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'The woodland scenery becomes still more attractive as the city is approached and the sylvan loveliness of the Frome Valley at Stapleton and Frenchay, of Kingsweston, Blaise Castle and Combe Dingle are fully appreciated by the people.' in *The Bristol Flora*, J.W.White (1912).

In 1991, six local authorities and two national bodies came together with a single ambition: to create a new, exciting landscape in and around Bristol and its surrounding towns and villages. This would not simply be a cosmetic exercise of tree planting in the green belt but would be a new vision of diverse farmland, spaces for recreation and leisure, recreation routes, wildlife habitats and woodlands 'on the doorstep' serving a wide range of purposes for the benefit of the whole community. This ambition was welcomed by the public and work began on turning the vision into reality.

This plan outlines the vision for the Forest of Avon. It is ambitious and far reaching; a massive project, which will test the commitment, enthusiasm and skills of the whole community. It will not be easy, though the prize is no less than improving the quality of life for hundreds of thousands of people into the future.

Thinking 50 or more years ahead is not easy, yet many of the landscapes we now enjoy are a result of the imagination and determination of eighteenth and nineteenth-century designers.

We look forward to working with you in the future to create the Forest of Avon.



Mark Durk
Forest Director

