



HUNTSMANS

ENVIRONMENTAL PORTFOLIO



natural stone solutions from the Cotswolds

Huntsmans operates in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and accepts a responsibility to minimise the impact of its work on the environment and on its neighbours in the local community.

Meticulous planning and strict management disciplines are applied to control impacts on a day-to-day basis.

Restoration of land previously quarried is an area in which the company recognises an opportunity to create exciting new environments and habitats. It acknowledges the significant help and encouragement it receives from local authorities, nature conservation bodies and individuals.

HUNTSMANS QUARRY

To date, the company has restored around 85 hectares of the 104 hectare quarry taking the opportunity to create a wildlife lake and to plant over 10,000 trees, 6,500 shrubs, and 2km of hedgerow.

Natural areas have recolonised to good effect and the site contains one of the largest known populations of the extremely rare Cotswold

Pennycress, together with a wide variety of flora and fauna. In addition, Huntsmans has created an SSSI of significant geological importance.

The majority of the land has successfully been returned to agricultural use. The restoration technique, adopted and refined by the company, has resulted in the latest 16 hectares being restored to a higher quality than prior to quarrying.



*Huntsmans Chairman, John Milner,
receiving QPA Restoration Award
from George Alagiah*



BECKFORD QUARRY

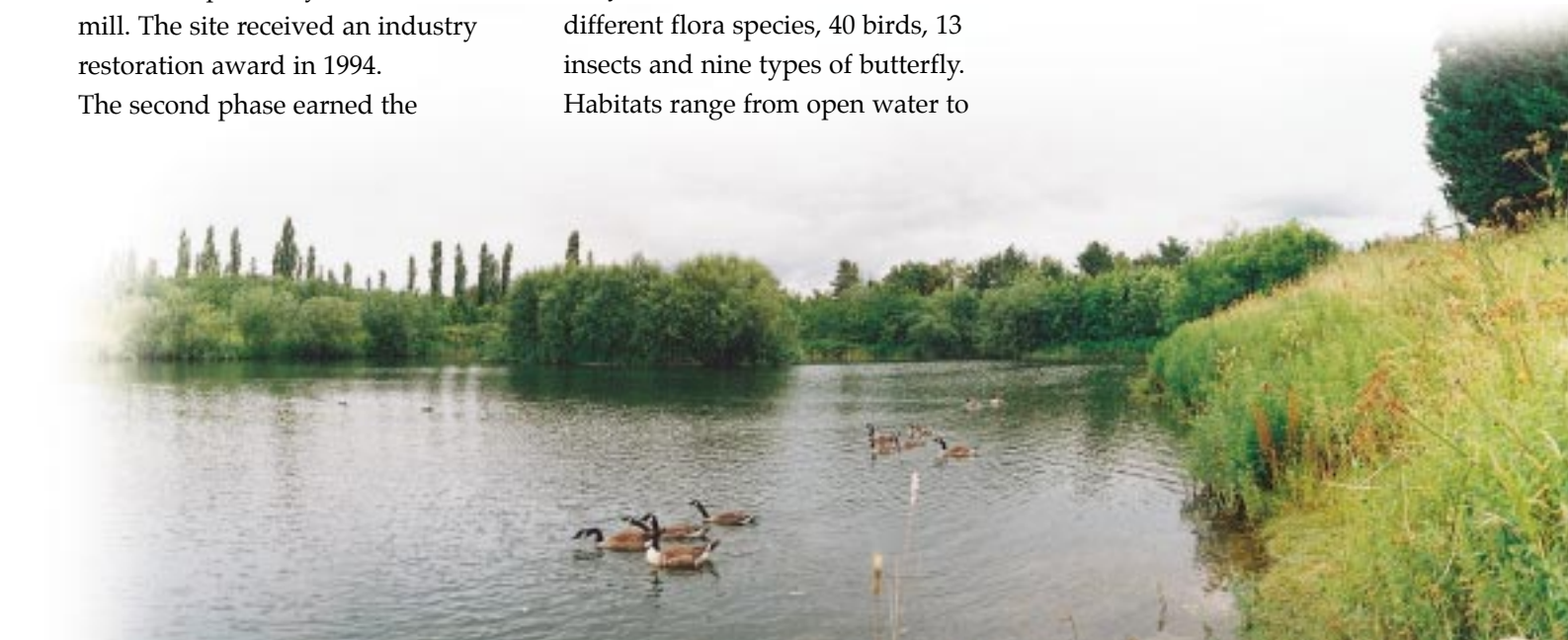
The company worked the original site for sand and gravel in carefully planned phases over 30 years, returning areas progressively to the landowner, who undertook further landscaping and tree planting. Reservoirs were created to irrigate fruit trees and to service greenhouses.

The plant area was restored in 1988 and was replaced by an attractive silk mill. The site received an industry restoration award in 1994. The second phase earned the

company a further award from the Quarry Products Association in 2002 following restoration to a wildlife reserve. Much of this area was worked below the water table, so forming the basis for today's lake.

The reserve represents one of the largest semi-natural habitats in an intensively farmed area and supports a surprising diversity of species. They include no fewer than 88 different flora species, 40 birds, 13 insects and nine types of butterfly. Habitats range from open water to

grassland and woodland. Quarrying has also left a geological exposure of sand cliffs that has earned designation as a Site of Special Scientific Interest.



KEMERTON QUARRY



Sand and gravel extraction was the medium through which the company, between 1988 and 1998, created a superb wildlife reserve on land owned by Mr Adrian Darby OBE, a past chairman of the RSPB.

Quarrying created a mosaic of wetland habitats as well as woodland and dry grassland.

The result is an environment that attracts a wide range of birds. Its visitors include breeding lapwing, redshank, little ringed plover and reed warbler. It is also particularly important for waders on passage (25 species), wintering ducks (14 species) and raptors (nine species).



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