New Forest Life Partnership

Sustainable Wetland Restoration in the New Forest - A LIFE-Nature European Union funded project
An overview of the New Forest
Habitats to be restored across three of the six catchments

10km of river channel
Riverine woodland – 261ha
Bog woodland – 18ha
Valley mires – 184ha
Wet grassland – 141ha
Challenges
More challenges!
Heather Bale Production
Bog Woodland
A natural channel?
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Riverine Woodland
Felling conifers from the floodplain
Inclosures Opened to Grazing
Approximately 700 hectares thrown open
Alluvial grassland
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Monitoring

- Photographic monitoring
- Two PhD students from Southampton University
- NT Biosurvey
- RSPB Wader survey
- Alluvial exclosure plots and vegetation transects
- Water level monitoring since LIFE 2
Project outcomes

Restoration of substantial areas of habitat currently in unfavourable condition.

Through monitoring, an understanding of the effects of restoration works.

Integrated catchment plans for the six catchments of the New Forest.

Shared understanding between project partners and the wider community of the need for further restoration and the means by which it can delivered.