

Cumbria Local Nature Recovery Strategy

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Welcome to the fifth edition of Cumbria's Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) newsletter.

The last few weeks have seen several exciting developments that the team can't wait to share with you! We have produced our first draft of the LNRS with the support from all of our technical experts, and have spent the last few weeks preparing for the pre-consultation period, which is a key part of the process when developing the LNRS.

We would like to express our gratitude to anyone who has helped us get to this point and to our Supporting Authorities for their continued support. To help us promote our strategy and website, please share these updates with your networks

Exciting Progress and Upcoming Public Consultation

Early 2025 marks a pivotal moment in the development of Cumbria's Local Nature Recovery Strategy. On the 21st January, we presented the pre-consultation draft to the Westmorland and Furness Council Cabinet and Supporting Authorities (Cumberland Council, Lake District National Park Authority, Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, and Natural England).

This pre-consultation period, mandated by Defra Regulations and Guidance, allows these key organisations to review our draft strategy and mapping work. Their feedback, including approvals and recommended improvements, will be invaluable as we refine the strategy before launching the public consultation.

We recently had the opportunity to present our work and strategic approach to a panel of local and national representatives from Natural England, along with Defra's arm's-length bodies.



We anticipate receiving their feedback by mid-February, which will allow us to finalise plans for the public consultation launch in Spring 2025.

Public Consultation

Following the pre-consultation period, the LNRS team will be launching the formal public consultation in the Spring, subject to approval from our Supporting Authorities.

The consultation is a key part of the LNRS development process and will continue to build on the positive engagement activities that have taken place already.

The consultation will support the wider promotion and communication of the LNRS whilst also providing a clear process for gathering key feedback and comments from anyone who wishes to participate. Any comments gathered from consultation will go through a rigorous assessment process to check suggestions align to the scope and purpose of the LNRS before being adopted, and a summary of responses will be published online within a reasonable time from the consultation ending.

The team will be running an online survey for anyone who wishes to participate to have their say, and will be hosting several drop-in sessions around Cumbria for you to be able to find out more about what the LNRS is, what it contains, and how to take part in the consultation.

The 6- week consultation period, the link to the survey, and the locations of the drop-in sessions will be announced in the next newsletter and on social media as soon as the team have confirmation of the dates.

A Huge Thank You to Beth Moore!

The LNRS team wishes to express its sincere gratitude to Beth Moore (Strategic Lead for Engagement) for her exceptional contributions to the LNRS development. Beth's dedication and expertise have been instrumental in maximising public engagement with the strategy, and her efforts are deeply appreciated.

We are pleased to announce that Beth will remain with Westmorland and Furness Council and will be moving to the role of Nature Manager. Beth will lead a small team responsible for transitioning the LNRS into delivery.

The LNRS team wishes Beth every success in her new position.

Next steps

Your feedback is essential, and we want to ensure that you have a chance to contribute your insights and experiences. We encourage you to stay informed on the LNRS as it develops and reaches consultation by visiting our website at cumbrialnrs.org.uk. By doing so, you can keep updated on all opportunities to participate including the consultation which will take place in Spring 2025.