

Capital Plan Post Implementation Review	
Service:	Planning Policy/Leisure
Scheme Title:	Countryside Partnership Initiatives in Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (also known as the Landscape and Biodiversity Enhancement Grant)
Scheme Description:	The Landscape and Biodiversity Enhancement Grant is small grant scheme available to landowners within the Kent Downs Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty for landscape and biodiversity enhancements.
Evaluation:	<p>Medway Valley Countryside Partnership Panel 28 June 2005 Minutes MV05/006, 16 July 2006 Minutes MV06/005, 2 December 2007 Minutes MV07/011, 30 June 2008 Minutes MV08/007, 12 December 2008 Minutes MV08/012</p> <p>Finance and Property Advisory Board 11 July 2007 Minutes FP07/058</p> <p>Cabinet 5 September 2007 Minutes CB07/108</p> <p>Rural Affairs Advisory Board 29 June 2010 Minutes RA10/006</p>
Capital Plan Year(s)	2003/04 – 2011/12
Approved budget	<p>2003/04 - £10000 2004/05 - £7000 2005/06 - £10000 2006/07 - £6000 2007/08 - £6000 2008/09 - £6000 2009/10 - £3000 2010/11 - £6000 2011/12 - £6000 Total = £60000</p>
National Priorities	<p>Under section 85 of the Countryside and Rights of Way (CROW) Act 2000 any relevant body (including Borough Councils) should conserve and enhance the natural beauty of the area of outstanding natural beauty.</p> <p>Under the Natural Environment and Rural Communities (NERC) Act 2006 all public bodies are required to have regard to biodiversity conservation when carrying out their functions. This is known as the Biodiversity Duty.</p>
Local Priorities	<p>Paragraph 6.2.16 of the Adopted Local Development Framework Core Strategy states that the Council will seek practical ways, in partnership with others, to conserve and enhance the AONBs in the Borough.</p> <p>The grant scheme supports Kent Downs AONB Management Plan 2009-2014 policies:</p> <p>LLC1 - The protection, conservation and enhancement of the components of natural beauty, landscape character and historic landscape character of the Kent Downs AONB will be supported and pursued.</p> <p>BD10 - The conservation and extension of distinctive common and widespread species and habitats will be supported.</p>

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Targets for judging success:	<p>The extent to which the AONB Management Plan Action priorities are met within TMBC where they are relevant to the borough</p> <p>The ability of the Borough Council to secure partnership funding from other sources to complement funding provided by the Borough Council.</p>
Completion date (work completed):	January 2012
Completion date (final payment):	25 January 2012
Projected date for post implementation review:	Within 12 months of completion.
Final cost:	£21,561.92
Performance against National and Local Priorities and Targets:	The project has helped to address issues identified in the CROW Act and NERC Act and has positively contributed to implementing the Core Strategy and AONB Management Plan.
Budget performance / Value for money:	The project was completed within budget.
Other performance / procurement issues:	None.
Ongoing / Outstanding issues:	None