Nature Conservation Challenge grant programme.



The project's achievements and outputs substantially exceeded Groundwork's original plans over its 18 month period. Particularly impressive was the extent of volunteer involvement, with 280 days' activity being contributed by the group's existing volunteers and many new recruits. Overall, nearly 45,000 m² of the parks' habitat was improved and/or actively managed, a 400m wildlife hedge was created and some 4,900 trees were planted. In addition, over 500 woodland wild flowers were planted in newly-coppiced clearings and two lizard hibernacula were constructed.

"Habitat Heroes" has added greatly to the attractiveness of the two Parks for visitors. Just as importantly, the project has provided valuable new habitat areas for a myriad of insects, birds and other species, and created foraging routes for endangered bats.

