

## **Motivation**

One distinctive feature of the partnership has been the variation between the differing partners.

The project framework was established around creating a publicly accessible Green Way.

The individual partners had a series of differing purposes for the project framework including

- establishing a new college course
- expanding the community outreach of a library
- encouraging volunteering in a not-for-profit agency
- expanding an existing action to involve greater community and visitor use
- engaging in a wide-ranging environmental exploration of a series of multiple linked rural communities
- developing new environmental routes & trails in association with other newly developing 'green' agencies

The Covidian Pandemic severely disrupted some of these intentions and for 2 partners there was a need, during the project to make a complete change of direction.

The partnership also had to change and re-focus its whole approach to the planned core element of physical meetings.

It is therefore something of a triumph that the project maintained a consistency of effort – with almost all concrete results achieved & for the majority of partners, an expansion of interest and involvement from outside their own institutions and agencies.





Given the above factors the meeting spent time examining the reasons and motivations that had allowed the partnership to develop successfully.

The following list of 'motivating factors' was developed by initial personal reflection and general discussion

Love, heart soul nature

Using Natural Environment to understand 'self'

Understanding context

Making connections people & Place

Getting new ideas, sharing experiences

Learning from each other

Fun enjoyment support

