



The Nature Recovery Network

- A major commitment in the Government's 25 Year Environment Plan,
- The **NRN** is a single, national network which will increase, expand, improve and join-up wildlife-rich places across England
- It will contain sites designated for nature conservation and other wildlife-rich places where there is the potential to restore or create new wildlife habitat or form stepping stones to help wildlife populations grow and move.
- It will improve landscape resilience to climate change, providing natural solutions that reduce carbon, and manage flood risk; sustain vital ecosystems such as improved soil, clean water and clean air; and connect us with nature - benefiting our health and wellbeing.

- By 2043, 75 per cent of protected sites – the nation’s most valuable nature conservation areas – will be in favourable condition;
- Over half a million hectares of new wildlife-rich habitat outside of these sites will have been restored or created;
- Wildlife populations will be recovering and lost species will be returning to their natural ranges;
- We will **collaborate** with a wide community of partners at a national and local level to create a Nature Recovery Network;
- A National Delivery Partnership (NDP) led by Natural England will oversee the development of the Nature Recovery Network and support local delivery.

- Produced and agreed with Defra a NRN Partnership Plan;
- Received Ministerial support to progress with the NRN Plan in March;
- Secured support in the budget;
- Scoped out data, evidence and advice requirements;
- Completed a review of the proposed Partnership and agreed improvements;
- Developed and agreed scope for LNRS.

Local Nature Recovery Strategies



- LNRS will provide for the plan at a local scale as to where nature recovery should be prioritised;
- Statutory nature recovery plans as set out in the draft Environment Bill;
- NE has been requested by the Minister to lead testing nationally in 20/21;
- LNRSs will be rolled out in 2021+;
- National guidance will be produced to provide framework for local decisions;
- Collectively they will plan for the delivery of the NRN identifying core and potential recovery areas.

- Local Nature Recovery Strategies and the NRN will be delivered by –
 1. Supporting existing local partnerships / projects;
 2. Establishing new Nature Recovery Areas;
 - New landscape scale delivery projects
 3. Encouraging new local partnerships, projects and individual action.

- Landscape scale nature recovery projects;
- It is expected that there will be a maximum of 25 identified and all will contribute to the delivery of the NRN;
- Government committed in the budget to a £25m nature recovery fund to support their delivery;
- NE will be scoping out the new fund in 20/21 with aim to launch in spring 2021.

- In order to deliver the NRN we will be working with Government to ensure broader incentive alignment, including –
 - ELM Scheme;
 - Net Gain;
 - Carbon payments (tree planting and peat restoration).
- In addition we hope that the delivery of the NRN will attract wider financial investment and integration (for example flood risk management funding etc)

- A national partnership will be formed from any organisation willing to contribute to the shared endeavour of delivering of the NRN;
 - This could include any existing partnership;
- A core group will be formed to represent a specific sector (for example farming and land management);
- The partnership will now be launched in the Autumn;
- We are planning for a NRN partner conference in Q4;
- Partnerships such as Fens for the Future are central to the delivery of NRN.

