

# £2.3million for Tamara Landscape Partnership Scheme

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Thanks to National Lottery players, an ambitious five-year project will provide a brighter future for the Tamar Valley and its communities.

A hidden gem along the Devon and Cornwall border, the stunning Tamar Valley is a landscape at risk.

The National Lottery Heritage Fund has awarded £2.3m to the [Tamara Landscape Partnership Scheme](#). The scheme will work with farmers, landowners and local communities on an ambitious project to provide a brighter future for the Tamar Valley and its inhabitants.

With match-funding commitments from other partners, the total to be invested across the Tamar Valley landscape over the next five years will be £3.2m.

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## **Empowering communities to conserve the environment**

The scheme will work with local communities and train volunteers to carry out key conservation work. A series of courses, traineeships and apprenticeships will also be made available.

Furthermore, farmers and land managers will collaborate to establish sustainable land and water management systems.

In total:

- 50 hectares of woodland will be restored
- 10 hectares of trees will be planted
- five new orchards will be created

As a consequence, climate resilience, natural flood management and connectivity of ecosystems will improve.



Walkers on the Discovery Trail. Credit: Tamar Valley AONB

## **Promoting wellbeing**

A targeted wellbeing programme will be implemented through a series of activity sessions that aim to improve mental and physical health.

The scheme will partner with link workers, social prescribers and specialist organisations to deliver nature-focused activities for a wide range of participants, including people with additional needs, social care users, veterans, refugees and excluded young people.

A citizen science programme about the river environment and how to care for it will be delivered involving local schools.



The stunning Tamar Valley. Credit: Tobi O'Neill/TON Drone Services

## Boosting the local economy

It is estimated that more than 200 local business will benefit from the scheme. Through the improvements, the Tamar Valley will further strengthen its position as a sustainable tourism destination, growing its potential to attract new investments.

A coast-to-coast walking route to link the South West Coastal Path and the Tamar Discovery Trail will be established, with some fully accessible trails.

A programme of events will also be rolled out bringing rural and urban communities together.

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