

# Formed by nature, shaped by people

The Inner Forth Landscape Partnership is a four-year project, supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund through the National Lottery. Our vision is of an Inner Forth where local people and visitors alike value, protect and celebrate this unique landscape at the heart of Scotland.



## Our projects

The nine organisations that together make up the partnership are working together to deliver fifty inspiring and intrisically-linked projects that aim to bring lasting, positive change for the Inner Forth landscape and the people who live and work here.

Through these projects we aim to:

- Turn negative perceptions of the Inner Forth around and make more local people proud of where they live.
- Put back together the jigsaw of habitats that make up the Inner Forth to create a landscape flourishing with biodiversity
- Celebrate, protect and improve people's access to important historical and natural places
- Train and support committed and motivated local community groups, individuals and organisations to take action to conserve their area's heritage
- Increase people's physical and intellectual access to the area's important heritage.

## IFLI's important numbers

**1** Great river. The Firth of Forth is geographically and strategically at the heart of Scotland.

**4** National and international conservation designations. The area encompasses SSSIs, Special Areas of Conservation, Special Protection Areas and Ramsar sites.

**4** Projects safeguarding historic built heritage within the landscape

**9** Partners making up the Initiative, led by RSPB Scotland

**202**km<sup>2</sup> make up the total area covered by IFLI, from Blackness and Rosyth in the east to Stirling in the west

**4**m The programme's total value. £1.9m from the National Lottery through the Heritage Lottery Fund. The rest from in-kind donations, match funding, and support from partners and donors.



## Who we are

Nine organisations make up the Inner Forth Landscape Initiative. The Partnership is strengthened by the unique blend of skills and specialisms that each partner brings. Delivery of IFLI has been made possible thanks to financial support from our partners, the Heritage Lottery Fund, Life, Leader, and the Central Scotland Green Network.



## Get involved

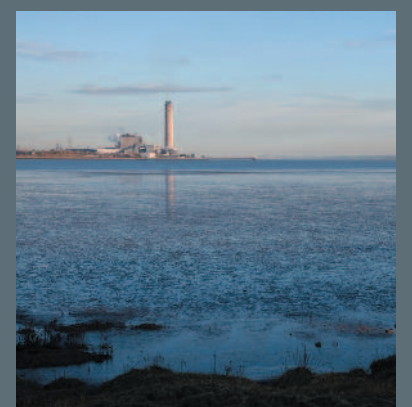
There are loads of ways to get involved in the Initiative:

- ✓ Sign up for our e-newsletter on our website
- ✓ Follow us on Twitter
- ✓ Like us on Facebook
- ✓ Come along to some of our events and activities
- ✓ Find out about the many volunteering opportunities on offer through the Initiative
- ✓ Feel free to contact one of the IFLI Team to talk about the Initiative - we'd love to hear from you.

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Celebrating, protecting and improving the natural, cultural and historical landscape of the Inner Forth Estuary



- 1. Bings for Wildlife (B)**  
Managing two derelict coal bings for biodiversity, with a focus on invertebrates.
- 2. Glorious Green Roofs (B)**  
Creating a network of habitat stepping stones in industrial areas by turning flat roofs into green roofs.



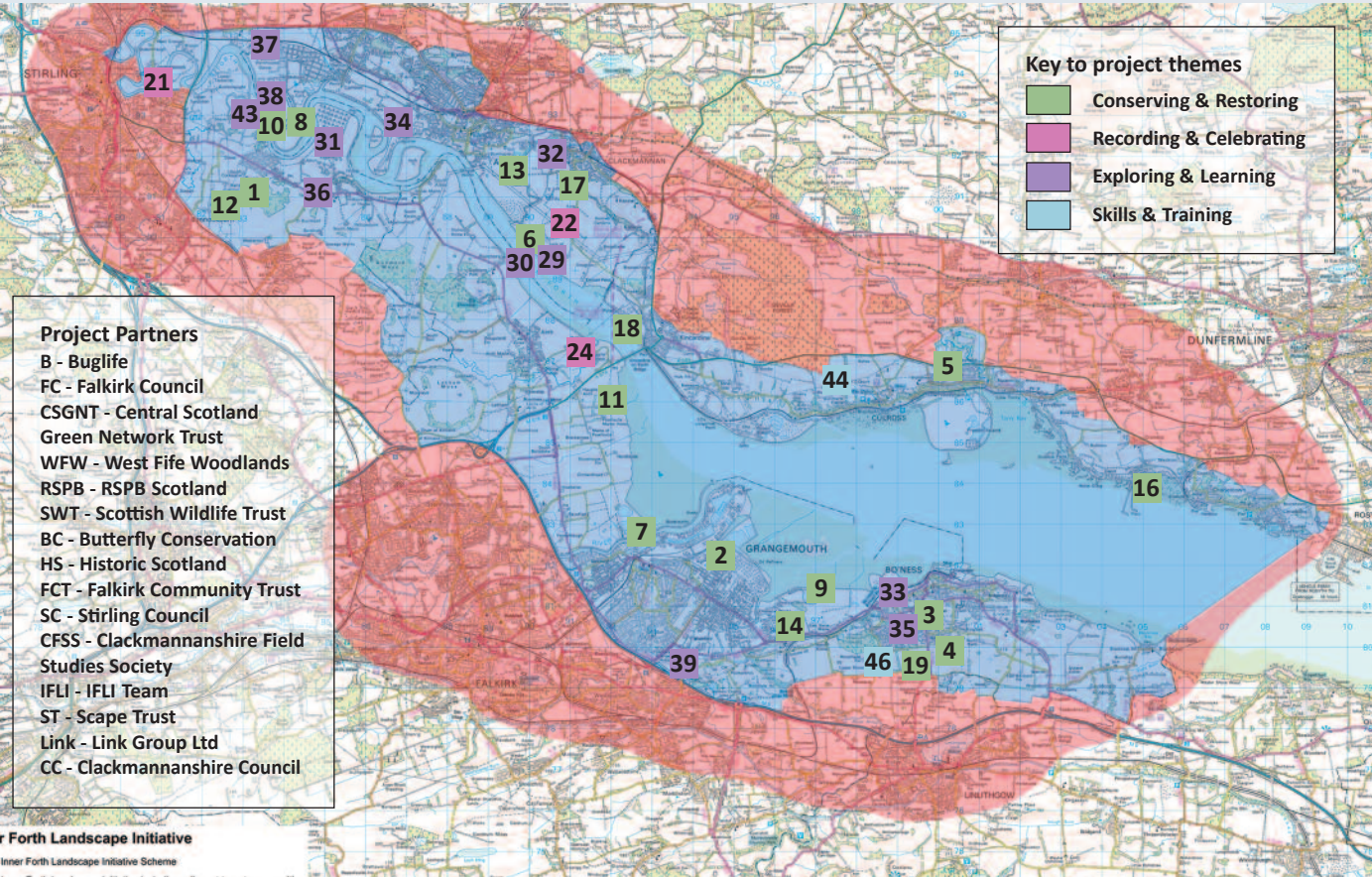
- 3. An Industrious LNR (FC)**  
Further restoring an area of ex-Kinneil Colliery into a haven for wildlife and an improved recreational area for people.
- 4. Kinneil Estate Woodlands Reborn (CSGNT)**  
Helping bring Kinneil Woods back into sustainable management.
- 5. Valleyfield Estate Community Orchard (WFW)**  
Restoring the orchard in the kitchen garden of the former Valleyfield House and Estate.
- 6. Black Devon Wetlands (RSPB)**  
Creating wetland habitats rich in wildlife where people can enjoy the Inner Forth's wildlife.
- 7. Bothkennar Pools (FC)**  
Enhancing the wetland habitat with established reed beds and a freshwater lagoon.
- 8. Cambus Pools (SWT)**  
To restore the SWT Reserve, enhancing its value for people and wildlife.



- 9. Kinneil Lagoons, Boost the Roost (RSPB)**  
Enhancing the wetland site on reclaimed land to benefit Firth of Forth SPA wintering birds..
- 10. Polmaise Lagoons (SC)**  
Enhancing existing wetland near Lower Polmaise Waste Recycling Facility to create space for wildlife and people.
- 11. Skinflats Lagoons (RSPB)**  
Further enhancing the wetland habitats at the RSPB Reserve and making the islands and pools better for breeding birds.
- 12. Wetter Moss! (BC)**  
Helping safeguard the wildlife of this peat bog nature reserve by reducing the water leakage.



- 13. Coastal Clacks Woodland Network (CSGNT)**  
Enhancing the habitat around the Black Devon and Devon rivers, and actively managing the woodland corridors.
- 14. Falkirk Woodland Network (CSGNT)**  
Increasing the quality and quantity of woodland to create a robust ecological resource.



- 15. Wildlife Connections (RSPB)**  
Connecting farmers and land managers with the wildlife that uses their land and to re-establishing wildlife corridors such as hedgerows to increase biodiversity.
- 16. Charlestown Limekilns (HS)**  
Clearing vegetation and consolidating a key element of this nationally important historic industrial site.
- 17. The View from Clackmannan Tower (Tower (HS))**  
Providing increased public access to this nationally important 14th century keep.
- 18. A Wee Dram at Kennet Pans (HS)**  
Clearing vegetation and consolidating a key element of this nationally important site - the first distillery in the world built on an industrial scale.



- 19. Kinneil Estate Church (FCT)**  
Safeguarding the site and creating an attractive and educational visitor experience.
- 20. Conservation Volunteering Around the Forth (RSPB)**  
Creating a group of volunteers trained in a range of natural heritage and survey skills.
- 21. Cambuskenneth Watergate & Harbour (SC)**  
Investigating the Watergate and establishing the historic harbour positions.
- 22. A Tale of Two Estates (CFSS)**  
Connecting people living around the former Alloa and Clackmannan Tower estates with their past and capturing more recent memories.
- 23. Forth Crossings (IFLI)**  
Reconnecting Forth communities by engaging them in research, sharing and celebration of how trading shaped its landscape and culture.



# The Projects

This list is a very brief introduction to the projects supported by IFLI. To find out more visit our website, or follow the links to the many organisations who are involved in making our vision a reality.



- 24. The Lost Harbour at Higgins Neuk (ST)**  
Involving local communities in revealing the history of the landscape through archaeological and environmental investigations..
- 25. Memories of Mining (IFLI)**  
Remembering, sharing, researching and celebrating memories of mining life amongst three communities.



- 26. Forth Wildlife Counts (IFLI)**  
Increasing biological recording in the area and generating as many verified records as possible to help nature conservation.
- 27. Action for Nature (CSGNT)**  
Raising awareness of, and engaging people with biodiversity in the area, using ladybirds and orchards as flagship species and habitats..
- 28. Like the Back of My Hand (IFLI)**  
Promoting and raising awareness of the natural and

- cultural heritage of the IFLI landscape to residents, visitors and businesses..
- 29. A Walk to the Wetlands (CSGNT)**  
Enhancing the network of paths around Black Devon Wetlands.
- 30. Black Devon Wetland Trail (RSPB)**  
Enabling access to the wetlands.
- 31. Cambus Whisky & Wetland Wander (CSGNT)**  
Creating an all abilities circular route to increase access to the Forthside heritage.
- 32. Clackmannan & Alloa Park Access Improvements (CSGNT)**  
Establishing and enhancing the path network.



- 33. From the Foreshore to Kinneil (FC)**  
Formalising public access between the Kinneil Foreshore and the Kinneil Estate.
- 34. Inner Forth Inches Trail (CSGNT)**  
Creating a looped link to connect the National Cycle Network and core paths.
- 35. Kinneil Estate Woodland Wanders (CSGNT)**  
Bringing the woodlands back into sustainable management and developing them for recreation, amenity and biodiversity.



- 36. Linking Stirling's Eastern Villages (Fallin & Throsk) (SC)**  
Giving people with a pleasant off-road path, near the Forth which links the villages.
- 37. NCN76 – The Missing Link at Manor Powis (SC)**  
Providing National Cycle Network users with an off-road alternative to the current on-road busy road route.
- 38. Polmaise Lagoons boardwalk (SC)**  
Providing safe access to the wetland habitat by Lower Polmaise Household Waste Recycling Facility.
- 39. Views into the Past & Present at Polmont Woods (FC)**  
Improving public and educational access to the woods.
- 40. An Active Landscape (IFLI)**  
Delivering a variety of outdoor activities to help communities to get active and explore the landscape's many natural and built heritage facets.



- 41. Telling the Inner Forth Story (IFLI)**  
Providing an area-wide suite of interpretation to increase understanding of its natural, historical and cultural heritage.
- 42. Future Tides (RSPB)**  
Engaging school children with the changing landscape and wildlife of the Inner Forth to build a greater understanding of how it changes.
- 43. Polmaise Lagoons education facilities (SC)**  
Providing a centre for natural



- environment education for schools and groups.
- 44. Blair Castle Heritage Skills (Link)**  
Providing a range of heritage skills training opportunities to improve management of and increase access to the Blair Castle estate.
- 45. Landscape Management Apprenticeships (IFLI/FC)**  
Providing opportunities to gain Employability Awards and Vocational Skills Qualifications through on-site training and work experience.



- 46. Drystone Dyke Apprenticeships (FC)**  
Providing traditional skills training apprenticeships
- 47. Training Tomorrow's Talent (IFLI/CC)**  
Creating paid employment training opportunities for unemployed people within the Inner Forth area, in the heritage/environmental sector.



- 48. Conservation Masonry Skills Training (HS)**  
To up-skill people working on traditional buildings through basic masonry conservation and consolidation technique training.
- 49. Researching Our Local Heritage (IFLI)**  
Providing support and training to community groups to help them to participate in and run projects to research, record, showcase and preserve elements of local heritage.

- IFLI-wide projects**
- Projects 15, 20, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 40, 41, 42, 45, 47, 48 and 49 are not shown on the map because they cover the whole of the IFLI area.

