

Company: CEMEX UK

Location: Rugeley sand and gravel quarry, Cannock Chase, West Midlands

Objective To create areas for heathland specialist wildlife such as nightjars, Dartford warblers and wood larks.

Context Rugeley Quarry is one of 57 quarries which CEMEX UK owns in Great Britain. The quarry currently produces 250,000 tonnes per annum of building materials for use in local construction projects. CEMEX UK worked on the site from 2004 to 2010 carrying out significant restoration work on the heathland, an area of 70 hectares and Bevin's Birches, a 10 hectare SSSI site.

Actions The management of quarry area as lowland heathland to promote conservation and the provision of an area for endangered and first priority species as the tree pipit and hybrid bilberry.

Result The restoration of a 80 hectares quarry area, included in the Cannock Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
The restoration of the core area to further benefit the wider conservation aims and the species protected within the Chase

Partners Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) and Friends of Cannock Chase

