

Talking About Our Place: How to involve local communities with ecosystem services

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Involving local communities in the recognition of what nature does for people
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Talking About Our Place

- A web based toolkit
- Engages communities in decisions about the future of their landscapes
- Guidance and resources
- Tools and techniques



Structure of the toolkit

- Section A – Step-by-step guide
Includes 4 stages:
 1. Planning your project
 2. What is special about your place?
 3. What are landscape benefits
 4. Shaping the future
- Section B – Tools and techniques
- Section C – Topic Sheets
- Section D – Project forms

Helping with community planning

- Flexible and adaptable
- Can help communities to:
 - Learn about their place
 - Promote or celebrate their place
 - Comment on strategies
 - Develop projects to improve their place



Helping with community planning

- Fully self-led
- Written in plain English
- Summarises the technical information
- Links to resources



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How the toolkit is being used

- Criteria for SNH grants
- Inner Forth Landscape Initiative
- Living Lomonds Landscape Partnership
- A New Vision for Lindow Moss



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