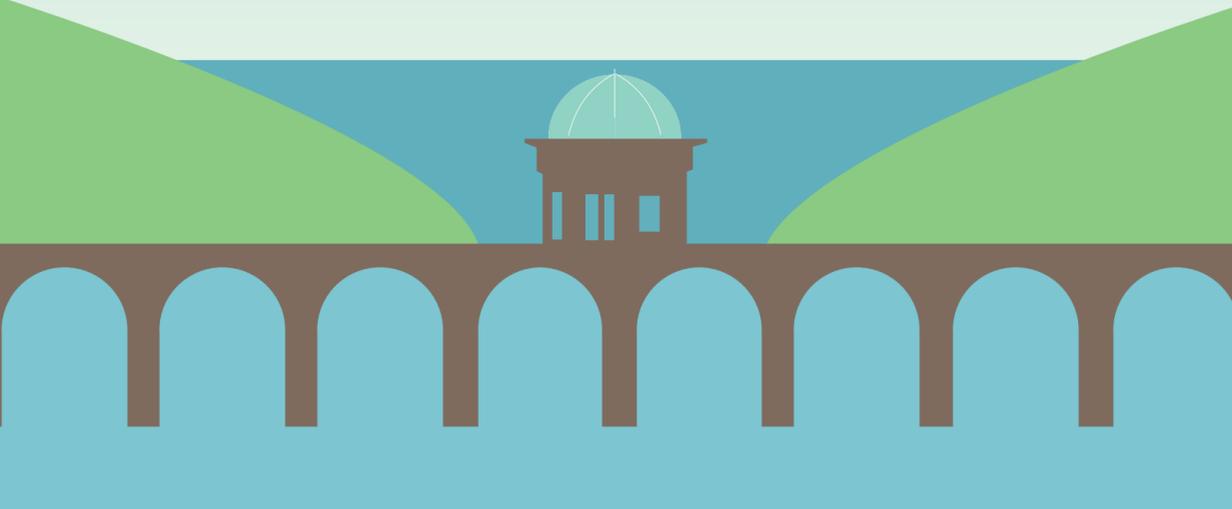


What is ELAN LINKS?



The Elan Valley is a special place with a unique landscape, story and history.

Elan Links is a Heritage Lottery supported scheme which aims to secure this heritage and boost the opportunities available in the Elan Valley for the future.

Between 2018 and 2023, £3.3million will be invested in 26 projects to safeguard heritage and increase the opportunities for visitors.



Celebrating
Heritage



Enhancing
Nature & Wildlife



Enjoying Elan



Experience &
Education



At the heart of the Elan Valley story is water.

The River Elan was dammed to create 5 reservoirs and provide water for Birmingham. A massive feat of Victorian engineering, the pipe was turned on by King Edward VII in 1904. In 1952 another dam in the Claerwen Valley was opened by Queen Elizabeth II.

The water journeys along the Elan Valley aqueduct by gravity alone.

50,000
workers

73
miles

3
day journey

360
million litres
daily



Today, the Elan Valley's carefully managed water catchment is a beautiful and varied landscape, combining remote hill land, isolated farmsteads and steep-sided wooded valleys. It is a haven for wildlife and a thriving tourist destination.

154,000
visitors each year

The story of the Elan Valley dates back over 4,000 years to the bronze age. The Elan Valley reservoirs we know and love today are as a result of innovative Victorian engineers who created the dams most associated with the area.

1%
of Wales

72
square miles

Enhancing Nature & Wildlife

Restoring and enhancing natural environments.

Enjoying Elan

Increasing access, recreation and learning opportunities for visitors.

Experience & Education

Providing opportunities to experience the Elan Valley through volunteering, as well as education and training.

Celebrating Heritage

Protecting and restoring historic sites and archiving people's histories and stories.

Elan Links is a partnership of people and organisations who are committed to protecting this special place.



26
projects

£3.3m
total investment

£1.8m
Heritage Lottery
funding

250
oral histories
collected

34
built & archaeological
sites protected

25,000
people engaged
with heritage

16,800
volunteer days
accrued

18,000
hectares of habitat
more resilient

388
people trained

100+
events and open
days