

Introduction to the Nature Recovery Network

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Thank you for joining, the webinar will start soon...





The Nature Recovery Network

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Agenda

- Introductions
- **Scene-setting 1** – what is the problem? Why does nature matter to your business?
- **Scene-setting 2** – intro to Natural England and the NRN (what, history, how it will be delivered)
- Recent **Business Engagement** activities
- **Opportunities & Next Steps** for your business
- Questions?





Audience poll:

Question 1 – Is your business starting to think about its impacts and dependencies on nature?

Audience poll:

Question 2 – Does your company currently have a biodiversity/nature strategy, policy or position, and/or targets?

Scene-setting 1 – What is the problem?



- UK is one of the most **nature-depleted countries**
- In **bottom 10% globally** and the **worst amongst G7** nations for the loss of its biodiversity
- **Nature** rising up the agenda alongside climate change
- COP26 (Nov 2021), COP15 and Post-2020 GBF later this year - we need '*the Paris Agreement for Nature*'
- Government set out its commitments to improve nature **within a generation** in the 25YEP
- Committed significant public funding, but recognises that they can't do this alone – needs a partnership-based, 'whole economy approach' across all sectors

Scene-setting 1 – Why Nature Matters to Business



Economics of Biodiversity, Dasgupta Review (2021):

“Our economies, livelihoods and well-being all depend on our most precious asset: Nature”

World Economic Forum:

- Global Risks Report 2020 ranked biodiversity loss and ecosystem collapse as one of **top 5 risks**
- \$44trillion of economic value, **over 50% world GDP** - moderately or highly dependent on nature and its services
- Nature-related risks should be regularly identified, assessed and disclosed by business



Taskforce for Nature-Related Financial Disclosure (TNFD)



Scene-setting 2 – Who we are and what is the Nature Recovery Network (NRN)?

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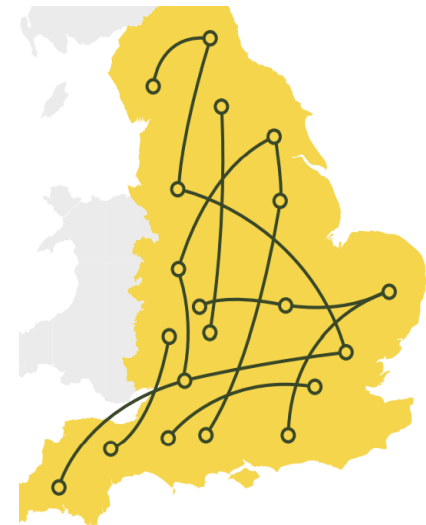
Government's advisor on natural environment, Defra sponsored

- Statutory functions for nature conservation and restoration
- Building partnerships to deliver for people and planet



Nature Recovery Network (NRN):

- **National network of wildlife-rich places**
- Expand, improve and connect across towns, cities, countryside and coast
- Recover nature across England at scale – shared responsibility
- **Tackle crises of biodiversity loss and climate change improve public health and wellbeing**
- Bringing together partners, legislation and, funding and finance



NRN – Policy Context

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Lawton Report ‘Make Space for Nature’ (2010) -
‘Bigger, Better, More Joined up’



25 Year Environment Plan (2018) -

‘Be the first generation to leave the environment in a better state than we found it’



Agriculture Act (2020) – public money for public goods

Environment Act (2021) – species and habitat targets, mandatory 10% BNG for developments

30 by 30 Pledge (2020) – protect 30% of land/sea by 2030


HM Government

A Green Future: Our 25 Year Plan to
Improve the Environment

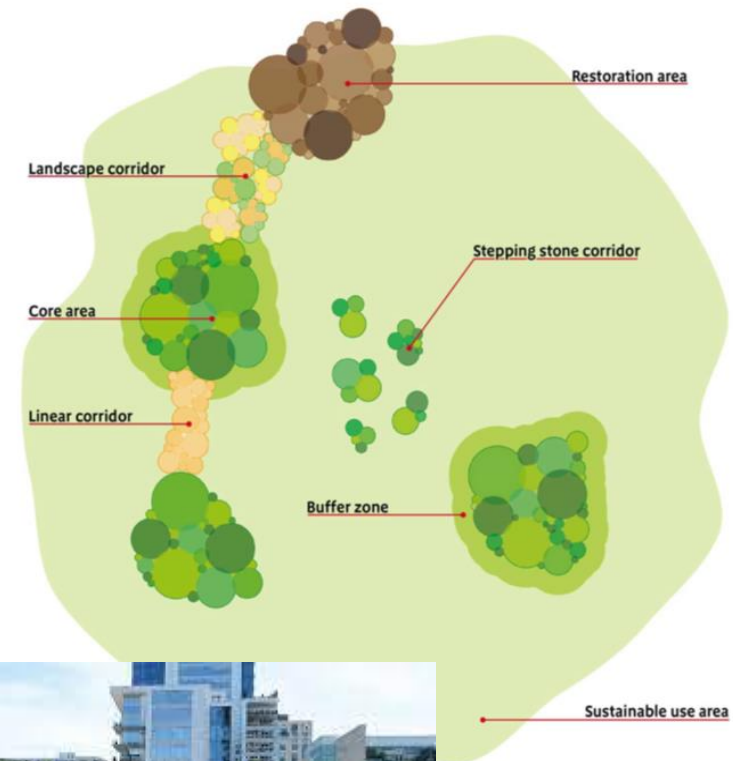


NRN Objectives and Vision

- ❑ Improve the quality of existing sites
 - ❑ Increase the amount of nature-rich land
 - ❑ Recovering threatened species
- Co-benefits for people and climate

An **integrated approach** to nature recovery:

- Enhanced protected sites, wildlife-rich areas and landscapes at the core
- Expand and connect to other sites via wildlife corridors or stepping stones
- Buffer zones of sustainably managed land
- Green and blue infrastructure in urban and peri-urban areas

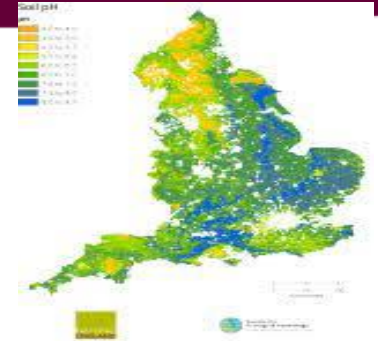


How will we deliver the NRN?

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1. New spatial tools

To target and plan the NRN – aligning needs at a national level and local priorities through Local Nature Recovery Strategies (**LNRS**)



2. Strong partnerships

To deliver action on the ground. Including: government, landowners and managers, business, local communities and conservation organisations



3. Integration of policies and funding streams

Aligning and maximising existing opportunities and securing new funding or finance (**public and private**)



The Nature Recovery Partnership and Management Group

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Management Group

Landowners

Conservation

Farming

Species

Health

Local Government

Science

Transport

Landscapes

People

Birds

Water

Urban

Business

Woodland

Development

Commercial Forestry

Finance

Access and recreation

Government Reps

Sectoral Reps

Private investment key to delivering NRN



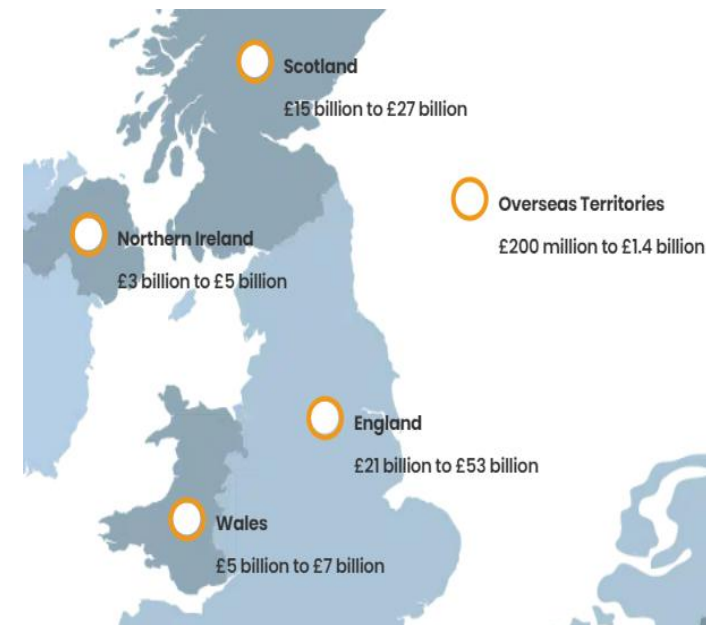
Significant **public funding commitments** for nature restoration e.g. Nature for Climate and environmental land management schemes.

BUT large finance gap to deliver 25YEP. Estimated gap £21-53bn for England over next 10 years for nature ambitions

→ **Private finance will be critical**

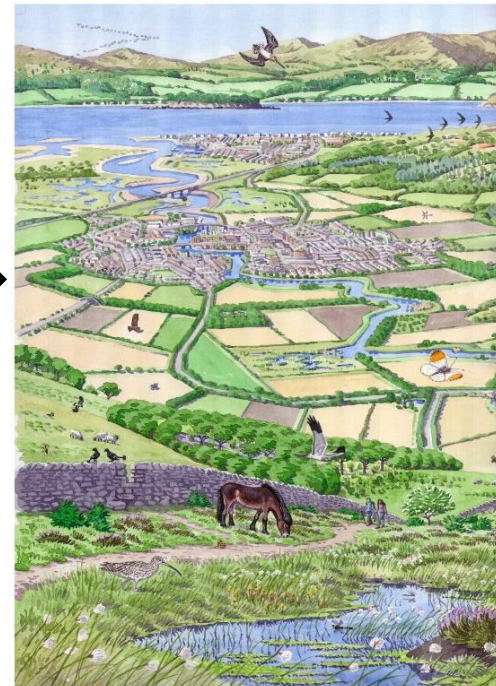
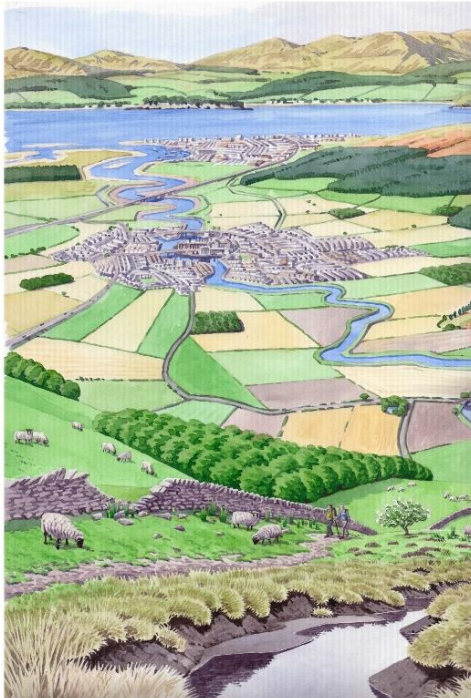
HMG private finance target - £500m/year by 2027 and over £1bn/year by 2030.

Need a blend of public, private and third sector funding and finance. Diversifying income streams also helps nature projects be more financially sustainable



NRN – Key Messages

- **Nature restoration is critical** for our societies and economy, and needs to be ‘bigger, better, more joined up’ – the aim of the NRN
- Spatial planning, collaborative partnerships and sustainable financing to deliver
- **Complex policy landscape**, working to domestic and international commitments
- Great work already underway – build on this, learn lessons and **engage all sectors**



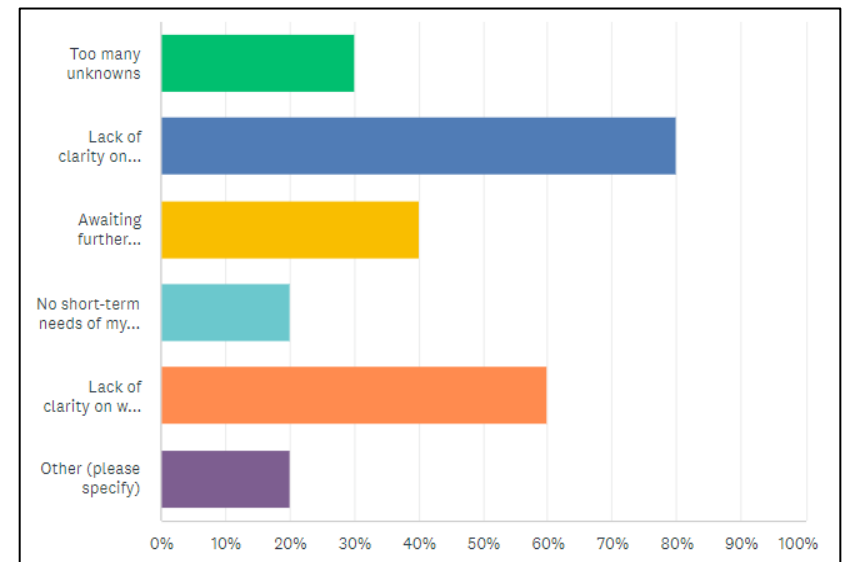
NRN Business Engagement activities



- *What? 3 phases* of businesses engagement for the NRN in 2022:
 - ❖ Pre-engagement **business survey**
 - ❖ NRN **business webinar**
 - ❖ NRN **workshop** – run by Natural England & business partner KPMG
- *Main objectives:*
 - ❖ **Survey:** to understand current business *awareness and interest* in the NRN, as well as any *barriers to support*, and what businesses would *want* from a workshop
 - ❖ **Webinar:** to ensure all future workshop attendees are up-to-speed and have the same level of understanding about the NRN
 - ❖ **Workshop:** to work through the *business case* and key messaging about why businesses should invest in and support the NRN, and what and how businesses can benefit
 - ❖ Future workshops – business focused to shape a range of ‘offerings’

Business Survey Feedback – key takeaways so far...

- Majority see the NRN as a great opportunity, but for many others, more information is needed first about how the NRN can support their business ambitions and different types of pledges



It's not too late to complete the survey – your inputs would still be very valuable! Link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PS8CTSP>

How to get involved?



- **Position your business** for future requirements, e.g.
 - ❖ Biodiversity Net Gain – see NE’s new BNG [blog](#) and [brochure](#)
 - ❖ Financial disclosures – TNFD framework, beta v2.0 currently out for consultation/trial
- Join the **NRN Delivery Partnership** – email: NDPNaturerecovery@naturalengland.org.uk
- Keep an eye out for future NRN updates, opportunities and workshops!
- Commit/pledge support for nature’s recovery
- Consider investing (funding, land, advice, time, expertise, etc)
- Ensure carbon/biodiversity offset plans support NRN
- Tell us what the NRN can do to support your business? What more information do you need?
- Complete the **NRN business survey**
- Need inspiration?? Look at existing case studies and resources for businesses, e.g. CSB’s **Get Nature Positive Handbook for business** and join nature focused groups & coalitions, e.g. **UKBBF**



Audience poll:

Question 3 – Do you see the NRN as a potential opportunity to help you meet your business biodiversity/nature strategy, commitments and/or targets?

Thank you for joining the webinar!

If you have any questions and/or are interested in becoming an NRN delivery partner, please e-mail:

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