Dorset Local Nature Recovery Strategy…moving to delivery



In the next decade Dorset can choose decline or recovery. The LNRS is about how we tip the balance…



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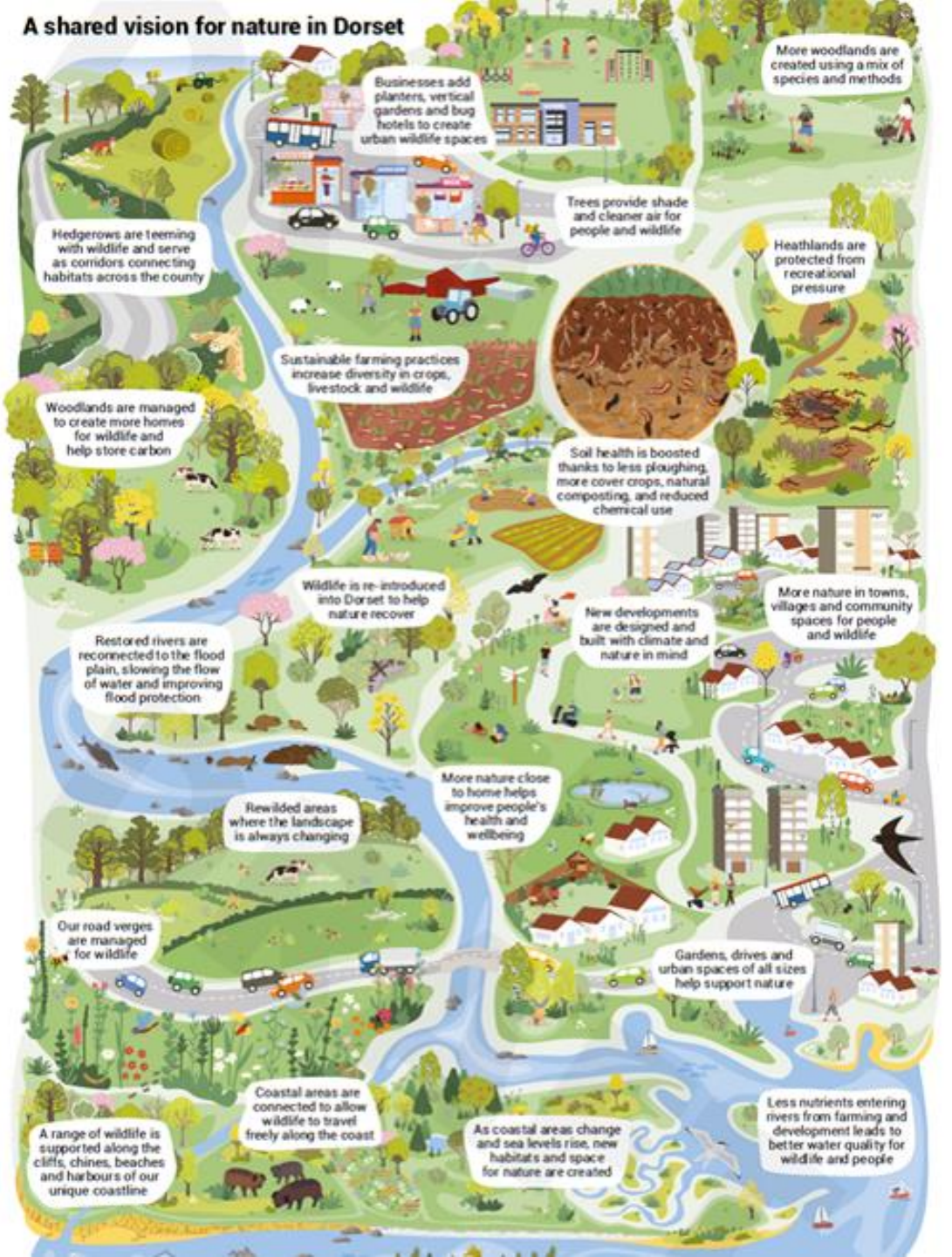




A reminder…..

Shared vision: Nature in Dorset is recovering, thriving, resilient and connected across our landscapes. Everyone in Dorset is able to access nature and be involved in nature recovery.

Joint mission: Work together to meet the urgent need to address the climate and nature emergencies through nature recovery, bringing benefits for our wellbeing and communities.



13 Priorities

1. Grasslands
2. Woodlands
3. Heathlands
4. Rivers, lakes and wetlands
5. Coastal
6. Hedgerows
7. Urban
8. Farming
9. Natural processes
10. Nature-based solutions
11. Nature connection
12. Species abundance and diversity
13. Priority species







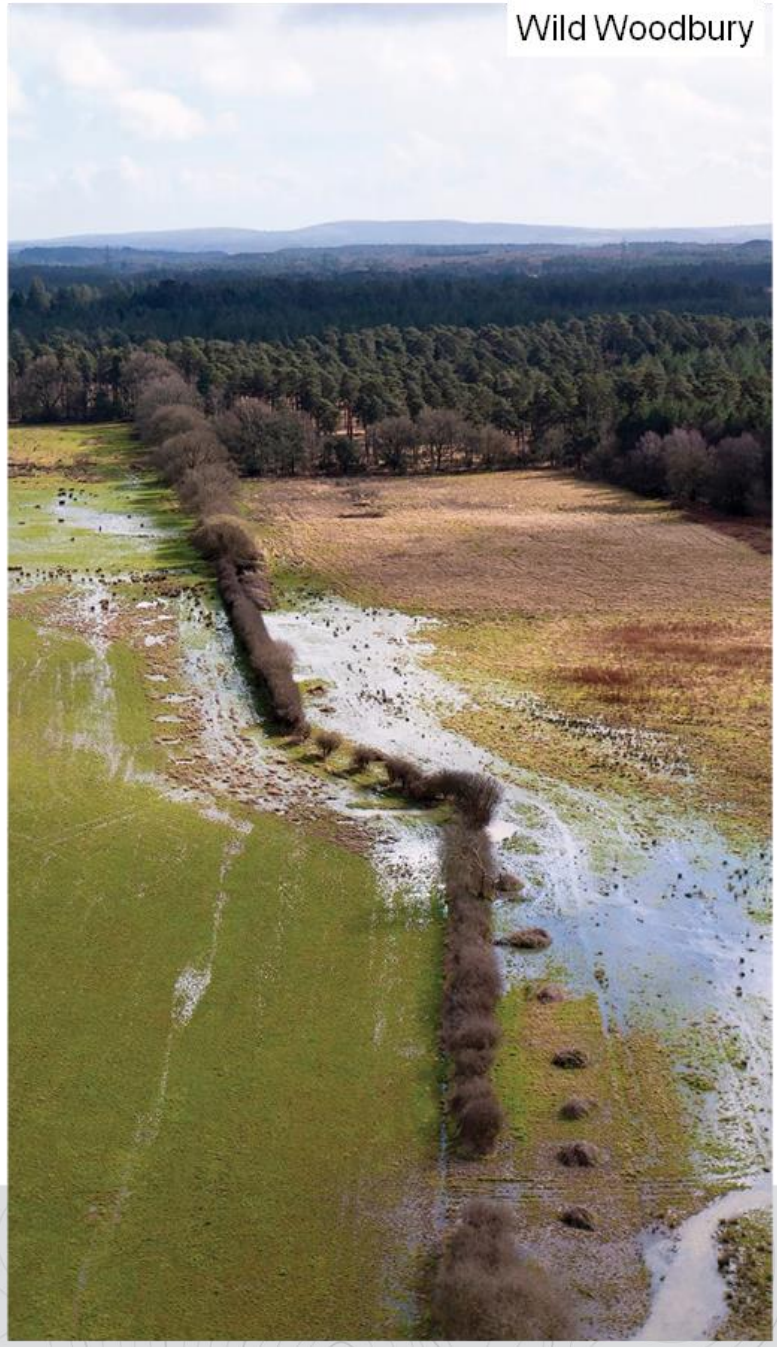
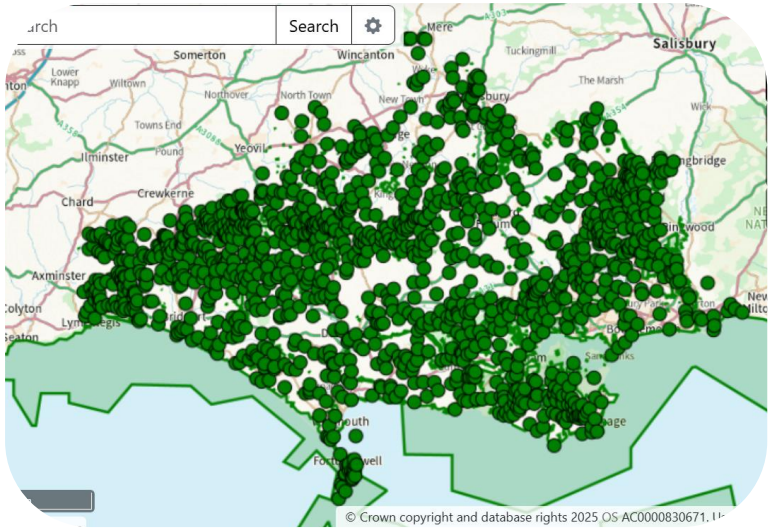
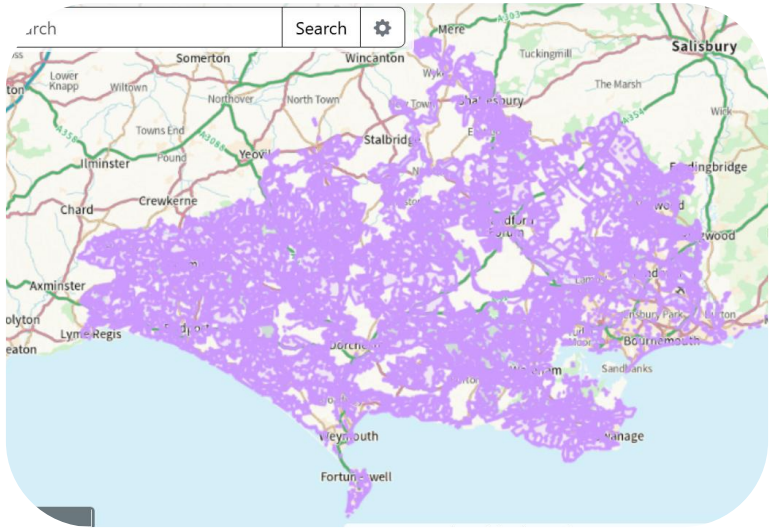


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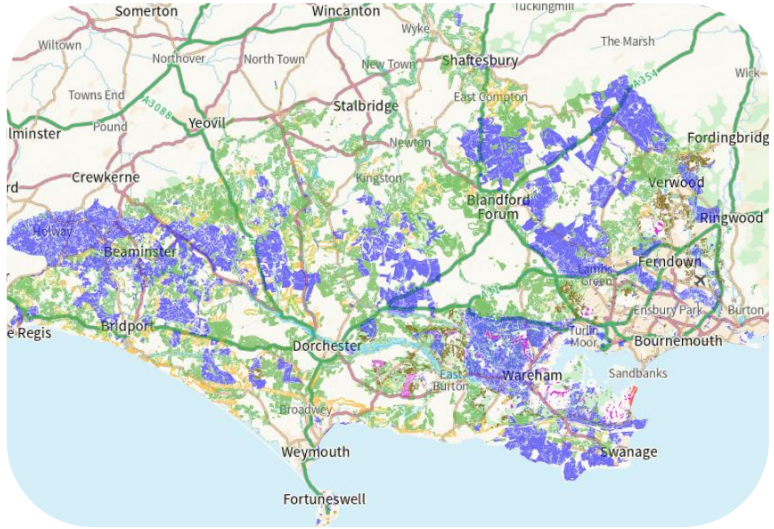
Local Habitat Map



1. Nature areas of national importance



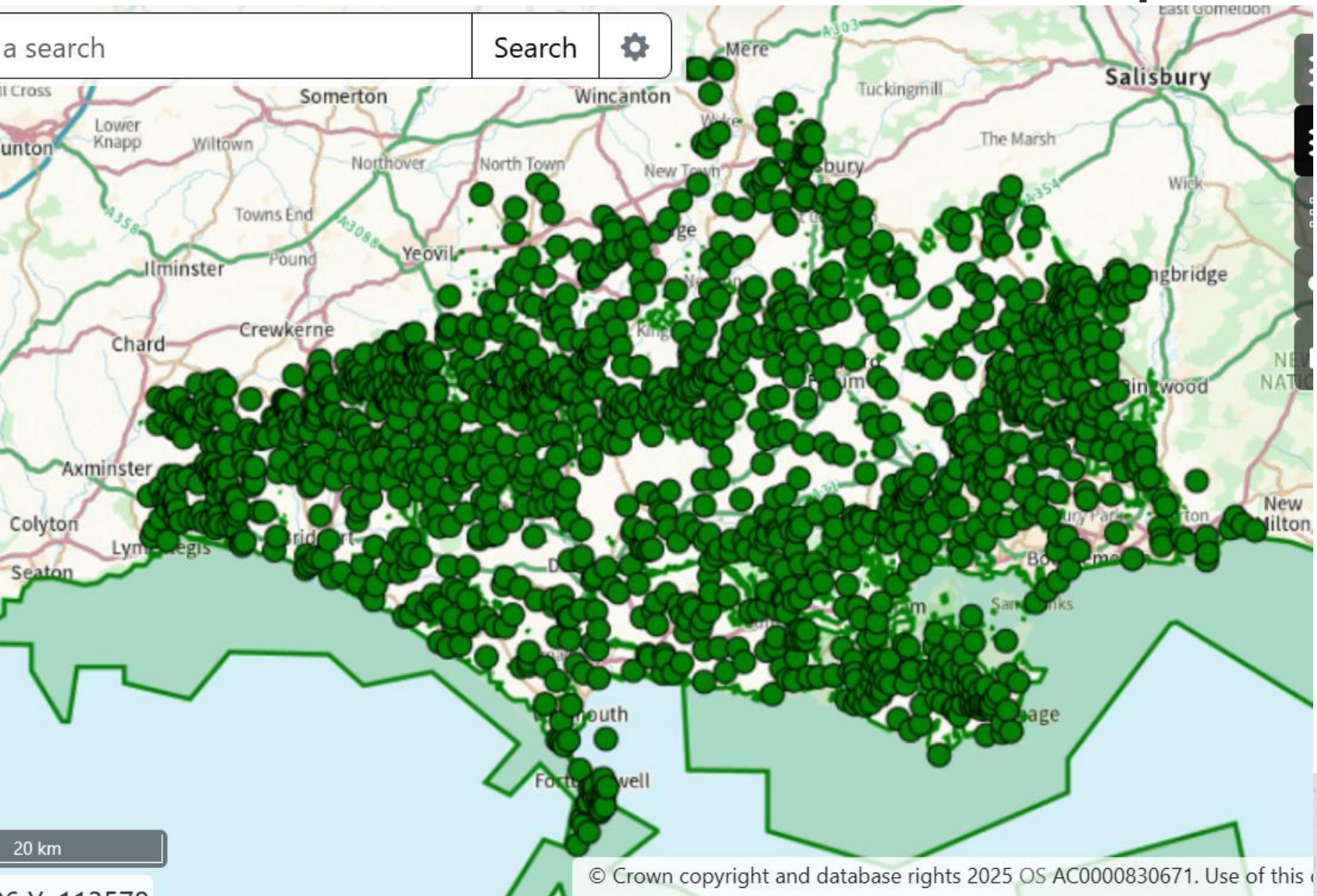
2. High opportunity nature areas



3. Potential activities

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Nature Areas of National Importance

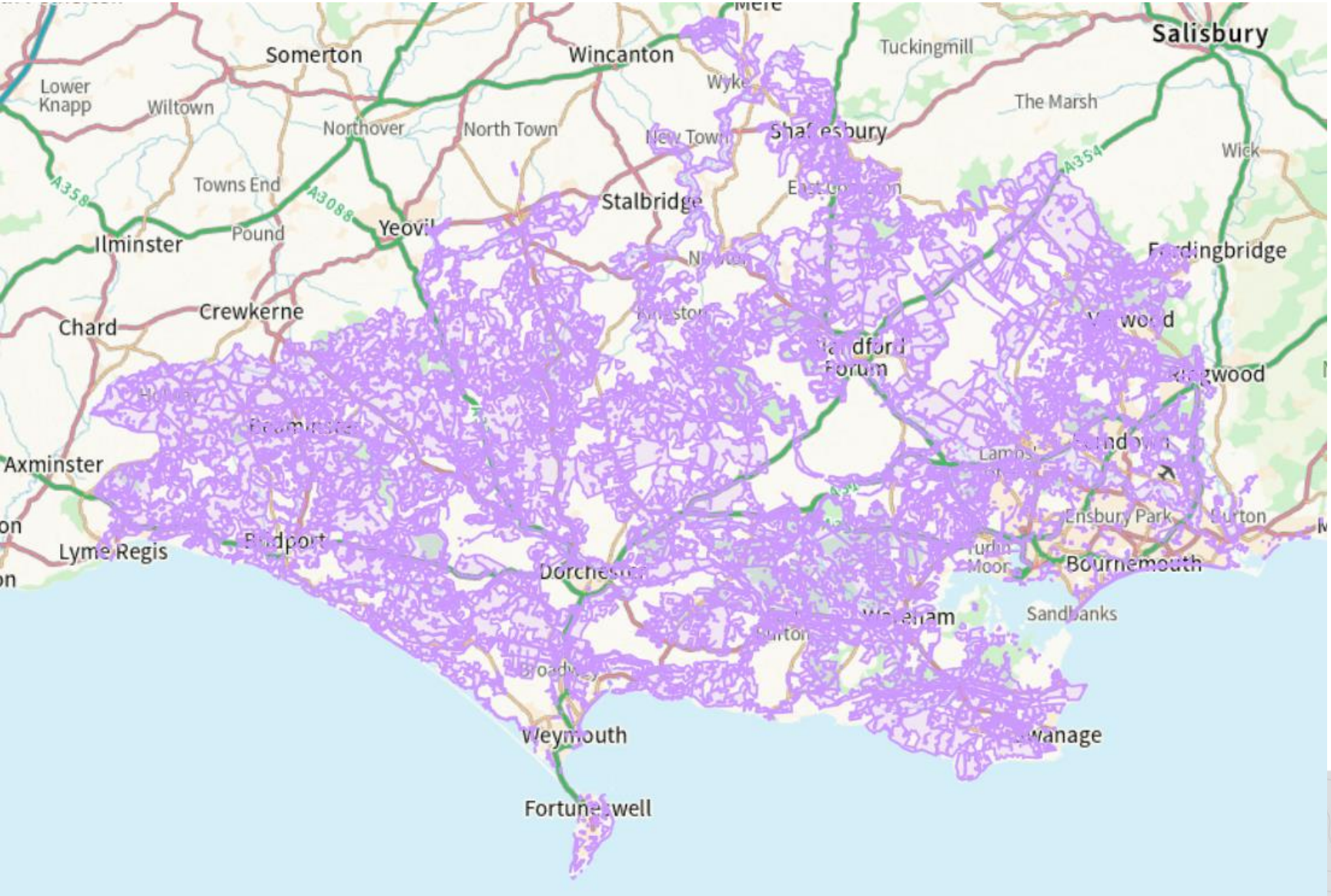


- Sites that are currently recognised and protected within the land-use planning system for their biodiversity value.
- SNCI now included as points, disappear once zoom in

- Defra calls this layer: Areas of Particular Importance for Biodiversity

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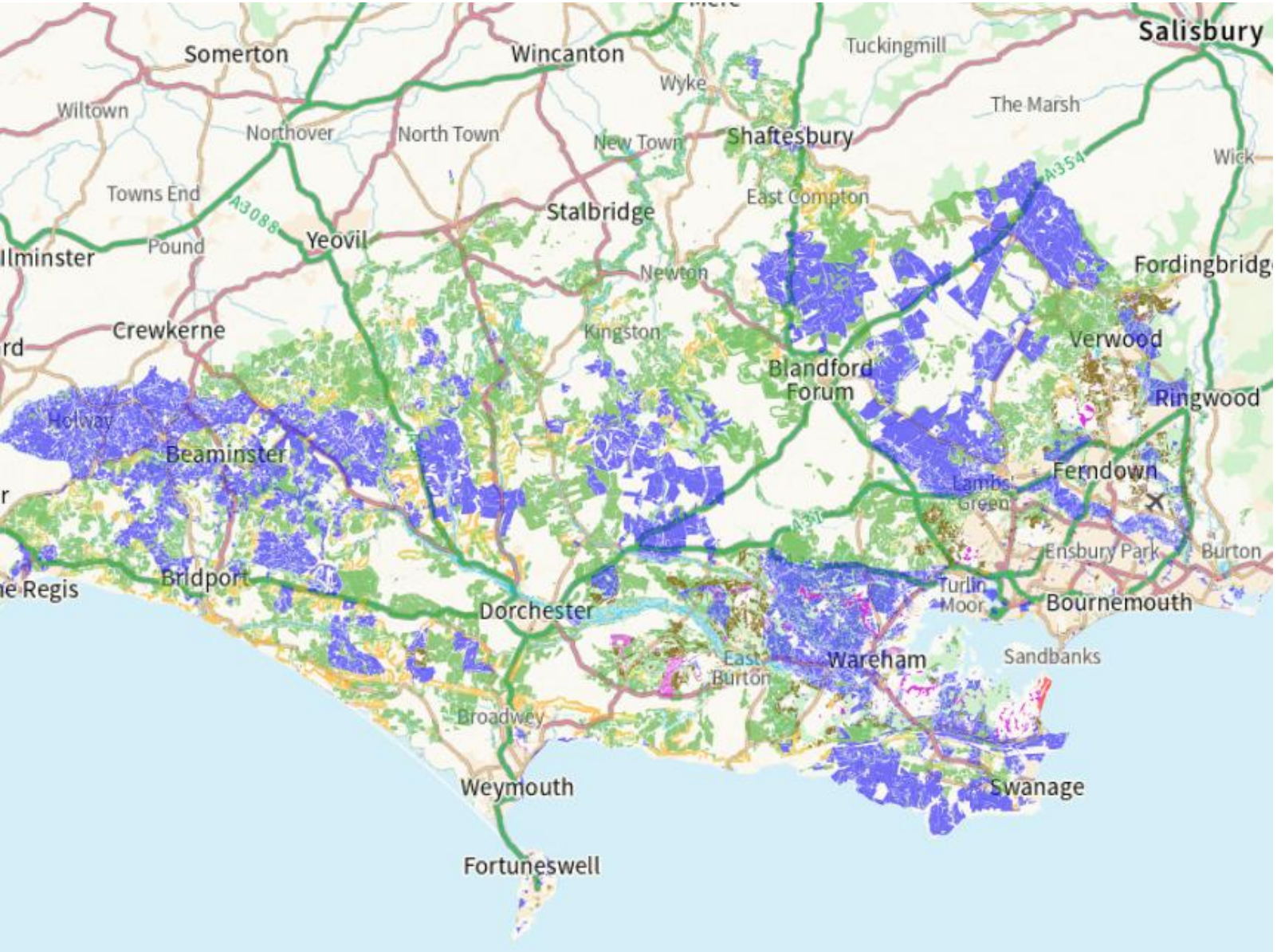
High Opportunity Nature Areas



- Locations where effort should be targeted to achieve the most for nature recovery and the wider environment.
- Selected through:
  - Farmers, landowners and projects putting forward land
  - Modelling of ecological connectivity & ecosystem services
  - Cutting out high grade agricultural land & built environment
- Defra calls this layer: Areas that could become of importance

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Potential activities



- Guide to what activities to do where, to help achieve the nature recovery priorities
- A guide not a prescription
- Site-specific assessments, management plans & expert input still needed to confirm what would work best

- Defra calls this layer: Potential Measures

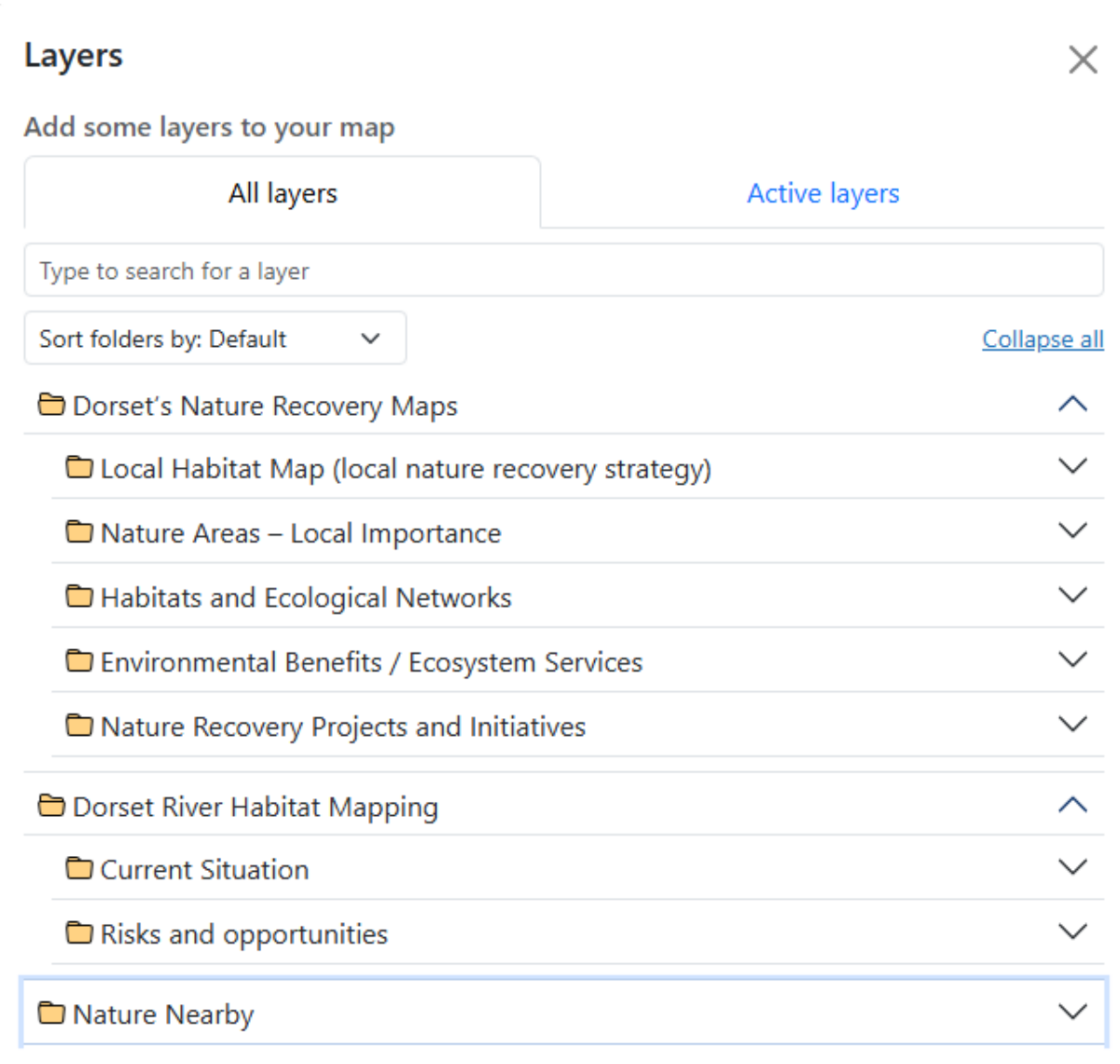
Potential activities

- Primary activity: Habitat mix as per the land manager or project proposa
- Primary activity: create or enhance Heathland or Wetland habitats (382)
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- Primary activity: create or enhance Wetland habitat (3058)
- Primary activity: enhance Intertidal habitat (565)
- Primary activity: create or enhance Wetland and River habitat (103987)
- Primary activity: create or enhance Grassland or Wood Pasture (10127)
- Primary activity: create or enhance Grassland habitat (8430)
- Primary activity: create or enhance Woodland habitat (56389)
- Primary activity: create or enhance Scrub habitat (57)
- Primary activity: Habitat mix as per the ecosystem service opportunities

Lots of other useful maps to enable delivery

Explore the interactive local habitat map and several other layers online on Dorset Explorer





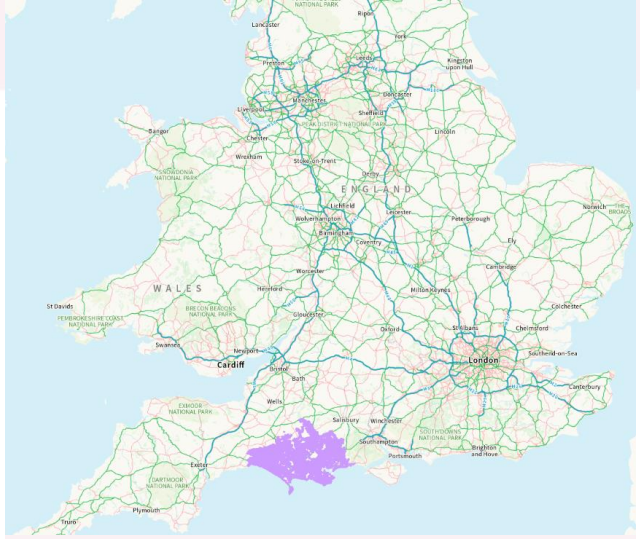
dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/dorset-s-nature-recovery-maps

Using the strategy and maps

This is Dorset's strategy – everyone can use it to enable change, increase consistency and be part of national nature recovery goals

- **Strengthen existing action**
  - Show alignment with the county's shared priorities and local habitat map to strengthen support or funding bids
  - Check for ways to deliver a few more potential activities
  - Use the maps to check how your work joins up with others
  - Help create a shared picture of progress for Dorset
- **Support new action**
  - Find potential activities you could do
  - Use the local habitat map to identify opportunities in your area
  - Encourage others to get involved in a county-wide effort

How else could the local nature recovery strategy help you?



Farmers, Foresters, Landowners & Land Managers

Communities & Individuals

Businesses, Industry & Economy

Public Bodies

Nature & Environment Sector

Partnerships & Connectors

Delivering Local Nature Recovery Strategies





1. Lead and convene a delivery partnership and prioritise delivery
2. Embed LNRS into local decision-making
3. Identify strategic projects and facilitate project development
4. Monitor and report on delivery of LNRS priorities

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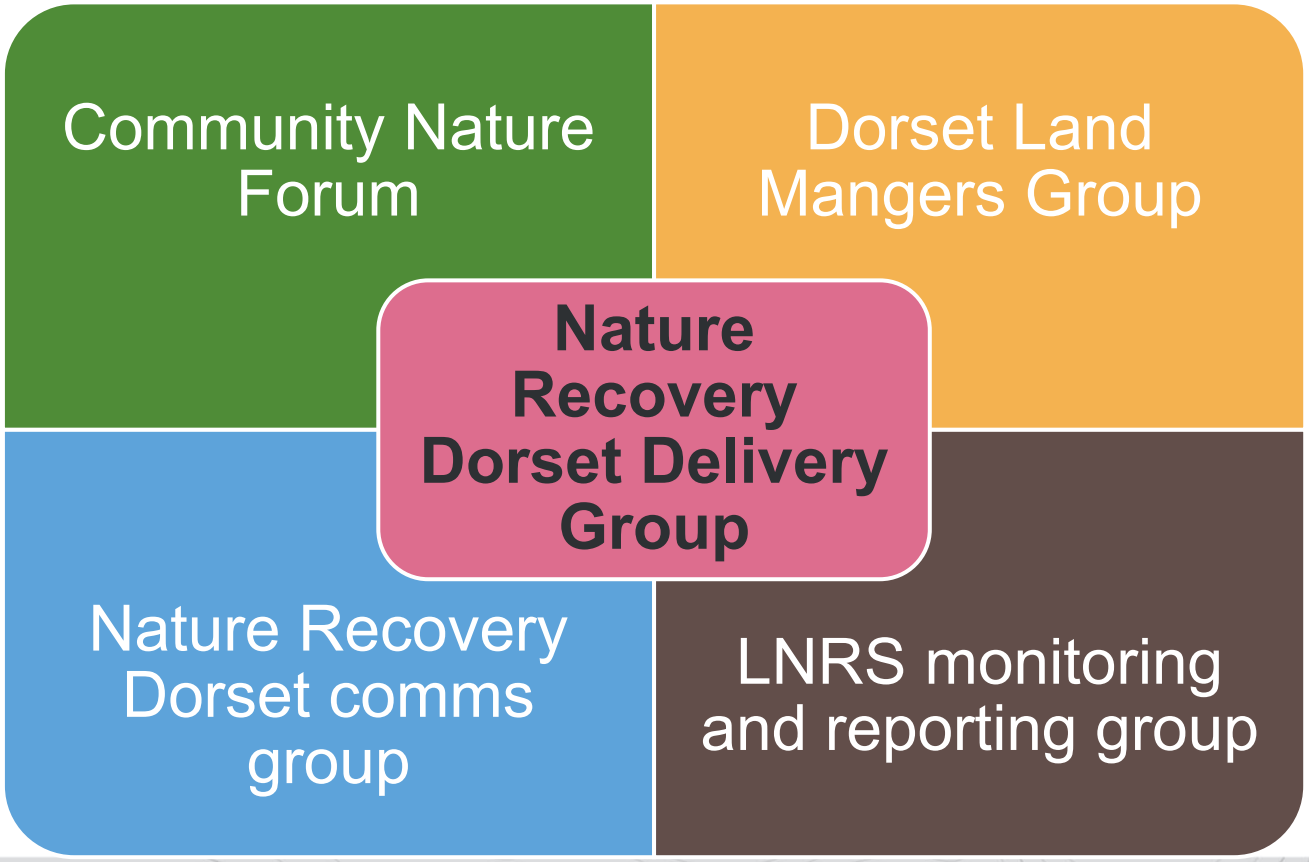




Photo credit: Swift – Tim Downton

Nature Recovery Dorset Delivery Group

Oversee and coordinate the implementation of the Dorset nature recovery strategy ensuring the priorities set out within the strategy are translated into effective and accountable delivery actions that are reported on.

- **Strategic Oversight –** Steer/prioritise delivery - providing direction to LNRS Officers
- **Governance & Assurance -** Advise on key decisions: funding, projects, partnerships.
- **Partnership Leadership -**Represent key sectors and drive cross-sector collaboration.
- **Risk Management -** Identify strategic risks and unblock delivery barriers.
- **Monitoring & Evaluation -** Track progress, outcomes, and learning.
- **Communication & Influence - s**upport high-level engagement and stakeholder communications.

Membership

- Dorset Council
- BCP Council
- Natural England
- NFU
- CLA
- Dorset Climate Action Network
- Dorset Wildlife Trust
- Environment Agency
- Public Health BCP & DC
- Dorset Chamber of Commerce
- Dorset National Landscape
- Dorset Local Nature Partnership
- Community Action Network
- Forestry Commission
- The Parks Foundation
- Bournemouth University
- Farm Cluster Rep
- FWAG Farm Environment Manager
- Coastland College
- Dorset Catchment Partnership

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Dorset Land Mangers Group

A practical, land-manager-led group that accelerates delivery of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy through collaboration, shared priorities, and real-world problem solving

Tackle Dorset's strategic land-use issues

Provides a place to address county-wide challenges e.g.:

- sustainable deer management
- invasive species pressures
- managing climate risks
- balancing food production & nature recovery

Identify and unblock delivery barriers

A problem-solving space where land managers and partners can flag:

- funding constraints
- regulatory barriers
- skills or capacity gaps
- data or evidence needs and work collectively to remove them

Add value to existing work

Aligns with - not duplicates - existing farmer clusters, catchment partnerships, landscape-scale initiatives, and advisory networks



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Community Nature Forum







- Provides policy and strategy context
- Enables practical support and delivery of nature recovery within our towns and villages.
- Identifies barriers and challenges to delivery, action or participation
- Champions nature recovery in the urban environment - promoting delivery and successes
- Contributes to monitoring and data collection



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LNRS monitoring and reporting group



- Advise on implementing Defra's activity reporting data model and standards
- Identify ways to collect, process, and integrate local and national datasets
- Explore innovative monitoring approaches
- Recommend options for presenting data (e.g. dashboards, maps)
- Support consistent communication about data use, submission, and interpretation.
- Help develop a shared picture of progress in Dorset

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Nature Recovery Dorset comms group

A collaborative group that boosts visibility, alignment, and shared messaging for Dorset's nature recovery effort.

Promotes and amplifies each other's work

- Shares upcoming plans, events, and announcements to improve alignment and avoid duplication — making Dorset's collective nature recovery story stronger.

Identifies opportunities for joint campaigns

- Spotlight themes where partners can speak with **one, coordinated voice** — from habitat restoration to species recovery to landscape-scale challenges.

Exchanges best practice

- A space to compare what's working well in public engagement, behaviour change, digital comms, and stakeholder messaging.

Provides comms support to other groups

- Offers practical communication advice in response to issues raised by other *Nature Recovery Dorset* working groups — ensuring clear, consistent external messaging.



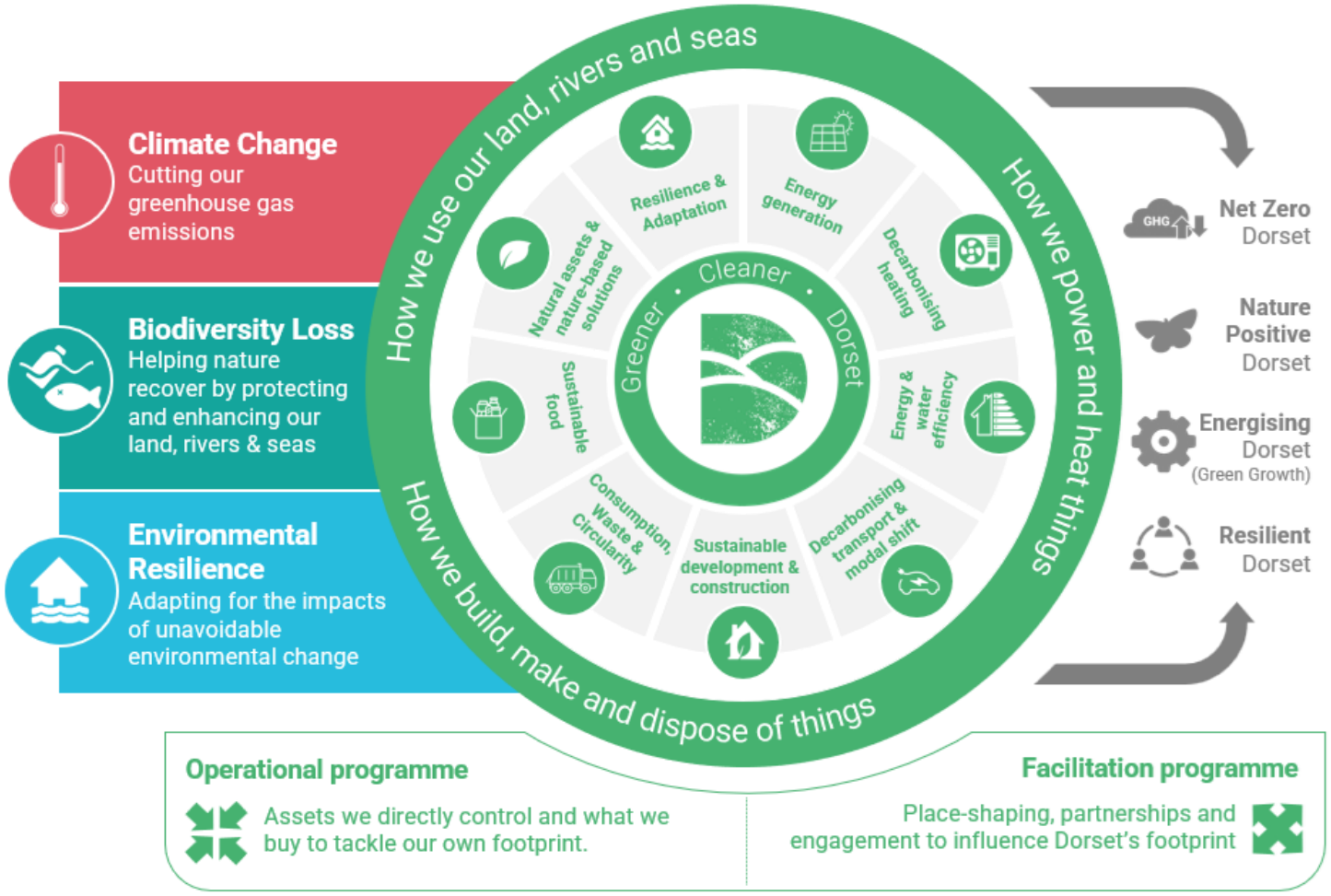
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2. Embed LNRS into local decision-making

Influence decisions

Support use the LNRS

“Have regard” to the LNRS



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3. Identify strategic projects and facilitate project development

Identify new projects using the LNRS

Develop potential projects

use the LNRS to support project design



Ideas

- Marketplace - linking business with projects
- Resources – how to…. stories, guides, find trusted information



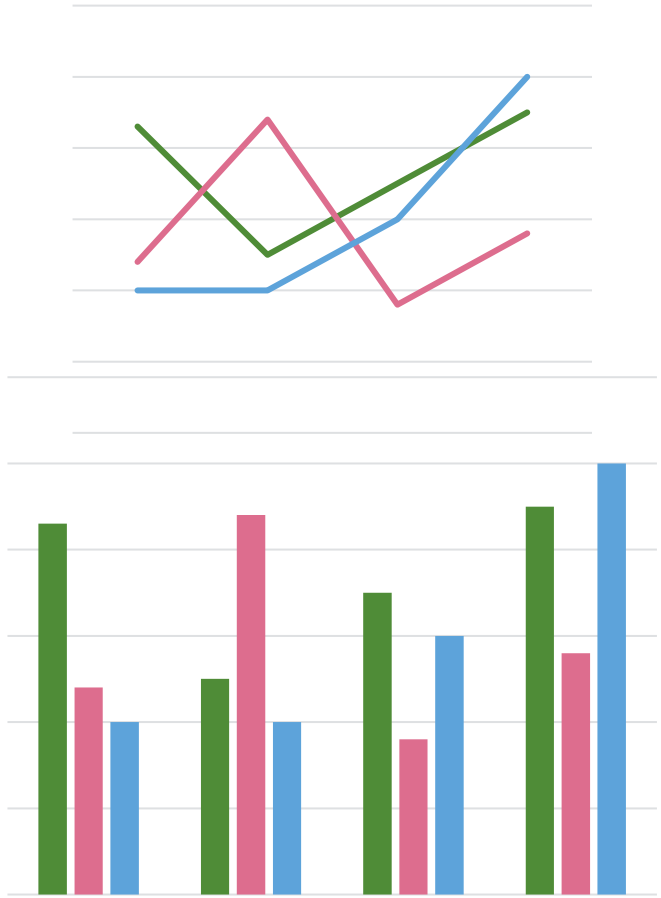
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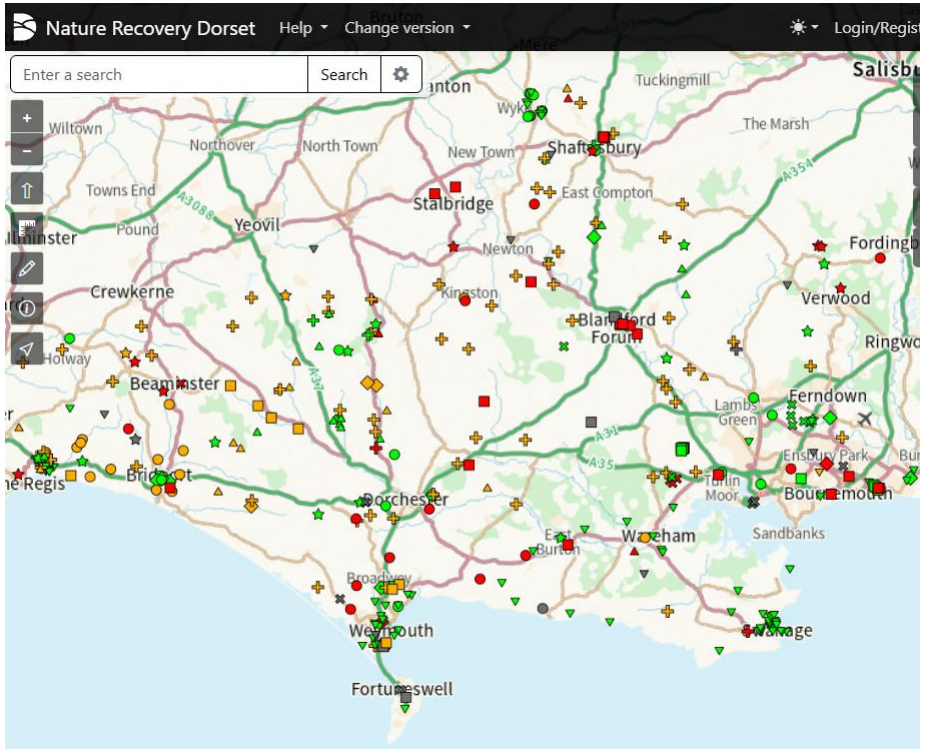
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Track delivery

Identify gaps

Report to Defra, Councils and Public



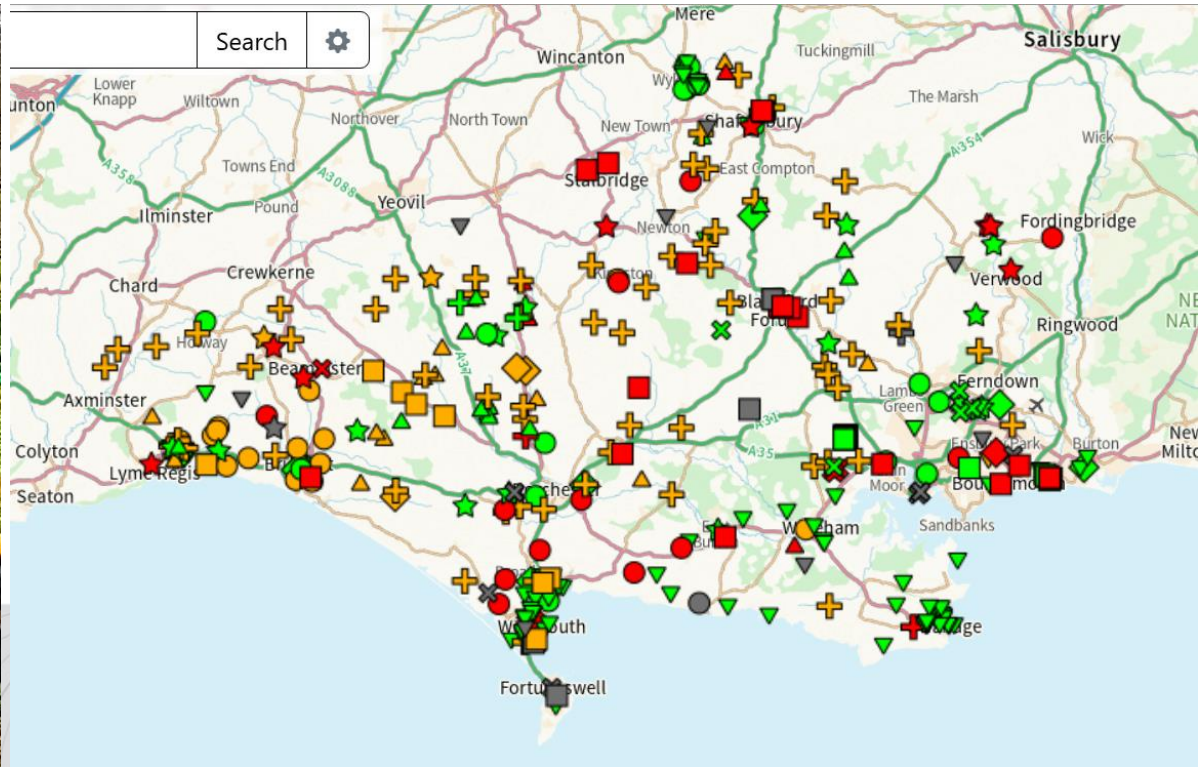


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Nature Recovery Dorset

A growing network of individuals, farmers, landowners, schools, businesses and local groups all working to help restore and protect nature in Dorset.





About the network

- Collective decision from the 76 organisations who helped create the strategy
- Not an exact science, about effort and delivery
- Showcasing what's being done
- Inspiring people to do more
- Interactive map

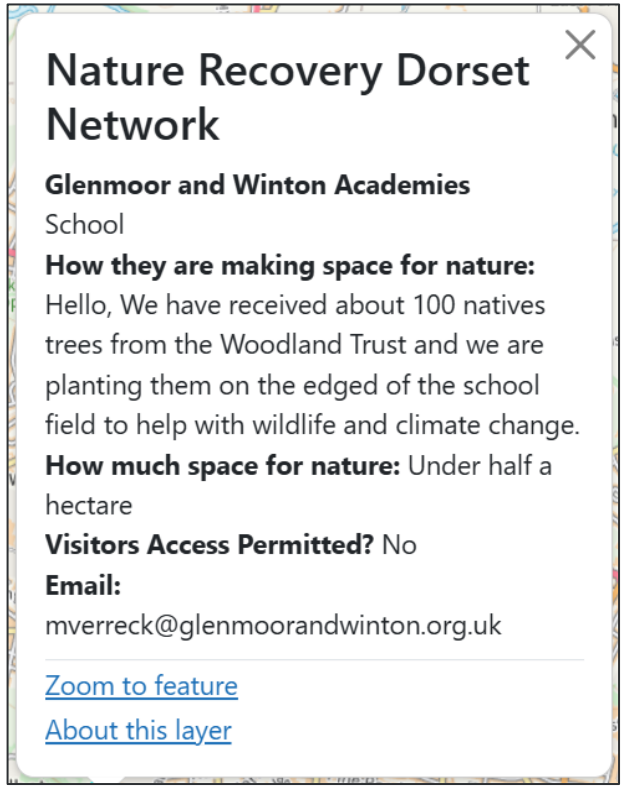
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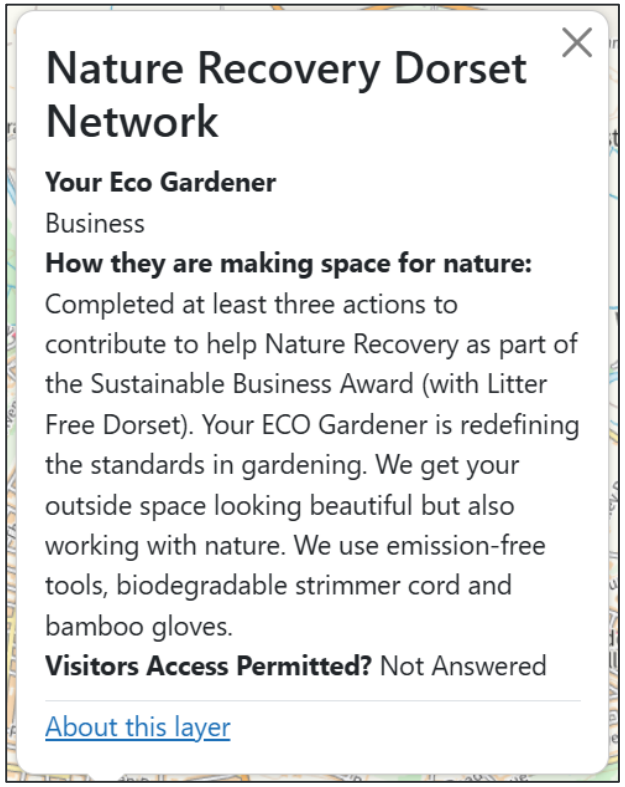
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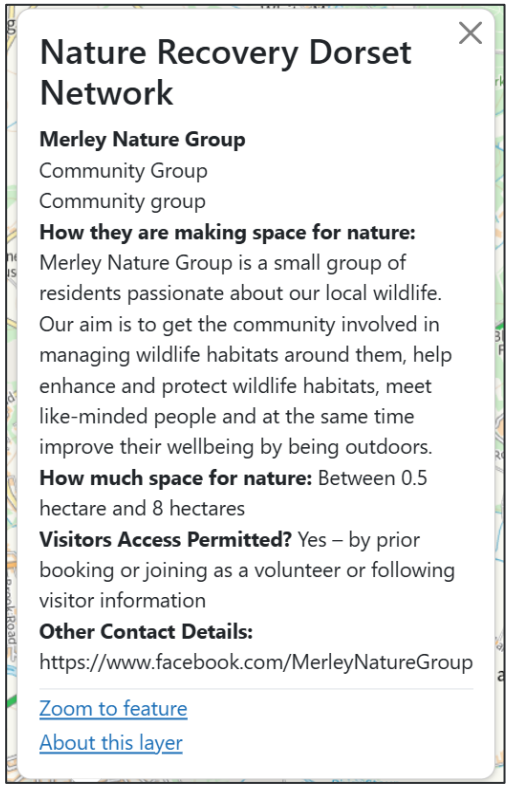
How to sign up to the network

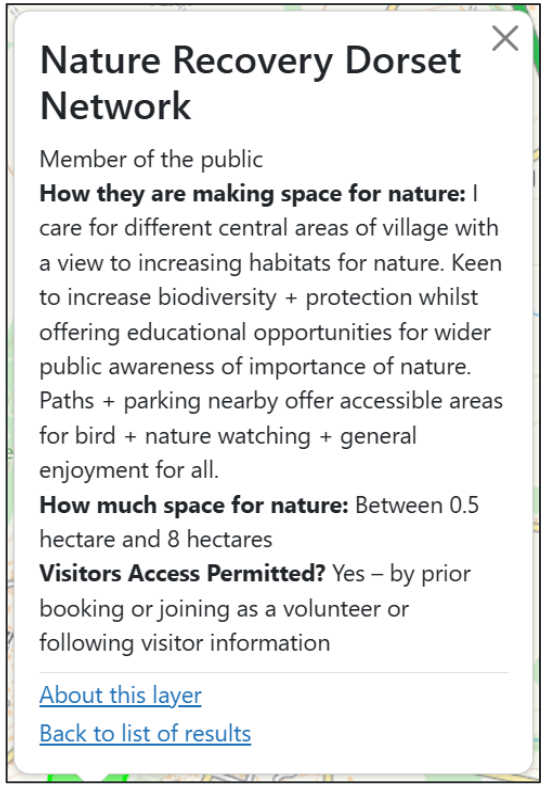
- Go to dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/nrd-network and tell us...
  - About yourself or the organisation / group
  - How you are making space for nature
  - Add your action to the map, if you want to
  - Would you like to receive any resources – window sticker / plaque / pin badge
  - You will receive digital materials - logos, poster & social media templates

Example projects / What shows on the map









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Have you signed up already?

I **have** signed up to the Nature Recovery Dorset Network

I am answering on behalf of my organisation/as an individual* *Delete as appropriate

Are you happy with what the network offers – the map and information Y / N *

As a member of the network would you like to receive ongoing information through:

- A nature recovery newsletter ☐
- Email updates on different nature recovery work across Dorset ☐
- Individual case studies showcasing people doing more for nature ☐



Are there any other ways we would improve the network, or do have any other suggestions?

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I **have not** signed up to the Nature Recovery Dorset Network

I am answering on behalf of my organisation/as an individual* *Delete as appropriate

Why haven't you signed up?



- ☐ I was not aware of the network
- ☐ I don't have a specific project so didn't think I could register – I didn't know if anything I was doing was relevant to the network
- ☐ I could not see a benefit to sign up – please tell us why below
- ☐ I was aware of the network but just never got round to completing the online form
- ☐ I tried to complete the online form – but I didn't finish it – please tell us why below
- ☐ I had a specific concern about signing up – please tell us more below



Please use this space to say why you haven't signed up?

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A completed postcard is your lunch voucher