

A1 The grazing comes to town

Project Summary	The project assessed the potential for grazing at selected sites in the project area worked with landowners and graziers to introduce grazing as an effective management tool for sites of high nature conservation value.	
Lead Organisation	DerwentWISE Scheme Office	
Partners	Derbyshire Wildlife Trust (DWT) Derby City Council Friends of Stoney Wood Duffield Millennium Meadows Trust Amber Valley Borough Council Private landowners	
Location	Various sites across Derbyshire	
Duration of project	April 2014 – March 2017 Yrs:1-4	
Total cost of project	£19,183.00	
Volunteer time In-kind time	- £573	
Outputs	Original target <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20 ha of wild flower rich grassland restored and/or managed over 5 years 	Achieved <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 22.69 ha of wild flower rich grassland restored and/or managed over 5 years
Headlines/added value	The project was so successful additional purchase of sheep and cattle. An expansion of the project in year 3 saw an additional 16ha grazed at Allestree Park in Derby City with the council investing in the necessary infrastructure such as gates and fencing. No. of sites improved - 8 sites improved	
Outcomes	Over 100 sheep and at least 7 cattle now reside at DWT's Woodside farm from the original 3 Highland Cattle, 2 calves, a bull and 10 soay sheep, including 1 ram that were originally purchased. Sites grazed included Darley and Nutwood Nature Reserve, Duffield Millennium Meadow, Matlock Bath Field, Ladys Field in Milford and Allestree Park in Derby City. Community engagement has been enjoyed by looking after the animals. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A1 An <i>integrated approach</i> to natural and cultural heritage and landscape character conservation A2 The delivery of <i>significant, long lasting improvements</i> to the condition (and extent where appropriate) of priority sites and features, and hence to the landscape character A3 Long term improvements to the landscape <i>brought about</i> 	

	<p><i>through better understanding, engagement of land managers and communities, and land use policies and activities based on good information</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B3 Increased <i>engagement and capacity among landowners and communities</i> to care for the landscape in the long term • D3 Increased <i>knowledge</i>
Lessons Learnt	Regulation considerations for the movement of cattle e.g. TB vaccination requirements and vet approvals
Any recommendations going forward	When the livestock are introduced onto public open spaces it is essential there is communication with the local community to raise understanding and discuss any safety concerns.