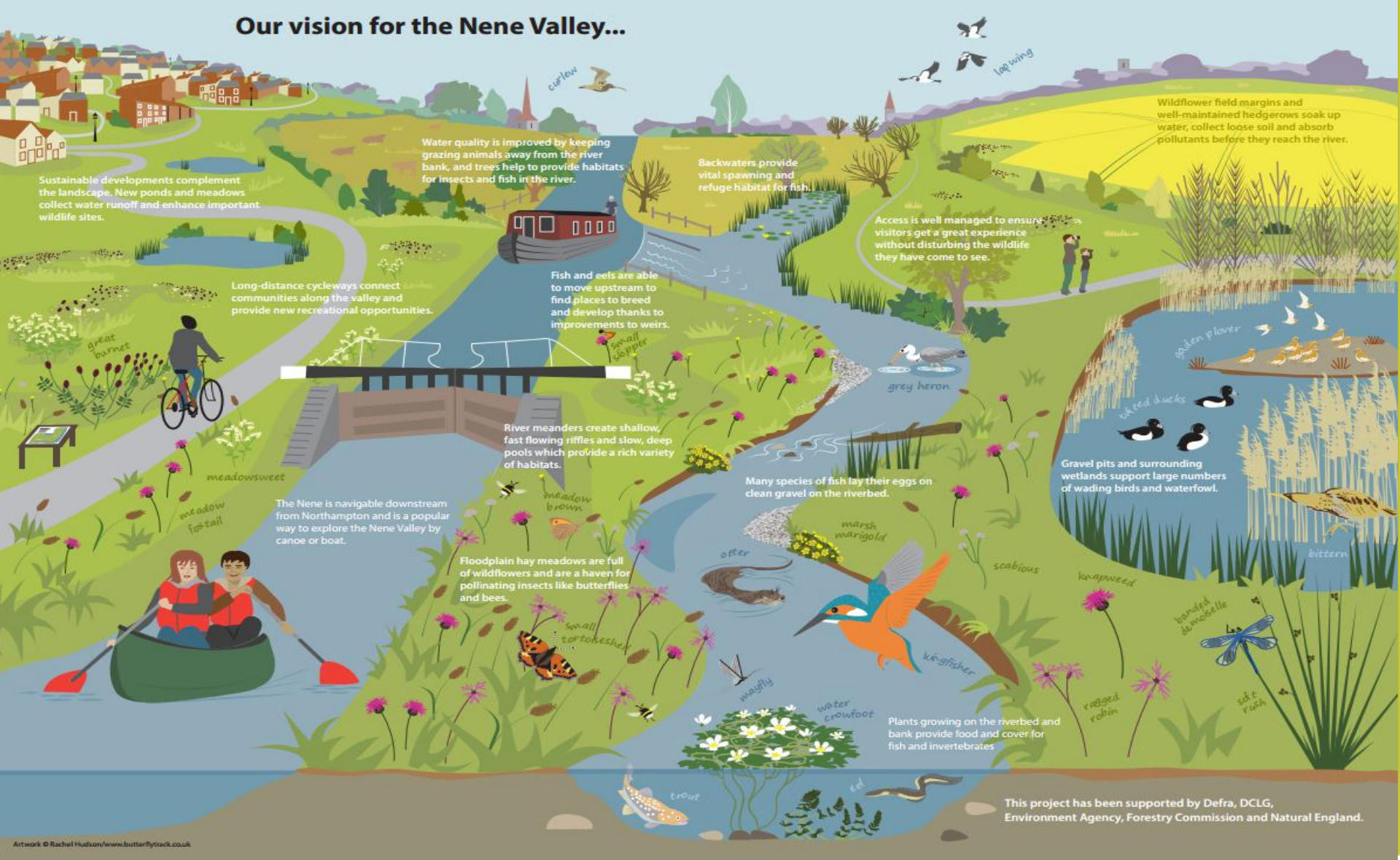


Our vision for the Nene Valley...



Sustainable developments complement the landscape. New ponds and meadows collect water runoff and enhance important wildlife sites.

Long-distance cycleways connect communities along the valley and provide new recreational opportunities.

The Nene is navigable downstream from Northampton and is a popular way to explore the Nene Valley by canoe or boat.

Water quality is improved by keeping grazing animals away from the river bank, and trees help to provide habitats for insects and fish in the river.

Fish and eels are able to move upstream to find places to breed and develop thanks to improvements to weirs.

River meanders create shallow, fast flowing riffles and slow, deep pools which provide a rich variety of habitats.

Floodplain hay meadows are full of wildflowers and are a haven for pollinating insects like butterflies and bees.

Access is well managed to ensure visitors get a great experience without disturbing the wildlife they have come to see.

Many species of fish lay their eggs on clean gravel on the riverbed.

Plants growing on the riverbed and bank provide food and cover for fish and invertebrates.

Wildflower field margins and well-maintained hedgerows soak up water, collect loose soil and absorb pollutants before they reach the river.

Gravel pits and surrounding wetlands support large numbers of wading birds and waterfowl.

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