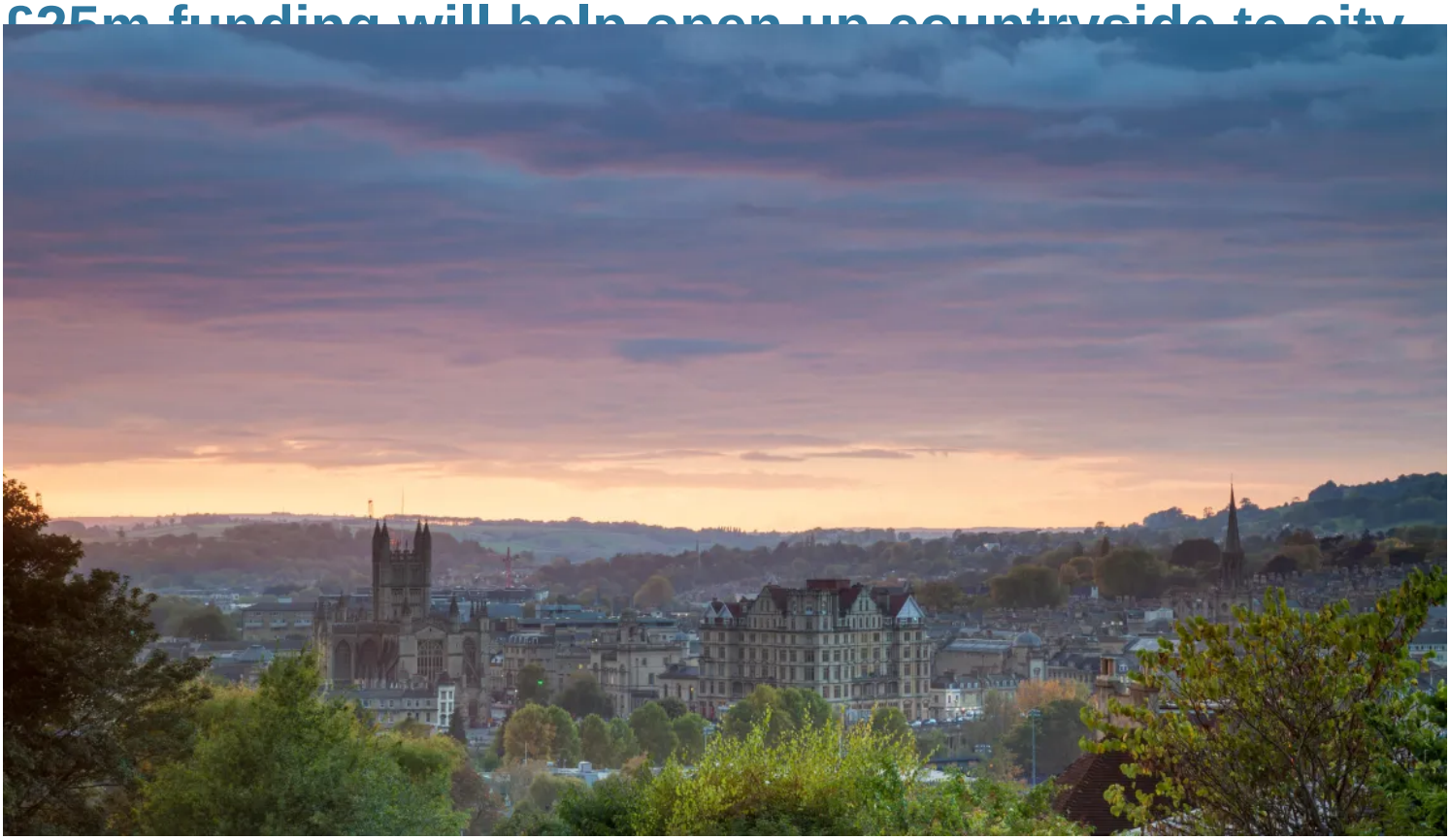
£25m funding will help open up countryside to city



Afterglow - an autumn sunset in Bath Slawek Staszczuk/Alamy Stock Photo

The landscapes bordering four of the UK’s biggest cities will be repaired, protected and opened up to people living in urban areas.

People living in Sheffield, Glasgow, London and Bath will have the opportunity to reconnect with the nature and cultural heritage of the often-neglected surrounding countryside thanks to a £25million funding package. A further eight areas to receive funding include some of the most remote places in the UK, including Snowdonia and the North York Moors National Parks.

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Ros Kerslake, Chief Executive of HLF, said: “Our historic landscapes are incredibly important to people’s wellbeing and need to be protected. Some of the landscapes we are funding today are in the most remote parts of the UK; others form an important backdrop to some of our largest cities. What they all have in common is the potential to make people’s lives better, which is why they are so richly deserving of National Lottery money.”

A landscape-scale programme that makes a big difference

HLF's Landscape Partnership programme – which has now been running for over a decade - is the most significant grant scheme available for landscape-scale projects. To date, £221m has been invested in 125 different areas.

Over its lifespan, the programme has helped repair over 145km of dry stone walls, enabled 144,916 people to participate in learning activities and engaged more than 48,000 volunteers.

Spreading the investment

Today's announcement covers every country and region of the UK.



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Llyn Ogwen at the Carneddau Landscape Partnership in Snowdonia Geraint Thomas/Panorama

£25m of Heritage Lottery Fund cash will help open up countryside to city dwellers