

# How we made a difference in 2015/16



**57** rural skills courses  
eg. dry-stone walling, thatching & blacksmithing

**430** trainees

**Sustainable Development Fund**  
SUPPORTED COMMUNITY PROJECTS VALUING **£453,500**



**1,278**   
visitors bought a Cotswolds Discoverer Pass from GWR to explore the area by train & bus

**345** YOUNG PEOPLE FROM **18** SCHOOLS PARTICIPATED IN COUNTRYSIDE LEARNING

**513,795** unique visits to the AONB websites

**1,853** Facebook likes  
WITH A REACH OF **97,068**

**5,633** Twitter followers  
WITH A REACH OF **471,200**

**7,617** unique views on our YouTube Channel

**800** OVER ADULTS & CHILDREN  
Visited The Cotswold Sheep & wool day

**4,607** People enjoyed **FREE GUIDED WALKS** by our volunteer wardens

Last year our volunteers monitored **13** **Historic England** sites in the area

**45,739** hours CONSERVATION WORK BY voluntary wardens equated to an estimated value of **£305,000**

**Save our Magnificent Meadows**  
**1,029** hours of restoration work by volunteers  
**44** advisory site visits  
**£320,000** investment in the restoration and celebration of wildflower grasslands

**134,795** DOWNLOADS SELF-GUIDED WALKS AND CYCLE ROUTES FROM OUR WEBSITE

**£2m LEADER programme** launched to invest in local economy to the value of £5m on projects delivered



**75%** planning application decisions made in accordance with the Board's advice

The Cotswolds Conservation Board **SECURED £1.7m** investment in the area and turned every £1 from a local authority into £185 worth of investment

Cotswolds Visitor Giving scheme generated an additional **£3,413**

Received **44,740** Domestic & international visitors in 2015-2016

