

The Lower Severn Vale Levels are an area of low lying floodplain alongside the River Severn. It stretches between the industrial estates of Avonmouth within Bristol and the open, mostly flat farmland around Oldbury and Shepperdine in South Gloucestershire.



In the north you'll find small to medium sized fields separated by rhines and hedgerows, pollarded willows and orchards and small villages. To the south the area is more industrial with factories, railways, motorways and the two iconic bridges crossing the Severn.

The whole area is great for wildlife with a wide range of nationally and internationally important species such as water voles, great crested newts and a host of different birds associated with the Severn Estuary. It also has a fascinating and lively history with archaeological remains buried beneath the soil and many tales to tell of how people and the landscape shape each other.

## Want to get involved

Do you love this landscape? Do you want to learn new skills, meet new people and help secure the future of the Lower Severn Vale Levels? Volunteer with us.

For more information please contact the project team: [afl@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:afl@southglos.gov.uk) or 01454 863886 / 863043  
Find out more at [www.aforgottenlandscape.org.uk](http://www.aforgottenlandscape.org.uk)



## Project partners

The partnership board consists of:

South Gloucestershire Council, Natural England, Bristol City Council, Avon Wildlife Trust, Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group Southwest, RSPB, Bristol & Regional Environmental Record Centre, Environment Agency, University of the West of England, The Conservation Volunteers (TCV) and a community representative.

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## Restoring the heritage of the Lower Severn Vale Levels



## The project

In 2015 South Gloucestershire Council, in partnership with several other organisations, was successful in gaining Heritage Lottery Fund money to run this large scale landscape project from now until the end of 2018.

The overall aims of the project are to improve habitats for wildlife, explore the area's history and celebrate its heritage.

There are many different projects you can get involved with including:

- monitoring birds, water voles or great crested newts,
- learning how to restore key habitats,
- improving footpaths and walking routes
- taking part in archaeological surveys, researching local history or collecting oral histories.

This is just a small number of the many exciting things we'll be doing – any necessary training is provided – so we'd love to hear from you!

If you are a farmer or landowner we offer free advice for improving wildlife habitat and some grant funding. We will also be running a range of projects for schools and young people.



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