



# Nature Recovery Network Weymouth and Portland Stakeholder Event

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# Agenda



- Introduction to NRN project – Maria Clarke
- Weymouth and Portland Corridors and Stepping Stones work – Carolyn Steele
- Distribution of SAC & SAC supporting habitats on Portland – Bryan Edwards
- Weymouth Town Council Biodiversity Strategy – Emily Brown
- Discussion





# Dorset Local Nature Partnership

The Dorset LNP brings together a wide range of partners in public, private and voluntary sectors across BCP and Dorset council areas.

To maximise the benefits gained from protecting and enhancing Dorset's unique natural assets for people, wildlife and businesses.

Natural Capital

Natural Value

Natural Health

Natural Resilience

Natural Understanding

Natural Influence



# Nature Recovery Policy Context

## 25 Year Environment Plan

- Develop a Nature Recovery Network to protect and restore wildlife, and provide opportunities to re-introduce species that we have lost from our countryside.

## Environment Bill

- Local Nature Recovery Strategies
  - a statement of biodiversity priorities for the strategy area.
  - a local habitat map for the whole strategy area or two or more local habitat maps which together cover the whole strategy area.
- Minimum 10% Biodiversity New Gain



# Nature Recovery Network - Initial Work

- Finalising a Terrestrial Biodiversity Audit (Dorset Environmental Record Centre) and a Marine Biodiversity Audit (Dorset Wildlife Trust).
- Hosting two workshops to support the development of the forthcoming Statement of Biodiversity Priorities.
- Developing a draft community engagement strategy (with Dorset AONB).
- Developing a framework for nature recovery plans based on the Dorset AONB Test and Trial.
- Hosting the LNP Annual Forum in March.
- Refreshing the Ecological Network Maps in autumn 2020 and holding two webinars for planners from BCP and Dorset councils in January 2021 to promote the use of the maps.
- Targeted work in the Weymouth and Portland area
  - Updating the Corridors and Stepping Stones report (DERC).
  - SAC habitats on the Isle of Portland.

