



# Woolston New Cut & The Countess

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# Introduction

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- REVIVE
- Project overview
- Woolston New Cut Canal
- The legacy of REVIVE
- The Countess of Chester

# REVIVE



- 170ha brownfield land
- 7 year programme of delivery
- 20 years of sustained investment
- £17.3 M - NWDA funding
- Sub regional programme
- Improvements in green structure, access to nature, aesthetics and activity, creative conservation, research
- A range of sites – Lime beds, rail, industrial canals, chemical industry sites, former landfill

# Projects



Three live/completed sites – 34ha  
Four projects at development stage – 136ha+



## Mickle Trafford to Chester Greenway



- 2.5km Disused Railway
- Partners Sustrans, RPL
- Extension to existing greenway
- £300k under budget
- Significant increase in public usage



Cheshire West & Chester Council

# Chester to Mickle Trafford Greenway Opening



## Sponsored 6km Walk & Fun Day

Sunday 25 October, starting 10.00am  
New Scene Building, Newton, Chester

Free parking available at Northgate, Chester and  
limited parking available at University of Chester, Kingsway Buildings

For sponsorship form information please contact the Hospice of the Good Shepherd  
email [jemma.hamilton@hospicegs.com](mailto:jemma.hamilton@hospicegs.com)  
or call 01244 851811



# Bewsey Meadows

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- 17.5 ha Former Landfill
- Wild meadow
- Sports Pitches
- Play area
- Lead Partner – Warrington B.C.
- Located at the heart of the wider regeneration of Dallam



# Woolston New Cut Canal



- £1.18M REVIVE funding
- £63k WRAP funding
- 9ha of brownfield land
- Partners: NWDA, REVIVE, Peel Land Holdings, Environment Agency, LJMU plus Envirolink Northwest, Filtrexx, Ecological Restoration Consultants

Recycled materials, retention of waste on site, recycling, contaminated land restoration, habitat enhancement and creation, research, demonstration project

# History and location



# Location





# Stabilising contamination



# Recycling and recycled products



# Habitat diversification and open views



# Research



# Novel Products & Demonstration Projects



# Summary of facts and figures



- Over 8200t of waste materials diverted from landfill
- 3200t Manufacture bespoke soil blends used to create new habitat
- 2600m<sup>2</sup> new reed bed
- 470m of contaminated canal restored
- 460m of new recycled plastic boardwalk
- New Fencing and visual improvement of 500m of the A57 New Manchester Road
- Habitat improvements to three pond/scrapes
- 4.2Ha of woodland management
- Use of Northwest recycled product suppliers and contractor
- 1 job created

# Other benefits

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- Connectivity with Paddington Meadows
- A 40 ha resource
- Positive public feedback
- Education resource
- IEEM CPD visit
- Brownfield Briefing award
- Investment enquiries

# REVIVE – the legacy

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REVIVE - gaining an economic focus

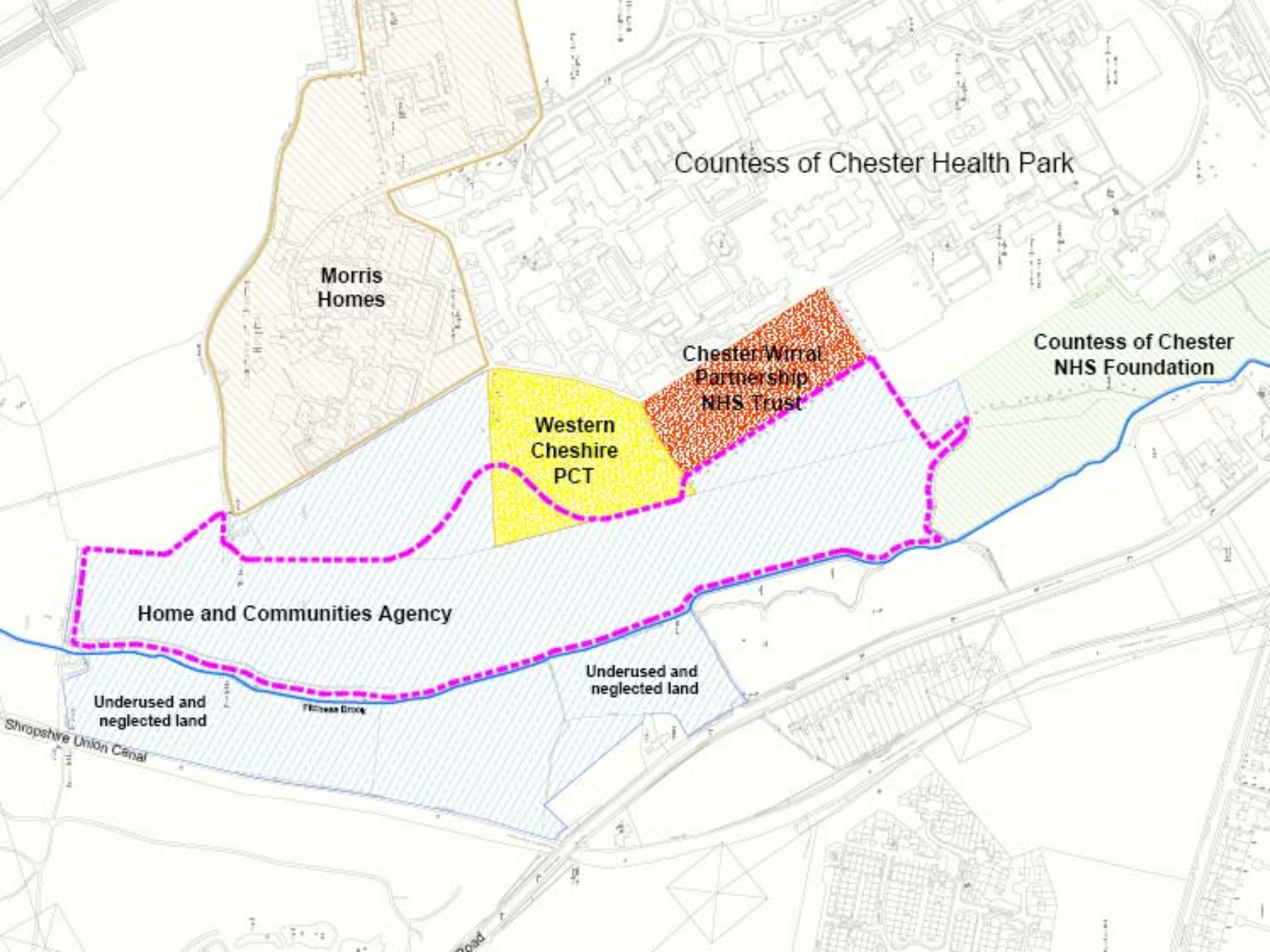


- Sankey Canal - WBC
- Wallerscote Limebeds - The Land Trust
- **New Bridge Road - CWAC**
- **Countess of Chester landfill – CWAC**



Project partners, three NHS Trusts, Homes and Communities Agency, Land Trust, Groundwork, Morris Homes, British Waterways





Countess of Chester Health Park

Morris Homes

Chester Wirral Partnership NHS Trust

Countess of Chester NHS Foundation

Western Cheshire PCT

Home and Communities Agency

Underused and neglected land

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Shropshire Union Canal

Filkess Brook



Courtesy of Chester  
Aerial Imagery 1945



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Aerial Imagery 1973



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Aerial Imagery 2000

# The Countess of Chester landfill

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To build a legacy from the work already carried out as part of the NWDA's REVIVE programme to create a new 29ha 'Community Country Park' in an area, north of Chester, lacking in large-scale public open greenspace and with neighbouring deprived local communities.

# The Countess of Chester landfill



Short term goal:

- £40k CWAC investment
- Site Investigation
- Stakeholder and public consultation
- Landscape Masterplan
- Costed design
- Funding Strategy
- Lead organisation/steering group
  
- Valuing Green Infrastructure toolbox



## Medium term aim

- Secure funding
- Secure a project lead and ownership
- Deliver change on the ground within 3 years

## Long term aim

- Commitment to long term management
- A Jubilee 'Community' Country Park for Chester 2013?



# Thank You

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