

Nature Recovery: importance, opportunities and limits

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What is Nature Recovery?

- **Ambition**
- **Strategy**
- **Network**

“The fact is that no species has ever had such wholesale control over everything on Earth, living or dead, as we now have. That lays upon us, whether we like it or not, an awesome responsibility. In our hands now lies not only our own future, but that of all other living creatures with whom we share the Earth.” Sir David Attenborough, 1979



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Why does Nature matter?

- **Critical for our survival, prosperity and wellbeing**
- **Economic benefits from an enhanced natural environment**
- **Physical and mental health benefits / enjoyment of nature**

“We have collectively failed to engage with Nature sustainably, to the extent that our demands far exceed its capacity to supply us with the goods and services we all rely on.” Professor Sir Partha Dasgupta, author of an independent, global review on the Economics of Biodiversity for HM Treasury, 2021

What's happening in Dorset?

LEGACY

- Wildlife conservation has been happening here for decades
- Great examples of successful projects
- Partnerships are at the centre of many successes

INTO THE FUTURE – more and faster

- Agroecology
- Keystone species
- Support of people and communities is fundamental

In Dorset we start with a strong baseline but there's no less urgency for action

What nature recovery can look like



Weymouth Relief Road



Half a million orchids
Half of Britain's butterfly species
< 10 years

