



# The River Park Programme

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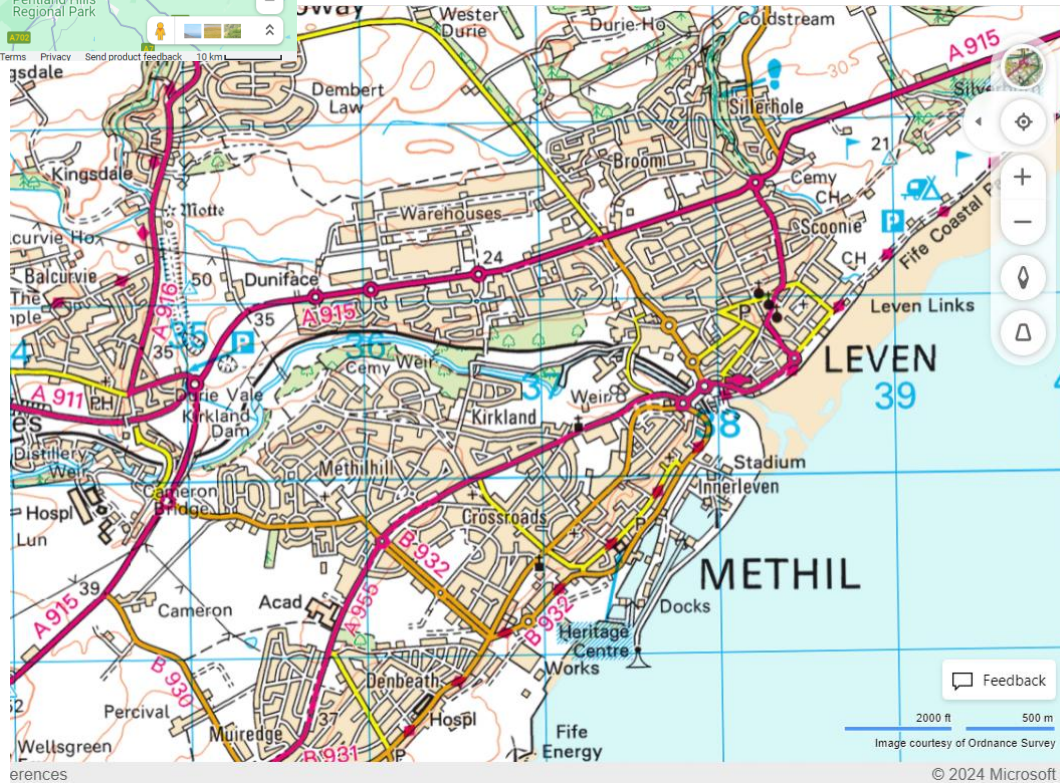
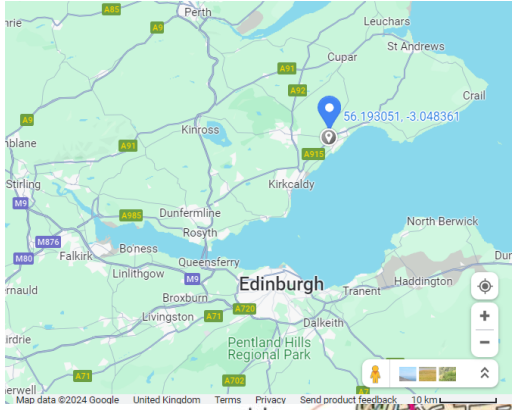
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# The Leven Programme



- Formed in 2019
- Shared vision of regenerating the River Leven catchment
- Believed in achieving more together than working in our silos

- SEPA
- Green Action Trust
- Fife Council
- Fife Coast & Countryside Trust
- Historic Environment Scotland
- NHS Fife
- Network Rail
- Sustrans
- Fife College
- Diageo
- Forth Rivers Trust
- Nature Scot
- Zero Waste Scotland
- Keep Scotland Beautiful
- Scottish Water
- University of Stirling
- The Coal Authority



# The River Park



The River Leven – Loch to river mouth

Development Phase Plan

The Nature Network masterplan adds:

- Ponds and reedbeds.
- Species-rich grassland.
- Field margins and hedges.
- Traditional orchards.
- Broadleaved woodland, including riparian and wet woodland



**Ræburn Farquhar Bowen**  
A1 Masterplan  
Leven River Park  
Green Action Trust  
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# Delivery Area – Phase 1



# Nature Network – Phase 1



## Scope

### Sustainable Drainage System

2 floodplain ponds & 2 swales created

Kirkland Mill Lade re-wet

2 surface water ponds created

### Planting

47500m<sup>2</sup> of woodland thinned

5000m<sup>2</sup> of woodland planted

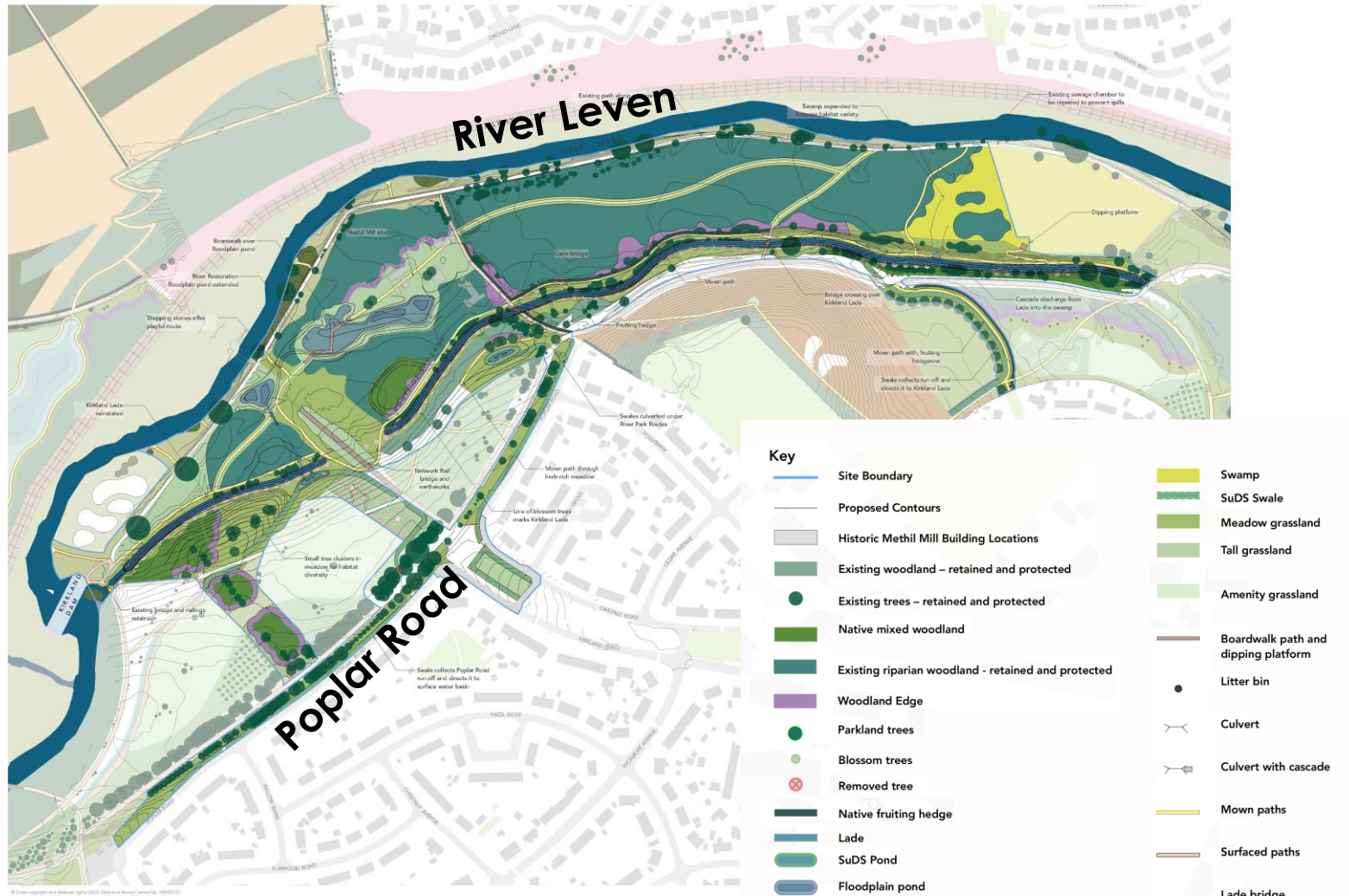
4160m<sup>2</sup> of woodland edge planted

100 blossom trees planted

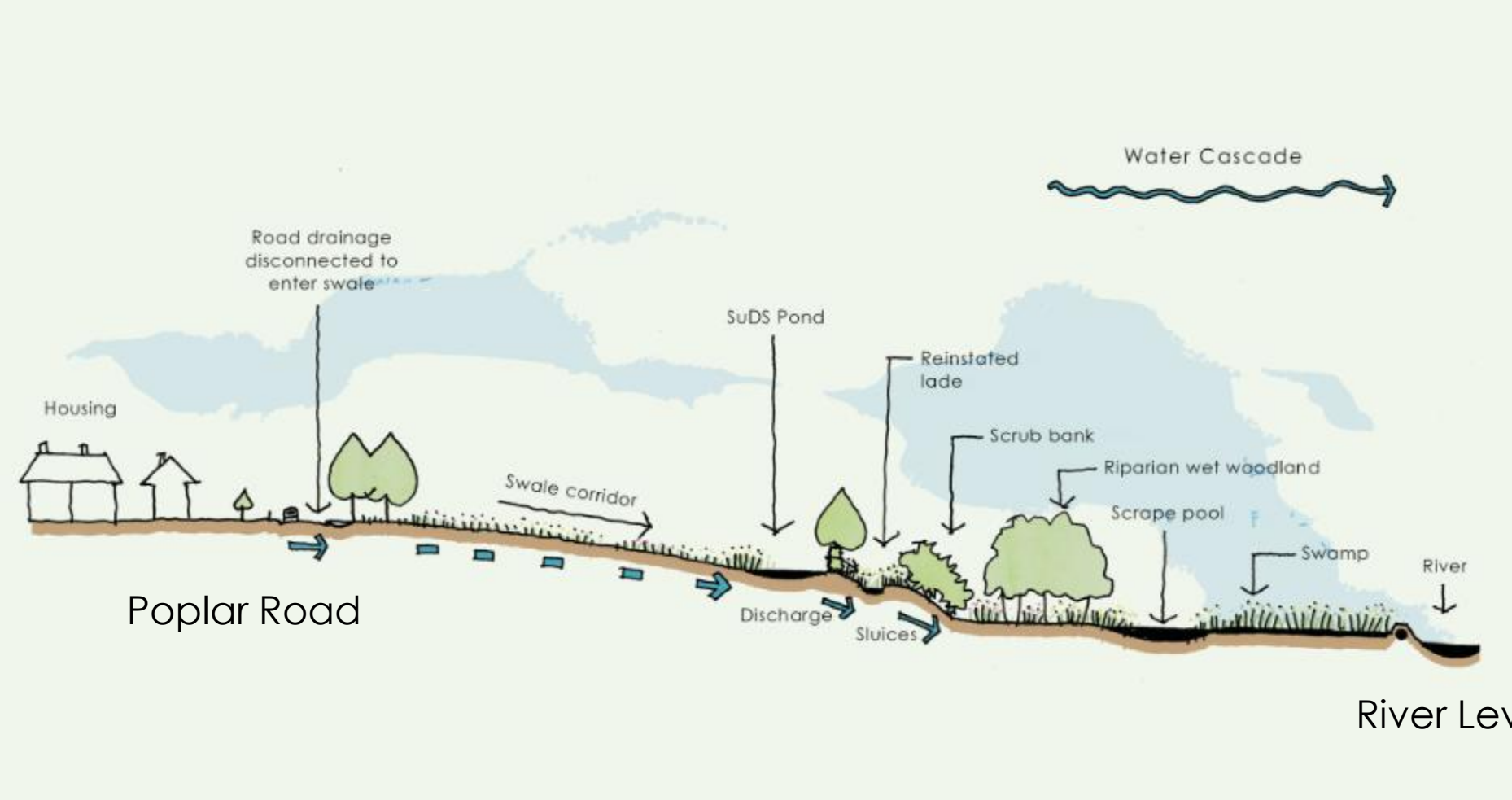
925 m of fruiting hedgerow planted

3100m<sup>2</sup> of swamp created, extending existing swamp

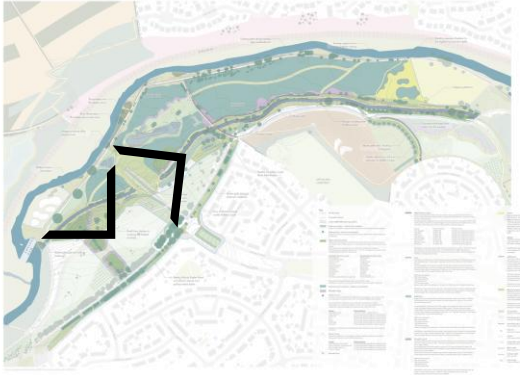
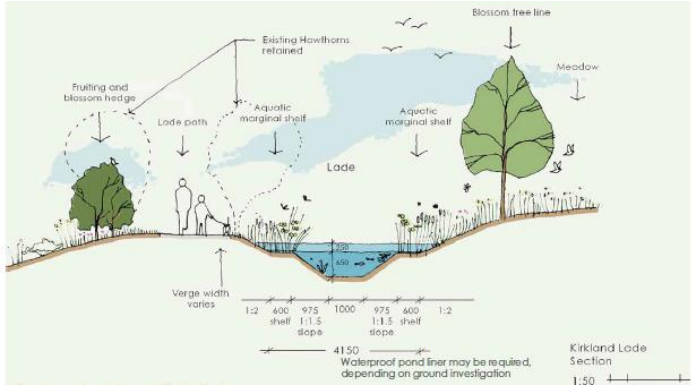
9875m<sup>2</sup> of herb rich meadow seeded



# Sustainable Drainage

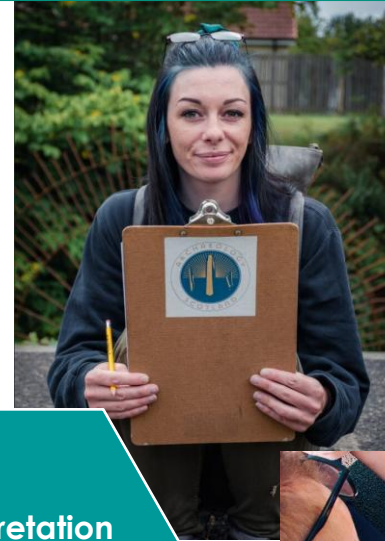


River Leven





# Projects built around community



# Community Learning & Skills Development



Archaeological  
digs  
participation

Digital platform  
maintenance

Biodiversity  
education  
& planting

Hidden Heritage  
& Interpretation  
creation

Explore  
Outdoors  
CPD

Intergenerational  
viral videos

Capacity  
building in  
Heritage Groups

Green Skills  
Academy

Nature,  
health &  
heritage  
walks

Youth leadership  
training

Heritage &  
Archaeology  
Skills  
Programme

Nature Network  
community  
planting

Nature  
prescription  
service pilot

**Inclusive variety of options**

**Light-touch  
learning**

**Targeted  
upskilling**

**Structured  
training**

# Funding Diversity

<p><b>What</b> – All projects</p> <p>(Unrestricted funding)</p>	<p><b>Focus:</b>          Saving heritage          Protecting the environment          Inclusion, access &amp; participation          Organisational sustainability</p>
<p><b>What</b> – Almost all projects</p> <p>(Unrestricted funding)</p>	<p><b>Focus:</b> Opportunities for all, Thriving places, Inclusive jobs and growth, Community-led services</p>
<p><b>What</b> – <u>Only</u> Nature Network</p>	<p><b>Focus:</b> projects that restore Scotland's biodiversity, address climate change, from improving woodlands &amp; waterways to controlling invasive plants and enhancing nature in towns and cities.</p>
<p><b>What</b> – Projects with Heritage theme</p>	<p><b>Focus</b> - tangible (e.g. historic buildings, &amp; archaeology, designed or cultural landscapes) to the intangible (e.g. historic environment skills, stories and traditions)</p>



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Other Funders



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# How have projects been monitored to ensure success?

- M&E framework integral to funding bids
- Covers the whole programme
- Outputs quantified and reflected in grant applications
- One commission for 4 year, multi partner projects
- New opportunists are emerging as the work progresses
- “Count what you can count & use M&E to add value”



# Key ingredients



- Masterplan shaped this phase & is consistent with long term aims
- Multi partner, multi benefit programme
- Partners support initial development via core funding
- Landownership - Legal agreements took longer than expected
- Champion within Fife Council
- Funded management & maintenance

# Thanks !



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