

Author of 'The way through the woods,'  
Rudyard Kipling, once said:

I keep six honest serving-men  
They taught me all I knew;  
Their names are *what* and *why*  
and *when*,  
and *how* and *where* and *who*.



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**What:** Pilot project, with proven, BNG-measured results.

**Why:** Address gaps & encourage target species.

**When:** Initially six Northern stations, from Autumn 2024.

**How:** GIS baseline record, intervention, check progress.

**Where:** Bolton, Buxton, Harrogate, Hebden Bridge, St Helens & Worksop, Buxton flagship. Then across Northern network.

**Who:**

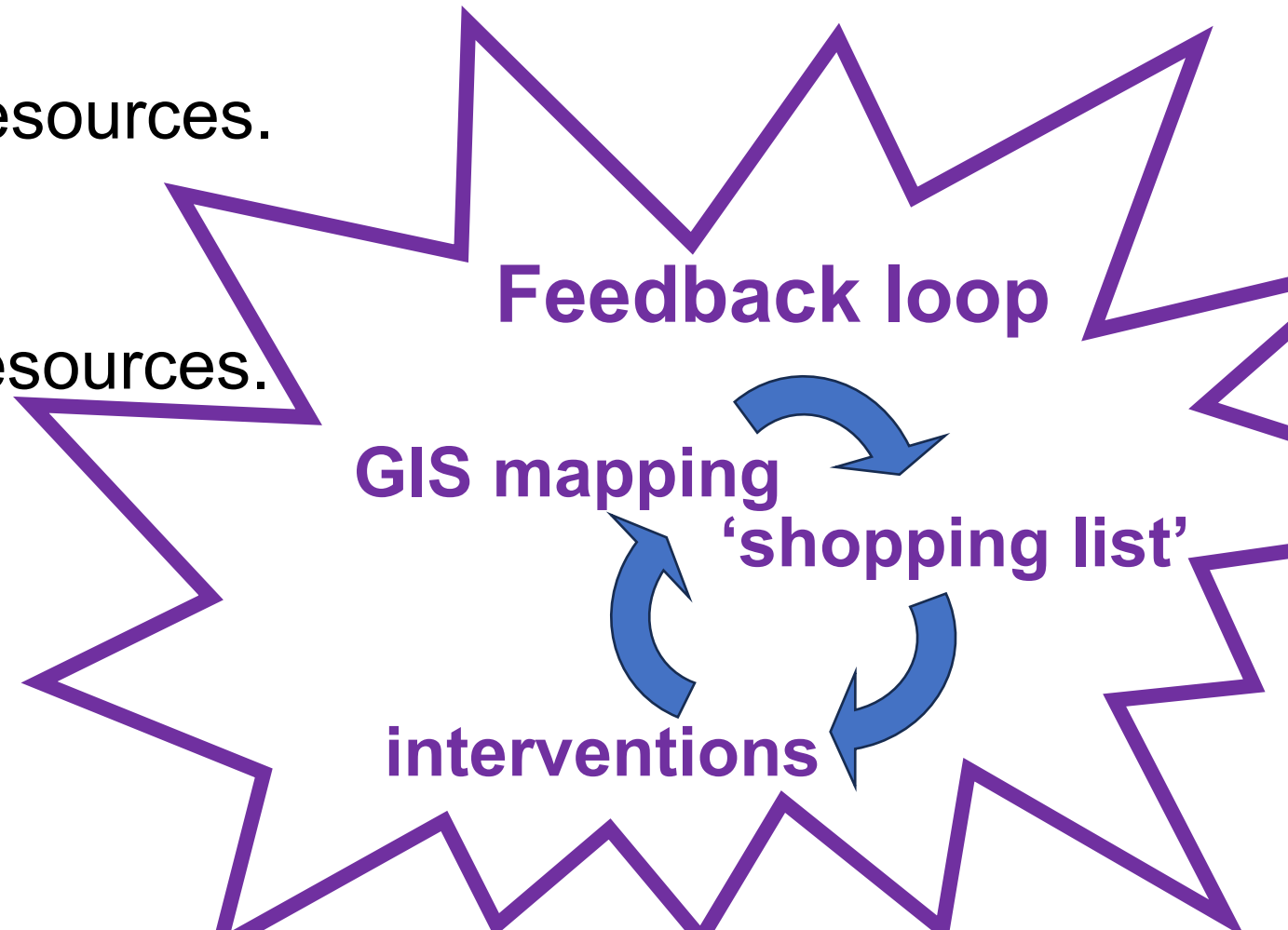


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## Partner discussions provided this template:

- Phased project.
- Initial 'shopping list.'
- Skills need developing?
- Phase 1: Initial planting & resources.
- Phase 2: Well-being area.
- Signage and explanation.
- Phase 3: More planting & resources.
- To follow: Phases 4, 5, ...
- GIS re-mapping.
- Gaps addressed?



# At Buxton, this meant...

## GIS informed Station-specific Plan

Target species identified

### Feedback

Template improvements identified:

More communication, consultation and discussion to allow shared agendas.

Include other community groups (e.g. arts).

Shopping list to be flexible, not prescriptive.

Phased approach vital to allow time.

Important to realise watering commitment.

Plug plants or seeds?

**Three phases  
planting, new  
resources, etc.**

### ‘shopping list’

- Five or six new barrel planters and re-purpose existing five yellow grit bins (25 in total);
- Re-plant existing very large planters to reflect local flora and specify to local insects;
- Install three new taps for watering – water butts unsuitable for use with open platform and cast-iron downpipes, position to avoid need for hosepipes (only got one tap!);
- Tiered wall rack planters to create ‘green wall;’
- Three hazel trees in car park;
- Bug hotel(s);
- Create log-piles and pond in a pot nearby;
- Create well-being area with positive message signage;
- Limestone water feature or wooden sculpture;
- Wall-mounted planters & bird/bat nest boxes;



Well-being area – from this...





# Well-being area – to this!







Interpretation  
panel added  
later



# Planting grit bins & half-barrel

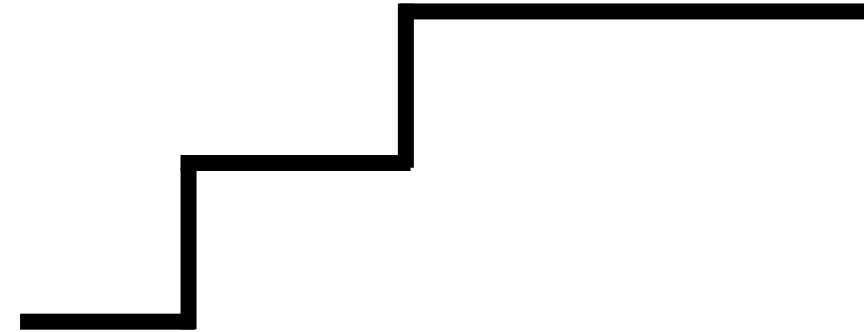
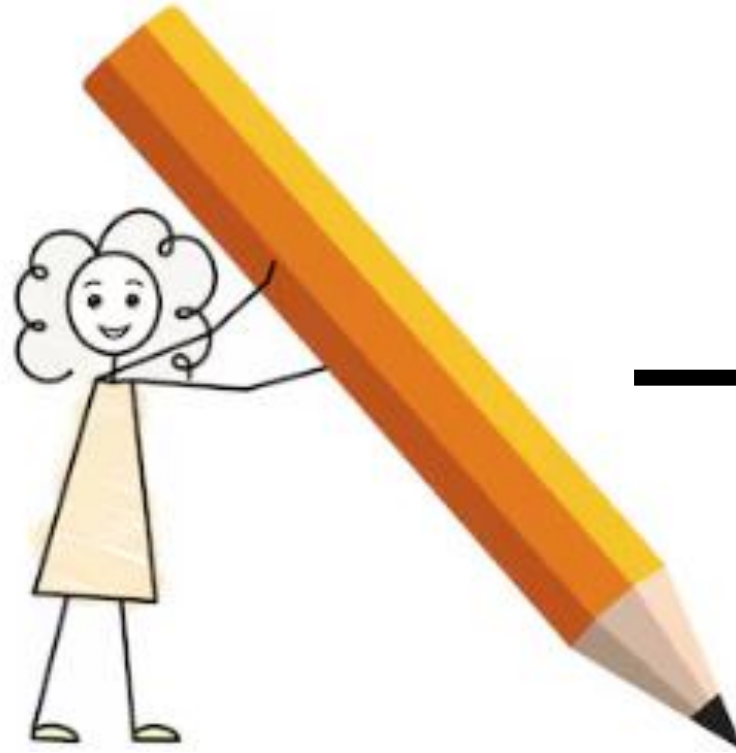








What went well.... Even better if.... Next steps....





Mike Roe, safety and environment director at Northern Trains Ltd, said:

Our biodiversity ambition is that the environment around each and every one of our stations is not only welcoming to nature, but actively supports it too.

The interventions unveiled at Buxton are unique to that location and we look forward to seeing what will work at the remaining five stations in this first phase.

