

# Introduction to the plan

## What is a Landscape Partnership?

The Heritage Lottery Fund defines landscapes and Landscape Partnerships in the following way:

“Landscapes are an important part of our past and play an important part in our lives today. That’s why the Heritage Lottery Fund helps conserve them and get more people involved in understanding and looking after them for the long term. Since 2003, HLF has committed grant-aid totalling £220m to 124 Landscape Partnership schemes across the UK.

Landscape Partnership schemes put heritage conservation at the heart of rural and peri-urban regeneration. Local, regional and national organisations work together to make a real difference to landscapes and communities for the long term. They do this by conserving habitats at landscape-scale, promoting joined-up management, reviving long-lost skills, and much more. HLF-funded projects make a major contribution to work in the UK on implementing the European Landscape Convention.”

One of the many weirs on the River Rivelin. Photo K. Tomkins



## **Our Landscape Conservation Action Plan**

### **A Landscape Conservation Action Plan - a whole that is greater than the sum of its parts.**

Our Sheffield Lakeland Landscape Conservation Action Plan, (LCAP), will inform our partners, funders and other stakeholders of our vision for the Sheffield Lakeland area and the breadth of our immediate plans in working toward that vision. In order to achieve this, the Landscape Conservation Action Plan:

- Brings together information on the landscape, its character and the ecosystem services it already provides, relevant national and regional strategies, together with a summation of the natural, cultural and social heritage that makes Sheffield Lakeland a landscape to cherish.
- Considers what is significant about the landscape and sets objectives we aspire towards regarding what is most important, whilst acknowledging potential risks and recognising the limits of what can be achieved within a partnership approach over a short period of time.
- Describes the Partnership and explained why each partner became involved.
- Creates a range of 20 projects, each of which contributes towards one or more of our agreed objectives, whilst also engaging and contributing to other projects, resulting in a whole that is greater than the sum of its parts.

The Landscape Conservation Action Plan also describes where we hope to be as a partnership when the lifespan of the current plan, (2018-2022), is complete, how we will monitor and evaluate the results of our work and help guide the development of the Partnership, through legacy planning, into the future.