

Ore Valley Greenspaces Plan – Presentation Summary Report

Introduction

The Ore Valley Greenspace Taskgroup has produced a plan for environmental and amenity improvements to the Greenspace areas to the south and east of Ore valley. This has followed a process that began with a public consultation in 2007. Since then plans have been drawn up in response to preferences and suggestions made during consultations and following feasibility and survey work carried out on the site and its landscape.

This report summarises what stage the plan is at following an open presentation meeting held at The Bridge in February 2008. The Greenspaces Plan, including full site drawings, can be found on the Sea Space website at www.seaspace.org.uk.

Site plan

The Greenspace site plans include:

- New planting appropriate to the existing ecology
- Restored water-courses and reservoir as ecological features
- Long-term management for the benefit of plants and animals (especially protected species) and amenity use by local people
- Existing paths maintained and a new main path from Ore Valley station through to Quantock Garden
- New Wayfinders for better orientation
- Two new, natural play area that make the most of the existing landforms (details of the equipment and play landscape are still to be finalised)
- Protective new fencing and a natural boundary treatment

Next stages and steps

The Greenspaces Task Group, assisted by Sea Space and the landscape architects, will be putting together Planning Application and management plan taking on board comments throughout the consultations and presentation meeting.

This year (2008) it will be possible to create the paths, boardwalks, hedges/terracing, orchard planting meadow and fencing. The following stage can involve play areas and further improvements.

A part-time Green Spaces Worker from Sussex Wildlife Trust is helping local people to develop local environmental projects in the areas (contact details below).

Long-term management

Sea Space is exploring how an existing or new organisation can be formed for long term management of the site and both Sea Space and the Council are committing some funds for long-term management

For further details contact these people

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For enquiries about developing green projects on the Greenspaces:
Matt Deering, Sussex Wildlife Trust 07790 350872.

For a copy of the draft plans for the site with drawings and all the proposed improvements go to www.seaspace.org.uk or contact Sea Space on 01424 723123.