

Our Shared Vision for Sheffield

A more natural and resilient Lakeland landscape for everyone to value, enjoy, understand and feel part of.

Our partnership shares a vision for a Sheffield Lakeland in which a resilient network of diverse habitats thrives alongside the area's living, productive landscape, rich heritage, vibrant communities and strong traditions.

A landscape of native clough woodland and gritstone crags where water springs from rain drenched moorland to tumble through wooded valleys to the tranquillity of the reservoirs below. Where historic trade routes weave through a lattice of dry stone walls, past troughs and guide stoops, now connecting city communities to country.

A mosaic of "lakes", forests, farmland and industry where geography intertwines with layers of human interaction, and Little Don, Ewden, Loxley and Rivelin carve their own distinct character on their journey to the Don.

A landscape alive to the sound of water, bird song and human voices, in which the telling of stories past and present deepens understanding of the area's special significance and inspires new audiences and future generations to share in and protect its unique character and sense of place.

A Sheffield Lakeland in which collaborative working and positive management balance the needs of wildlife, agriculture, forestry and recreation, and support a landscape

which provides clean water and air, helps to reduce flooding and benefits the health and wellbeing of communities within the Lakeland area and in the city. A Lakeland landscape for everyone to enjoy and feel part of, that is cherished, understood and valued now and in the future.

During the development period, the project team worked with local photographers and musicians to create a short video capturing the essence of our vision for Sheffield Lakeland which can be viewed on Youtube here: <https://youtu.be/-qjBTitxYoU>.



A winter sunburst over Bradfield Dale. Photo courtesy of Russell Hague Photography



The rivers and reservoirs offer
much-loved places for sport,
recreation or quiet reflection