

Cumbria Local Nature Recovery Strategy

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Following approval from all our Supporting Authorities, **the Cumbria LNRS will go to public consultation on the 12th of May 2025**. The consultation will be open for six weeks, closing at midnight on Sunday, June 22nd. The LNRS team extends their gratitude to everyone involved in reaching this significant milestone.

Please watch our short video and share with your networks: [Cumbria Local Nature Recovery Strategy consultation launch - YouTube](#)

Public consultation events

Throughout the six-week public consultation, the Cumbria LNRS team will host a series of in-person events and online drop-in sessions across Cumbria. Detailed information on how to participate in the consultation and attend these sessions is available on our website [Public Consultation | Cumbria Local Nature Recovery Strategy](#)

Online webinars

Throughout the six-week consultation, the LNRS team will host a weekly online Microsoft Teams session every Friday morning. During

these sessions, we will present information about the LNRS and guide you on how to participate in the consultation. For those unable to attend live, a recording of one of these sessions will be made available online in the coming weeks.

In person events

The Cumbria LNRS Team will be hosting drop-in sessions at libraries across Cumbria and within Westmorland and Furness Council anchor buildings. These sessions offer an opportunity for the public to meet the team and ask any questions regarding the consultation

process. While feedback shared during these sessions will not form part of the formal consultation response (as all responses must be submitted via the online citizen survey), the team will provide additional support and guidance. We will also be available to discuss and offer advice on accessibility requirements. By increasing public awareness of the LNRS through these sessions, we aim to ensure the strategy truly reflects the voices of all communities.

Completing the consultation

The consultation comprises of two key components: the [Statement of Biodiversity Priorities](#), which outlines our written objectives, and the [Local Habitat Map](#), visually representing some of these priorities and potential measures. We recommend reviewing both elements before completing the consultation survey. While the survey is comprehensive, you are not expected to answer every question. Please feel free to focus on the sections that are most important and relevant to your interests.

A recap of the LNRS

The LNRS has been split into eight habitat or species themed chapters :

- Overarching
- Woodlands, trees and scrub
- Moorland, heathland and montane
- Grasslands and limestone pavement
- Wetland and freshwater
- Coastal and estuarine
- Built environment
- Species recovery

For each chapter, the pressures and threats on that aspect of our biodiversity are summarised, along with the opportunities for nature recovery and the wider benefits they would bring. Each chapter then outlines **a long-term vision** for nature recovery, **a small number of priorities** that identify what we want to achieve over the next 3-10 years, and the **potential measures**

that could be taken to help achieve our priorities.

An introduction to the Local Habitat Map

The potential measures identified in the Statement of Biodiversity Priorities that relate specifically to habitat restoration or creation are displayed on our Local Habitat Map in locations where they would be particularly beneficial. However, areas outside of these mapped locations may still be suitable for delivering the measure.

The Local Habitat Map shows opportunities; it does not mandate protection or any change in management.

Some potential measures are not mapped, either because they don't directly relate to habitat enhancement, restoration, or creation, they are considered to be equally beneficial anywhere across the county, or there is insufficient data to know where they should be mapped. Even though a potential measure may not be mapped, it is still considered to be an equally important part of nature recovery.

The Local Habitat Map is an interactive map that is available online. It allows you to zoom in to different areas of the county and get details on the different potential measures that are identified in different places. The potential measures form nature recovery networks that are grouped by habitat theme. These can be viewed all together or individually by turning off unwanted layers.

Please read the [Local Habitat Map User Guide](#) prior to accessing the map.

Further information: On behalf of the LNRS team, we look forward to seeing you at one of our sessions and receiving your consultation responses. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us directly via email at cumbria.lnrs@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk