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Landscape scale partnership project in the Somer Valley set up by Bath & North East Somerset Council, B&NES Public Health, Wessex Water and Natural England in 2020
Strategic green infrastructure project listed in the West of England Joint GI Strategy 2020-2030



Overarching aim: to connect people to nature

- Improving health and wellbeing
- Improving biodiversity
- Celebrating local heritage
- Creating a green economy around the walking and cycling network



Events

25 Events in 2023
647 adults and 284 children attended

Upcoming:

- Bat Walk in Waterside Valley 29th
- Plant Identification Walk in Waterside Valley 30th



Green Social Prescribing

Started the 6-week Nature, Craft, Connection courses in Waterside Valley

The next 6-week course starts on the 12th of October, 10:00am to 12:00pm

For adults of all ages to support physical and mental health through creative activities in nature. An accessible way to relax, feel restored and revitalised in nature.



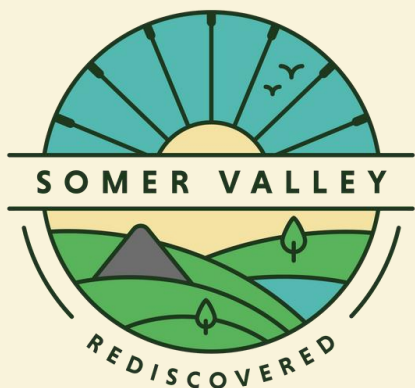
Volunteering

HABITAT MANAGEMENT VOLUNTEER

COMMUNITY EVENT VOLUNTEER

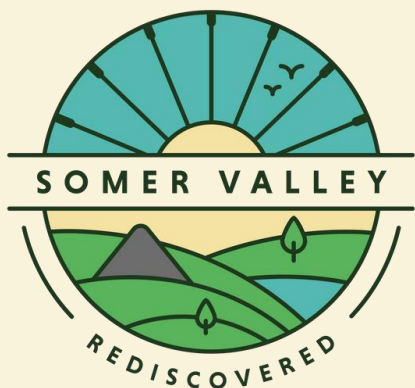
NATURE WATCH VOLUNTEER

RIVER CITIZEN SCIENCE VOLUNTEER



Habitat Management

- Selective scrub clearance 4 of 5 sites – work to commence this autumn.
Volunteers / Contractors
- Town Park tree work on the batch – this winter, removing dead Ash and thinning work following the management plan. Tree planting to replace Ash.
- Met contractors to look at Grassland Management for Waterside Valley, an early spring cut looks like the best option. More professional advice required during Autumn to look at a long-term solution.



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