

Together for Nature

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The natural world is vital to us all: our health, wealth, happiness and our future survival depend upon it.

From the bees that pollinate our crops to our life-giving waters; from the smallest city allotment to the fertile farmland that feeds our nation; from the urban green spaces that provide respite, to the carbon-storing bogs of the Great Fen and the ancient beauty of the Lake District tarns, a thriving natural world is vital for people and planet.

But our country's nature is in serious decline. Time is not on our side. We must act now to help nature recover and meet the needs of society.

We are asking: "Will you help?"

We can't do it alone: the natural world belongs to everyone, and we need everyone to now work together contribute to its recovery.



The aim of the Nature Recovery Network Delivery Partnership

Our aim is to work together to help deliver the Nature Recovery Network - the biggest nature restoration project in our nation's history.

The Nature Recovery Network will be a national network interlinking our existing spaces for nature with newly created, expanded, improved wildlife-rich places, across the length and breadth of England, bringing nature and its many benefits much closer to people.

Our partnership will support government goals over two decades to:

- Create or restore over half a million hectares of wildlife-rich habitat
- Ensure protected sites on land and fresh water are well managed so nature can thrive
- Save threatened animal and plant species from extinction by providing more, diverse and better-connected habitats
- Help increase woodland cover by establishing and regenerating trees

By coming together urgently and at scale, we can ensure that the benefits of thriving nature are at the heart of a healthy, resilient society.

Bringing the Nature Recovery Network to life will transform our nature and landscapes for future generations. Healthier, more productive soils will store carbon while improving water quality and food security. Restored river catchments, flood plains and wetlands will help manage flood risk. Regenerating and connecting woodland will provide routes for wildlife to move and flourish. By ensuring that everyone has beautiful, abundant nature to enjoy near where they live – irrespective of their location - the Nature Recovery Network will provide places for people to exercise and relax, improving their health and wellbeing and tackle environmental inequality.





What do you need from me and my organisation?

Collaboration will be the driving force of the Nature Recovery Network. It will be supported with Government funding and new legislation. This includes up to £25m for the Nature Recovery Fund and the £640m Nature for Climate Fund, of which £40m has been brought forward through the Green Recovery Challenge Fund.

Objectives for nature restoration are being integrated into a wide range of funding schemes such as Countryside Stewardship, Environmental Land Management and through the introduction of biodiversity net gain in the Environment Bill.

Our ambition is that action for nature recovery should be an objective for all.

We are also exploring the role of private finance and partner contributions.

We will work together to help communities identify priorities for nature's recovery, supplying maps, data and expertise. We will bring together partnerships and give technical advice, practical support and help to secure funding, as they plan and take real action on the ground.

Your organisation could contribute time, people, expertise, equipment, funding, land, space, or something else – you have the opportunity to shape delivery. Your contribution might be as simple as integrating nature's recovery into your organisation's plans, all the way to leading or funding a large-scale nature recovery partnership project that will help to transform the natural world.

What can I do?

Whether you are a small business, a large corporation or a community organisation, you can help. We are setting up the Nature Recovery Network Delivery Partnership, England's biggest collaboration of organisations working for nature recovery. The partnership includes land-owners and managers, farmers, developers, businesses, government organisations, community groups and charities. By working together at scale, sharing skills, knowledge and resources, we can drive England's green recovery - now.

Act now to become a partner in the Nature Recovery Network and transform the future of nature in this country.



What do we get in return?

This is an exciting opportunity to make nature recovery happen in your area and beyond, working with other like-minded people across organisations and sectors. Your contribution will also be part of something much bigger: an ambitious, co-ordinated, national programme of action which transforms the way we care for our natural environment.

You will be helping to leave a lasting legacy, visible across the country with benefits felt by generations to come.



Why do we need a Nature Recovery Network?

Conservation has previously protected pockets of land - remnants of the best of our wildlife and habitats - but they have simply not been enough for nature to thrive. We urgently need to work together to create more, bigger, better and connected places to restore nature in our cities, towns and countryside; and help people enjoy and benefit from them.

Places are protected across the country, from local nature reserves to National Parks, but many are neither in good condition nor accessible to everybody. Restoring protected areas will be at the heart of the Nature Recovery Network. These places will be extended and connected with additional high-quality habitat so that wildlife brims over into surrounding areas. "Green and blue infrastructure" such as urban parks, hedgerows and canals will be part of the mix, creating more beautiful landscapes and a sense of place. These actions will help nature and communities become more resilient to climate change, reduce flood risks and sustain vital ecosystems that provide healthier soil, clean water and clean air.

The Nature Recovery Network will reinforce the cultural diversity of our natural environment, helping to protect our historic landscapes and enable everybody to enjoy and connect with nature wherever we live, work and play.

Delivery of the Nature Recovery Network will be a powerful and unprecedented joint effort to address three of our biggest challenges: biodiversity loss, climate change, and health.



How is the Nature Recovery Network different to what has been done before?

It takes the crucial step of moving the nation beyond conservation to active restoration of the natural world.

The Nature Recovery Network is a major long-term commitment in the Government's 25 Year Environment Plan. We will deliver the Nature Recovery Network by bringing together new funding, new laws and new partners for the first time, making nature and its recovery a collaboration to which every single person, business and organisation can contribute at a scale never before seen in this country. The network will be implemented through supporting and encouraging everyone who influences how land is managed and used to deliver for nature recovery.

Be part of it.

The Nature Recovery Network will be supported in law by the Environment Bill through the provision of Local Nature Recovery Strategies. These will map, plan and target nature's recovery at a local level, linking local ambition, priorities and delivery with national ambition.

How do I become a partner and how will my contribution be recognised?

Join us now – by contacting Natural England's Nature Recovery Team at NDPNaturerecovery@naturalengland.org.uk.

Each organisation's involvement to shape and deliver the network will be different. You will be recognised for your individual contribution and as part of the bigger Partnership.

We look forward to working with you to find out how you can help nature recover. We will contact you to discuss your engagement in the Nature Recovery Network and the ways your organisation will benefit.



For further information:

Find out more about the [Nature Recovery Network on GOV.UK](#).

Also see:

- 25 Year Environment Plan: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/25-year-environment-plan>
- Natural England: Building partnerships for nature's recovery – 5-year strategy (published 7 October 2020). <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/natural-england-building-partnerships-for-natures-recovery>
- Natural England's Action Plan 2020-21 <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/natural-england-action-plan-2020-to-2021/natural-england-action-plan-2020-to-2021>

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