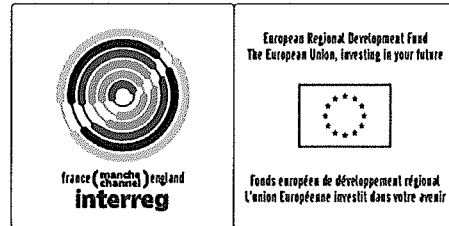


The Landscape and Nature for All Project

European Regional Development Fund, Interreg IVA France (Channel) – England Programme



The KSCP, Kent Downs AONB Unit and the PNR des Caps et Marais d'Opale teamed up with 17 partners in Kent and France for a €4.7 million funding package that was spent in Kent and the Pas de Calais region in France.

The 'Landscape and Nature for All' (LNA) project was funded through the Interreg IVA France (Channel) – England Cross Border Cooperation Programme. This Programme aims to improve cooperation within the Transmanche region which stretches from Cornwall to Finistère. The LNA project ran from 2008 to 2012 and worked on a series of measures in Kent and Pas de Calais including improved access to the countryside, education events, chalk grassland restoration, woodland management and special projects on adder and bat populations.

There were seven French partners including the PNR des Caps et Marais d'Opale which is the French equivalent to an English AONB, Nord Nature Chico Mendes, Conservatoire des Sites Naturels du Nord et du Pas de Calais, Les Blongios, Institut Catholique de Lille, Centre Regionale de la Propriété Forestière Nord Pas de Calais, Espaces Naturels Régionaux.

Kent County Council supported the application co-ordinated by the Kent Downs AONB Unit. Other Kent partners include the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV), the Kent Reptile and Amphibian Group, Kent Wildlife Trust, Medway Valley Countryside Partnership, White Cliffs Countryside Partnership, Mid Kent Downs Countryside Partnership, the Valley of Visions Project, Woodland Trust, Plantlife and the Forestry Commission.

The Kentish Stour Countryside Partnership benefited from more than €125,000 of ERDF funding which was spent on community landscape enhancement projects, eco-corridor work, woodland management and partnership working especially with the volunteer group Les Blongios. Volunteers helped to survey, clear paths and waymark the Big Blean Walk.