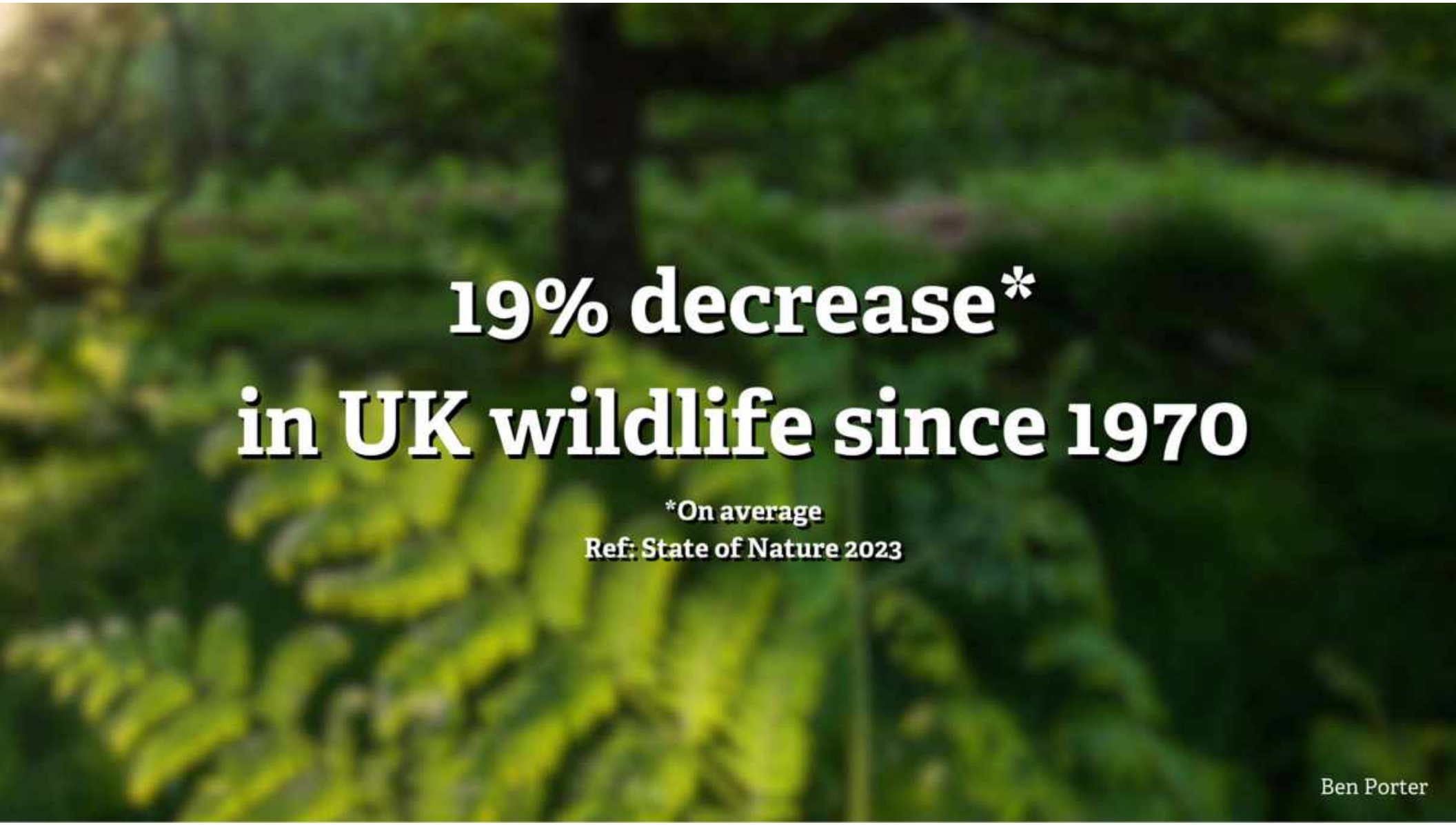
No let up in nature's decline



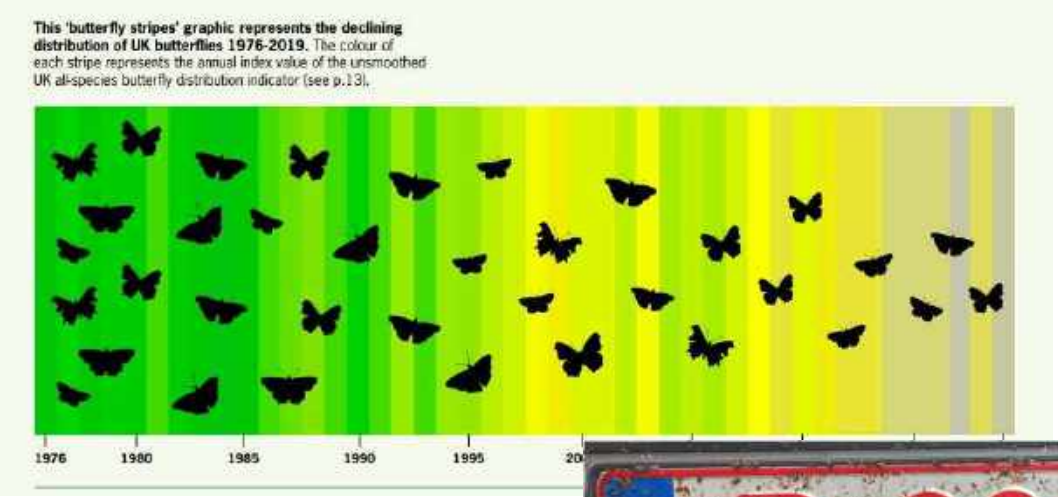
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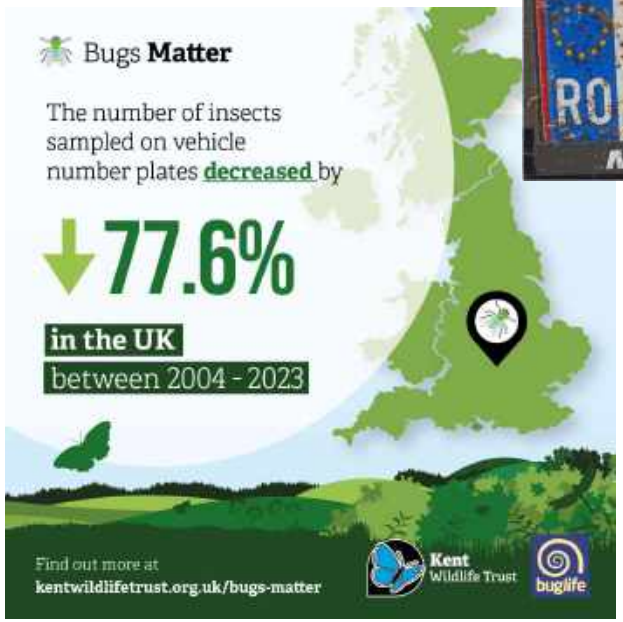
2023

state of nature PARTNERSHIP


19% decrease*
in UK wildlife since 1970
*On average
Ref: State of Nature 2023
Ben Porter

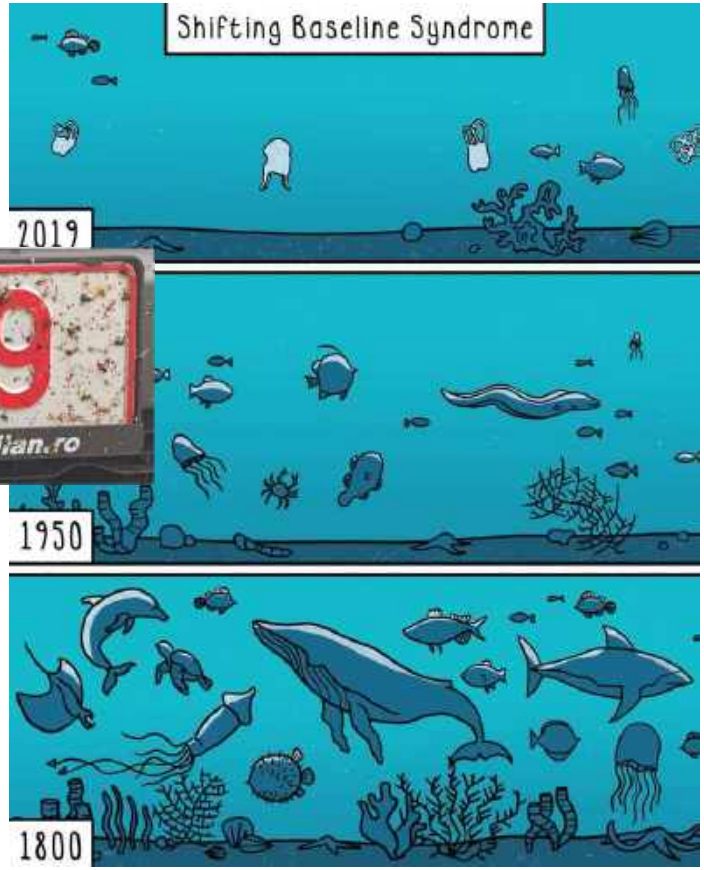

1 in 6 species
at risk of being
lost from
Great Britain
Ref: State of Nature 2023
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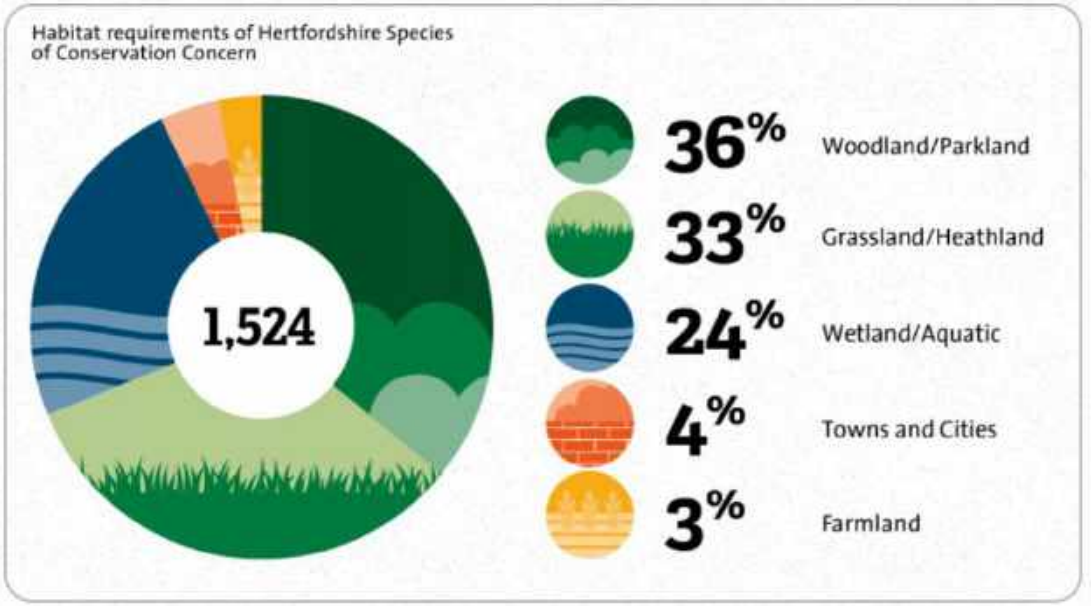
HABITATS OVERVIEW

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There is currently approximately 27,000 ha of semi-natural habitat in Hertfordshire covering 16% of the county's area.

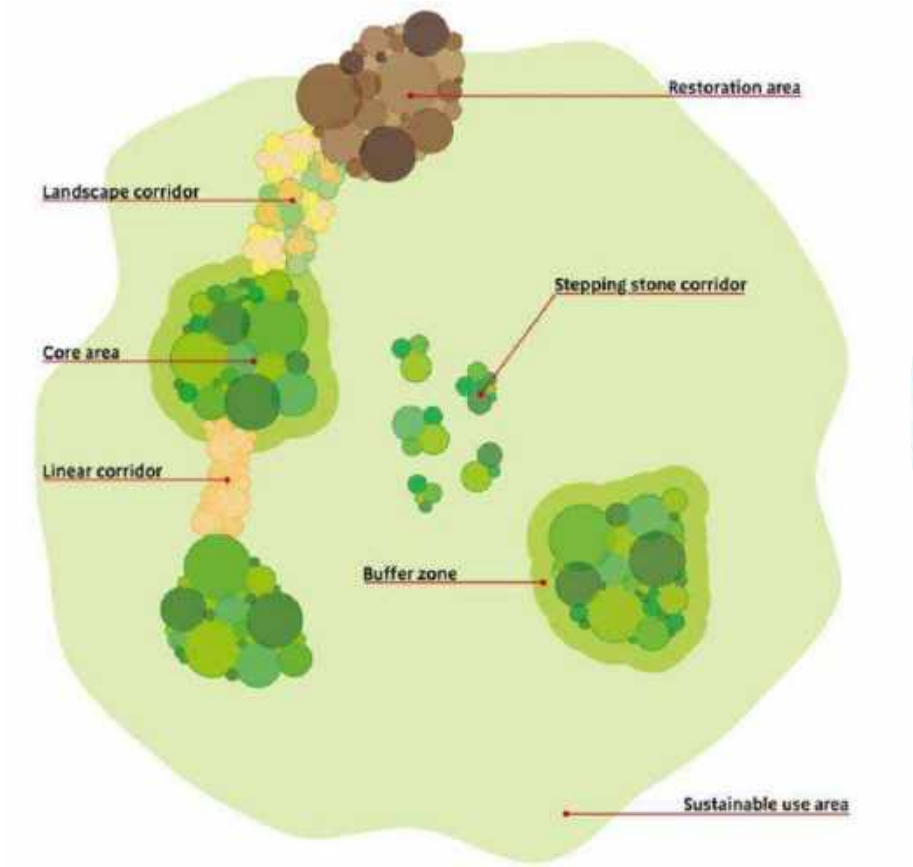
- **61%** Woodland
- **35%** Grassland
- **5%** Wetland

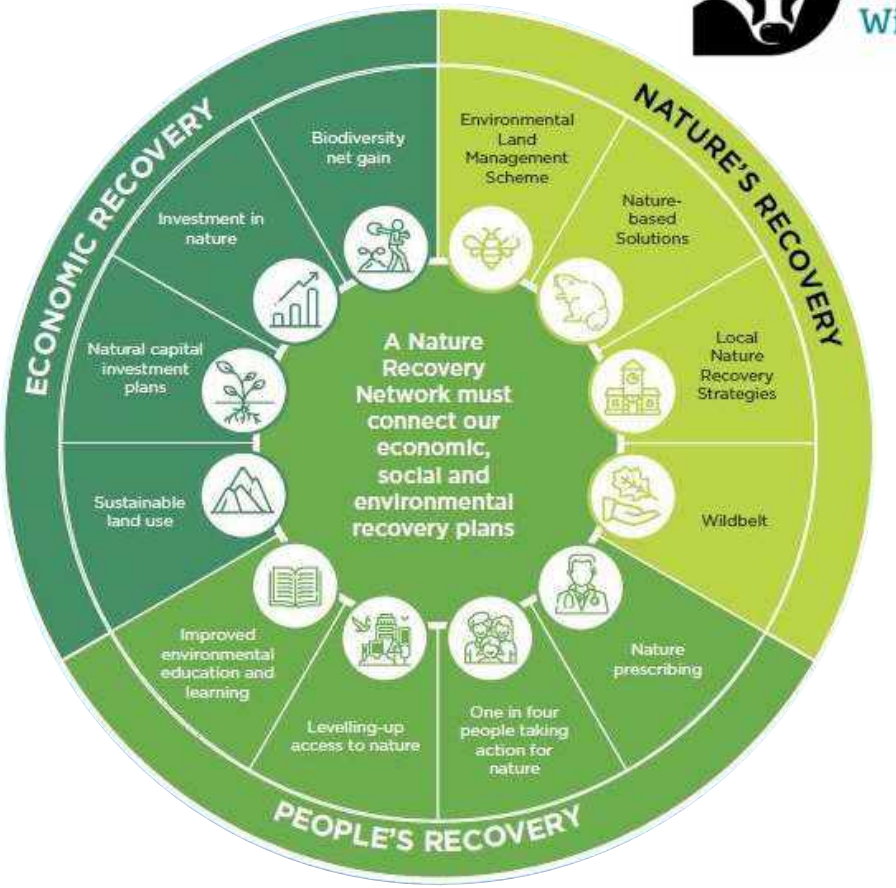
There are 1,524 species (20% of those assessed in the Herts State of Nature report) that have been identified as being **Hertfordshire Species of Conservation Concern** - extinct or threatened in a Hertfordshire context.




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...recognising that everything is connected

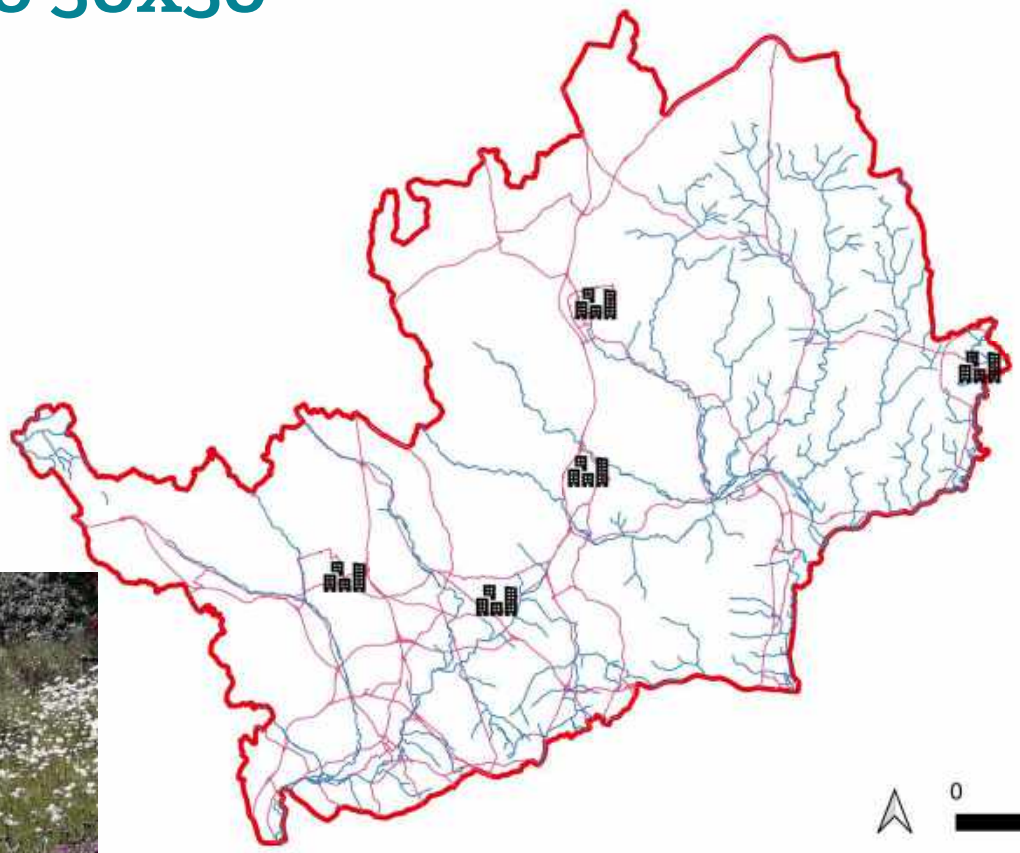
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The building blocks of nature recovery: the road to 30x30

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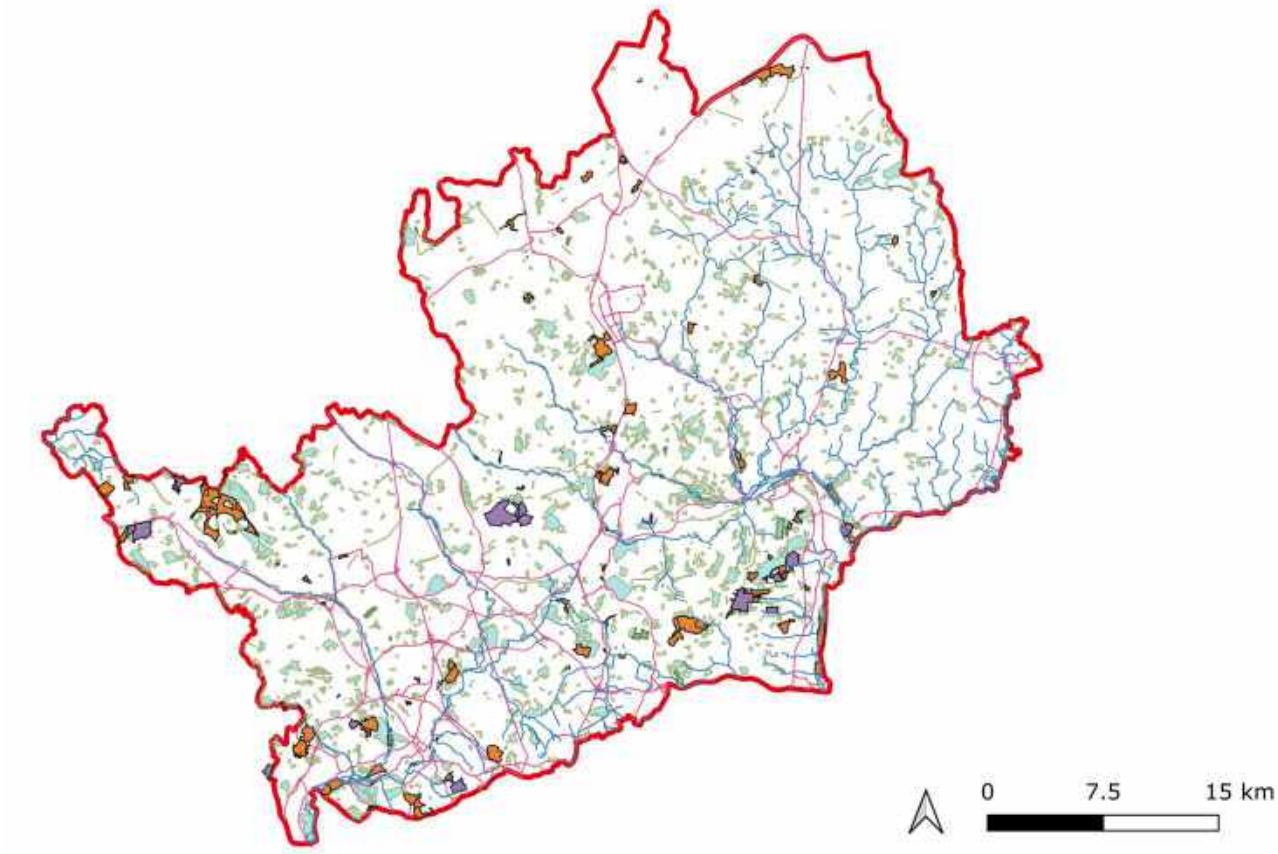


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Core sites for nature in Hertfordshire

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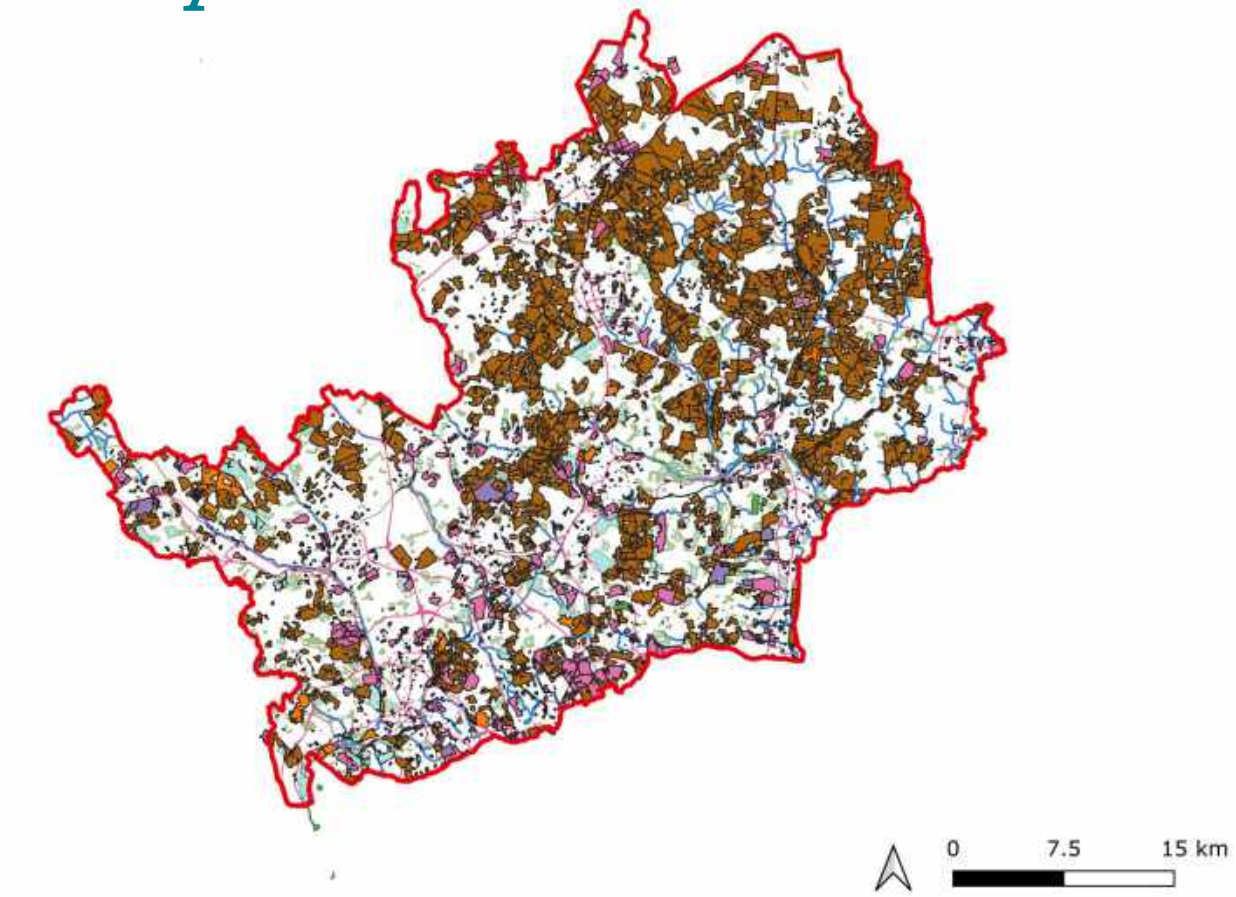


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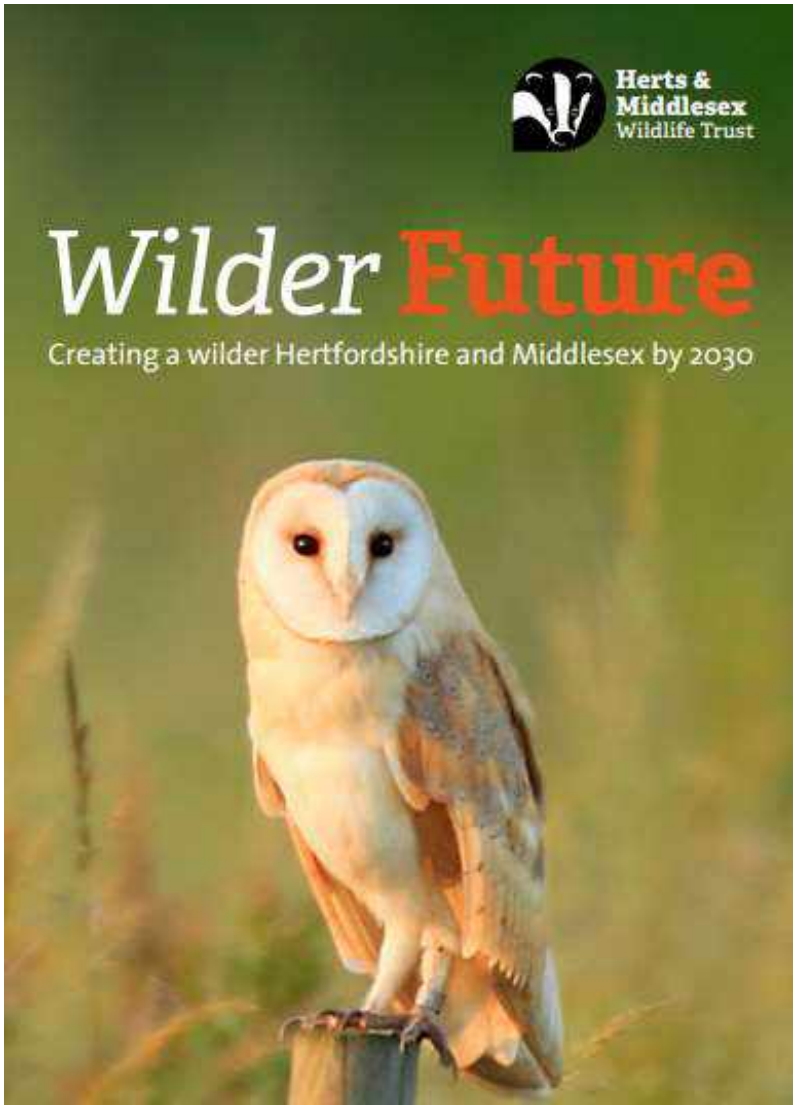
Core sites for nature + nature recovery areas

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By 2030...

More land in Hertfordshire and Middlesex is managed and protected for nature

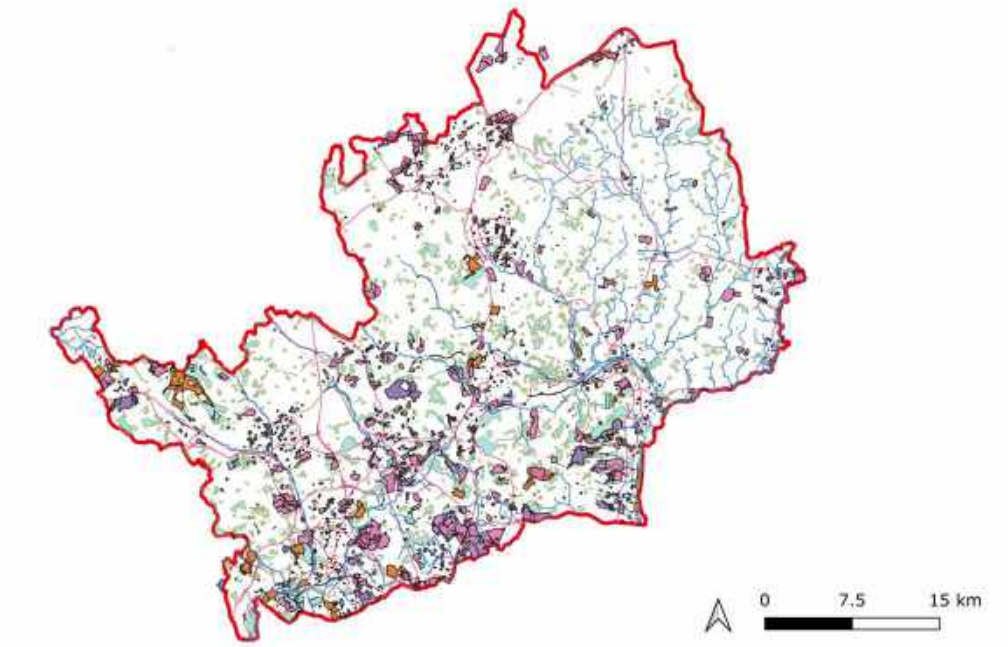
More people are standing up for wildlife and taking action for nature's recovery

Nature plays a central and valued role in helping to address climate issues and people's health and wellbeing

Goal 1: More land in Herts & Middlesex is protected and managed for nature

By 2030 we want to see:

- At least 30% of land connected and protected for nature's recovery.
- Wildlife habitats are the best they can be for nature and are resilient to the challenges of a changing climate.
- Wild places are better-protected in law.
- Species declines are reversed and their populations are recovering.
- Greater understanding of local wildlife and its ecology.



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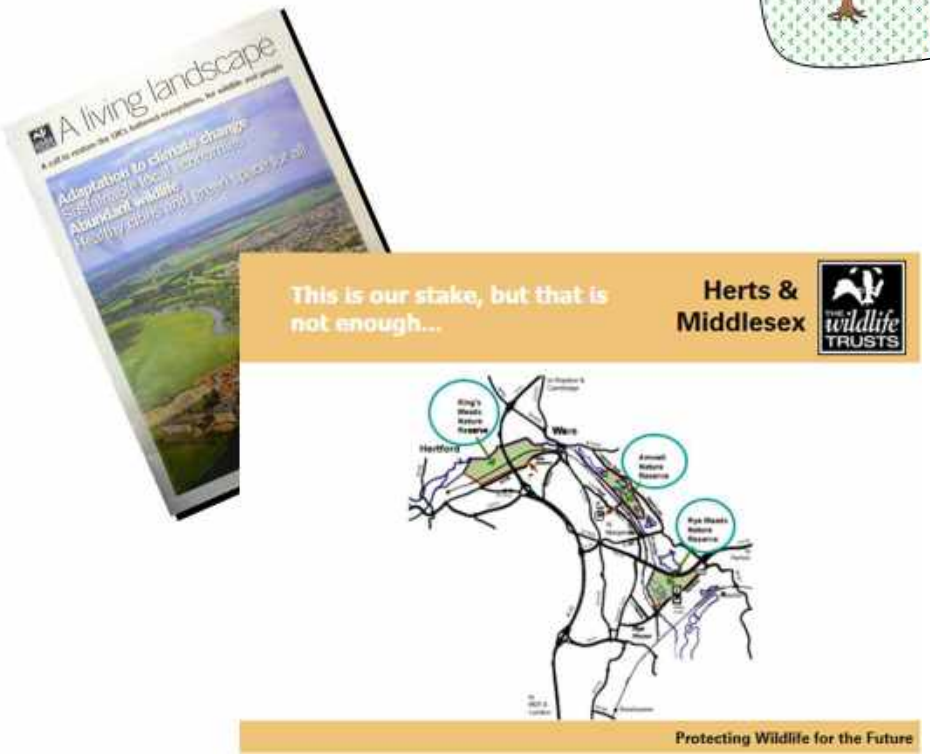
Living Rivers Programme

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Restoring landscapes, at scale

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Goal 2: More people are standing up for wildlife and taking action for nature's recovery

By 2030 we want people to:

- Have greater knowledge, appreciation and involvement in nature.
- Be working with the Trust to develop and deliver their own local action for nature's recovery.
- Put nature's recovery at the heart of local decision making.
- See involvement with nature as welcoming and open to all.













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Wilderhood Watch

- working together to create an eco-friendly neighbourhood -

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Save the trees



Hedgehog Street



Buzz Stop



Pollinator Highway



Sustainable Eating



Plant a Tree



Toad Road



Litter pick



Plant a hedge



Wildlife Gardening Champions



Community Recycling



Swift Action

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More people standing up for wildlife and taking action for nature's recovery



Engaging AND Empowering

Empower people of all ages, identities, cultures, backgrounds and abilities, and support them to value, enjoy, speak up and take action for wildlife.

We need to reach many more people then we are at the moment.

Just 1 in 4 people 'doing' can make all the difference.

Piloted through our Nature Recovery work and Wilder St Albans

Who do we want to empower?

Three broad programmes of engagement work

- **Wilder Communities** – individuals, community groups, faith groups and volunteers.
- **Wilder Learning** – schools, pupil referral units, colleges, universities, home educators.
- **Wilder Business/Spaces** – larger landowners, famers, local authorities, employers, employees, customers etc.



Wilder Communities - Nextdoor Nature

In 2021, HMWT awarded £90,000 from The National Lottery Heritage Fund

Empowering people to take action for nature where they live and working with communities that are traditionally and culturally excluded.

Two projects running until July 2024….



wilder WATFORD

wilder DACORUM

Goal 3: Nature plays a central and valued role in helping to address climate issues and people's health and wellbeing

By 2030 we want to see:

- Natural resources are properly valued for their ability to address climate change.
- Greater understanding of the impact of climate change on local habitats and species.
- Sustainable land management that restores biodiverse, natural processes.
- Greater understanding of the value of nature to health and wellbeing.







Identifying important habitats & species
The LNRS process



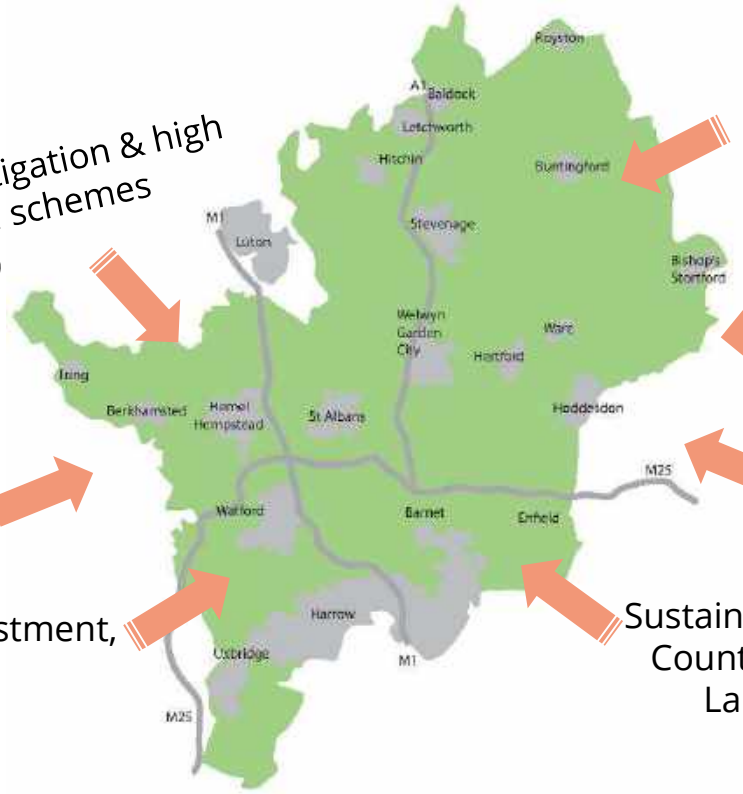
Enablers: the evolving funding landscape

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Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG)



Potential nutrient mitigation & high integrity carbon schemes (NbS)



Traditional grant-making bodies

Parish & Town Precepts?

Philanthropy

Corporate investment, CSR, TNFD

Sustainable Farming Incentive
Countryside Stewardship +
Landscape Recovery

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Thank you for listening!

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