

Appendix A – Summary of Waterlinks Projects – Current position and recommendations

Project description	Main achievements during development stage	Recommendations for future development
<p>Multi-user pathway – Martock-Langport</p>	<p>Landowner consultations Costings and preliminary scheme design Proposals for development as a right of way (bridleway)</p>	<p>Continue with this project focussing on securing as an adopted part of Somerset right of way network – officer time to negotiate payments and creation process. Work with SCC to secure further match-funding.</p>
<p>Navigation This project linked from Taunton / Bridgwater, through an adapted Oath Lock to secure navigation through to Langport</p>	<p>Comprehensive feasibility, business plan and outline design work completed. Found to be technically feasible and a good business case, if capital investment secured through grants. High cost of individual elements, and some environmental and technical concerns to be resolved.</p>	<p>Without significant capital grants available, this project is not viable in its current form, even with the existing match-funding. However many elements could be developed incrementally, as part of an overall vision for Somerset waterways. The Somerset Waterways Advisory Committee could provide the framework for this.</p>
<p>Industrial Heritage Focused on a conservation and regeneration plan, including reinstatement, for the Parrett Works, Martock</p>	<p>Community involvement to develop vision for future partnership, strong commitment and enthusiasm from stakeholders. SWRDA considering future investment. Site and condition surveys of key buildings. Historical research report produced.</p>	<p>Progress the project, initially by securing funding for a conservation and regeneration master plan. Work with local community, and partners, to develop options for the site, including the potential to establish a community land trust for elements of the site if appropriate.</p>
<p>Ecology and Landscape A scheme to provide grants and officer support to 20 small scale community led environment / conservations projects</p>	<p>Delivery structure for a programme developed, costed and consulted on with potential partners. No specific sites considered, but several emerged as potential schemes.</p>	<p>Small local schemes can be progressed adhoc, using local match-funding and existing grants programmes. Potential for inclusion of concept into future programmes.</p>
<p>Hydropower Mills A programme of grants towards 10 installations for hydropower turbines into former waterpowered mills</p>	<p>8 detailed feasibility studies for mills completed. Links to Hydropower mills network.</p>	<p>Previous successful programme could be continued with further financial commitment. Other areas in Somerset have requested inclusion, adding value to this project, but requiring other district partners.</p>

<p>Langport Vision A series of small scale installations and improvements on and around Cockle Moor, Langport, including an extensive rights of way network and an extension to the Langport Vision Centre</p>	<p>Appraisal of Langport's visitor destination potential including the Langport Visitor Centre. Feasibility work for river access for trip boats and canoes. Canoeing study of river network by Taunton Canoe Club. Rights of way survey, including costings for access and improvements. Outline design for installations. Local consultation with stakeholders including the Environment Agency and Langport Town Council.</p>	<p>Seek partner support and secure match funding, led locally in partnership with Environment Agency and the Langport area River group, Langport Town Council, Huish School and the Warehouse Trust</p> <p>Subject to partner funding, the current 'Langport Access' capital allocation, can be progressed to delivery of some of the elements of this project</p> <p>Further develop partnership to achieve local vision for enhancing tourism potential, learning and skills, environmental education and access to the river and surrounding countryside</p>
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