## Telford – The First 50 years, Wasteland to Forest City

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Silkin Way – 14 miles long

-Shear-





Between 1963 & 1968 £9.8 million was awarded to Dawley Development Corporation



Up to 1978 the total had risen to £172.7 million (£8.3 million on landscaping)

By 1982 the figures had soared to £299.3 million (£17.5 million on landscaping)

& by 1986 the total amount of borrowing peaked at £341.5 million (£21 million on landscaping)

# £-567 million

In 1986 Ironbridge Gorge was awarded World Heritage Status and Government wiped £440million Off the debt!



5230 acres of derelict land- 8.17 sq miles, or 3,954 full size football fields

2957 (known) abandoned mineshafts

833 acres of opencast and disused quarries

121 miles of abandoned canals, railways and mineral tramways

3733 acres of underground shallow workings and subsided land- 5.83 sq miles, or 2,821 full size football fields

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Y ellow – shallow mine workings
Grey – Spoil tips / quarries
Blue – restored opencast mines
/ - Major faults
Orange – landslip areas









In November 2017 the WMCA awarded T& W Council £3.7 million to Help clean up brownfield sites for development

## Landscaping





#### Hybrid Poplar

Raywood Ash

Sugar Maple

Italian Alder

Silver Maple

Norway Maple























