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THE LION'S ROAR

BOARD MEMBER NEWSLETTER

Welcome

ANDY PARSONS

Welcome to the June edition of the Lion's Roar.

This month has been particularly busy with recruitment:

We have held interviews and appointed the majority of the team to deliver our Farming in Protected Landscapes programme.

We are also currently recruiting a Planning Officer to support our work in this vitally important area of our operations.

Watch this space as there may be more to follow!

I'm really excited about our Forward Planning Day next week, we have a brilliant line up of speakers, which should really enhance our discussion and debate during the afternoon workshops. We are working with a company called The Big Bang Partnership to ensure it doesn't feel like 'just another Zoom meeting'. See you all then!

Farming in Protected Landscapes

ANDY PARSONS, MARK CONNELLY, SCOTT BROWN

Defra officially launched the Farming in Protected Landscapes programme last week.

The Cotswolds National Landscape will receive an allocation of £1million to distribute as grants in the first year of the programme. From July, farmers and land managers – or people collaborating with them – can apply for grants of up to £250k to deliver a diverse range of projects.

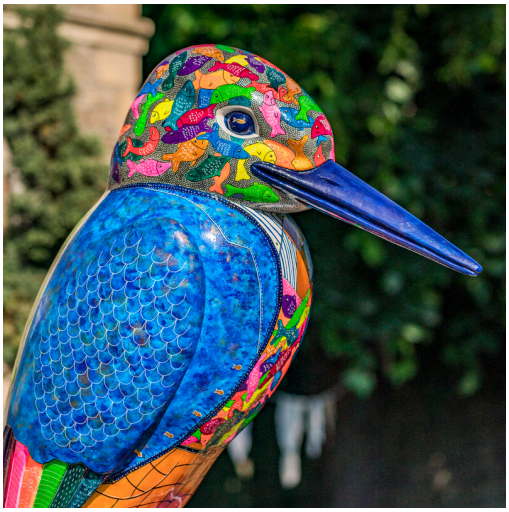
Eligible projects must aim to achieve something that fits into at least one of the following themes: nature, climate, people, and place. This may include projects that:

- **Support nature recovery** – e.g. habitat restoration and conservation skills training
- **Mitigate the impacts of climate change** - e.g. natural flood management and reductions in greenhouse gas emissions
- **Provide opportunities for people to discover, enjoy and understand the landscape and its cultural heritage** – e.g. replacing stiles with gates and hosting community events
- **Support nature-friendly, sustainable farm businesses** – e.g. land management planning and local food supply

For more information, click here.

Kingfisher Trail live

JAMES WEBB



The Kingfisher Trail 2021 is now fully live. The app is available to download for Apple and Android, there is a downloadable trail map on the website, and all the kingfishers are ready for their moments in the spotlight. The focus through the summer will be maintaining public engagement with the trail, and gearing up for the auction. **Visit the trail website here.**

Photo by Lydia Booth - showing the Flying Kingfisher in Bradford-on-Avon

New team member

BECKY JONES & NICOLE DAW

Nicole Daw joined our team this month, as our new Trails and Access Officer. Nicole will be supporting Becky with work around access. She will initially be working on the Bathscape project to create a 20 mile circular walk around the city of Bath ahead of the Bath Walking Festival in September. She will also be creating a collection of walks in and around the city, and working with volunteers who will look after the trails and lead guided walks.

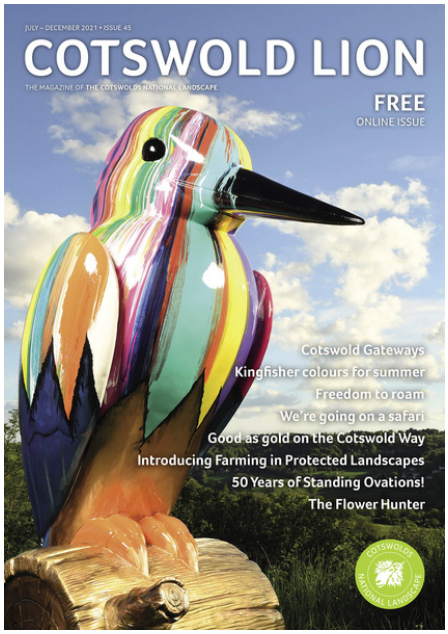
Board update

ANDY PARSONS

It was really nice to have an actual face-to-face meeting in June! I thought Cirencester Baptist Church provided a suitable (and safe) venue. We also held our Annual General Meeting at this meeting and the last page of this newsletter confirms all the various appointments. Three new Board Members have joined us since the last edition of the 'Lion's Roar':

- Martin Mitchell – Parish Group 6
- Jane Hull – Secretary of State
- Isabel Ross – Secretary of State

You can find out more about them here.



Cotswold Lion - out now!

ALANA HOPKINS

And finally, the new issue of the Cotswold Lion is out now. Following the repeated lockdowns, and restrictions prompted by the pandemic, this issue is a celebration of being outside in the fresh air. Expect kingfishers, lots of walking, outdoor festivals, wildlife spotting, and flower hunting, and a guest appearance from one of our ever-enthusiastic voluntary wardens!

Issue 45 remains online, so please do share the link to the new issue download page on the website as far and wide as you can!

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