



## Landscape Partnership





**Sherwood Forest** is a landscape of contrasts: from the remnants of ancient woodland, heath and wood pastures to the post-industrial landscape resulting from two centuries of coal mining. Communities have become as disconnected from the landscape as the heaths, woods and country estates are from each other.

**Miner2Major** is a five-year (2019-2023), £3.8million Landscape Partnership scheme, supported by a £2,450,400 grant from The National Lottery Heritage Fund. It is a people-focussed programme that will take action to reconnect Sherwood Forest's sense of place, its ancient woodlands, heathlands, and cultural heritage, through a partnership that welcomes people and inspires future success from legends of the past.

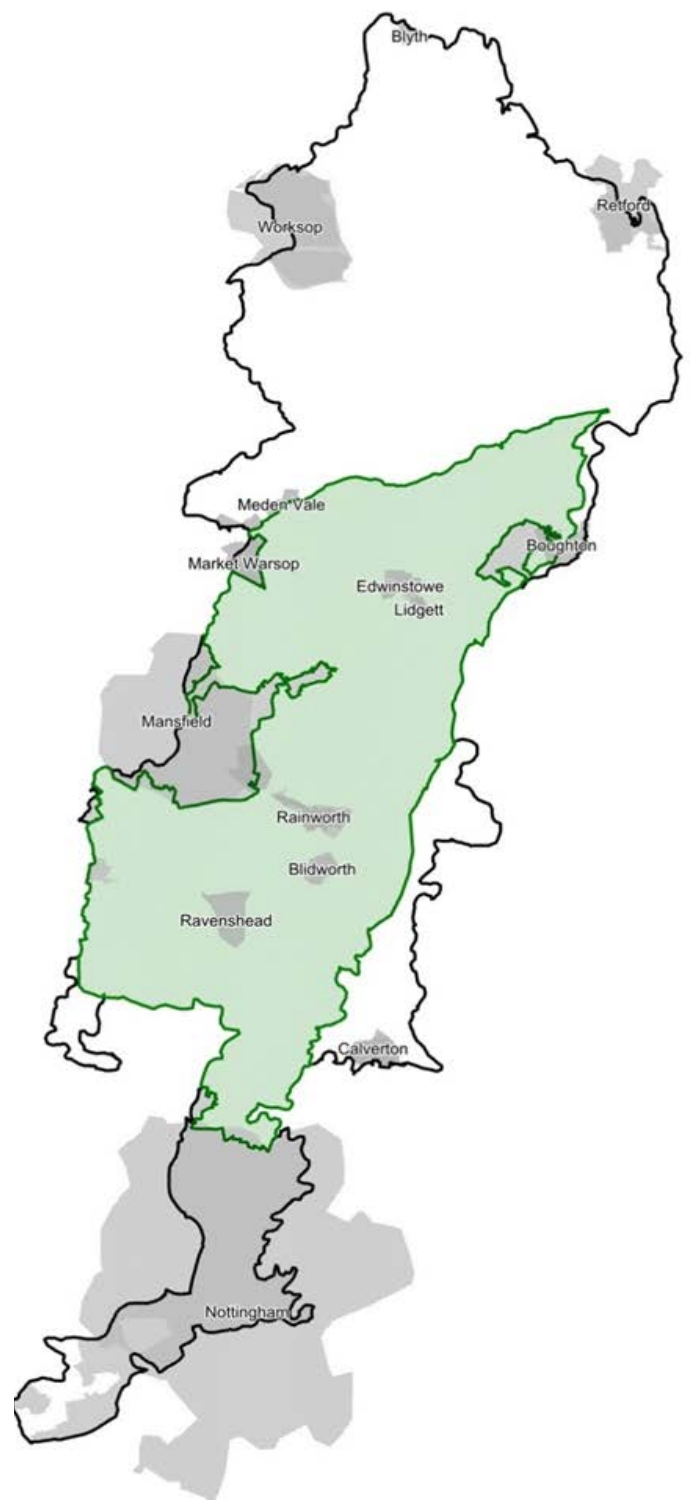
Miner2Major focuses on the landscape around the historic core of Sherwood Forest.

The Landscape Partnership area, highlighted in green on the map to the right, covers a region from the northern edge of Nottingham at Bestwood Park, past the eastern edge of Mansfield, to the river Meden between Warsop and Ollerton.

The western edge is defined by a string of towns - Hucknall, Kirkby-in-Ashfield and Mansfield. The eastern boundary is formed by the A614 and incorporates Rufford Park.

The outer black line identifies the Nottinghamshire County boundary.

**The Landscape Partnership programme necessitates that a specific geographical area is identified, defined by its landscape character. However, it is important to note that the Miner2Major scheme will engage with communities both within, and surrounding this defined area, as well as a wider audience of people who work in, and visit, the area.**





# PROJECTS

**Celebrate Sherwood** Celebrating Sherwood's heritage and inspiring a new generation.

This programme comprises one project, which will celebrate the heritage of Sherwood Forest through activities and exhibitions that inform, entertain, educate and encourage people to get involved.

**Skilful Sherwood** Treasuring skills from the past and caring for the future of Sherwood Forest. This programme is made up of two projects:

***Have a Go!*** Providing people with informal learning and volunteering opportunities, which offer a fun and easy introduction to understanding and caring for Sherwood's heritage.

***SherwoodAbility*** The companion to *Have a Go!*, offering accredited training to provide people with skills to restore, manage, understand and promote heritage within the landscape. The project also includes 'Train the Trainer' opportunities for local organisations.

**Connecting Sherwood** Connecting people, nature and heritage of Sherwood Forest. This programme is made up of four projects:

***Better Habitats*** This project will enhance, restore, re-create and re-link Sherwood's heathlands and other characteristic habitats, making them more resilient and more favourable for the priority species which they support.

***Connecting Trails*** Improving access for all, by surveying trails across the area then carrying out improvement works and promoting routes that connect key sites.

***Saving Sherwood's Special Species*** Volunteer surveys to assess populations of characteristic but threatened species; and conservation actions to support these species.

***Sherwood's Landscape of Trees & Hedges*** Training volunteers to collect data about trees and hedges across Sherwood's landscape; helping landowners to achieve more appropriate management. Planting and celebrating new community "heritage" trees.

**Understanding Sherwood** Finding out about the forest, heath, people and places. This programme is made up of four projects:

***The Veiled Landscape*** Engaging people to record and investigate archaeological features which are concealed beneath Sherwood's woodland cover and within the Forest's river valleys.

***Heritage Buildings*** Identifying historic buildings and raising awareness of traditional craft-skills and materials.

***Century of Change*** Investigating different aspects of Sherwood's massive landscape change over the period 1850-1950.

***People of Sherwood*** Investigating and celebrating stories about the lives of Sherwood's heroes, heroines and villains.

**Community Grants Scheme** Funding a suite of local community projects that complement the delivery of the Landscape Partnership scheme.

# PARTNERSHIP & GOVERNANCE

## Partnership Board

Miner2Major is steered and managed by a Landscape Partnership Board, made up of organisations that have worked in the area for many years. The current members of the Board are (in alphabetical order):

Friends of Moor Pond Woods	Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust
Greenwood Community Forest	Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire
Groundwork Creswell, Ashfield & Mansfield	RSPB
Inspire	Sherwood Forest Trust
Newark and Sherwood District Council	Community representative
Nottinghamshire County Council	

Many other organisations and individuals will support the delivery of Miner2Major projects.

## Working Groups

The Partnership Board will be supported by four thematic working groups linked to the delivery of Miner2Major projects:

1. Learning and Engagement
2. Habitats and Species
3. Access
4. Archaeology and Cultural Heritage

Stakeholder forums will be held twice a year to update on progress and actions. These will be open to any stakeholder who is interested in the Miner2Major scheme.

## Scheme Team

The Miner2Major delivery team will consist of a Scheme Manager, two Engagement Officers (one for Nature and one for Heritage) and a Finance & Administration Officer. Additional capacity will be provided by two part-time posts employed by Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust and two Learning Manager posts employed by Inspire. It is anticipated that the roles will be in place by the end of April.

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