



WEST CUMBRIA
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A Wilder Walkmill 2025

www.westcumbriariverstrust.org

Who we are

An award-winning environmental charity

Our mission is to protect, restore and improve West Cumbria's blue spaces for wildlife and people

Our Education team inspire over a thousand children each year to love their watery worlds

We are supported by volunteers donating 3.5k hours every year to help us achieve our goals



Where we are



What we do

Our work:

- Improves water quality
- Enhances habitats
- Reduces flood risk
- Inspires our community to love & protect their blue spaces

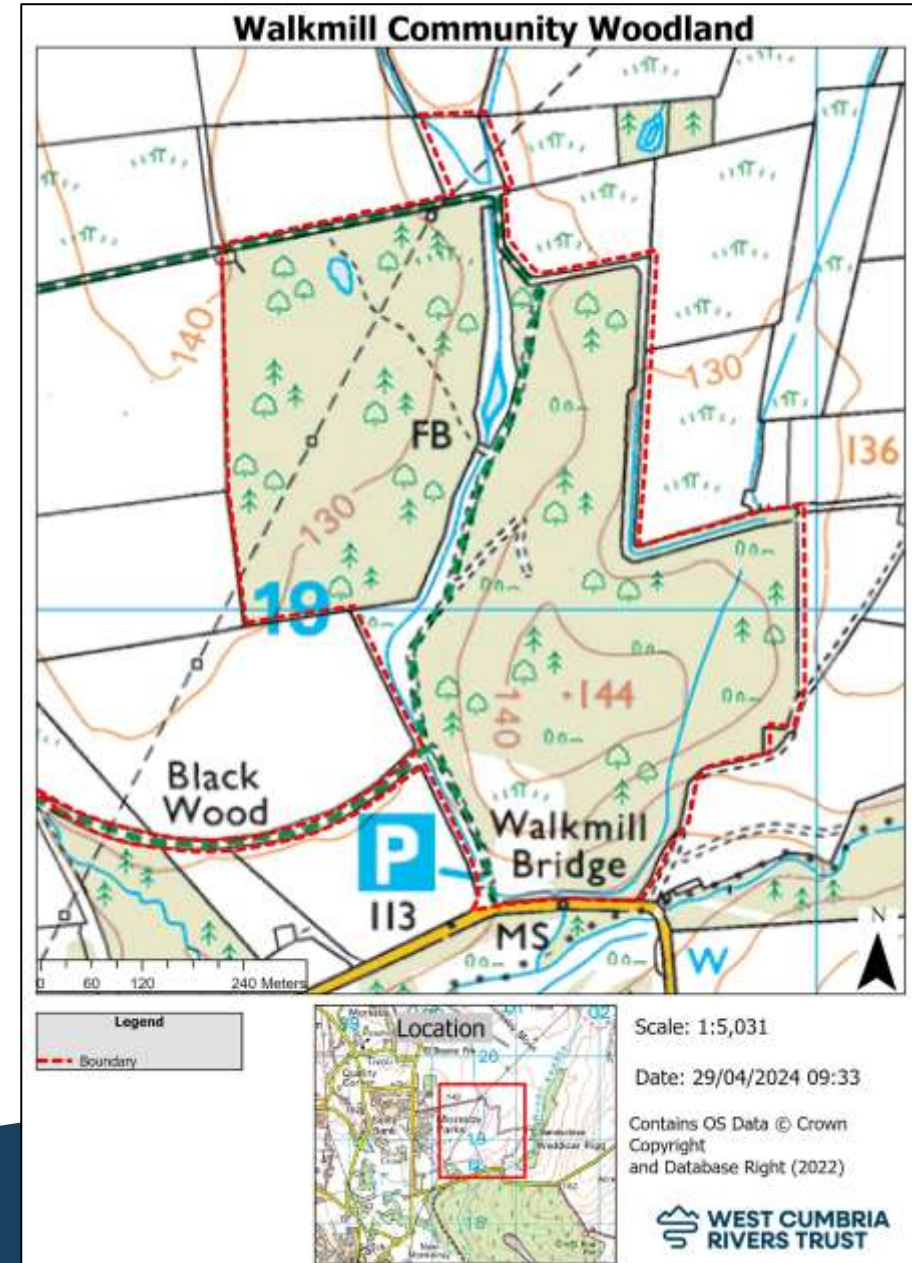
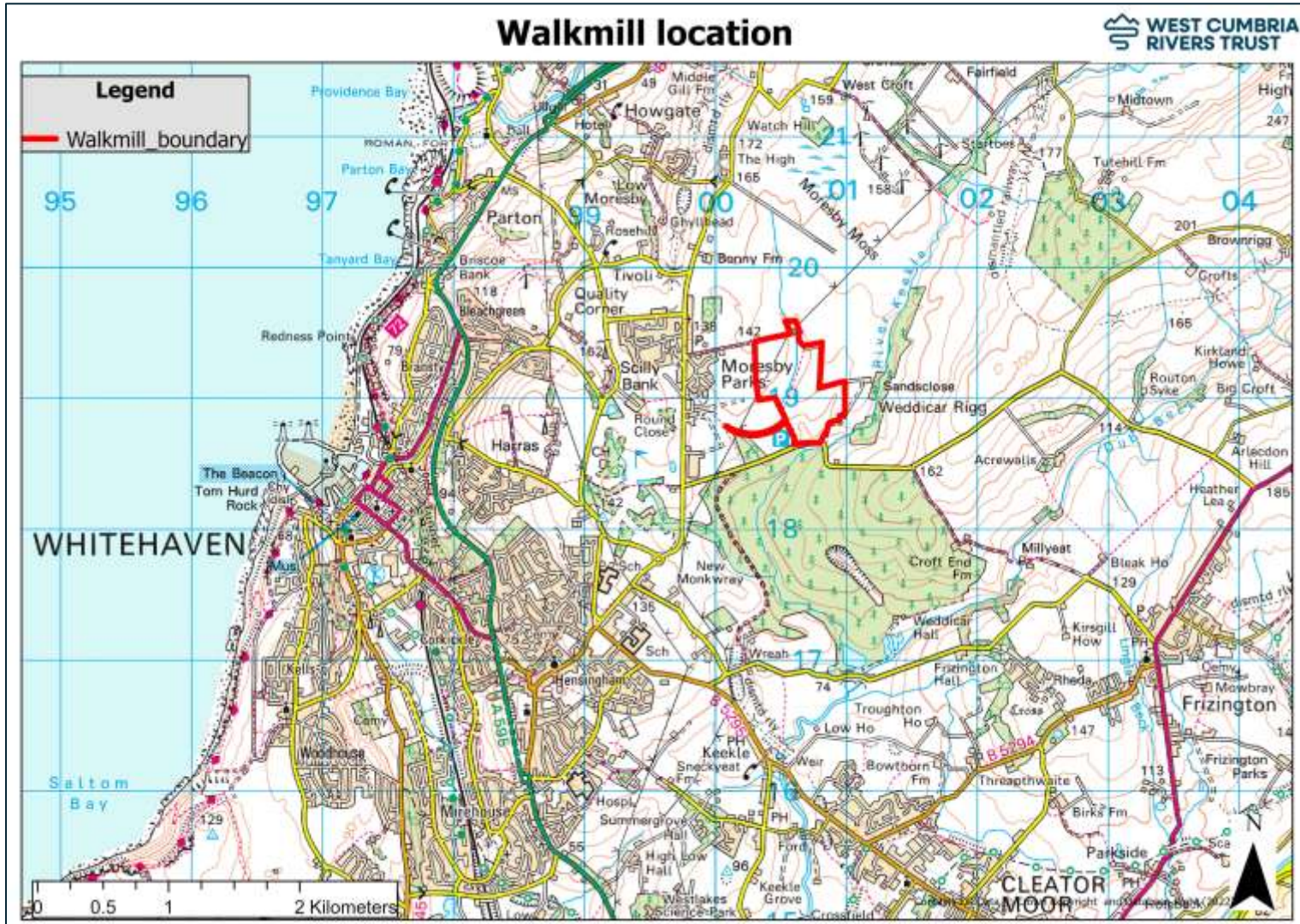
As a registered charity we are reliant on donations, grants and fundraising

WCRT is an independent charity working closely with partners and the community

We are proud to be part of the Rivers Trust movement, one of 60 local river trusts across UK and Ireland.

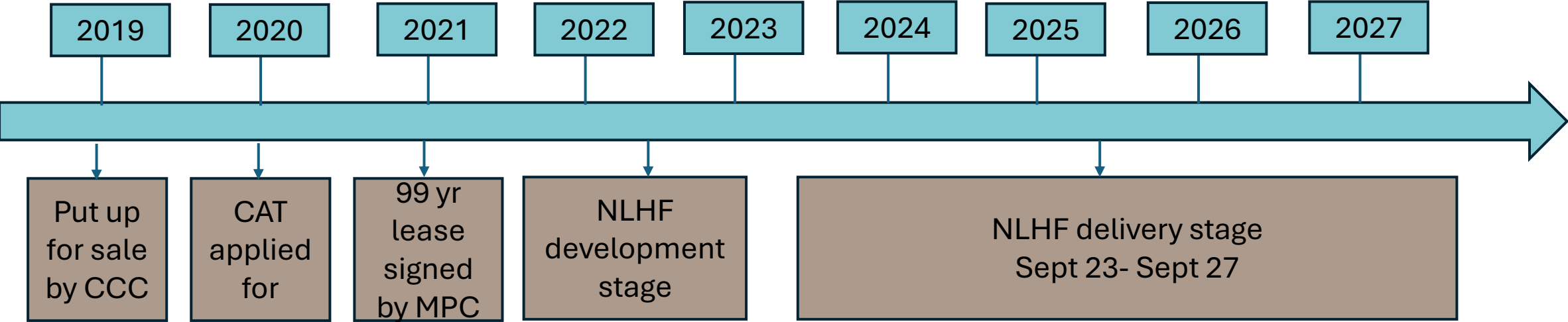
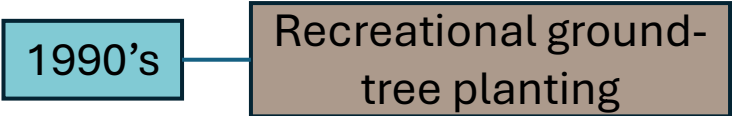
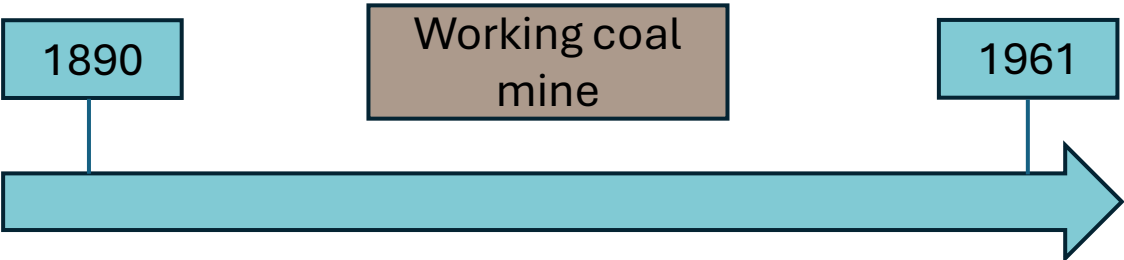


Walkmill Community Woodland



About this project

Timeline



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Costings

Development stage:

£121,000

Delivery stage:

NLHF: £1,970,632.60

Match: £384,400.00 (Sellafield,
Environment Agency)

Total: £2,355,032

Non-Cash contributions: £271,740



Meet the team



Jenny
Project Manager



Laura
Learning & Engagement officer



Bradley
Apprentice coordinator



Sarah
Volunteer Coordinator



Brooke, Rowan, Georgia, Daniel
Apprentices

Project aims

STRAND 1: SHAPING THE WOODLAND:

Physical improvements & changes.

“**Shape, share**
and **sustain**
the woodland
for **people**
and **wildlife.**
Inspired by the **past,**
looking to the **future.**”

STRAND 3: SUSTAINING THE WOODLAND:

Support the management and maintenance of Walkmill Wood in the future.

STRAND 2: SHARING THE WOODLAND:

Working with the local community on research and co-creation projects.

SI: Shaping



ST: Shaping



Tree and
wildflower nursery

Woodland/ scrub
management



INNS management



S2: Sharing



Forest school

Family fun days



Formal learning-
Discovering Walkmill

Guided walks



S3: Sustaining

Citizen science



Regular conservation
volunteering



Friends of Walkmill
group



Website

<https://www.walkmill.org/>



Wildlife

Mammals:

Red squirrels
Badgers
Foxes
Deer



Reptiles:

Adders
Lizards



Birds

Heron
Buzzards
Geese



Invertebrates:

Butterflies
Dragonflies
Riverfly

Amphibians

Frogs
Newts



Ways to get involved: Volunteering

Practical volunteering



Corporate volunteering

Uniform groups
Scouts/ guides
Schools

Citizen science
monitoring
Monitoring wildlife

Join our Friends of
Walkmill group



Ways to get involved: Wellness



Wellbeing session inc Family events

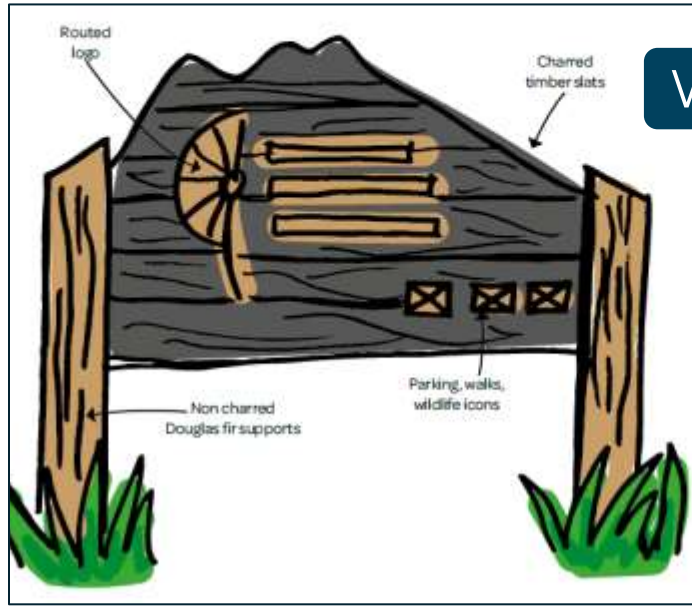
- 3 per month (varying days)
- Making: sun prints, bird feeders, wreaths, willow weaving



Wellness walks Last Friday of the month

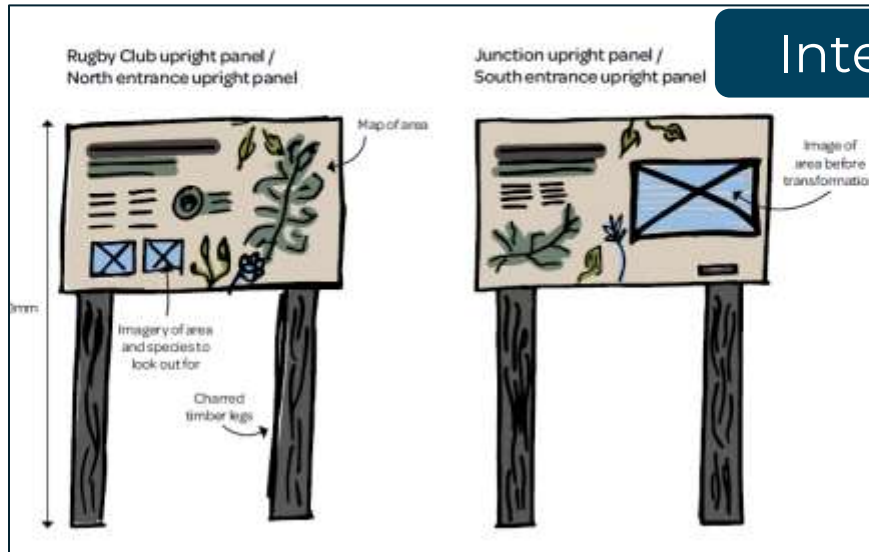
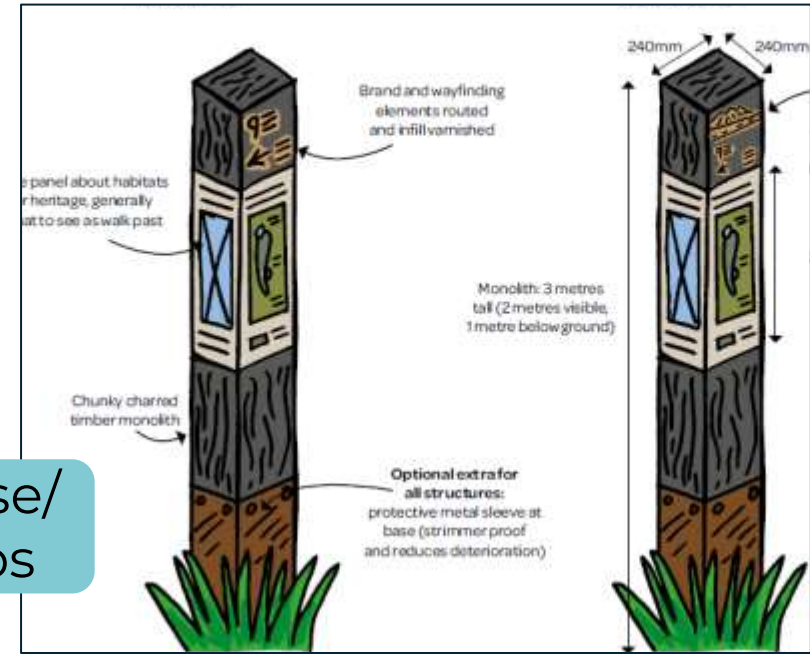


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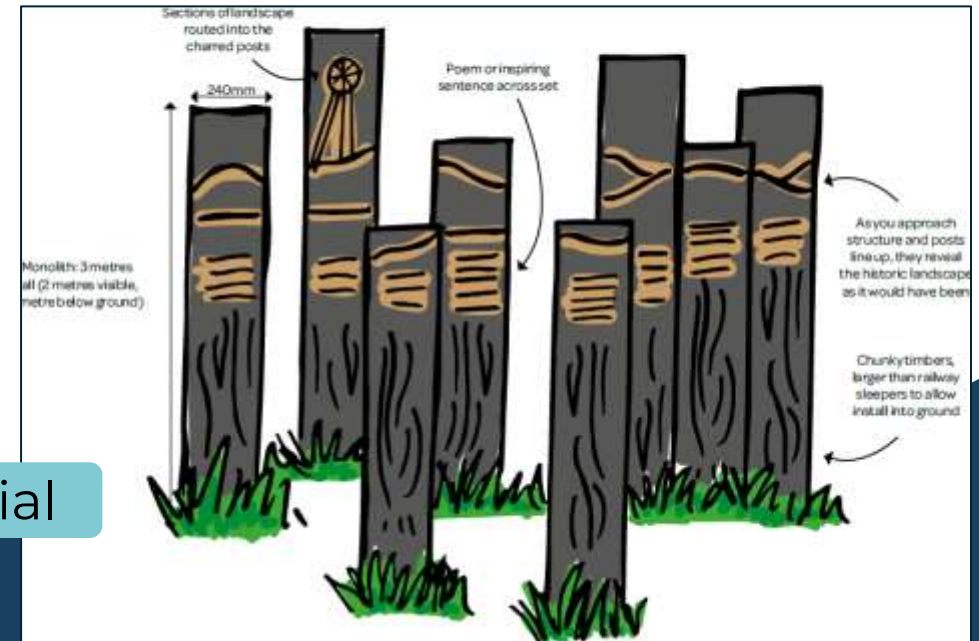
Welcome sign

Posts with purpose/
wayfinding/ maps

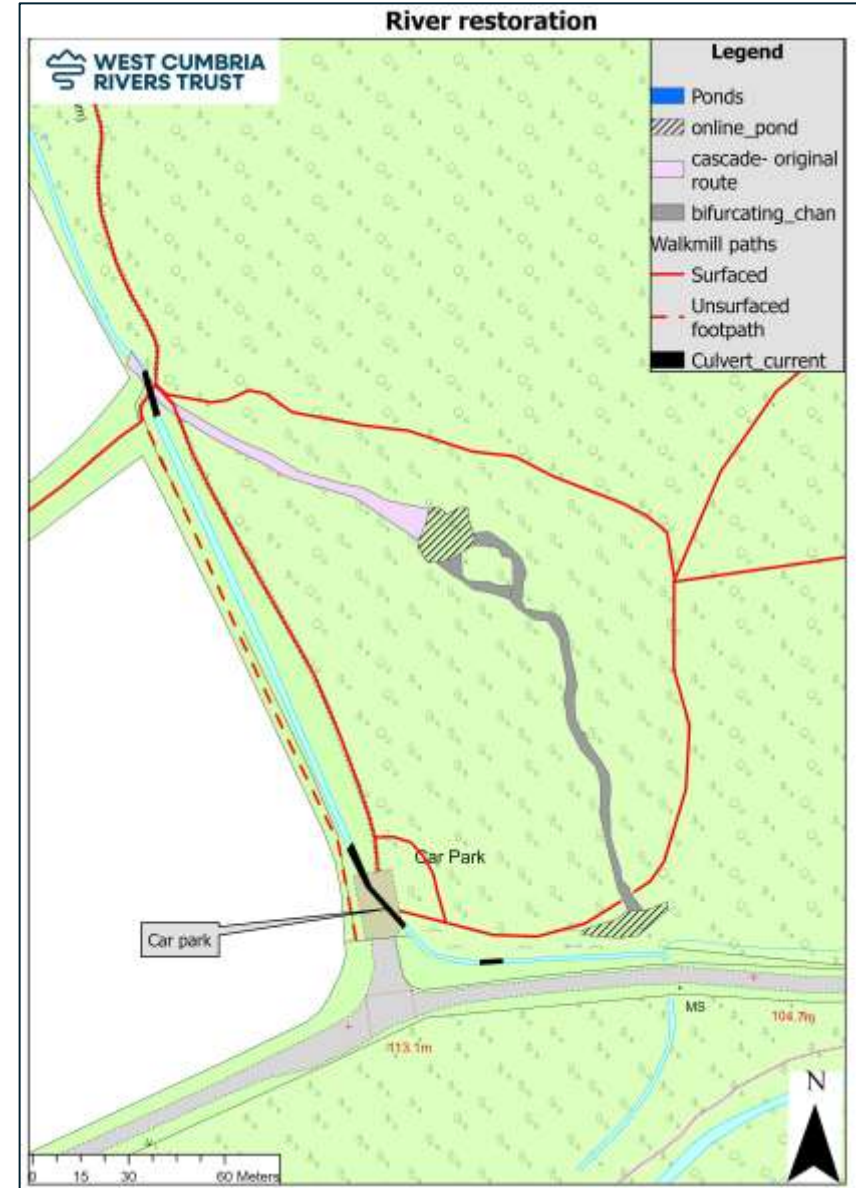
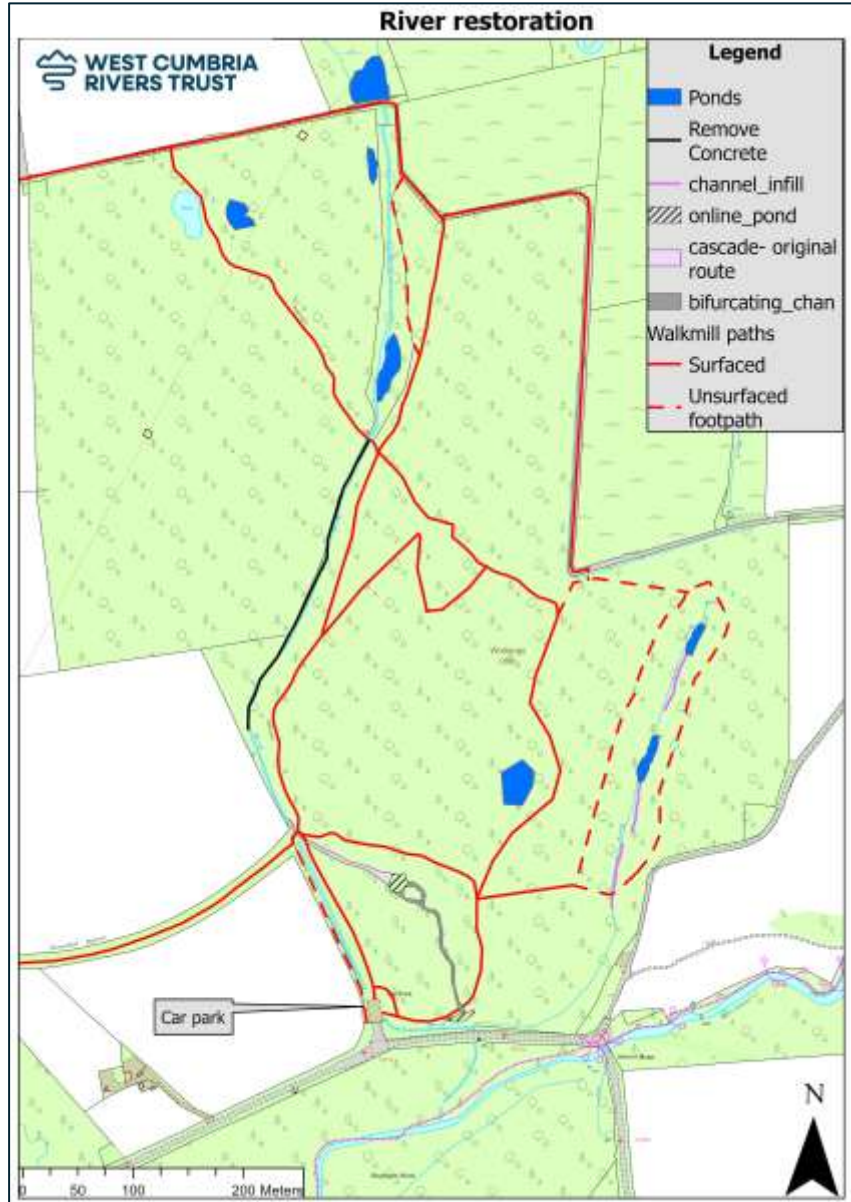


Interpretation panels

Memorial



Not all good news



Before



After



Wider WCRT work

<https://www.westcumbriarivertrust.org/projects>

Area specific

Fish and habitat surveys
INNS
Woodlands for Water

Locationally specific

River Cocker
River Ehen
River Irt
Rivers Waver and Wampool
Resilient Glederamakin

Education and engagement:

Toad Patrol
Longlands Lake
Greener Grounds
Freshwater safari
Forest School
Wild about rivers

<https://www.westcumbriarivertrust.org/volunteer>



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Any Questions?

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