



Linking the Ling (Oct 03 - Apr 06)

We have obtained funding from the Scottish Executive to work with landowners and occupiers in Nithsdale, Dumfries-shire, predominantly outside the designated areas (SSSI / SPA) to improve the coverage and condition of the heather. In the past much more heather existed and the aim is to prevent further loss and restore some of the links between the remaining patches of heather.

Demonstration events and presentations will take place and people will be invited to attend these events from Nithsdale and beyond. Funding became available in October 2004 and will continue until March 2007.

This period is too short to achieve lasting habitat changes, but this project could lay the foundation for a longer term project.

Additional funding is being sought in order to increase the scope of the work that can be funded and to achieve longer-term benefits. We hope that SNH will be able to provide some funding.