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## **Hills Quarry Products rewarded for outstanding restoration**

Hills Quarry Products is proud to have recently received a 'highly commended' Restoration Award from the Mineral Products Association (MPA) for its work at Shorncote Quarry in the Cotswold Water Park.

Hills and the Cotswold Water Park Trust (CWPT) have a longstanding collaboration of working together to create stunning biodiverse habitats for nature to thrive.

The Cotswold Water Park, which extends to 40 square miles, has 150 lakes developed from a century of gravel extraction. Shorncote Quarry has produced nine of the Water Park's lakes, which are used by wading, migrating, breeding, feeding and nesting birds.

The un-manicured and naturally regenerating areas at Shorncote Quarry are providing excellent habitat for Stonechat, Goldfinch, Little Ringed Plover, Kingfisher, Sand Martin, Oyster Catcher, Marsh Harrier, Hobby and Lapwing. Whilst Starling murmurations are common over Shorncote's reed beds and the created islands have attracted Bittern, Little Egret and Spotted Crake to take up residence.

The Mineral Products Association's chief executive, Nigel Jackson has stated: "By creating new habitats during quarry restoration, the mineral products industry is a pioneer in the field of nature conservation."

A video showing Hills Quarry Products' Group director Peter Andrew and CWPT's development director Matthew Millett at the award-winning restored areas of Shorncote Quarry, is available to watch [here](#).



Left to right: Peter Andrew, Group director – Quarry Products, Daniel Houghton – quarry manager and Tony Stepp – quarry foreman, at Hills' Shorncote Quarry.



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Notes to editors:

**Hills Quarry Products** specialises in the production and supply of quarry products and ready-mixed concrete to the construction and agricultural sectors. It is a dynamic regional business which, while centred on Wiltshire, has stretched its boundaries into neighbouring areas to become one of the region's largest suppliers. Hills Quarry Products is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Hills Group Limited, a privately owned family company established in 1900. [www.hills-quarry.co.uk](http://www.hills-quarry.co.uk)