

The Big Green Fund was set up by the Greater London Authority in order to create high quality open spaces. Green Corridor successfully bid for funding for 2014-15 and FORCE on behalf of the Crane Valley Partnership took responsibility for an element of funding apportioned to the Lower Crane Valley. More specifically this component of the Big Green Fund was designated for the development of areas of marginal habitat along four sites:

- Donkey Wood
- Pevensey Road
- Little Park
- Mill Road

The BGF allocation for the Lower Crane Valley was £48,000 which in turn provided leverage for a further £290,000 in funding from a variety of other funders.

Along these sites we carried out a number of projects including:

- Providing maps and leaflets for improved understanding of the local environment
- Improved drainage and watercourse restoration
- New boardwalk for improved access
- An education project with local engagement
- Expert-led walks, introducing the wildlife and history of the local parks to members of the community
- Hedging and planting to improve wetland/marginal habitat.

The Conservation Volunteers undertook much of the hands-on delivery of projects, with support from the Education Trust for Richmond and a number of other individuals.

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