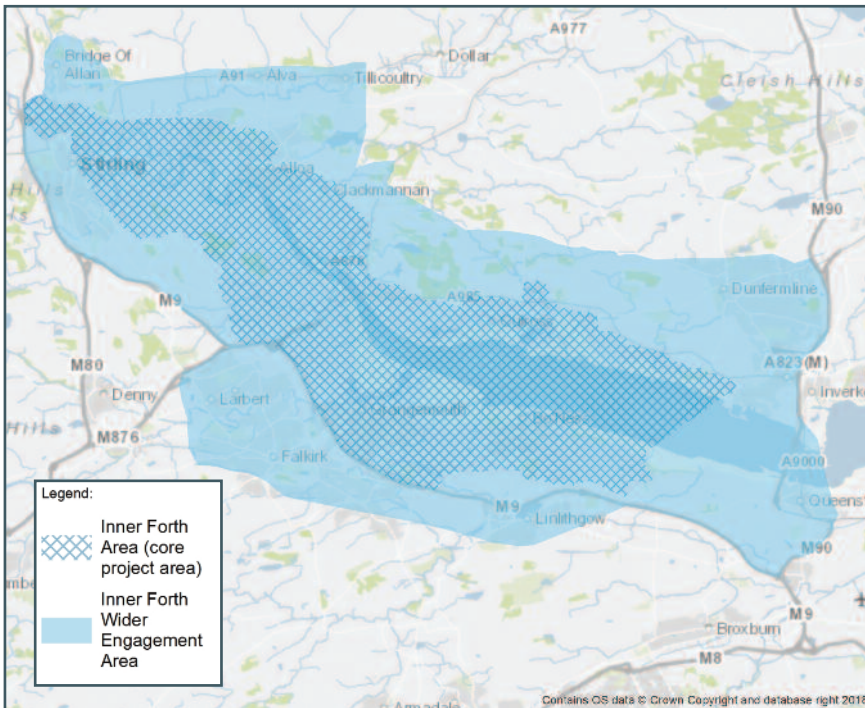




# Inner Forth Futures

**The Inner Forth Futures project has been developed to deliver four key objectives:**



**1. To deliver the legacy of the Inner Forth Landscape Initiative**

**2. To promote the area's rich natural, cultural and historic heritage**

**3. To empower communities to take a greater role in managing and promoting their own local heritage**

**4. To increase the area's resilience by piloting ways to develop habitat networks and climate adaptations**

## The background

Between 2014 and 2018 a partnership of eight local authorities, agencies and charities worked together with local community groups, individuals and organisations to deliver an ambitious programme of work centred on the Inner Firth of Forth from Stirling to Blackness and Rosyth – the Inner Forth Landscape Initiative (IFLI).

On completion in September 2018, this £4m Landscape Partnership scheme, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, delivered 54 interlinked projects ranging from habitat creation, footpath installation and historic building conservation projects to traineeships, volunteering schemes and a wide range of skills training opportunities. By combining these with pan-landscape interpretation, events and promotion, IFLI has already left a positive legacy in this area.

All partners felt the benefits of this partnership and strong ethos of collaborative working. As a result, and now joined by Fife Council, they have remained together to support a new initiative called Inner Forth Futures.

## Legacy



Image: Robert Trevis-Smith

We want to deliver a strong legacy from the Inner Forth Landscape Initiative that maintains and builds on the success of the programme.

We will work together to deliver our IFLI management and maintenance obligations in a way that makes the most of their legacy value. We also want to ensure the heritage work in the area carries on, as well as supporting commitments made by IFLI project leads to look after IFLI outputs. A project maintenance budget to fund additional works has been set up to do this.

Our new IFLI legacy fund will support and enable communities to develop new skills and take action themselves. We want local people to feel inspired and able to get involved in their heritage projects in the future.

## Resilience

Our team has led a project to test, refine and finalise an 'Ecological Coherence Protocol'.

This developed an approach to help inform landscape-scale habitat management planning and creation that works well for practitioners, and helps in decision making, as part of the EcoCo LIFE project.



Image: RSPB



## Get in touch

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## Empowerment

Our project staff will work with community groups to help them develop long-term approaches to looking after their local natural, cultural and built heritage.

The team will develop a free support programme, including training workshops and other events, with specialist input from experts whenever needed.



Image: John Le Marie

## Promotion



Image: IFLI

We will develop and promote ways to encourage more visits and more sustainable ways to access the area and its heritage.

We would like to establish a network of people with a stake in heritage promotion across the Inner Forth area, including businesses, community groups, tourism providers, heritage groups and tourism experts.

We aim to promote the area through our events, website, social media, publications and our app.

## Next steps

If you would like to learn more about our plans for the future, please contact our Inner Forth Futures Project Manager, Kate Fuller [kate.fuller@rspb.org.uk](mailto:kate.fuller@rspb.org.uk).

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