



THE EVOLUTION OF TELFORDS GREEN SPACES

The Green Network and The Green Guarantee





Where and how we live is changing faster than ever before





Maintaining connections, or reconnecting, with nature can address these impacts





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Small Woods


Telford Woods





on four wings
the mayfly rising backwards
disappears



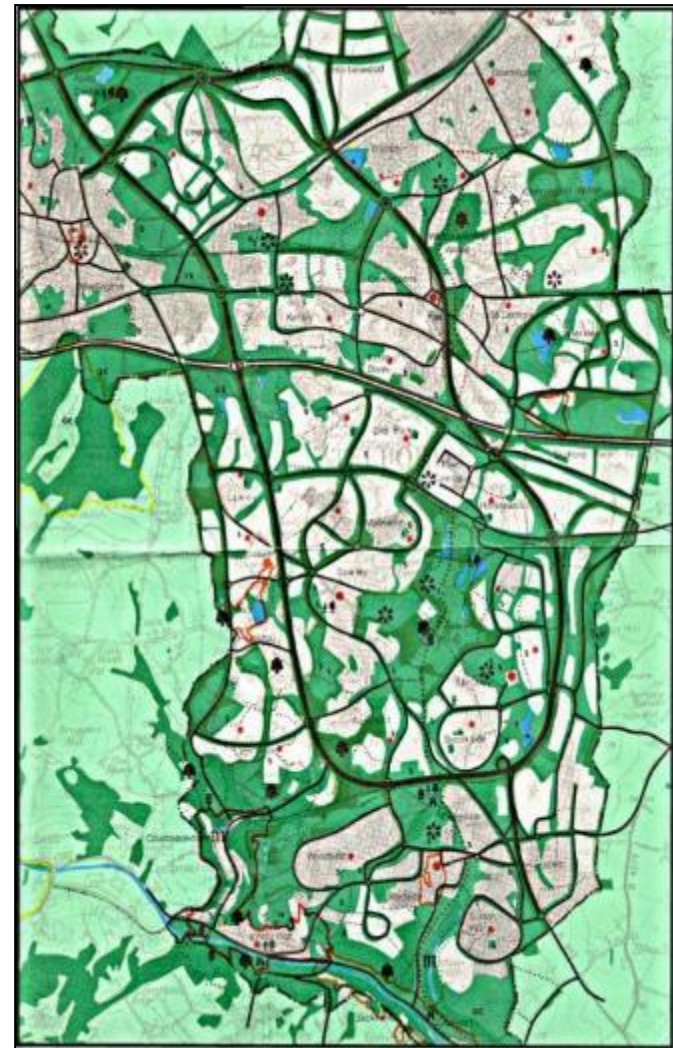
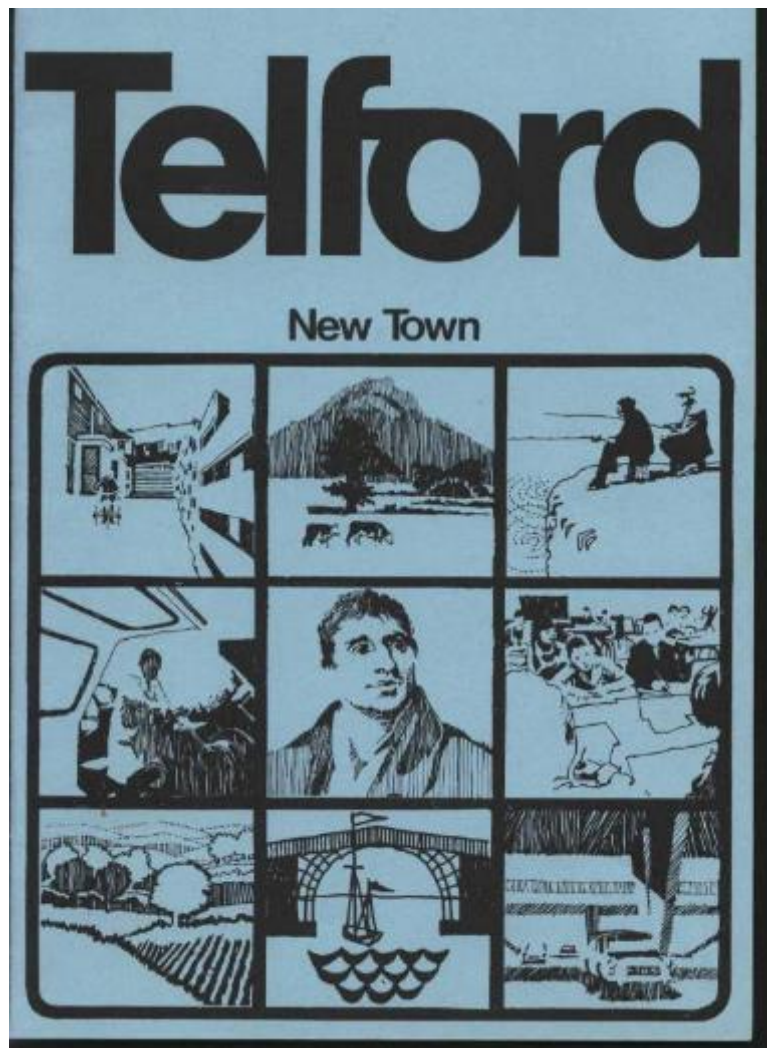
This presentation will discuss how





Spaces for nature were created in a developing new town
How communities are involved in their green spaces and
Will examine preserving the future of green spaces
The Green Guarantee





How spaces for nature were created in a developing new town





The main principle was to create
a settlement in the landscape







“a townscape dominated by a hierarchy of amenity green space, defined and delineated by a comprehensive tree and woodland structure”



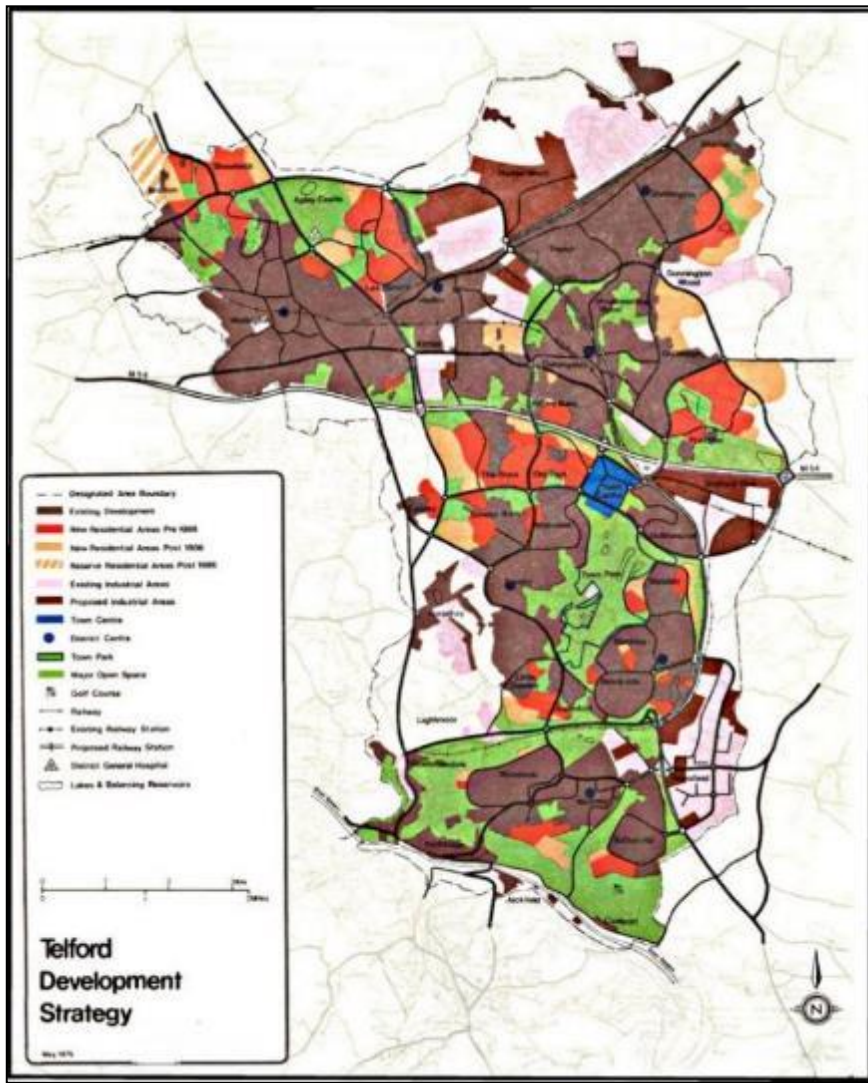




“Telford - A Forest City”







1970 – 1990





“The importance of the [Green Networks] environmental thread cannot be over emphasized: ... it comprises not just the retention of ecological and wildlife interest ... but it also includes the key to sustain the attractiveness of Telford itself, for residents, visitors and investors, as part of Telford’s own investment in its future.”

“Within that thread lies the potential provision of one of the largest scale, visually beneficial and informal recreation assets of any town in the country”

1990 – 2010



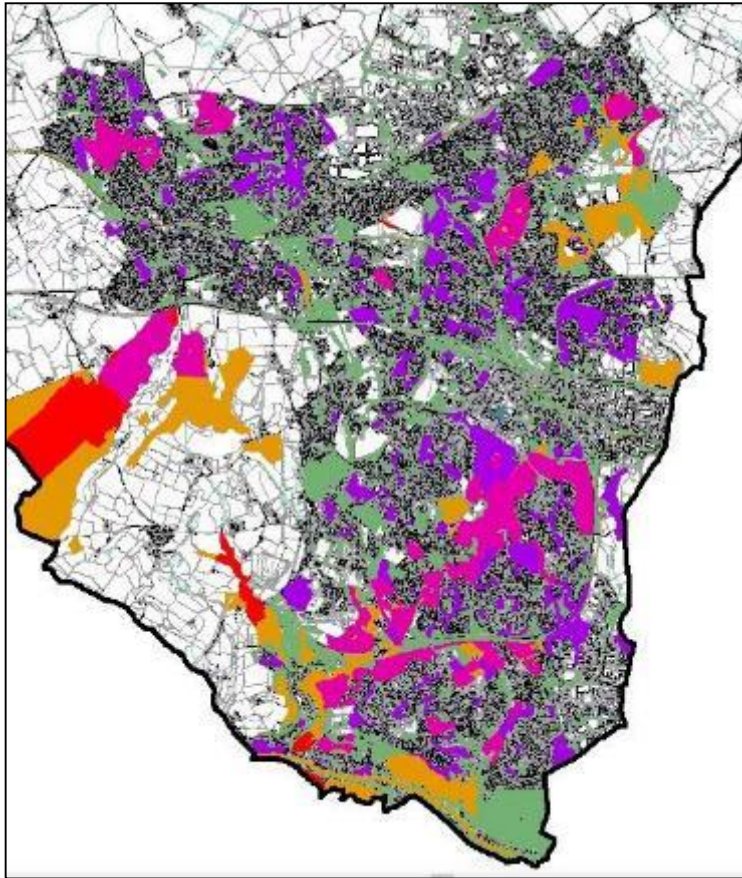


Wrekin Local Plan 1995 – 2006:

- The Green Network again afforded protection through planning policy.
- Introduces the concept of multifunctional green space.
- 2002 Green Network Guidance maps green and blue 'functions'.
- Identifying:
 - Key 'nodes'
 - Strategic 'corridors' and
 - 'Links'
- These policies are carried forward into Core Strategy 2007-2016.

1990 – 2010





Telford and Wrekin Local Plan 2011 - 2031:

- Mapping of the Green Network is refined.
- Extended to include the nearby market town of Newport.
- Definition and aims revised to be in line with:
 - National Planning Policy Framework NPPF, and
 - 'Making Space For Nature' - The Lawton Review

2010 - 2019





2500 hectares of mapped Green Network.
Protected by planning policy.
Covering 75% of the New Towns urban core.



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8 Sites of Special Scientific Interest



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47 Local Wildlife Sites



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16 Local Nature Reserves



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200 Green Guarantee Sites



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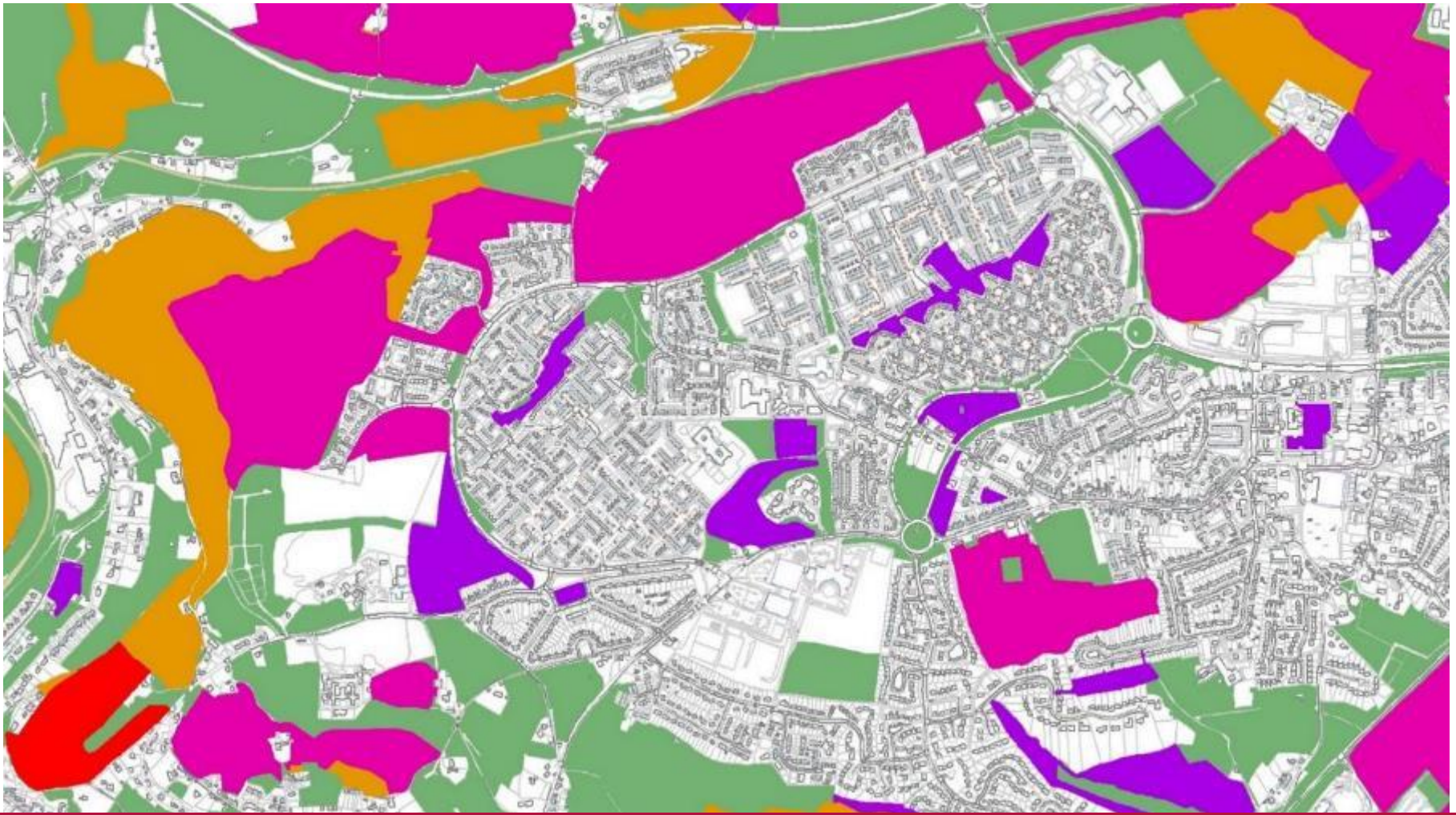


52 Ancient Woodland Sites



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Involving communities in their green spaces





Street Champions
You can have a positive influence within your community through the local environment.

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Lodge Field Orchid Count





St Georges Butterfly and Wildlife Project

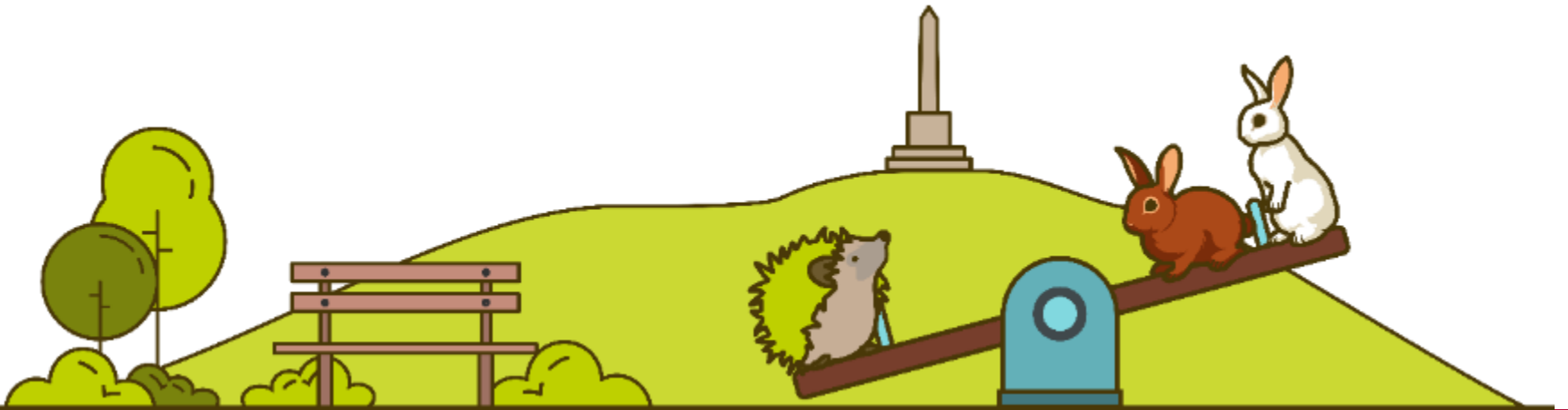
- Community led project
- National Big Butterfly Count
- Big Lottery Funded
- 120 participants aged 3 – 83
- 13 activity days
- 9 local green spaces
- Recorded 13 different species of butterfly
- Working with 'Grow Wild' to create high value habitats on their doorstep







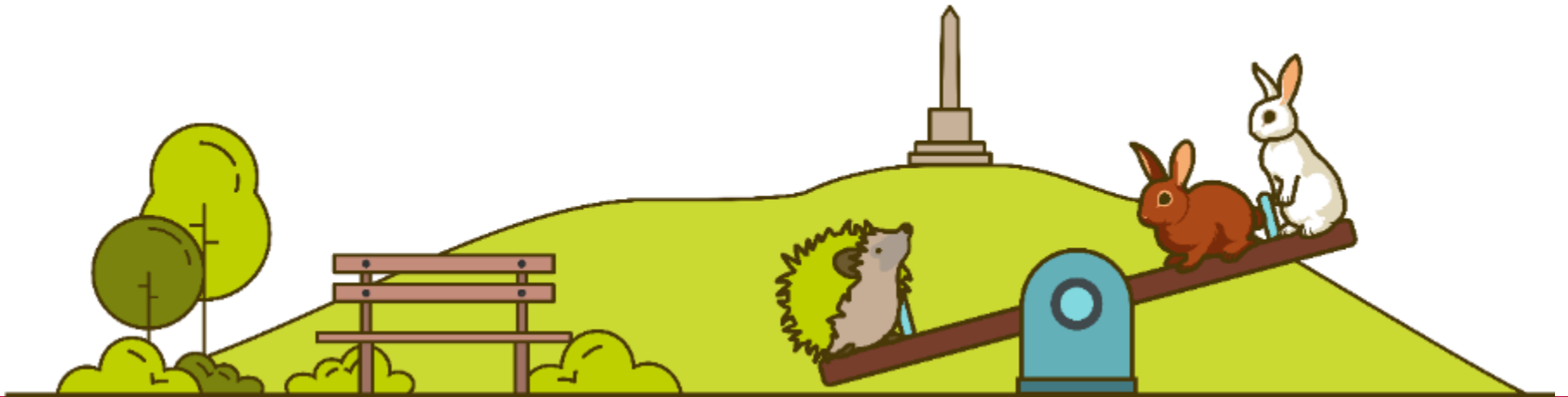
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**The future of green spaces:
The Green Guarantee**



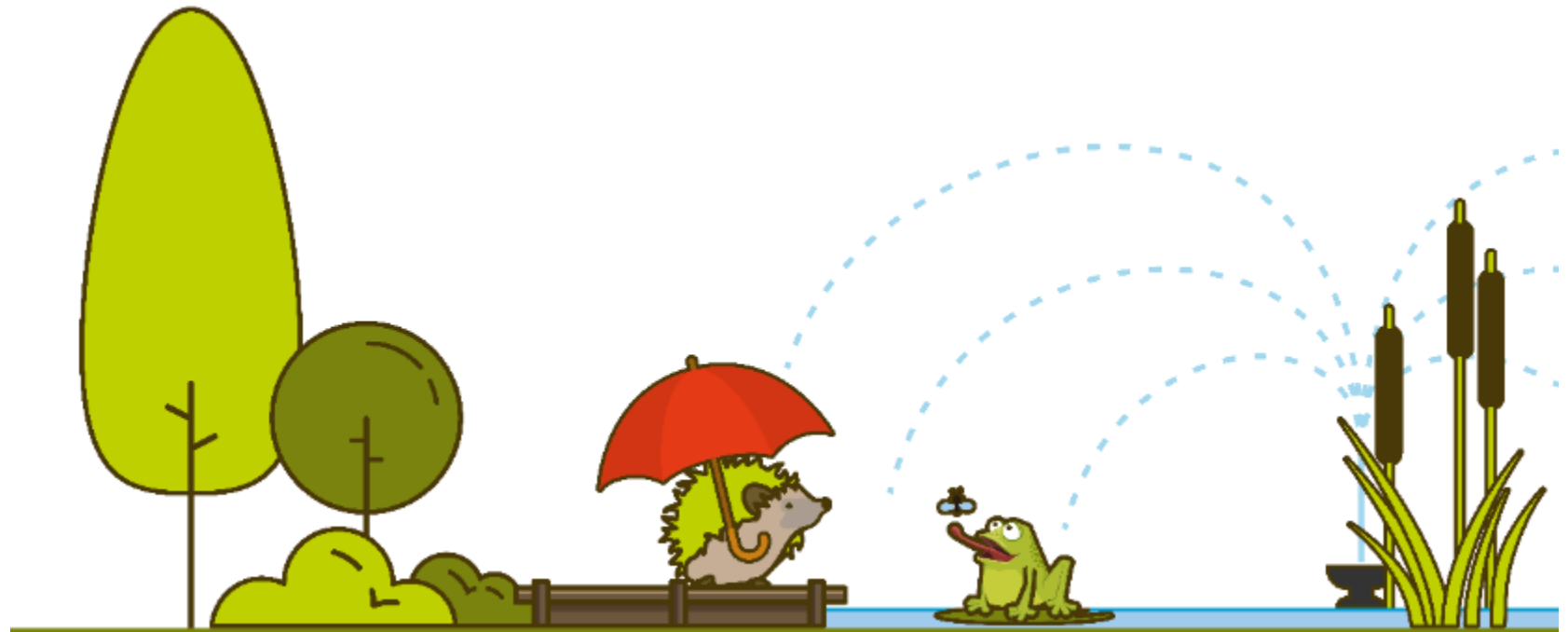
The Green Guarantee is a commitment by the Council to protect over 150 Council owned green spaces valued by local communities



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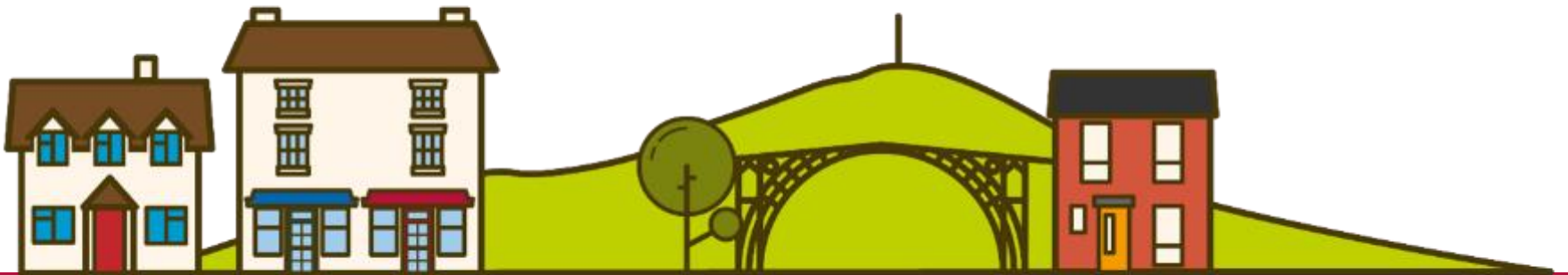
Between 2016 and 2018 200 Green Guarantee sites have been approved by cabinet.
Sites include; allotments, amenity sites, formal parks and gardens, woodlands and urban green spaces.



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Sites are protected by removing delegated authority for both sale and change of use. Both of which would require full cabinet approval.



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Delegated responsibility is retained for works in the community interest such as site enchantments for leisure and recreation and the removal/replacement of infrastructure.



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The site protection forms a foundation for local community groups.

The designation helps volunteer groups make bids for funding for capital works and community engagement projects



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In 2018, as part of Telford's 50th birthday celebrations the Council invested £50,000 legacy funding in our Green Guarantee sites.

The public were consulted on how and where this money should be spent...



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In 2019 a further £50000 will be invested by the council.
This will be used to deliver:

Green space promotion
Linking green spaces with existing public health initiatives, and
Targeted site enhancements in areas of most need



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