

Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin Local Nature Recovery Strategy

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Overview of LNRS

Statutory requirement established: LNRS is a statutory requirement under the Environment Act 2021

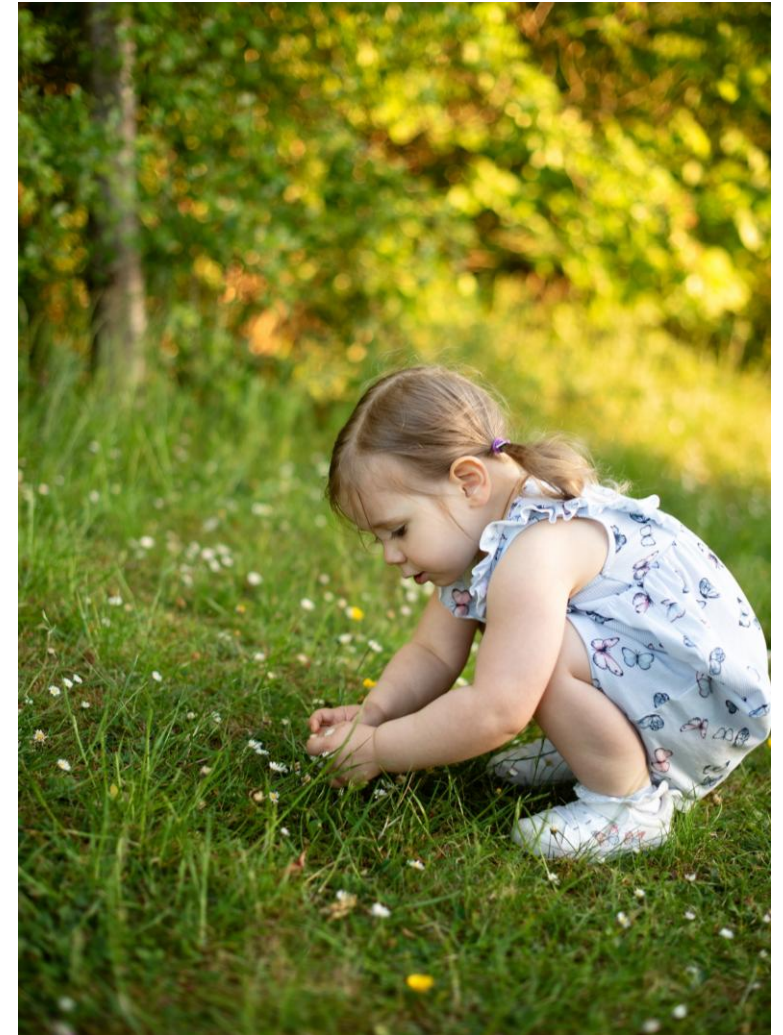
Purpose: LNRS prioritises where funds and resources for nature action will make the most difference

Evidence-based mapping: Extensive mapping identifies priority areas for nature recovery

Strategic framework for biodiversity: LNRS guides biodiversity enhancement and other environmental outcomes such as climate resilience with a clear strategic approach on county priorities

Ownership: SC is required to produce the strategy, but success is dependent on input from partners across the county

Delivery is key: Now the strategy is developed it can enable coordinated action to be taken on agreed county priorities (publication April)



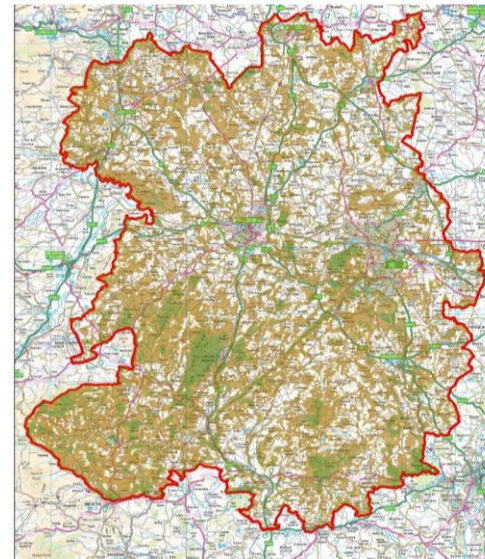
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1. Statement of Biodiversity Priorities – **the What**



2. Local Habitat Map – **the Where**



Road verges in the strategy

Action 10.4 Restore grassland on roadside verges and alongside paths and tracks

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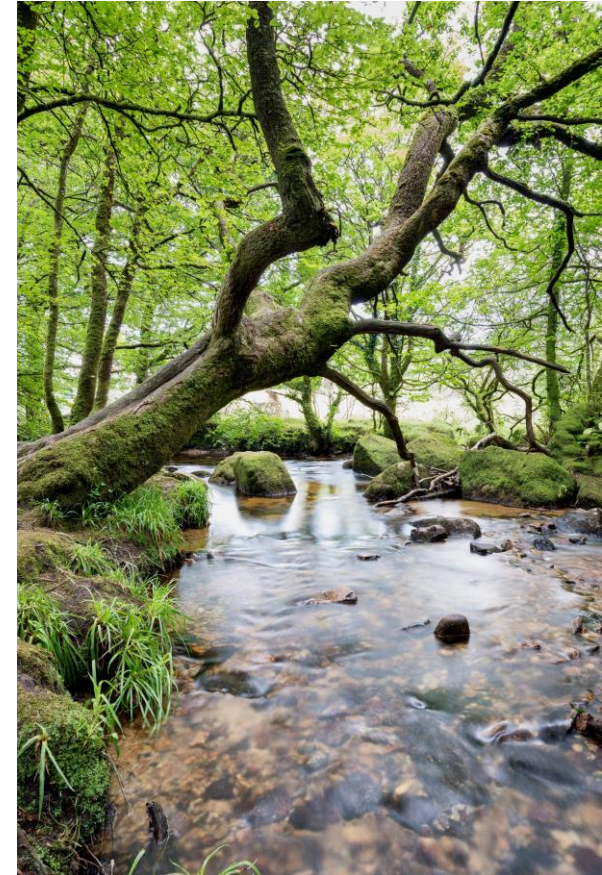
Main theme	Grasslands
Mapped action	A10.4 Restore grassland on roadside verges and alongside paths and tracks
Priority	Restore, connect and expand species rich grasslands across the county
Species actions	
Historic Sites	



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Strategy developed by local people

- 3,782 comments during the consultation – more than any other LNRS area. 55% of respondents were landowners
- A wide range of stakeholders including farmers, T&PCs, and community groups have shaped county wide nature recovery priorities
- Workshops, consultations, and one-on-one discussions have gathered valuable insights into local environmental challenges and opportunities
- Local knowledge has refined the maps, making it a more accurate representation of local opportunities
- This collaborative approach during the development provides a strong foundation for delivery



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Delivery – funding

- Funding critical – statutory foundation of LNRS is helpful
- Council has received co-ordinator funding for transition to delivery, annual funding expected but not yet confirmed
- Agri-environment funding is the largest funding pot for delivery
- Government bodies will be using the LNRS to help focus and guide their work
- Nature Restoration Fund (new planning bill) – funding provided via new development will use LNRS to target funds
- Community projects – volunteers and small funding schemes
- Large scale projects e.g. Landscape Connections £10m bid to HLF, Natural Flood Management funds
- Green finance e.g. Marches Environmental Investment Platform – developing to link corporate money to landowners delivering environmental projects
- Many other possible sources of money and in-kind support



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Mechanisms

- Cross-sector delivery essential: communities, landowners, NGOs, government, town and parish councils, businesses, local authorities, developers
- Partnerships improve resource sharing, knowledge exchange, and access to funding while reducing duplicated efforts
- Biodiversity Duty (all public bodies)
 - Must take proactive steps to improve nature. This applies across all functions
 - Embed nature into decision making – must ensure nature is protected and enhanced in all policies, plans and operations
- Toolkits, guides, case studies, linking people together e.g. town & parish council mentor groups
- Developing a delivery pipeline to align funding from grants and investment
- Monitoring and reporting frameworks are being developed for transparency



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LNRS timescales

- Consultation 6th August – 15th October: 3,782 comments received
- Publication: April 2026
- Delivery: Work with partners across all sectors to deliver
- Maintain momentum and build confidence
- Monitor and report on progress
- Review determined by gov: 3 – 10 years

Draft strategy available at shropshire.gov.uk/lnrs

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