

Surveying the Dearne- an award winning biological recording project (NBN Lynne Farrell 2017)



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5 years 2014 -2019

Year 1

Year 2

Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

£2.4m
programme

£0.6m match
funding

£1.8m HLF
funding



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12 Projects Areas

4 themes

Over 50 projects

5 team members

All projects
focused on
working with the
community across
the three local
authorities



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How was the project developed?

A need to engage the local community

Social Demographic- high deprivation & barriers

Lack of biological records & understanding of the biodiversity value of such sites

Strong natural history community-an aging group with a wealth of skills & knowledge

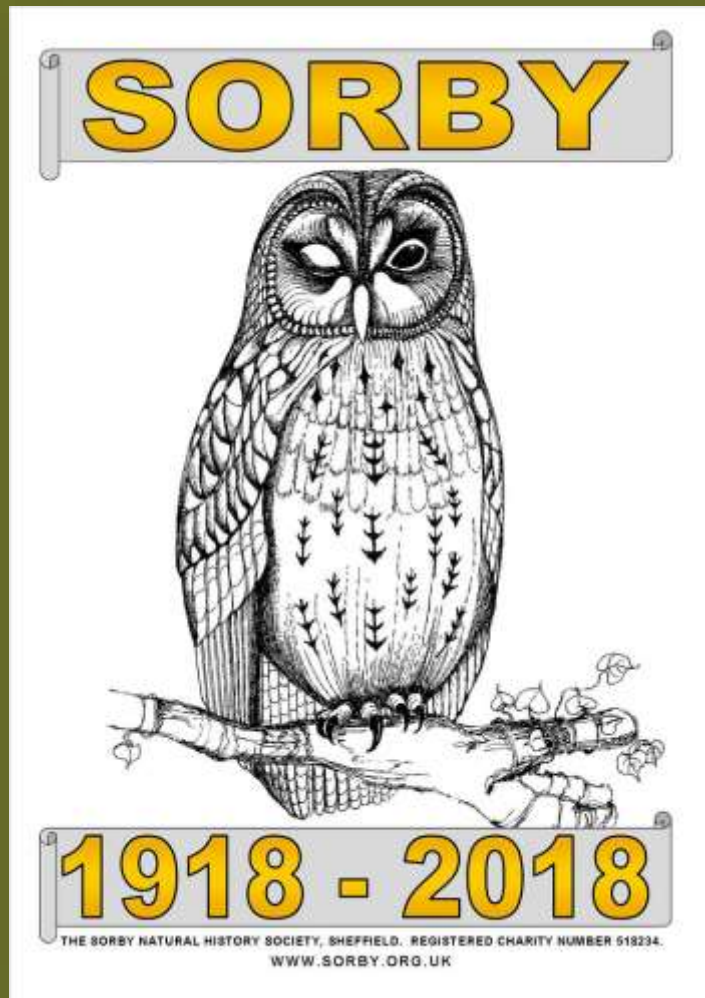
Traditional natural history groups declining

Fantastic Partners- Sorby natural history society etc.

Post industrial landscape with a wealth of habitats, most notably OMH (at risk)

Flexible outputs I was able to shape to the needs of the area

Training the Next Generation of Naturalists



The **Sorby Natural History Society** is a registered charity formed in 1918 in honour of Henry Clifton Sorby (1826-1908).

A forum for naturalists of all ages and abilities to meet, enjoy natural history, collect, store and share information, explore the Sorby Study Area and promote conservation of wildlife and geology.



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Training the Next Generation of Naturalists

Collaboration with Sorby & SIG



- LRC data search- invertebrates under-represented. Sorby have a strong Invertebrate group (SIG)
- Shared vision and desire to inspire and enthuse the next generation
- Mentor scheme with tutors and volunteers in different taxa
- All workshops are FREE
- Beginner workshops to more advanced- we then encourage further courses such as FSC
- Invertebrates can be overlooked due to harder degree of study
- Wide range of workshops available
- Cross promote and help with member recruitment
- Field visits & indoor sessions

The variety of our workshops

Invertebrates:

- Weevils
- Leaf & Frog Hoppers
- Slugs & Snails
- Click & Soldier Beetles
- Aquatic Invertebrates
- Bees
- Hoverflies
- Spiders
- Shield & Plant Bugs
- Butterflies
- Harvestman

Other Groups:

- Reptiles (monitoring project)
- Wildflowers & Grasses
- Fungus
- Birds
- Trees
- Mammals (Bats, Harvest Mice, Urban mammals etc.)

What have we Achieved via 'Surveying the Dearne'



70+ Specialist
Recording Days



45+ Wildlife ID
Training
Workshops



675 People
Trained/Attended



10-15,000 New
Biological
Records



24 Collieries
Assessed



2 New LWS
Designations



437+ Vol Days



10+ CMP's



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Field Visits & Recording Days





Traditional Workshops

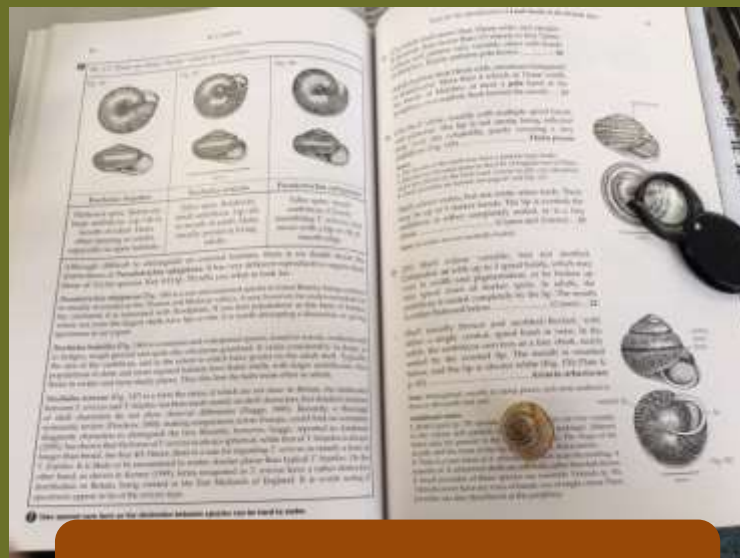


Mentor Support





Microscope Work



Keys & Samples



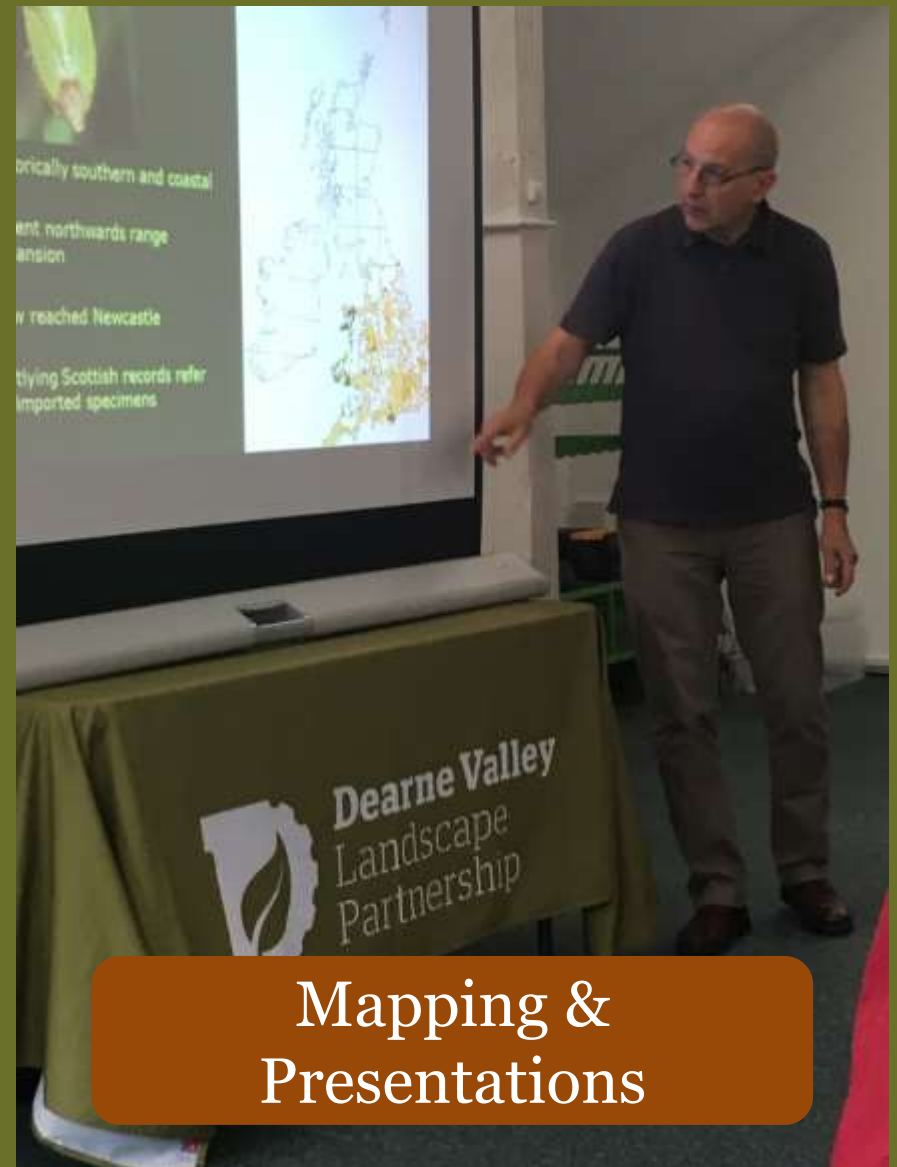
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Voucher Specimens



Mapping & Presentations



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Family Fun Days & ID Stations



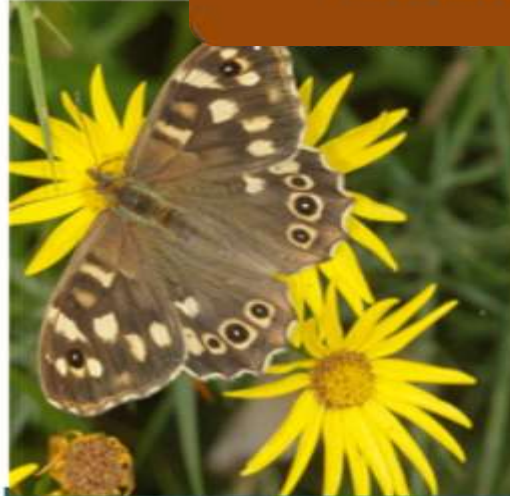
Biological Records & Conservation



Guest Tutor/Expert Workshops



Citizenship Science Projects



Common Blue



Barnsley Butterfly Atlas

We are mapping Barnsley's Butterflies and need **YOUR** help!



Peacock

N.E Wildlife



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Sorby Invertebrate Group

Barnsley Biological
Records Centre



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First
Records



Partnership &
Legacy

Legacy

Friendship & support

Increased understanding
of the natural
environment

More biological
records into LRC's

Site protection &
enhancement

More volunteers &
members

More sympathetic
site management

Awareness & promotion
of the area

Gaps in ecological data

Influence land use &
planning

Monitoring change

Community
involvement

Wider naturalist
network

Conserving heritage
& traditional skills

New skills & knowledge

Wider partnership
working

Information sharing

Access for all (FREE)



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