



# **Blackwater Valley Countryside Partnership**

## **Annual Report 2014**





**Pictures above, clockwise from top left:**

- Roesel's Bush Cricket
- Volunteers repairing a culvert
- Path clearance at Finchampstead

**Cover Picture**

- Blackwater Valley Countryside Volunteers at Royal Oak Valley after hay cut



### **Highlights of the Year:**

- Opening of Swan Lake Park.
- New river channel at Farnham Quarry.
- Volunteers and community groups completed 159 practical projects, the most we have achieved in any one year.
- Start on Aldershot Urban Extension SANGs.





**Pictures above, clockwise from top left:**

- Sorting the access at Swan Lake Park.
- Migrant Hawker Dragonfly.
- Guides earning their conservation badge at Southwood Woodland.
- A winter where the floodplain earnt its keep.



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### **I Introduction**

This report outlines the work of the Blackwater Valley Countryside Partnership over the period 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013 to 31<sup>st</sup> September 2014.

Work to set up and then look after SANGs is an increasing element of our work and will see long term benefits both for users of the new sites and the long term financial stability for the Partnership. Swan Lake Park SANG was opened in June and, though small, is proving a popular greenspace having the only public lakeside walk in the Valley. We have now taken on responsibility for the Rushmoor SANGs at Southwood Woodland and Rowhill.

Work to set up the Aldershot Urban Extension SANGs started in earnest requiring us to take on a number of new staff. This project has dominated our work load for the year and the intensive set up phase will continue into next, and then be followed by annual management.

The winter storms created plenty of work to clear fallen and dangerous trees. Since then we have continued to look after the Blackwater Valley path and the many smaller sites along the Valley.

This work load has only been possible with the support of The Blackwater Valley Countryside Trust, who have continued to organise and running the public events and the help of many individual volunteers and site groups.



## **2 The Team**

### **2.1 Staff**

Laura Keighley and Steven Tate had their contracts extended for a further year. Steven Tate, who had been employed using a Poppy Factory grant, left mid year to attend a full time training course. We hope his experience with us will help him obtain permanent employment.

Delivery of the Aldershot Urban Extension SANGs required us to take on a number of new staff. As a long term agreement to manage this SANG had not been signed George Frater and Mark Foster were employed on a temporary basis only. We have created a number of casual staff posts that should help us meet the short term demands of the AUE SANG contract, and will be reviewing staff contracts once this has been finally signed.

Staff in post this at the end of this year are:-

Manager:	Steve Bailey B.Sc., M.Phil., MIEEM.
Senior Ranger	Andrew Price
Countryside Ranger:	Stuart Croft B.Sc., M.Sc.
Countryside Ranger:	Tony Anderson
Countryside Ranger (temporary post):	George Frater B.Sc., M.Sc.
Assistant Ranger (temporary post):	Laura Keighley B.Sc.
Assistant Ranger (temporary post):	Mark Foster

## **3 Countryside & Access**

### **3.1 Partnership work**

Due to this years demands of non core projects we have had only 2.4 FTE staff available for core partnership work. We have thus concentrated on maintenance work rather than developing new projects. A priority has been supporting our volunteer work parties and site groups and the BVC Trust. The rangers continue to lead a Blackwater Valley Conservation Volunteer task every Tuesday and smaller work parties on other days.

Keeping the Blackwater Path in good condition has been another steady stream of work.



### **3.1.1 Access and Blackwater Valley Path**

Storms in December were followed by more in the new year that brought down many trees along the path, requiring a rapid response to make safe those that remained hung up and clear those that blocked the route.

The storms also brought flooding to a number of path sections. Inevitable for a riverside path and the public do seem understanding as we received very few complaints.

During summer vegetation clearance along the path is an ongoing job whilst over 150 bags of rubbish were cleared in the annual spring litter pick. Safety fencing was renewed in two places.

The diversion of the footpath and closure to cyclists on one of the privately owned sections caused a lot of disappointment to users as it now passes through much inferior surroundings. A separate report looks at the issues still outstanding to secure and improve the path on its best possible location.

### **3.1.2 Ash Meadow**

<i>Located</i>	<i>Guildford</i>
<i>Owned</i>	<i>Ash Parish</i>
<i>Features:</i>	<i>Small greenspace parkland</i>

The site was visited in autumn to mow the path network and mow and rake the grassland.

### **3.1.3 Blackwater Common**

<i>Located:</i>	<i>Hart</i>
<i>Owned</i>	<i>Blackwater &amp; Hawley Town Council</i>
<i>Status:</i>	<i>Common</i>
<i>Features:</i>	<i>Urban woodland with footpath</i>

Rangers cleared a number of fallen trees and organised for a tree surgeon to tackle two that were beyond our capabilities. A survey of remaining trees was carried out to identify potential future dangers, resulting in two more being removed.



### **3.1.4 Blackwater Meadows**

<i>Located:</i>	<i>Hart</i>
<i>Owned</i>	<i>Blackwater &amp; Hawley Town Council</i>
<i>Status:</i>	<i>Site of Special Scientific Interest</i>
<i>Features:</i>	<i>Wildflower rich meadows</i>

A large number of trees along a ditch were removed to prevent shading of the grassland and also allow access to the ditch for maintenance to prevent flooding of adjacent residential areas.

A first for us was the construction of “dog steps” into the river to try and prevent bank erosion caused by many paws that was in danger of eating into the path.

### **3.1.5 Blackwater Reach**

<i>Located and owned:</i>	<i>Sandhurst Town Council</i>
<i>Status:</i>	<i>Site of Special Scientific Interest</i>
<i>Features:</i>	<i>Wildflower rich meadows</i>

The meadow was given is annual hay cut and rake by the Blackwater Valley Countryside Volunteer team.

### **3.1.6 Farnham Quarry**

<i>Located:</i>	<i>Farnham</i>
<i>Owned:</i>	<i>Hanson Aggregates</i>
<i>Status:</i>	<i>Local Wildlife Site</i>
<i>Community Group:</i>	<i>Informal group of users</i>
<i>Features:</i>	<i>Ex quarry under restoration to wetland and woodland habitat</i>

Despite high water levels, that have meant much of the site has remained inaccessible throughout the year, the group of keen local birdwatchers have worked on a number of projects on the restored sections. These have included installing access gates, habitat works, clearing up after electricity line tree felling contractors, installing a tern raft and helping with a major river improvement project.

(See 7.2 below for planning issues on in this site, and 4.1 for river improvement).





### **3.1.7 Hollybush Hill**

*Located and owned:* Rushmoor Borough Council  
*Status:* Local Wildlife Site  
*Features:* Grassland and footpaths created on an old landfill site

With no adjacent housing area this site will not sustain a site based group and relies for management on the Blackwater Valley Conservation Volunteers. As other grassland sites the meadow are was cut and raked to promote the wildflowers. Paths were mown and cleared of overhanging vegetation.

### **3.1.8 Snaky Lane**

*Located and owned:* Guildford Borough Council  
*Community Group:* Snaky Lane Community Wildlife Group  
*Features:* Old meadows and pond with open access

The Snaky Lane Community Wildlife Group holds monthly work parties and are becoming more independent, we supply all tools and equipment and only have to attend with staff when larger equipment is required.

During the year the year the meadow was mowed, paths and hedges cut back. Fences were checked and repaired prior to sheep arriving to graze on part of the site.

### **3.1.9 Tongham Pool**

*Located:* Guildford  
*Owned* Surrey County Council  
*Features:* Pool and paths

Whilst management responsibility of this site has not been resolved, there is already de facto public access so we keep an overview to ensure safety issues are tackled. The high water levels of winter caused the pool to overflow into the river and there was concern banks could breach causing flooding downstream. Ditches were cleared and the pool connected to these, although water levels remain high.

In summer Blue-green algae was noticed and notices erected.



### **3.1.10 Kennel's Lane Meadow**

<i>Located:</i>	<i>Rushmoor</i>
<i>Owned:</i>	<i>Hart District Council</i>
<i>Status:</i>	<i>Local Wildlife Site</i>
<i>Features:</i>	<i>Flower rich meadow</i>

The restoration of the grassland of this once neglected site continues. The grassland has become very tussocky which makes cutting and raking a tough job. The bramble and scrub regrowth has been tackled and more trees removed to reclaim the grassland.

### **3.1.11 Other site work**

On our annual visit to help the rangers at Royal Oak Valley (Hart DC) we cut the meadow, cut back paths, and cleared the stream.

At Queen Elizabeth Park (Rushmoor BC) another big volunteer task was held to continue clearance of the Rhododendron that has taken over the woodland.

## **3.2 Contract Site Work**

Where the BVCP team has been asked to take on a management role for a site on behalf of a partner or landowner we charge for this activity. Currently we have agreements covering five sites. We ensure all fee generating work is in line with objectives for the Valley and income is used to support partnership activities.

### **3.2.1 Aldershot Urban Extension SANG**

<i>Located:</i>	<i>Rushmoor</i>
<i>Owned</i>	<i>Grainger / Land Trust</i>
<i>Status</i>	<i>Parts are Local Wildlife Site, Site of Special Scientific Interest, Conservation Area</i>
<i>Features:</i>	<i>Six separate parcels totalling 109 Ha, mainly woodland</i>

Grainger asked us start work on the set up of this new SANG that will be major addition to the Valley's public greenspaces. Work has concentrated on establishing the future path network requiring extensive scrub clearance and removal of many hazardous trees. Much time as also been spent on removal of accumulated military left over debris and derelict fencing. Preparations are also well underway for major contracts for fencing, paths and revamped car parks.

An initial 5 year agreement with the Land Trust for the management of the site should be finalised shortly.



### **3.2.2 Cove Brook Greenway**

<i>Located and owned:</i>	<i>Rushmoor Borough Council</i>
<i>Status</i>	<i>Local Wildlife Site</i>
<i>Community group:</i>	<i>Cove Brook Greenway Group</i>
<i>Features:</i>	<i>Grassland and woodland in an urban setting alongside the Cove Brook providing important access and many footpaths</i>

BVCP continues to organise the Cove Brook Working Group for Rushmoor Borough Council which brings together local organisations and groups with an interest in the brook. There have been two meetings this year.

The Cove Brook Greenway Group carries out most of the work on the site with additional assistance from BVCP staff and volunteers with specialist equipment for the main hay cutting tasks. Another project was the addition of gravel to the river to improve habitat and provide a dipping area for educational groups.

BVCP staff have also helped with design and publicity of a potential future grazing scheme.

### **3.2.3 Hawley Meadows SANG**

<i>Located:</i>	<i>Hart, Surrey Heath and Rushmoor</i>
<i>Owned</i>	<i>Hampshire County Council and Blackwater &amp; Hawley Town Council</i>
<i>Status:</i>	<i>Local Wildlife Site</i>
<i>Features:</i>	<i>Riverside flood plain with open access and cattle grazing</i>

Regular management has been stepped up to ensure weekly visits to keep the site litter free and regular mowing of paths.

Improvements to the site include new gates for easier access and to create a circular link through the adjacent Blackwater Park. A topographical survey has been obtained in preparation for future path works.

A detailed annual report has been prepared for partners.



### **All types of work**

#### **Pictured clockwise, from top left:**

- Barn owl pellet dissection at Brickfields open day proved a hit with children & adults
- A corporate group erect new signage at Hawley Meadows
- Fixing a protective fence along the BVR landscaping





## Its all new

### Pictured clockwise, from top left:

- Installing a new easy access gate
- Swan Lake Park- new footbridge
- Sorting the drainage for a new meadow
- Our new chipper saw plenty of action clearing up after the winter storms

### **3.2.4 Moor Green Lakes Nature Reserve**

<i>Located:</i>	<i>Finchampstead, Wokingham and Bracknell Forest</i>
<i>Owned</i>	<i>CEMEX</i>
<i>Status</i>	<i>Local Wildlife Site</i>
<i>Community group:</i>	<i>Moor Green Lakes Group</i>
<i>Features:</i>	<i>Two lakes, popular for bird watching with surrounding footpaths, hedgerows and grassland</i>

We have encouraged the Moor Green Lakes Group to carry out more projects with our support and advice but without staff attendances. Staff have still been on site regularly, assisting with such projects as mowing of paths, boat access to islands and fencing repairs.

Cattle have grazed the site and goats once more have tackled Long Island.

### **3.2.5 Southwood Woodland SANG**

<i>Located and owned:</i>	<i>Rushmoor Borough Council</i>
<i>Status:</i>	<i>Local Wildlife Site</i>
<i>Community Group:</i>	<i>Southwood Woodland Improvement Group</i>
<i>Features:</i>	<i>Secondary woodland with mature trees and open grassland</i>

Rushmoor have now passed the overall management of the site to us. During the year 22 dangerous fallen or hung up trees required removal. Strimming and mowing of paths and clearing around benches have kept the site accessible. Removal of MOD debris and fly-tipping continues whilst habitat improvement works included tackling invasive species and bracken.

### **3.2.6 Swan Lake Park SANG**

<i>Located and:</i>	<i>Hart</i>
<i>Owned</i>	<i>Yateley Town Council</i>
<i>Status:</i>	<i>Local Wildlife Site</i>
<i>Features:</i>	<i>Lake and meadow</i>

This new public greenspace was officially opened on 12th July. Although laid out by the developers of the adjacent housing site it still required a lot of work by ourselves to sort drainage of the path and meadows, rubble and debris removal, and clearance of hazardous trees. We also agreed to design and erected a new interpretation board.

Since opening we have carried out regular visits to mow footpaths, strim around benches and maintain planted trees.

### 3.2.7 Rowhill SANG

<i>Located:</i>	<i>Farnham and Rushmoor</i>
<i>Owned</i>	<i>Rushmoor Borough Council</i>
<i>Status:</i>	<i>Local Nature Reserve</i>
<i>Community Group:</i>	<i>Rowhill Nature Reserve Society</i>
<i>Features:</i>	<i>Ancient woodland with coppice, ponds and grassland</i>

Rowhill has been managed for many years by the volunteers of the Rowhill Society but the site has recently acquired the SANG designation. Rushmoor BC have tasked us to help the Society implement the increased work this will entail. Work so far has centred around sorting out finance and logistical arrangements in anticipation of future funds.

### 3.2.8 Blackwater Valley Road Landscape

<i>Located:</i>	<i>Guildford, Rushmoor, Surrey Heath and Waverley</i>
<i>Owned:</i>	<i>Surrey County Council and Hampshire County Council</i>
<i>Features:</i>	<i>Diverse habitats and footpaths mitigating the adverse impact of the A331 on the local area. Includes significant sections of the Blackwater Valley Path</i>

Managed by the BVCP to ensure commitments to environmental mitigation for road construction are met. Annual management includes clearing encroaching vegetation from paths and cycle ways, clearing roadside sight lines, thinning plantations, cutting grass on wildflower areas and removing Ragwort, and trimming hedges.

Other projects this year included:

- Removal of long stretches of now defunct rabbit fencing.
- Working with BV Countryside Trust at Grants Moor to weed newly planted hedges and open paths.
- Repairing fencing beside footpaths.
- Tackling bramble adjacent to residential gardens.

### 3.2.9 Tongham Community Woodland

<i>Located:</i>	<i>Guildford</i>
<i>Owned:</i>	<i>Surrey County Council</i>
<i>Community Group:</i>	<i>Tongham Woodland Improvement Group</i>
<i>Features:</i>	<i>Small area of established woodland surrounded by a mix of old orchard trees, recent plantations, open glades and footpaths</i>

Part of Surrey CC's Blackwater Valley Road landscaping but sufficiently large to have its own identity and sustain a community group – the Tongham Woodland Improvement Group who meet monthly to carry out practical work on site with support from BVCP. The display of primroses planted by the group was particularly fine this spring.

Regular routine tasks include litter picking, path clearance, grass mowing and tree weeding. This year new steps have been constructed and path surfacing topped up and a number of wind blown trees cleared.

### **3.2.10 Gerrys Copse**

*Located: Surrey Heath and Rushmoor*

*Owned: Hampshire County Council*

*Features: Mature Alder woodland and young woodland plantation*

Part of the Hampshire CC's Blackwater Valley Road landscaping. The mature Alder trees here are suffering extensively from Alder die back, we are in the middle of an English Woodland Grant to fell the dangerous dying trees and replant with alternative species. The winter storm brought down more trees and caused flooding of the Blackwater Valley path here, emergency ditch digging eased the problem.

## **4 Biodiversity Action**

### **4.1 River improvement**

Loddon Rivers Week returned for the third year. This March the 500m of new river channel at Farnham Quarry was dressed with brash and relocated marginal vegetation to speed up the colonisation of a bare earth ditch into a wildlife friendly stream. The ERA estimated the value of the completed project was £150,000.

The woody debris fixed in the river channel remained secure in the winter floods and students carrying out research for the Environment Agency were able to show they had little if any impact on flood flows.

### **4.2 Invasive species**

Himalayan Balsam is prevalent throughout the Valley we remove it from a few selected sites where this will have the most benefit.

Bamboo was removed from Southwood where garden Spanish Bluebell was also removed.

### **4.3 Biodiversity monitoring**

BVCP Staff holding the appropriate licences carried out inspections of Barn Owl and bat boxes as part of long-term monitoring projects. The bat boxes at Lakeside Park and Moor Green Lakes are now well used each year. The owls also had a good year for breeding reflecting the cyclical nature of this species and their small mammal prey. Analysis of owl pellets collected during the survey at Moor Green found remains included both Water Shrew and a bat.

The Berkshire Bird Ringing Group have held hold monthly netting sessions at Moor Green Lakes since 2010, we assisted with a boat to take ringers to an island where Black-headed Gulls and Terns had a number of young.



A specialist bat survey was carried out on trees prior to felling for Surrey County Council Rights of Way team, and assistance given to Surrey Bat Group who netted at Frimley Hatches as part of a national Survey for the rare *Nathusius's* pipistrelle, and were successful in catching one.

In conjunction with the BVC Trust a reptile survey was carried out at a number of sites, and whilst showing Grass Snakes and Slow Worms have good populations the presence of a Water Shrew was also noted. The fourth record of this species in recent year proving they are now present throughout the Valley.

## **5 Community Action**

### **5.1 Conservation volunteer groups**

The BVCP is very grateful to all the volunteers who contribute so much to the Valley. They are vital in enabling the team to do much of the practical work that this report details. Volunteers were central to enable us to complete 159 practical projects.

The Blackwater Valley Conservation Volunteer Group work on sites throughout the Valley, meeting each Tuesday and increasingly on extra days, carrying out 77 task days this year. Once again this year the group contributed over 700 days work.

We supported site groups at Snaky Lane, Moor Green, Southwood, and Tongham Wood. The fledgling group at Farnham Quarry is not formally constituted but has been active most months under the guidance of staff.

Nineteen practical tasks have also been organised for corporate groups, educational establishments and community groups such as schools, scouts and guides.

Rowhill Nature Reserve Volunteers and Cove Brook Greenway Group are also very active but are more independent so are not included in the figures (Rowhill alone logged 2,700 hours last year). The Partnership supports both groups with provision of advice and equipment and the occasional Tuesday task when requested.

Neither have we included statistics for the independent groups that have loaned equipment. This has included Farnham Rotary, Friends of St Michael's Abbey and Rushmoor Community Matters Partnership.

<b>Volunteer Practical Days – October 2013 to September 2014</b>					
<b>Group</b>	<b>Tasks</b>	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Volunteer leaders</b>	<b>Volunteers</b>	<b>Total volunteers</b>
BVC Volunteers	77	138.6	168	569	737
Tongham Woodland Improvement Group	10	11	9	75	84
Moor Green Lakes Group	11	2.1	15	61	76
Snaky Lane Community Wildlife Group	12	5.8	16	74	90
Southwood Woodland Improvement Group	13	14.9	28	112	140
Farnham Quarry	10	19	2	84	86
BVC Trust	7	10.2	11	45	56
Community	12	18	24	138	162
Corporate groups	7	14.2	0	64	64
<b>Totals (days)</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>233.8</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>1,222</b>	<b>1,495</b>
				<b>Value</b>	<b>£102,050</b>

The time of the Blackwater Valley Countryside Trust has not been counted unless on work parties lead by BVCP staff. The Trust has taken on the lead role for organising monthly walks and events, attending displays, working on biodiversity projects at Frimley Hatches. Their volunteer numbers are not recorded here but this time has been considerable.

## **5.2 Individual volunteers**

The team are lucky to be supported by individual volunteers who help on a regular basis with practical work, repairing equipment and at events. This year 68 days work was valued at £7,800.

## **5.3 Students and Work Experience**

We have good links with Merrist Wood and Sparsholt Colleges and regularly host students on placements of varying lengths. We also welcome ex students or others hoping to gain experience whilst looking for work. We do limit the number on these placements so that we can give individual attention to each person. In total 177 days worth £8,875.

The above values are based on Heritage Lottery Fund figures introduced in 1999 of £50 per day per volunteer, £150 per day for skilled volunteer. The total of 1,740 days volunteers gives a value of £118,725, however if these figure were updated using Bank of England inflation rates a total value of £179,534 would be more appropriate.

## **6 Publicity & Promotions**

To try and limit public confusion between the two organisations most publicity and promotional events are carried out by the Trust. Partnership staff will respond to request for activities if the trustees are unable to help.

## **6.1 Walks and Events**

The Trust organised 19 walks including “Walk the Path” which grows in popularity. Together with monthly circular and wildlife themed walks a total of 476 people attended.

Staff organised 14 events (404 people) by request. These included school visits, bat walks, river restoration projects and youth group tasks.

Trustees carried out 6 talks, Partnership staff 2 with one joint presentation. Total audience was 240.

The travelling display was taken to 11 events including open days at Moor Green, Snaky lane and Brickfields, and the official opening of Swan Lake Park. Most of these were “manned” jointly with the Trust.

## **6.2 Social media**

The Partnership and Trust host separate web sites. Whilst keeping the Partnership website updated this is mostly used for events and refers visitors to the Trusts website. The Partnership website has largely been supplanted by the Blog which is easier much to update and so we are able to keep it supplied with regular items on the work we are carrying out.

## **6.3 Publications**

Sales of the two guidebooks to the Valley continue at a steady rate and raise about £1,000 annually.

# **7 Planning**

The BVCP has written, and works to, its own five-year strategy for the Valley. We monitor and respond to planning authority consultations on individual applications and strategies that may affect the Valley. There are two principal areas in which the team is heavily involved, the restoration and future use of aggregate sites in the Valley and the Thames Basin Heaths SANG.

## **7.1 Planning Authority consultations**

The threat of urbanisation to the valley continues. This year 35 individual planning applications and four policy documents, strategies or frameworks were reviewed.

Bracknell, Guildford and Waverley have identified sites in the Valley for potential housing allocations whilst applications have been submitted in Yateley, and Badshot Lea for large residential developments. These will clearly have a cumulative impact on the Valley and with an increasing population increase demand on the Valley’s greenspaces.

The most difficult planning issue this year has been the car and metal recycling facility at Hollybush Lakes, North Camp. A retrospective application was refused by Hampshire CC, but the site remains in use. An easement negotiated with previous land owners allowed for a section of riverside path through this land. This has now been diverted to a less than satisfactory route and cyclists barred from its use.

## **7.2 Farnham Quarry**

The plant site remains the one area not yet restored, high winter rainfall flooded the site and prevented planned restoration work last winter. The site was pumped down during the summer (the falling levels created muddy margins that proved attractive to many bird species) with work due to start in October.

## **7.3 Eversley Quarry.**

Extraction continues albeit slowly north of the River. Revised restoration proposals have been put forward for the whole complex that defers final restoration to 2020.

At Eversley south of the river these have been approved and should see an increased area created for playing field and wildlife habitats (at the expense of angling lakes).

The applications north of the river are still under consideration but would see more specialised habitat, but a reduction in proposed access to reduce disturbance to the wildlife it is hoped to attract.

# **8 Additional Partnerships**

## **8.1 Core funding partners**

Yateley Town Council has joined Rushmoor BC, Surrey CC and Hampshire in funding additional work in the Valley.

Hampshire CC once again provided extra help towards the smooth running of the Partnership assisting with training and administrative support.

## **8.2 BV Countryside Trust**

The Trust and Partnership work closely together towards common objectives. The Trust organises events and projects under its own name, but often with support of our staff, whilst displays are done jointly.

The Trust has adopted Grants Moor (part of BV road landscaping) to look after.

## **8.3 The Environment Agency**

Close links are maintained with the Environment Agency as a key non-funding partner on the river improvement projects. We are invited to attend the Loddon Fisheries and Conservation Consultative and the recently formed Loddon Catchment Partnership.



## 8.4 Other partners

CEMEX has continued to fund management at Moor Green Lakes Nature Reserve including a contribution to the Partnership to reflect our time spent on site.

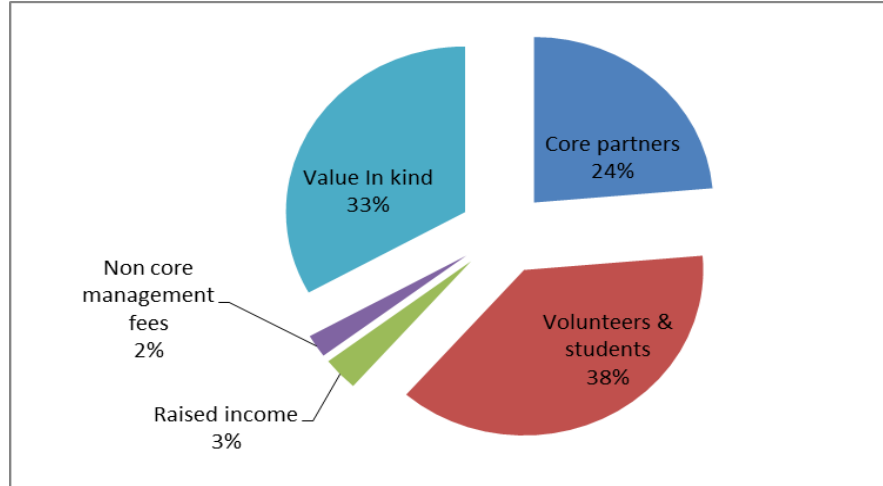
This year we have been working closely with Grainger developers of the Aldershot Urban Extension to set up the SANGs to their designs, and with Land Trust who will be taking on the SANG sublease in 2015.

## 8.5 The Value of Partnership

Funding partners provide the essential core income, but this year it fell below a quarter of the total value of the Partnership. Three quarters was generated by other means, such as volunteer time, non core management fees, grants and donations.

Figures for the financial year 2013/14 are:

- The core funding from Partners was slightly up on the previous year at £112,188.
- The raised income was £15,452, mainly due to the grant from the Poppy Factory.
- Management fees for noncore work brought in £10,632 to the core budget.
- In kind value – income not showing in our books on projects we have been instrumental in achieving was high this year estimated at £157,00, mainly due to the EA work at Farnham Quarry.
- The time of volunteer and student time has stabilised over the last few years, but allowing for inflation the value increases slightly, the figure is calculated at £179,534.





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