

Steer Point Quarry Restoration – March 2024

- As the BPC will be aware, deliveries of material into the site and HGV movements ceased at the end of October last year and since then we have been finishing the site profiling, topsoil spreading and now putting in landscape planting. We had hoped to get the next seeding done of the topsoil but with the rain it is very wet on site so we have pushed that back a bit. We are implanting the aftercare plan.
- The good news with the rain is it has really tested the gravity outfall and flood management we put in place and I was on site 2 weeks ago with a DCC flood officer and happy to report it is working very efficiently and as it should do.
- We have submitted final plans to DCC of the finished landform and levels and I have been to site with DCC's landscape officer who was very pleased with the site and impressed by the final landform. She now looks forward to it 'greening' up and nature regenerating the site.
- We have started the Permit closure process with the EA and hope to have that concluded in the first half of this year ensuring we have complied with the Environmental Permit Regulations.
- Finally, the footpath is in place and suitably fenced from deep water in the ponds. We are waiting on DCC public rights of way to visit site to sign this off and take us through the process of signage and registration as a public right of way. Until this is completed we have kept the start of the path fenced/closed but hope we can open that soon.

The next report will be May / June 2024