Local Nature Recovery in Hertfordshire



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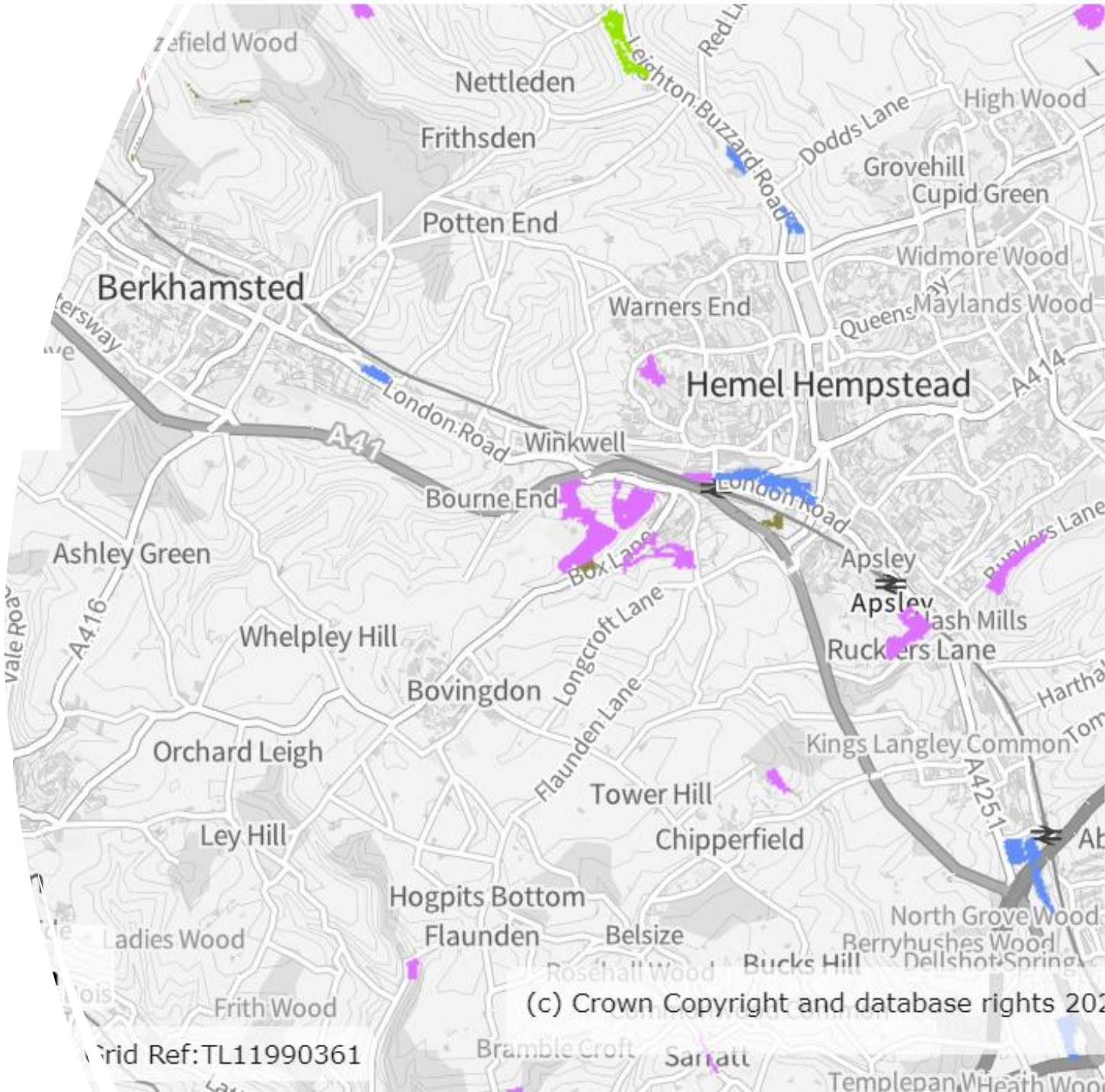


What is a Local Nature Recovery Strategy?

- Comprehensive **Nature** Recovery Strategy – not just biodiversity.
- A collaborative strategy for Hertfordshire, by Hertfordshire
- It is required by law (Environment Act 2021)
- It will deliver benefits for wildlife, nature and residents
- Draft expected by March 2025

What will the LNRS look like?

- A map-based tool(s) that is:
  - Publicly Accessible
  - Free to use
  - Functional for a variety of users and purpose





What Will the LNRS do?

The LNRS will answer three questions about nature recovery:

- What can we do?
- How can we do it?
- Where can we do it?

What & How?

- Strategic priorities for habitats and species
- Measures – actions to delivery priorities
- Projects (proposed and ongoing)





Where?

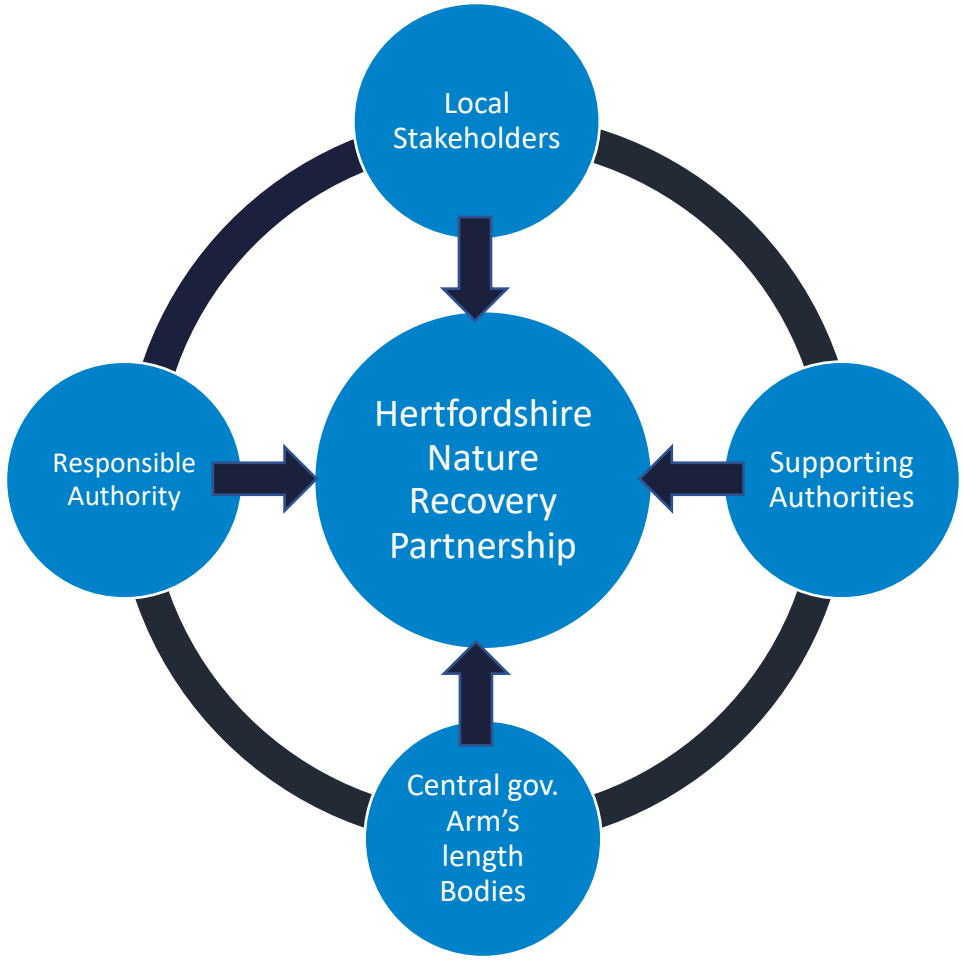
1. Areas with high nature value

2. Areas of potential for creating valuable habitats

3. Areas where creation or improvement of habitat could deliver wider environmental benefits

Hertfordshire Nature Recovery Partnership

- A Hertfordshire Nature Recovery Partnership has been established to deliver the LNRS.
- The Partnership includes representatives from a wide range of backgrounds.
- Hertfordshire County Council, as the ‘Responsible Authority’ for Hertfordshire, will provide a Project Manager and chair the Partnership.
- The Partnership will work with wider stakeholders across Hertfordshire. You don’t need to be in the partnership to get involved in the LNRS.



Engaging with Communities





We are reaching out to communities because we want to:

- **Gather local knowledge** of Hertfordshire's species and habitats (as well as existing and upcoming nature recovery projects) from the wider community groups in Hertfordshire.

- **Inform communities** about the functions and requirements of the completed LNRS and opportunities it offers. Generate interested in and support for the LNRS and Nature recovery more generally.

- **Understand communities' needs** for the completed LNRS to ensure that it is accessible, useful and intuitive, tailored to the users' differing needs.

What we want to know?

We are gathering information across four key topic areas:

- The nature recovery goals your community wants to achieve.
- To identify key species and areas in Hertfordshire.
- Ongoing and proposed nature recovery projects and funding.
- What your community wants from the LNRS tool.



Communities

We have broadly categorised Hertfordshire residents into 6 communities. You may fit into more than one of these groups.



Delivering Engagement

There will be 8 key engagement stages throughout the creation of the LNRS:

Spring

INFORMING

Aim: This stage will raise awareness of the LNRS and benefits, generate and maintain interest and support for the project. This stage will run throughout the whole project.
Who will be involved: All Hertfordshire Communities.



GENERATING PRIORITIES LONGLIST

Aim: This stage will suggest priorities for nature recovery and analyse data to understand which species and habitats are most important for nature recovery in Hertfordshire.
Who will be involved: General Public, Environmental Bodies.



SITE IDENTIFICATION

Aim: This stage will seek to identify sites that could be used for habitat creation to be identified in LNRS opportunity mapping.
Who will be involved: Landowners & Managers, Environmental Bodies, Health and Wellbeing, Planners.



Summer

Autumn

SHORTLISTING PRIORITIES

Aim: This stage will review proposed shortlist of priorities, suggest additional priorities and identify ongoing or future projects that support the priorities.

Who will be involved: General Public, Landowners & Managers, Environmental Bodies, Health and Well-being.

REVIEWING MAPPING

Aim: This stage will review site mapping for accuracy and completeness and identify any potential barriers to including identified sites.

Who will be involved: General Public, Landowners & Managers, Environmental Bodies, Health and Well-being, Planners.

Winter

WIDER COMMUNITY REVIEW

Aim: This stage will identify communities needs for the LNRS, review the maps and nature recovery priorities and identify priorities/sites with neighbouring LNRS areas.

Who will be involved: All Hertfordshire Communities.

Spring

CONSULTATION

Aim: This stage will review the draft LNRS to ensure it is accurate, comprehensive, useful and accessible.

Who will be involved: All Hertfordshire Communities and Neighbouring Responsible Authorities (neighbouring counties)

Summer

PRE-PUBLICATION

Aim: This stage will seek sign-off on final draft of LNRS ahead of publication.

Who will be involved: District and Borough Councils and Natural England





What happens next?

- We need your help to find:
  - Sites for habitat creation
  - Sites for habitat enhancement
  - Ongoing projects
  - Proposed projects
- Submit them through our site identification survey at: www.Hertfordshire.gov.uk/naturerecovery

- In person workshop events in w/c 15th and 22nd July



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