

## Which Foresters' Forest projects continue after March 2022, and how?

PROJECTS	Continue after March 2022 Yes/No	How will project continue ?
<b>Our Stronghold for Nature</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Many of the projects will continue under the Forestry England 'Our Shared Forest' land management plan (see link later in this document), particularly the 'Wildlife and Wild Spaces' commitments.</li> <li>• Some survey and monitoring opportunities will also be available with Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust.</li> </ul>		
Conservation Grazing	Yes	Will continue to be managed by Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust under an agreement with Forestry England
Birds	Yes	Volunteer Bird surveyors will continue, liaising with RSPB and BTO
Community Wildlife Study Group	Yes	Will continue as Wildlife Study Group, directed by Forestry England and shared with Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust to complete works/surveys as funds allow.
Reptiles	Yes	Continued by David Dewsbury, working with Forestry England
Wetscape - Waterways, Ponds and Mires	Yes	Ponds work continued by David Dewsbury. Expected that Wetscape project will develop into the Forest Waters project led by Forestry England, as funds allow.
Blakeney Weir	Yes	Hopefully volunteers will continue to monitor eel pass each Spring for next three years
Butterflies	Yes	Continued by Forestry England and local volunteers
Deans Marvellous Meadows	Yes	Dean Meadows Group will continue
Batscape	No	Project complete
Woodland Flora	No	Project complete
Ancient and Notable Trees	No	Project complete
Veteran Trees History	No	Project complete
<b>Exploring Our Forest</b>		

Heritage Open Days	Yes	Continued by Coleford Area MCTI Partnership
Walking with Wheels	Yes	Countryside Mobility will continue the Trampler service as funds allow, working with Forest Holidays, The Speech House Hotel, Forest Voluntary Action Forum and Forestry England
Worcester Walk Community Project	Yes	Continued under licence from Forestry England, finding funds for future activities
Bream Heritage Walk	No	Project complete. Geoff Davis will continue to oversee the route, and will provide supplies of the walk leaflet, as funds allow.
Hidden Heritage App	No	Complete. All three apps will continue to be available to download for FREE: Hidden Heritage of the Dean, Coleford's Hidden Heritage, Cinderford's Hidden Heritage
<b>Revealing Our Past</b>		
Buried Heritage (Archaeology)	Yes	Expected that Forestry England continue to support the management of the LIDAR survey volunteer teams, as funds allow, according to the Our Shared Forest Built Heritage commitments detailed below.
Voices from the Forest	Yes	Expected to continue, led by University of Gloucestershire.
Forest Oral Histories	Yes	Dean Heritage Centre will continue.
Heritage Craft Skills	Yes	The Rewild project will continue, supported by other funds.
Built Heritage	No	Complete, but the Built Heritage and Archaeology Advisory Panel under the Our Shared Forest Built Heritage commitments (detailed below) will continue to advise Forestry England.
Forest Dialect	No	Project complete
Geology of Our Forest	No	Complete. Geoheritage app will continue to be available to download for FREE.
<b>Celebrating Our Forest</b>		
Community Celebration	Yes	Wyldwood Arts plan to continue community projects, supported by other funds
Edible Forest	Yes	The Rewild project will continue, supported by other funds.
Love Your Forest	Yes	Love Your Forest campaign will continue through the partnership of Forestry England, Forest of Dean

		District Council, Suntory & Visit Dean Wye
Reading the Forest	Yes	Expected to continue, led by University of Gloucestershire.
Scarr Bandstand	Yes	Will continue under licence from Forestry England, seeking external funds to rebuild the roof on the bandstand
Forest Musical Landscape	No	Project complete
Mindscape	No	Project complete
Interpretation & Events	No	Identifying partner organisations who can host some Foresters' Forest website content
<b>Securing Our Future</b>		
A Future for Freemining	Yes	Royal Forest of Dean Freeminers Association will continue.
A Future for Commoning	No	The tradition of commoning continues under the auspices of the Commoners Association and the Forest of Dean Sheep Liaison Group.
Forest Explorers	Yes	Will continue, hopefully run by volunteers, supported by Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust & Forestry England
New Leaf	Yes	The Rewild project will continue, supported by other funds.
Youth Rangers	Yes	Wye Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) will continue with Youth Rangers
Working with Schools	Yes	Learning Resources from various projects will be transferred to West Gloucestershire Schools Partnership (WGSP) who will continue to promote their use amongst schools in the Forest

## Forestry England's 'Our Shared Forest' Forest of Dean Land Management Plan

Open the plan by clicking this document link: ['Our Shared Forest' Forest of Dean Land Management \(published June 2019\)](#)

Extract from 'Wildlife and Wild Spaces' within 'Our Shared Forest' plan:

**WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?**

**Our commitments:**

- 1** Identify habitats of current and potential conservation importance, to ensure they are made bigger, better and more joined up
- 2** Reduce the spread and impact of invasive species
- 3** Improve habitats through the development and care of our woodlands
- 4** Utilise open spaces for nature conservation by developing grazing systems
- 5** Use species reintroduction to deliver positive changes to the environment
- 6** Manage and monitor Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)

Extract from 'Water' section within 'Our Shared Forest' plan:

**WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?**

**Our commitments:**

- 1** Identify and develop riparian zones to enhance connectivity and functionality of watercourses
- 2** Naturalise water channels by creating natural structures to build habitat diversity and slow the flow of water
- 3** Remove non-functional artificial barriers that restrict the movement of water and fish
- 4** Restore active mires and bogs to create habitat and reduce volumes of water flowing down and out of the Forest in storm conditions
- 5** Create and maintain ponds to support ecology
- 6** Manage water flow on operational sites to reduce soil erosion and excessive sedimentation, and modify our approaches to woodland drainage to allow them to function more naturally
- 7** Use beavers for engineering watery landscapes

Extract from the 'Built Heritage' section within 'Our Shared Forest' plan:

## WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?

### Our commitments:

**1** Categorise our built heritage and archaeological features

**2** Involve members of the local community to help monitor and maintain our built heritage and archaeological features

**3** Continue investigation and research into our built heritage and archaeological features

**4** Pragmatically manage public safety through inspection and fencing

**5** Establish a new advisory group, to be known as the 'Built Heritage and Archaeology Advisory Panel for the Forest of Dean', to assist with decision making