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Appendix 2

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London Wildlife Trust	Catalyst for London's Nature	£500,000	Catalyst Endowment	Hackney
<p>The project secured an endowment to provide sustainable funding for the ongoing management and maintenance of 28 nature reserves which are clustered within several identified natural landscape areas across London. These sites cover a range of diverse habitats, characteristic of the wider landscapes in which they are situated, and are home to many priority species. Many sites such as Sydenham Hill Wood, Totteridge Fields and Wilderness Island came into the Trust's management portfolio following campaigns against their development by local activists over the course of the Trust's 30 year history. The endowment will help overcome the Trust's reliance on project funding by providing substantial contribution towards the revenue needed to fund its land management team over the next 20 years. Specifically it will support a permanent Reserves Development Manager who will have overall strategic and operational responsibility for these important examples of London's natural heritage.</p>				
London Wildlife Trust	River Crane Community Project	£285,600	Heritage Grant	Richmond upon Thames
<p>The River Crane Community Project aims to improve access, both physical and intellectual, and create a programme of opportunities for diverse local communities to learn about and participate in their local natural heritage. Three priority areas along the river were chosen to show how community engagement can help to reverse the green spaces' decline and enhance the lives of socially deprived communities living alongside. The project complements the River Crane Conservation Project which is delivering species and habitat improvements in the Crane Valley. The two projects work together to make landscape scale changes to a river corridor for the long term benefit of both people and wildlife.</p>				
RSPB South East	Wild About Hampstead Heath	£440,600	Heritage Grant	Camden
<p>The project will enthuse tens of thousands of people about Hampstead Heath's wildlife and natural heritage, through innovative interpretation events, a learning programme and habitat creation. It will target new audiences, especially those from BAME communities and young people from local deprived areas. A volunteer-led 'guerrilla interpretation' team will enhance visitors' experience through pop-up events showcasing wildlife spectacles, that will use cutting edge audio-visual equipment and passionate people to tell the story of Hampstead Heath's natural heritage. Three young trainees will receive a year of paid employment as part of a development programme. Habitat quality will be enhanced by creating wildflower meadows to help the beleaguered house sparrow and a kingfisher bank to increase the number of these magnificent birds breeding on the Heath.</p>				
Essex Wildlife Trust (EWT)	Ingrebourne Valley Heritage Visitor Centre	£774,400	Heritage Grant	Havering
<p>Essex Wildlife Trust in partnership with London Borough of Havering wishes to build a Heritage Visitor Centre at Hornchurch Country Park. The centre will be 410 m2 and will include education facilities, hall/observation room, exhibition/interpretation area, refreshments and toilets together with a sales area, staff accommodation and storage area. The project will provide interpretation and information on the heritage and ecology of the Park and Ingrebourne Valley, both in the Centre and in the immediate surrounding area. Essex Wildlife Trust is already working closely with the London Borough of Havering Council (the landowners of the site) on a Heritage Lottery Funded project 'The Ingrebourne Valley Enhancement Programme' in order to improve the access and understanding of the Ingrebourne Marshes including its rich heritage. Essex Wildlife Trust seeks to build upon this valuable work. The proposed project is also looking to employ a full time community /education officer to deliver education / activities on site and in the local community as well as a Centre Manager to manage the site.</p>				
London Wildlife Trust	Woodberry Wetlands	£84,800	Heritage Grant	Hackney
<p>Developed a 'step change' approach to the use of the Stoke Newington reservoirs, which will help underpin the massive regeneration of the Woodberry Down neighbourhood, secure significant biodiversity enhancements, and make it become a destination of choice, with economic, educational and social benefits that complement one of the largest regeneration schemes in the UK. The primary aim is to open up access to the site through a new entrance and path network, including a floating boardwalk offering unique views across the East Reservoir. A new visitor facility will be created within the existing Gas House containing an exhibition about the natural, industrial and cultural heritage of the site, whilst also offering a community facility and volunteer hub. A comprehensive programme of community activities will further increase opportunities for learning. Floating islands on East Reservoir will provide additional habitat without the risk of disturbance. A volunteering programme will help deliver other biodiversity improvements, whilst a wide range of training opportunities will also be provided. Local involvement in the management of the site will also be fostered through the development of a 'Friends Of' group.</p>				
London Borough of Waltham Forest	Walthamstow Wetlands	£288,900	Heritage Grant	Waltham Forest
<p>The aim is to redefine Walthamstow Reservoirs as a distinctive urban wetland nature reserve in the heart of north-east London and create a special heritage asset which becomes a valued part of the cultural, social, economic and environmental life of our community. The project aims are: - Create opportunities for people from the local area and the wider region to access the reservoirs and appreciate the heritage value of the site, which has hitherto remained hidden and forgotten. - Conserve, manage and enhance the sites heritage, ensuring a legacy for future generations to experience and enjoy. - Create a focus for education, with opportunities to learn about the sites heritage, water sustainability and the role Waltham Forest and this part of the Lee Valley has played in the development of London. - Integrate the site with adjoining open spaces to create a holistic landscape experience. - Maximise opportunities for economic renewal, environmental improvements, social cohesion and improved health and well being. The Wetlands will be transformational for this part of London, resulting in the emergence of a shared, metropolitan-scale landscape, and a radical re-orientation and cultural shift in the way this area is perceived and approached</p>				
Wandsworth Borough Council	Living Wandle Landscape Partnership	£1,993,000	Landscape Partnership Scheme	Wandsworth
<p>The river rises as a chalk stream in the Surrey Hills and meanders through four South London Boroughs to the Thames at Wandsworth. Today the river flows through a high density mix of residential and commercial development, historic centres of industry and new urban regeneration and a number of valued parks and open spaces. The 'Living Wandle' landscape area follows the River Wandle through this diverse and densely populated urban landscape. Despite this urbanisation, the essence of the river remains a chalk stream, a tranquil natural presence in busy south London. Elements of the natural character remain through stretches of natural bank, wet woodlands, large commons and water meadows, although much of the river remains culverted, with poor water quality and degraded habitats. A number of the mills which generated power for agriculture and industry remain along the course of the river, whilst there are also remnants of grander landscapes of former country estates. The vision for the Living Wandle Landscape Partnership scheme is to revitalize the Wandle as an identifiable, high quality asset to the communities of south London, through engagement with the natural and built heritage of the river.</p>				
London Borough of Lambeth	Rookery Centenary Restoration	£51,400	Our Heritage	Lambeth
<p>The Rookery on Streatham Common has been in use as a public garden for a century. During this time thousands of local residents have enjoyed its Old English Garden, White Garden, which predates that of Sissinghurst, open air theatre, cascading water features, orchard, and newly-founded Community Garden. The Rookery has inevitably suffered from reductions in maintenance budgets in recent years. This project will restore the Rookery to its past glory and give local residents new reasons to be involved, and to learn about its history and horticultural heritage. The Rookery Centenary Restoration project is made up of works to: - Restore the Rookery to its former glory; - Repair of the paths to secure access for the next 100 years; - Volunteer-led projects to research the heritage of the White Garden and Old English Garden, leading to well-considered planting designs for both Learn about the heritage of the Rookery; This research will inform volunteer-led tours of the horticultural heritage during Centenary Celebrations. Heritage gardening workshops at Streatham Common Community Garden; - Playing the Rookery: exploring the way children have used the Rookery, culminating in a presentation during the Centenary Celebrations.</p>				

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Saint Francis Hospice	Pemberton's hybrid musk roses restored to The Hall at Havering-atte-Bower where they were originally bred	£89,700	Our Heritage	Havering
<p>Pemberton was President of the National Rose Society of Great Britain and will be remembered for the string of roses that he bred and which are now grown globally. The original rose fields of 4,000 bushes were destroyed around 1940 and many of the 70 roses introduced by Pemberton have faded from commerce. The rose collection is unknown to people locally, nationally and globally. Our project will give people the opportunity to discover the largest collection of Pemberton roses where they were originally bred at Havering-atte-Bower. They will learn about the roses, lineage, cultivation, growing tips; about local history; and about events that happened during the years he bred his roses. People will discover the collection through a formal Open Day, informal open days, global treasure hunt, press releases, exhibitions, presentations, website, virtual tour and audio tour, smart phone app and book. There is a real need to collect, maintain and exhibit these roses in their birth place, for the enjoyment of the wider public and all hospice users for generations to come.</p>				
London Borough of Croydon	Wandle Park, Croydon	£2,071,200	Parks for People	Croydon
<p>The 'Parks for People' project in Wandle Park will transform the park through the restoration key original historic Victorian features of the park - the sorely missed River Wandle, the ornamental planting, the bandstand, the water fountain, the historic walls and paths and part of the boating lake. This restoration will focus on two areas –the northern promenade and the southern terrace. The rose garden will be restored as a piece of 1970s design. The River Wandle will be returned to the park and designed in accordance with current day water flows and the requirements identified by the Environment Agency. Park users will once again enjoy the social, environmental and spiritual benefits of this natural water feature and the River Wandle will be returned to Croydon after 40 years of being buried underground. Other facilities will be upgraded and new facilities provided that cater for the local community's needs today: The existing playspace will be revamped to provide equipment for imaginative play opportunities, and the 1950's park pavilion will be upgraded to provide a café, base for education, toilets and improved changing facilities and a ball court will be returned to the park. There will be a dynamic series of cultural and heritage related projects as well as a range of educational opportunities provided.</p>				
Trees for Cities	Growing Skills Project	£226,900	Skills for the Future	Southwark
<p>The Growing Skills project is recruiting 12 women over three years onto a Work-Based Horticulture level 2 qualification accredited by City & Guilds. Through this project Trees for Cities aims to: • Establish careers for trainees in the horticultural sector, • Broaden TfC's capacity and remit to focus on heritage skills for women, and • Expand and strengthen our partnership work. We will provide candidates with a practical knowledge of preserving natural landscapes, and particularly to draw women from black and ethnic minorities back into the sector. Candidates will earn and learn simultaneously which means that we will be able to train those who might not otherwise be able to afford qualified access into the horticultural industry. As a renowned national charity, candidates will help us to deliver quality landscaping work to tight deadlines. We develop and deliver projects at 25 to 30 different sites across London every year. These are based on estates, schools, streets and other neglected and under-valued spaces, which do not benefit from trees or other greenery.</p>				
London Wildlife Trust	Wild Talent	£558,700	Skills for the Future	Southwark
<p>London Wildlife Trust and its partners seek to address skill shortages in new entrants to the urban nature conservation sector whilst increasing the diversity of the workforce through the provision of 24 high quality vocational traineeships. Working with Peabody and Catch 22, we will target opportunities at those that face barriers to the usual entry routes due to socio-economic background and provide them with the job specific skills needed for a career in the sector, whilst particularly addressing those identified as in short supply across the workforce. Trainees will undertake on-the-job learning alongside skilled staff and a programme of training delivered by staff and partners GiGL, the London Natural History Society and the Natural History Museum. All participants will achieve a Level 2 Diploma in Environmental Conservation (accredited by Green Corridor) and undertake an external placement with Natural England, a local authority or private contractor linked to their career aspirations.</p>				
London Borough of Brent Parks Service	Masons Field, Fryent Country Park	£47,000	Your Heritage (precursor to current Our Heritage Programme)	Brent
<p>The project focuses on restoring Masons Field as part of a landscape of meadows, hedgerows and countryside; and to create traditional orchard habitat at Masons Field, Fryent Country Park. Restoring these will also create habitat for species including for the Meadow Brown, Gatekeeper and Brimstone butterflies, for some old varieties of fruit tree, birds, bats, the Common Frog, Common Toad and Smooth Newt. Access to the field and to its heritage will be improved; people will be able to learn about the habitats and countryside; and to participate in the restoration, conservation, management and monitoring of the habitats and species.</p>				
The Froglife Trust	Railway Fields Pond Restoration	£39,700	Your Heritage (precursor to current Our Heritage Programme)	Haringey
<p>Railway Fields Nature Reserve in Haringey is only one hectare but it has an amazing variety of important habitats for an urban environment. One of the main features in the reserve is the wildlife pond. The pond is under threat from drying up due to the liner degrading over the years. The pond has a strong history and is well established for wildlife and people. Through this project we will be engaging local people, school children, families and volunteers to carry out activities to keep this heritage alive for everyone to enjoy for future generations.</p>				
London Wildlife Trust	From Thorn to Orchid: embedding volunteer action for London's chalk grassland restoration	£49,900	Your Heritage (precursor to current Our Heritage Programme)	Southwark
<p>'From Thorn to Orchid' will seek to secure the future conservation heritage of some of the last remaining chalk grasslands within London for the benefit of both people and wildlife by undertaking a truly participatory approach to facilitate the planning, delivery and monitoring of future management activities. Working on six important sites in south London, including two Sites of Special Scientific Interest, the project involves the development of new digitised management plans and assessment procedures which will help inform the Trust in identifying priorities for action, how it can contribute towards Biodiversity Action Plan objectives (local to national) and how local people can best benefit from the reserves. Whilst the existing management plans for these sites have been largely adequate to date, the Trust recognises that they are now in need of significant overhaul to meet the challenges and opportunities of new technology, the demands placed on the Trust as a responsible land manager and the need to truly engage the public in decision making about green spaces on their doorstep. In developing these new management plans, 'From Thorn to Orchid' therefore seeks to offer a significant step change in the way that London Wildlife Trust works with volunteers in the management and monitoring of the natural heritage on their doorstep. We plan to bring together the small group of existing volunteers with other local people newly recruited from the communities surrounding the 6 sites and enable them to become involved in the process of developing the new management plans from the very outset, a process which in the longer term will enable them to have greater 'ownership' of the conservation objectives of their area.</p>				

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The Conservation Foundation	ulmus londinium	£49,900	Your Heritage (precursor to current Our Heritage Programme)	Westminster
<p>Part of The Conservation Foundation's National Elm Programme, ulmus londinium - the London Elm Programme' - is a multi media programme featuring the heritage of London's international elm population aimed at encouraging an awareness of all the capital's trees and an appreciation of their contribution to its landscape, quality of life, health and biodiversity It will culminate in a series of celebrations in 2012 and planting of elm trees in significant locations around the capital.</p>				
London Borough of Sutton Environmental Sustainability	Traditional back gardens	£44,900	Your Heritage (precursor to current Our Heritage Programme)	Sutton
<p>The project will conserve ecologically valuable spaces beyond Council owned nature reserves and parks. Sutton intend to raise interest and enable owners and managers of these green spaces to have sufficient confidence to maintain wildlife habitats and take part in species monitoring. They hope to achieve the protection and creation, of wildlife habitats to improve habitat links and species survival in the local area. These activities are targets in Sutton's Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP), and the Private Gardens Habitat Action Plan in particular. In addition, the project will identify and improve habitat for BAP Species such as stage beetle and small blue that rely on "stepping stones" between designated nature conservation sites. Sutton will employ a project officer and work in partnership with Wallington Grammar School to run public events, audience development projects and workshops. These will raise awareness of the heritage value of traditional gardens and other undervalued green spaces and enable participants to learn the skills to create and maintain habitats, as well as identifying and recording species. The workshops are intended to create long term understanding and protection of natural heritage. Students will learn how to construct their own research to produce the desired results for mapping the natural heritage and engaging new audiences. We already have identified workshops to teach traditional skills to maintain wildlife gardens and public wildlife events as key activities to encourage people to create wildlife gardens.</p>				
Amphibian and Reptile Conservation Trust	Connecting London's Amphibian and Reptile Environments (CLARE)	£49,400	Your Heritage (precursor to current Our Heritage Programme)	Southwark
<p>The project will raise the profile and increase the understanding of amphibians and reptiles and their distribution within Greater London through a campaign that will involve wide public participation and learning in wildlife recording and provide old observations and anecdotes about the historic distributions of these animals. This will be achieved through an awareness programme involving on-line information and recording. The media day is one day of concentrated effort to make a big impact to start the campaign off so that we can have an on-going relationship with the press to maintain the momentum of the campaign. Engaging the public with these animals is difficult so the more coverage the project receives the more people will learn about amphibians and reptiles. Information days will be held around the Capital, and open days on LWT nature reserves. The info/open days will offer basic training in identification and surveying through exhibitions and workshops and the opportunity to learn more about herpetofauna and why they are so important and what they can do in their own gardens to help. A dedicated web page with links to GiGL and how to record your sightings and LWT's webpage of 'How to Guides' and 'Garden for a Living London'. There will be training sessions for LWT staff and volunteers and community groups local to the reserve where the training is taking place and the London ARG. These training days will also be advertised at the info/open days to encourage more volunteers.</p>				
The London Orchard Project	Rediscovering London's Lost Orchard Heritage	£50,000	Your Heritage (precursor to current Our Heritage Programme)	Islington
<p>The project aims to: - Identify, conserve and enhance one of London's priority habitats, traditional orchards; and - Raise awareness of, learning and participation in, the cultural traditions associated with orchards.</p>				
London Wildlife Trust	Wildlife on your Waterways	£54,900	Your Heritage (precursor to current Our Heritage Programme)	Camden
<p>Wildlife on your Waterways' is raising awareness of the natural and industrial heritage of a key stretch of the Regents Canal, in the heart of the Kings Cross Central regeneration area, whilst also involving volunteers in its conservation, enhancement and maintenance as a habitat for wildlife. LWT believes that the local canal network is an important local resource which has the potential to provide both recreational and educational opportunities for London's residents and a unique and valuable habitat for the capital's wildlife. As part of the regeneration of Kings Cross Central, significant improvements will be made to the canal towpath and three new bridges will be constructed. Whilst the Trust supports these plans, in the context of a rapidly changing built environment we also want to ensure that the unique value of the local canal as a high quality habitat and community asset is recognised and safeguarded both during and after the redevelopment of the wider area. Through its longstanding presence adjacent to the canal, LWT's involvement in the redevelopment process and its established relationships with key partners, we believe that we are uniquely placed to deliver this work. Crucially, we want to help ensure that local people and businesses are involved in this process, thereby bringing the community together whilst creating an exemplar stretch of canal and truly embedding this important feature within the local landscape. It has been agreed through discussions with the British Waterways Team that as a part of this project, London Wildlife Trust will officially adopt the stretch of the Regent's Canal from Camden Lock to Islington Tunnel.</p>				
Harrow Heritage Trust	Restoration of Bluebell Heath, Stanmore Common	£38,400	Your Heritage (precursor to current Our Heritage Programme)	Harrow
<p>HHT propose to restore Bluebell Heath as a continuous open space dominated by heather at the northwest end ("heathland") grading to a dominance of grass and acid grassland herbs at the southeast end ("acid grassland"), thus increasing both public amenity, by creating an open space rich in wild flowers, and biodiversity. Volunteers will be trained in ecological surveying, tree felling and pesticide application and will use these skills in the project. Local historians, ecologists and the general public will collaborate to generate a statement of significance for the site plus an interpretation manual for leaders of walks and other educational activities. Boards, leaflets and a nature trail will describe the work and alert visitors to plants and animals in the heath.</p>				
Groundwork London	Edgecombe Hall Pond Restoration	£55,000	Your Heritage (precursor to current Our Heritage Programme)	Wandsworth
<p>The Edgecombe Hall project will: •restore the Victorian feeder ponds and Pulhamite waterfall features (currently in a state of decay and disrepair) and engage the local community and volunteers with the space in order to conserve the landscape architecture and protect and increase the habitat's biodiversity value. •increase the communities / volunteers engagement and interaction with the space by recording and sharing the communities' memories and experiences of the manor house and grounds, and their reactions to the restoration of the space. •increase the sites wildlife and biodiversity including contributing to the BAP targets for conserving standing water. The volunteers and the community will learn about and preserve the history (both natural and man made) of their local area, will help to conserve an important historical feature, and will protect their natural heritage.</p>				

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Woodlands Farm Trust	Farm Conservation	£38,000	Your Heritage (precursor to current Our Heritage Programme)	Greenwich
<p>The project involves the recruitment of a new Wildlife Officer who will coordinate the protection and promotion of biodiversity on Woodlands Farm. He/she will work with local communities and volunteers to provide training, increase awareness of the farms biodiversity and local conservation priorities and inspire local communities to become actively involved in protecting the environment. These aims will be achieved through conducting baseline surveys of the farms biodiversity and establishing a sustainable long term monitoring and management programme. The local community and volunteers will be integral to the success of the project with the Wildlife Officer being responsible for organising a range of public events, training sessions and workshops. The education and wildlife team will work together to ensure that school groups are given the opportunity to attend educational visits focusing on wildlife. The creation of this new post will allow for the following increase in the volume of information disseminated (numbers per year): - 70+ volunteers with access to additional training - 6 volunteers given in depth training allowing them to disseminate information to other volunteers and visitors. - 15 community groups with access to environmental workshops - circa 500 members of the public with access to training/wildlife events on the farm - circa 4,500 school students with access to wildlife specific educational visits.</p>				
Bentley Priory Nature Reserve Management Committee	Restoration of Furze Heath and The Greensward, Bentley Priory SSSI, LNR	£59,500	Your Heritage (precursor to current Our Heritage Programme)	Harrow
<p>We intend to restore areas of species-rich grassland within Furze Heath and The Greensward (Bentley Priory SSSI) that would have been present in late Victorian times thus recreating a feeling of openness and an area rich in wildflowers and other wildlife which include local rarities such as devil's-bit scabious, heath speedwell, heath woodrush, small heath butterfly, grass snake and common lizard. To sustain the project volunteers from all backgrounds will be recruited and receive training including two new volunteer wardens who will undertake recognised training courses as well as working closely and receiving mentoring from Bentley Priory's Senior Warden and Harrow Council's Biodiversity Officer. Other volunteers will be encouraged who can learn through a series of courses about habitat (including identifying defining species) and invertebrate assessment as well as taking part in onsite practical conservation management tasks. The engagement of local schools will be developed by the Project's Educational Steering under the Chairmanship and guidance of Marilyn Raymond an experienced teacher and environmental educationist. Engagement will include: i) participating in onsite work experience in aimed at GCSE and A-level students . This will be delivered by an environmental educationist, experienced at working with younger people. ii) by the production of an education pack which will guide younger pupils and their teachers in optimising the educational experience offered by the site. Information will be disseminating more widely via a mobile display, interpretation boards, Harrow Nature Conservation Forum and Harrow Council websites, local papers, guided walks and other onsite activities.</p>				