



# ALSF Annual Report

1 April 2005 – 31 March 2006



## Foreword from the Chair



In April 2005, English Nature and The Countryside Agency combined their grant schemes delivering Defra's Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund (ALSF) to form the ALSF Partnership Grants Scheme.

The integration of the two grant schemes has been a challenging process for both organisations. However, the benefits of this new scheme are already evident. The scheme is now even more accessible to applicants, with the creation of new online application forms and clearer guidance notes.

Integration has also improved the project assessment process. Increased communication with the Mineral Planning Authorities and the establishment of a new independent Grants Panel, chosen specifically to represent the aims of the new scheme, has enabled us to continue to operate a transparent grant scheme, awarding grants to valuable projects that will benefit local communities and the environment.

This report details the successes of the new Partnership Scheme from April 2005 to March 2006. The diversity of the projects that have been funded over the last year is considerable, ranging from a small community led project in Cambridgeshire to a large habitat enhancement project in Yorkshire, involving a number of key stakeholders. A selection of case studies is included at Annex B of this report.

As the scheme passes to Natural England, I am sure that the ALSF Partnership Grant Scheme will continue to provide even greater benefits for the environment and local communities affected by aggregates extraction.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Martin Doughty', written in a cursive style.

Sir Martin Doughty,  
Chair, Natural England



## Aggregates Levy

The Aggregates Levy came into force in April 2002, introducing a tax levied on primary aggregates (mainly sand, gravel and crushed rock) and intended to bring environmental benefits to areas affected by aggregate extraction. Part of the money raised through the levy has been allocated by HM Treasury to finance the Sustainability Fund. English Nature and The Countryside Agency were identified as major distributing bodies by Defra and both organisations have distributed funds in the form of grants since 2002.



## Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund Partnership Grant Scheme

In April 2005 English Nature and The Countryside Agency combined their grant schemes delivering Defra's ALSF to become the ALSF Partnership Grants Scheme. All 2005/06 projects funded by English Nature and The Countryside Agency have focused on one or more of the following new Partnership Scheme aims:



- contributing to the development and achievement of UK and Local Biodiversity Action Plans;
- conserving, restoring or enhancing landscape and/or geological features, contributing to local Geodiversity Action Plans (LGAPS);
- addressing the effects of old mineral planning permissions;
- improving access and interpretation on greenspace and informal recreation facilities for scientific study, education, recreation and tourism;
- building capacity and confidence

of communities to be involved in, contribute to and benefit from their natural environment;

- improving people's quality of life, especially those who have been affected by aggregate extraction activities.

The ALSF Partnership Grant Scheme aims to provide a customer focused and accessible grants scheme, which will deliver maximum benefits on the ground.

This is being achieved through:

- a straightforward on-line application process, with user friendly forms that both applicants and grants officers can access;
- a general enquiries line for new applicants to find out more about the grant scheme;
- an independent Grants Panel to consider applications for £75,000 and over, members of which were chosen to represent the aims of the new scheme and various interests including the extraction industry, geology, ecology, local authorities;
- leveraging-in significant match funding from a wide variety of sources to add value to the ALSF and maximise the benefits it is able to deliver;



- engaging with Mineral Planning Authorities (MPAs) to allow them to comment on all 2005/06 projects, and involving the aggregate industry and participation of local communities, where possible.



Regular liaison meetings and a closer working relationship between the two organisations over the past twelve months has enabled the scheme to evolve and adapt to the changes required as we progress the ALSF Partnership Grants Scheme into the new environmental agency, Natural England from October 2006

### Marine Grant Scheme

The ALSF marine grant scheme was launched in April 2004, providing grants specifically for projects addressing impacts of extraction in the marine environment.

We have awarded 10 grants through the marine grant scheme, distributing over £535,000 as grants in the 2005/06 financial year.



### ALSF Partnership event

Over a hundred attendees gathered at One Great George Street in Westminster on 8 February 2006, to celebrate the achievements of the Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund (ALSF).



The event, organised by English Nature on behalf of Defra and the ALSF Delivery Partners, was a resounding success, with attendees from over 60 different organisations.

The key speaker at the event was Jim Knight MP, former Minister for Rural Affairs, Landscape and Biodiversity. Guest speakers were Simon van der Byl, Director General, Quarry Products Association and Peter Huxtable, Secretary, British Aggregates Association.

The message that came from all the speakers was clear: practical, on-the-ground achievements for the environment and local communities would simply not have been possible without the financial backing of the Fund.

Attendees were also given the opportunity to browse the Great Hall, which was filled with displays of successful ALSF projects, and to talk face-to-face with representatives of the ALSF Delivery Partners.



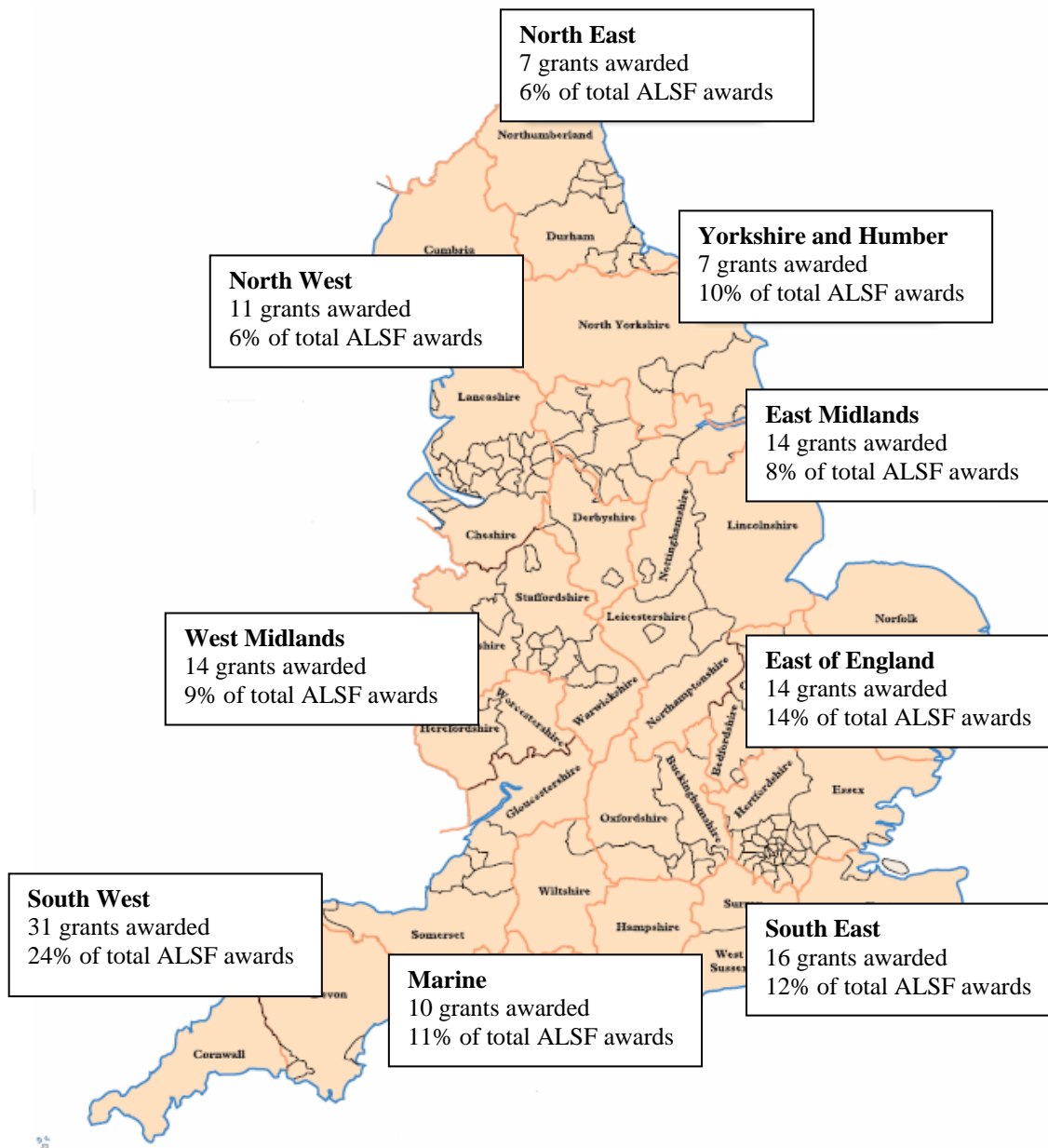
## Grants awarded through the scheme

The ALSF Partnership Grant Scheme has been heavily over-subscribed, and during the past year we have received 193 applications for funding. A total of 124 grants have been awarded between April 2005 and March 2006, amounting to nearly £5 million.

A large number of projects span two financial years, 2005/06 and 2006/07, and the outputs from these projects will be reported in the 2006/07 ALSF Partnership Grant Scheme Annual Report.

A list of successful 2005/06 applications can be found at Annex 3.

distribution of ALSF grants 2005/2006





## **The future of the scheme**

The Partnership scheme has already fully committed its allocation for Financial Year 2006/2007.

During 2005/2006 Defra commissioned two reviews of the ALSF scheme. The first by London Economics will consider how effective the fund has been to date, and conclude whether or not the ALSF should continue into 2007/2008 and beyond. Capita Symonds Ltd is also undertaking a 'Legacy Study' to investigate the quantity and scale of inadequately restored aggregate extraction sites and to identify the level of funding required to bring these up to current restoration standards.

We believe that these reviews will demonstrate a strong case for continuation of the ALSF scheme, and Natural England's involvement in distribution of the fund.

Demand for Partnership Scheme funds would also indicate that there is still much work to be done. In 2005/2006 the Partnership received applications seeking in excess of £10.6 million in grant support, clearly demonstrating once again the need for a grants scheme to reduce the environmental impact of aggregate extraction activity.

In answer to these findings we have proposed a five year rolling programme, with confirmed levels of funding year-on-year. This allows time to engage with local people and the aggregates industry, update facts about extraction impacts and plan effective projects which incorporate both the holistic and local view.

We consider the outcomes from this will be:

- improved quality of life for people affected by the impacts of aggregate extraction;
- clear environmental benefits;
- enhanced reputation for the aggregates industry, with less public concern about possible impacts of future extraction sites;
- better value for money and more enduring improvements;
- raised public awareness.

As the scheme progresses into the new environmental agency, Natural England, it is hoped that we will continue to administer the ALSF Partnership Grant Scheme.

As the Government's advisors with responsibility for the conservation, enhancement and management of the natural environment for the benefit of present and future generations, we are uniquely placed to deliver these improvements for biodiversity, geodiversity, landscape, access and recreation. We do this by providing ideas, examples and tools to support industry, local communities and others to achieve high quality operational sites, restoration schemes and lasting environmental improvements.



## Annex 1 Financial summary 2005-2006

### Allocation and grants awarded

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Total allocation from Defra 2005/06          | £5,600,000* |
| ALSF Partnership overheads 2005/06           | £469,000**  |
| Amount available to be distributed as grants | £5,131,000  |

\* Original 2005/06 was £6.7m; however, £1.1m was returned to Defra at its request

\*\* 7% of original 2005/06 allocation

### Grants awarded

#### Number of applications received in 2005/2006

| Biodiversity | Geodiversity | Bio/Geo | Landscape, access and recreation | Marine | Total number of applications received |
|--------------|--------------|---------|----------------------------------|--------|---------------------------------------|
| 50           | 25           | 19      | 72                               | 27     | 193                                   |

#### Number of projects awarded a grant 2005/06

| Biodiversity | Geodiversity | Bio/Geo | Landscape, access and recreation | Marine | Total number of project awarded |
|--------------|--------------|---------|----------------------------------|--------|---------------------------------|
| 37           | 22           | 10      | 45                               | 10     | 124                             |

### Projects per region

| Region          | Amount awarded       | Percentage of total ALSF awards | Number of grants awarded |
|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| South West      | £1,146,144.36        | 24%                             | 31                       |
| West Midlands   | £427,034.99          | 9%                              | 14                       |
| South East      | £582,749.10          | 12%                             | 16                       |
| East of England | £664,172.17          | 14%                             | 14                       |
| East Midlands   | £410,511.13          | 8%                              | 14                       |
| Yorks & Humber  | £480,395.99          | 10%                             | 7                        |
| North East      | £302,340.00          | 6%                              | 7                        |
| North West      | £296,832.01          | 6%                              | 11                       |
| Marine          | £538,901.50          | 11%                             | 10                       |
| <b>TOTAL</b>    | <b>£4,849,081.74</b> | <b>100%</b>                     | <b>124</b>               |

## ANNEX 2

### Case studies from successful applicants

#### Access improvements for new Country Park

##### Stanwick Lakes bridge - £31,500 grant awarded for 2005/2006



When the quarry at Stanwick Lakes, Northamptonshire, was active, the only access to the site was a metal Bailey bridge crossing over a river. Now the site is a country park, the same bridge is the only entrance for both vehicles and pedestrians to access the car park and central facilities area.

The Bailey bridge is not wide enough for both cars and people. In order to provide safe access to the park, an ALSF grant of £31,500 was used to install a new 23m long wooden pedestrian bridge next to the metal bridge.

#### Local communities engage with the natural environment

##### Wick Rocks – £28,041 grant awarded for 2005/2006

This project has provided opportunities for local communities to get close to and engage with the natural environment and explore their local landscape and wildlife. It focused on hard-to-reach groups and local people affected by aggregates extraction. The site is mixed woodland in the River Boyd corridor and contains former quarry workings; and is adjacent to the RMC limestone quarry at Wick.



One of the events involved children and parents from the Wick Primary School, South Gloucestershire, celebrating “Holi” (Hindu Festival of colours) at Golden Valley Local Nature Reserve, Wick. Originating in India, “Holi” involves the throwing of bright colours to celebrate the vibrant colours that spring brings to the natural environment.

#### Geological education for schools and local community

##### Shropshire Rocks - £59,111 grant awarded for 2005/2006



The Shropshire Wildlife Trust was awarded a grant to develop three former and current aggregate sites as flagship geological tourism locations. At one site, “talking rocks” tell the story of their journey from various parts of the British Isles to their current resting place in Shropshire, where they were deposited when the glacier carrying them melted.

The project aims to transform perceptions of the legacy of aggregates extraction, by enhancing the sites in a low-key way for educational, economic and landscape benefit. The grant funded the employment of a Geotourism Officer to liaise with quarry owners and local groups in implementing the proposals, as well as innovative interpretation, the hosting of community and educational events at the quarries, the development of education packs and some access and landscape improvements.



## **Old quarry improved for wildlife and the local community**

### **Weston Big Woods - £104,637 grant awarded for 2005/2006 and 2006/2007**

Old Black Rock Quarry, a disused limestone aggregate quarry which forms part of Weston Big Woods SSSI, was purchased by Avon Wildlife Trust in 1999. The original ancient semi-natural woodland area would have been far more extensive, and would have included the area which is now a disused quarry. The quarry was worked-out and subsequently disused in the late 1930s, and evidence of aggregate extraction, in the form of derelict blast houses and disused narrow gauge railways can still be seen on site.

Avon Wildlife Trust was awarded an ALSF grant of £104,637 to provide habitat improvements for priority Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) species and increase access and interpretation on the site. The project aims to create hibernacula for wintering populations of lesser horseshoe bats and other bat species, as well as suitable habitats for foraging bats and dormouse populations. Access will be enhanced and interpretation boards and signs will be designed in consultation with local schools. A nature trail leaflet will be produced for exploration of the woodland through a variety of natural sculptured waymarkers.



Engagement with the local community is a fundamental part of this project and a project officer has been recruited to engage with the local community, local schools, recreation, and disadvantaged groups to develop their use of the site. A series of events will be provided to celebrate the history of the wood and how the industrial effects have led to such a wildlife rich site.

## **A Safer Gatebeck – Old Hutton & Holmescales Parish Council**

### **£48,157 grant awarded for 2005/2006**

Holmescales quarry is an active sandstone aggregate quarry near Kendal in Cumbria. It produces up to 100,000 tonnes of aggregate each year. Quarry vehicles enter the quarry through Old Hutton village to the north and leave through Gatebeck to the south. There were no footways through these villages



With the overall aim of improving pedestrian safety, adjoining Parish Councils Old Hutton & Holmescales and Preston Patrick successfully applied for ALSF funds to install footways alongside the roads used by the quarry vehicles. Almost 800 metres of footways have now been completed, linking residents with the local amenities and schools.

Match funding for this project was provided by Aggregate Industries under a Section 106 agreement negotiated with Cumbria County Council.

## **Interpretation of unique geological feature**

### **Blakeney Esker Outreach project – £17,985 grant awarded for 2005/2006**

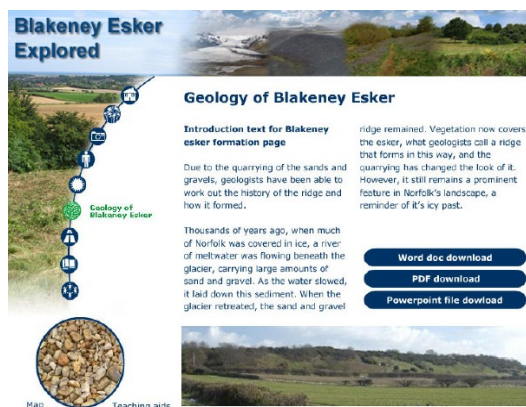
The Blakeney Esker is a unique geological 'Ice-Age' feature of outstanding regional and national importance in the Norfolk landscape. The esker forms part of the Wiveton Downs Local Nature Reserve (LNR), a site which is also a geological Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).

Much of the current knowledge and understanding of this geological feature is due to aggregate extraction, with quarrying of sand and gravel taking place at a number of points along the ridge. This has provided

access for scientists to study the feature's structure, sedimentology and stratigraphy. However, despite its clear geological significance, there has been little attempt to publicise this unique feature either locally or regionally.

The British Geological Survey was awarded an ALSF grant of £17,985 to improve the local community's understanding of the origin, geodiversity, biodiversity and landscape significance of the esker.

A new internet site about Blakeney Esker has been developed, where teaching aids such as quizzes, handouts and presentations can be downloaded by local schools. The internet site also provides the general public with explanatory information about the nature reserve, and local residents can find out more from an interpretation board which has been installed on the site.



\*\* all photos throughout this report have been supplied by successful ALSF PGS applicants.  
The exception is the photo of the ALSF Event, which was taken by Keith Drummond\*\*

## Annex 3 Projects awarded grants in 2005-2006

### South West Region

| Organisation                                      | Project  | 2005-06 award        |
|---|--|----------------------|
| Aggregates Industries UK Ltd                      | Aggregates Industries - Devon Projects                       | £43,567.00           |
| Aggregate Industries UK Ltd/ Devon County Council | Devon Aggregates and Biodiversity Project*                   | £29,843.81           |
| Avon Wildlife Trust                               | Biodiversity at its best! Weston Big Wood*                   | £26,698.21           |
| Bath North East Somerset Council                  | Dormice on your doorstep*                                    | £12,740.00           |
| Bowmoor Sailing Club                              | New clubhouse and facilities for Bowmoor Sailing Club*       | £60,604.00           |
| Bristol Regional Environmental Records Centre     | South Gloucestershire review and interpretation of RIGS*     | £43,960.00           |
| Camborne School of Mines, University of Exeter    | Aggregate quarry geodiversity in and around Cornubia         | £8,709.00            |
| Coast and Countryside Ranger Officer              | Portland's Quarry Trail*                                     | £11,336.00           |
| Cornwall County Council                           | Hingston Down Access Improvements                            | £44,220.00           |
| Cornwall Wildlife Trust                           | Interpretation at Tresayes and Roche Rock                    | £8,496.00            |
| Cotswold Canal Trust                              | Pike Bridge  | £75,553.00           |
| Cotswold Water Park Society Ltd                   | Biodiversity and community in the Cotswold Water Park        | £22,391.00           |
| Dominic Fairman                                   | Biodiversity soil survey-South Penquite farm                 | £14,277.50           |
| Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group                 | Mendip Hills bat and dormouse project*                       | £20,622.00           |
| Gloucestershire Geoconservation Trust             | Tintern Quarry Interpretation                                | £2,909.50            |
| Gloucestershire Geoconservation Trust             | West Gloucestershire Carboniferous aggregates*               | £15,519.00           |
| Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust                    | From gravel to grassland at Greystones Farm in the Cotswolds | £50,906.00           |
| Goblin Combe Environment Centre                   | Goblin Combe - Cleeve Wood                                   | £22,317.50           |
| Kemerton Conservation Trust                       | Kemerton Estate Restoration Scheme*                          | £19,537.50           |
| Mendip Cross Trails Trust                         | Murdercombe, Whatley, Somerset Bridleway                     | £11,227.00           |
| Plantlife International                           | Gloucestershire restoration for Cotswold pennycress*         | £8,905.40            |
| Saltash.net.community school                      | saltash.net community school earth science centre            | £39,187.00           |
| Somerset County Council                           | Restoration of Chewton Mendip Historical Turnpike Wall       | £72,000.00           |
| Somerset Wildlife Trust                           | Mells Valley Nature Reserve*                                 | £49,781.04           |
| South Gloucestershire Council                     | Ridge Wood Phase 2   | £30,375.00           |
| South Gloucestershire Council                     | Wildspaces! - A stone's throw from home!*                    | £28,041.75           |
| Stroud Valleys Project                            | Severn Vale Biodiversity project                             | £47,335.00           |
| Sustrans  | Wye Valley Local Link  | £38,746.30           |
| The Jurassic Hills Geopark                        | Geopark Development in the Gloucestershire Cotswolds*        | £22,990.00           |
| The Launceston Forum                              | The Zig Zag Path, Launceston*                                | £77,758.00           |
| Wiltshire Wildlife Trust                          | Lower Moor Farm*   | £185,590.85          |
|   | <b>Total South West</b>                                      | <b>£1,146,144.36</b> |



## West Midlands Region

| Organisation  | Project  | 2005-06 award      |
|---|--|--------------------|
| Abberley and Malvern Hills Geopark                    | Geodiversity Community Liaison Officer*                            | £21,702.00         |
| Abberley and Malvern Hills Geopark                    | Stanley Quarry   | £8,500.00          |
| Birmingham City Council                               | Restoration of Key Hill Cemetery                                   | £15,750.00         |
| Black Country Geological Society (BCGS) and Partners  | Black Country Geodiversity Action Plan Phase 2 (aggregates sites)* | £33,620.00         |
| East Staffordshire Borough Council                    | Branston Water Park Welcome Project                                | £21,881.00         |
| Herefordshire and Worcestershire Earth Heritage Trust | Whitmans Hill Geodiversity Discovery Venture*                      | £48,132.00         |
| Herefordshire Nature Trust                            | Wild Herefordshire   | £8,203.00          |
| Shropshire County Council                             | Shropshire Quarries: Positive action for the future                | £13,393.00         |
| Shropshire Geological Society (RIGS Group)            | Geoconservation trails on Shropshire aggregates sites*             | £16,130.00         |
| Shropshire Wildlife Trust                             | Forest Glen Phase II   | £59,111.25         |
| Shropshire Wildlife Trust                             | Geodiversity and interpretation in Shropshire*                     | £31,537.00         |
| Shropshire Wildlife Trust                             | Volunteer skills in the Oswestry Hills                             | £32,519.74         |
| University of Birmingham                              | National ice age network   | £97,500.00         |
| Warwickshire Geological Conservation Group            | Quaternary geoconservation in South Warwickshire*                  | £19,056.00         |
|   | <b>Total West Midlands</b>   | <b>£427,034.99</b> |

## South East Region

| Organisation                                 | Project   | 2005-06 award      |
|--|---|--------------------|
| Groundwork Thames Valley                     | A bridge to the countryside   | £48,727.50         |
| Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust   | Developing Blashford Lakes Centre and Nature Reserve*                   | £85,923.35         |
| Hanson Aggregates                            | Landscape Strategy for the Evenlode and Upper Thames Valleys            | £19,500.00         |
| Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust           | Rye Meads-Restoring Wetlands for People and Wildlife*                   | £82,500.00         |
| Isle of Wight Council                        | Wight Quarries II*  | £21,030.00         |
| Kent Wildlife Trust                          | Ruxley Gravel Pits SSSI*  | £26,568.00         |
| Lee Valley Regional Park Authority           | From trains to birds!   | £25,000.00         |
| Lee Valley Regional Park Authority           | Stanstead Innings Fish Refuge*  | £21,000.00         |
| Oxfordshire Geology Trust                    | Auditing and Promoting Oxfordshire's Aggregate Geodiversity*            | £46,991.00         |
| Oxfordshire Geology Trust                    | A Sustainable Earth Heritage - Aggregates Industry Education Programme* | £34,358.00         |
| Pang and Kennet Valleys Countryside Projects | Kennet Valley community project   | £23,837.00         |
| Royal Society for the Protection of Birds    | Dungeness Shingle and Wetland Project*                                  | £70,445.25         |
| Rye Harbour Nature Reserve                   | Rye Harbour: a shingle community*                                       | £27,178.00         |
| Sussex Ornithological Society                | Tern Raft at New Lake, Chichester Gravel Pits, West Sussex              | £4,875.00          |
| University of Leeds Consulting Limited       | Facilitating Geodiversity Good Practice using the Goodquarry web site   | £29,602.00         |
| Wokingham District Council                   | Loddon Valley sand martin project                                       | £15,214.00         |
|  | <b>Total South East</b>   | <b>£582,749.10</b> |

## East of England Region

| Organisation  | Project  | 2005-06 award      |
|---|--|--------------------|
| British Geological Survey                                 | Blakeney Esker outreach project  | £17,985.00         |
| Buglife -The Invertebrate Conservation Trust              | Bringing aggregate sites to life                                       | £6,694.50          |
| Colchester Borough Council                                | Colne Estuary area community access and biodiversity initiative        | £22,986.00         |
| Essex Wildlife Trust                                      | Fingringhoe Wick signs & interpretation                                | £17,228.44         |
| Froglife  | Bridges to Nature in Peterborough*                                     | £33,738.00         |
| Greensand Trust   | Sandpit Project  | £120,762.75        |
| Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust                        | New wetlands for wildlife at Broadwater Lake, Mid-Colne SSSI*          | £24,474.00         |
| Langdyke Countryside Trust                                | Swaddywell Pit   | £5,120.00          |
| Royal Society for the Protection of Birds                 | Acquisition of land at The Lodge, Sandy, Beds                          | £100,000.00        |
| Royal Society for the Protection of Birds                 | Foundations for the UK's largest reedbed: Hanson-RSPB wetland project* | £39,068.00         |
| Royal Society for the Protection of Birds                 | Sandy Heath Quarry*  | £29,579.43         |
| Suffolk Wildlife Trust                                    | Lackford Lakes SSSI Extension*   | £123,234.25        |
| The Wildlife Trust for Beds, Cambs, Nhants & Peterborough | Planning for biodiversity*   | £96,750.00         |
| Whitlingham Charitable Trust                              | Whitlingham Country Park - landscaping entrance to barn                | £26,551.80         |
|   | <b>Total East of England</b>   | <b>£664,172.17</b> |

## East Midlands Region

| Organisation  | Project   | 2005-06 award      |
|---|---|--------------------|
| Derbyshire County Council for Lowland Derbyshire Biodiversity | Derbyshire LBAPs*   | £23,097.92         |
| British Geological Survey                                     | Bradgate Park Visitor Centre Geological Exhibit                 | £18,615.00         |
| British Trust for Conservation Volunteers                     | BTCV Involving Local Communities-Derbyshire                     | £27,047.44         |
| British Trust for Conservation Volunteers                     | BTCV Involving Local Communities - Leicestershire               | £22,572.76         |
| British Trust for Conservation Volunteers                     | BTCV Involving Local Communities - Northamptonshire*            | £16,873.65         |
| Derbyshire County Council Countryside Service                 | Trent Valley Greenway Attenborough trails network               | £50,000.00         |
| Derbyshire Wildlife Trust                                     | Transforming the Trent Valley                                   | £77,320.00         |
| Derbyshire Wildlife Trust                                     | Transforming the Trent Valley (Part 2)                          | £7,342.50          |
| Leicestershire and Rutland RIGS Group                         | Leicestershire and Rutland Geological Site Conservation Project | £28,000.00         |
| Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust                                | Access to rare grassland at Bentinck Bank*                      | £5,618.00          |
| Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust                                | Heathland expansion in Nottinghamshire*                         | £18,303.86         |
| Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust                                | The Idle Valley project   | £32,220.00         |
| Rockingham Forest Trust                                       | Stanwick Lakes Access Improvement Scheme                        | £31,500.00         |
| UK Regionally Important Geological/Geomorphologic Sites       | UKRIGS education project*                                       | £52,000.00         |
|   | <b>Total East Midlands</b>                                      | <b>£410,511.13</b> |

## Yorkshire and the Humber Region

| Organisation                              | Project   | 2005-06 award      |
|---|---|--------------------|
| Bellflask Ecological Survey Team          | Proposal to assess lamprey populations*                               | £39,027.00         |
| British Trust for Conservation Volunteers | Pugneys Boardwalk   | £14,725.69         |
| North East Yorkshire Geology Trust        | Geodiversity Audit of North East Yorkshire, Southern Area*            | £30,775.50         |
| North East Yorkshire Geology Trust        | Secrets in the landscape: fire and ice in North Yorkshire             | £38,267.00         |
| North Yorkshire Geodiversity Partnership  | "Your Dales Rocks" a Geodiversity Action Plan for the Yorkshire Dales | £9,579.00          |
| Wakefield Metropolitan District Council   | Coalfield heathland project   | £65,521.80         |
| Yorkshire Wildlife Trust                  | Potteric Carr Phase III Stage 4                                       | £282,500.00        |
|   | <b>Total Yorkshire and the Humber</b>                                 | <b>£480,395.99</b> |

## North East Region

| Organisation   | Project  | 2005-06 award      |
|--|--|--------------------|
| Durham Heritage Coast  | Noses Point*   | £35,000.00         |
| Durham Wildlife Trust (on behalf of Durham Biodiversity Partnership) | MAGical Meadows*   | £128,036.00        |
| Harehope Quarry Project Limited                                      | Improving access and geodiversity at Harehope Quarry*    | £29,303.00         |
| Northumberland Wildlife Trust  | Cresswell foreshore                                      | £23,025.00         |
| Northumberland Wildlife Trust  | Northumberland Whin Grasslands Project*                  | £26,927.00         |
| Sedgefield Borough Council   | Ferryhill Carrs Local Nature Reserve: access improvement | £56,049.00         |
| Tees Valley Wildlife Trust   | Geodiversity Action Plan                                 | £4,000.00          |
|  | <b>Total North East</b>                                  | <b>£302,340.00</b> |

## North West Region

| Organisation  | Project  | 2005-06 award      |
|---|--|--------------------|
| Cheshire County Council                                   | Tegg's Nose Country Park - former quarrying access and interpretation* | £4,500.00          |
| Cumbria Wildlife Trust                                    | Eden Wildlife Sites - Phase 2*   | £7,656.42          |
| Cumbria Wildlife Trust                                    | Smardale Wildlife Highway*   | £15,788.00         |
| Holme Park Quarry Liaison Group                           | Holme Park Quarry community project                                    | £10,605.00         |
| Lancashire Wildlife Trust                                 | Ribble Valley nature reserves*   | £3,636.00          |
| Oldham Countryside Service                                | Pingot Brushes Clough Quarry in Oldham*                                | £5,597.00          |
| Preston Patrick, Old Hutton and Holmscales Parish Council | A safer Gatebeck   | £48,157.59         |
| Royal Society for the Protection of Birds                 | Developing an inspirational visitor experience at Geltsdale, Cumbria   | £62,850.00         |
| Sustrans Ltd  | Lord Carlisle railway - phase 2  | £33,750.00         |
| University of Cheshire-Cheshire RIGS-Tarmac               | Geodiversity educational information for Cheshire quarries             | £27,292.00         |
| West Lancashire District Council                          | Hunters Hill recreation area*  | £77,000.00         |
|   | <b>Total North West</b>  | <b>£296,832.01</b> |



## Marine and Coastal Projects

| Organisation   | Project  | 2005-06 award      |
|--|--|--------------------|
| Christopher David Rhys Evans                             | Sand banks and offshore river channels: examples of geodiversity from aggregate industry sites | £23,020.00         |
| EMU Ltd  | Marine Biodiversity and Aggregate Dredging in both 2 and 3 dimensional context                 | £112,878.00        |
| Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust               | Marine aggregates and biodiversity: stakeholder engagement in the south-east*                  | £78,688.00         |
| Joint Nature Conservation Committee                      | Best Methods for Identifying and Evaluating Biogenic and Cobbles Reef*                         | £112,262.50        |
| Marine Biological Association                            | An Environmental Context to Effects of Marine Aggregate Dredging*                              | £34,682.00         |
| Marine Biological Association                            | Marine wealth - seabed health (at ExplorOcean)*  | £57,025.00         |
| Medina Valley Centre for Environmental Outdoor Education | Medina Valley Centre Underwater Safari Project   | £10,610.00         |
| Sussex Sea Fisheries District Committee                  | The seabed and inshore fishing activities: assessment and relationship*                        | £26,450.00         |
| University of Portsmouth Higher Education Corporation    | Development of a Multi-use Managed Marine Reserve: The Overfalls Area                          | £57,936.00         |
| University of Southampton                                | Use of shell to speed recovery of dredged aggregate seabed*                                    | £25,350.00         |
|  | <b>Total Marine and Coastal</b>  | <b>£538,901.50</b> |

\* denotes project also has funding for 2006/07

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