Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin Local Nature Recovery Strategy

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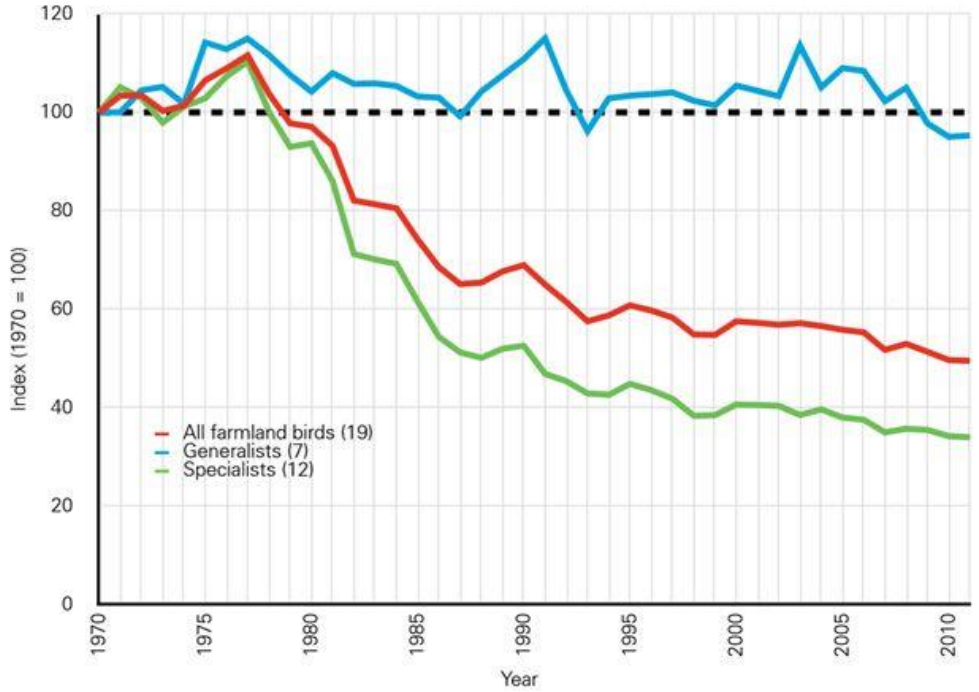
Forestry Commission

Environment Agency

Why the need for LNRS?

- It's a legal statutory requirement of the Environment Act 2021
- Public bodies, inc. T&PCs, now have an enhanced duty to maintain and enhance biodiversity
- Reverse current trends
- Fragmented habitats and faltering ecosystem functions; flooding, drought, soil health, carbon capture etc
- Additional benefits such as health and wellbeing, tourism
- Align action to county priorities and bring stakeholders together
- Potential to target funds (Biodiversity Net Gain, Nature Restoration Fund, funding bids)
- Provide guidance for landowners and others interested in nature recovery



Source: UK State of Nature Report 2023

What is the LNRS?

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- LNRS are produced by a Responsible Authority in partnership with a large range stakeholders.
- Shropshire Council is the Responsible Authority for the LNRS for Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin.
- Telford & Wrekin Council and Natural England are Supporting Authorities within the process.
- Purpose is to focus funds and resources for action for nature

1. Statement of Biodiversity Priorities

2. Local Habitat Map

Preliminary LNRS Map

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Designated Sites = brown

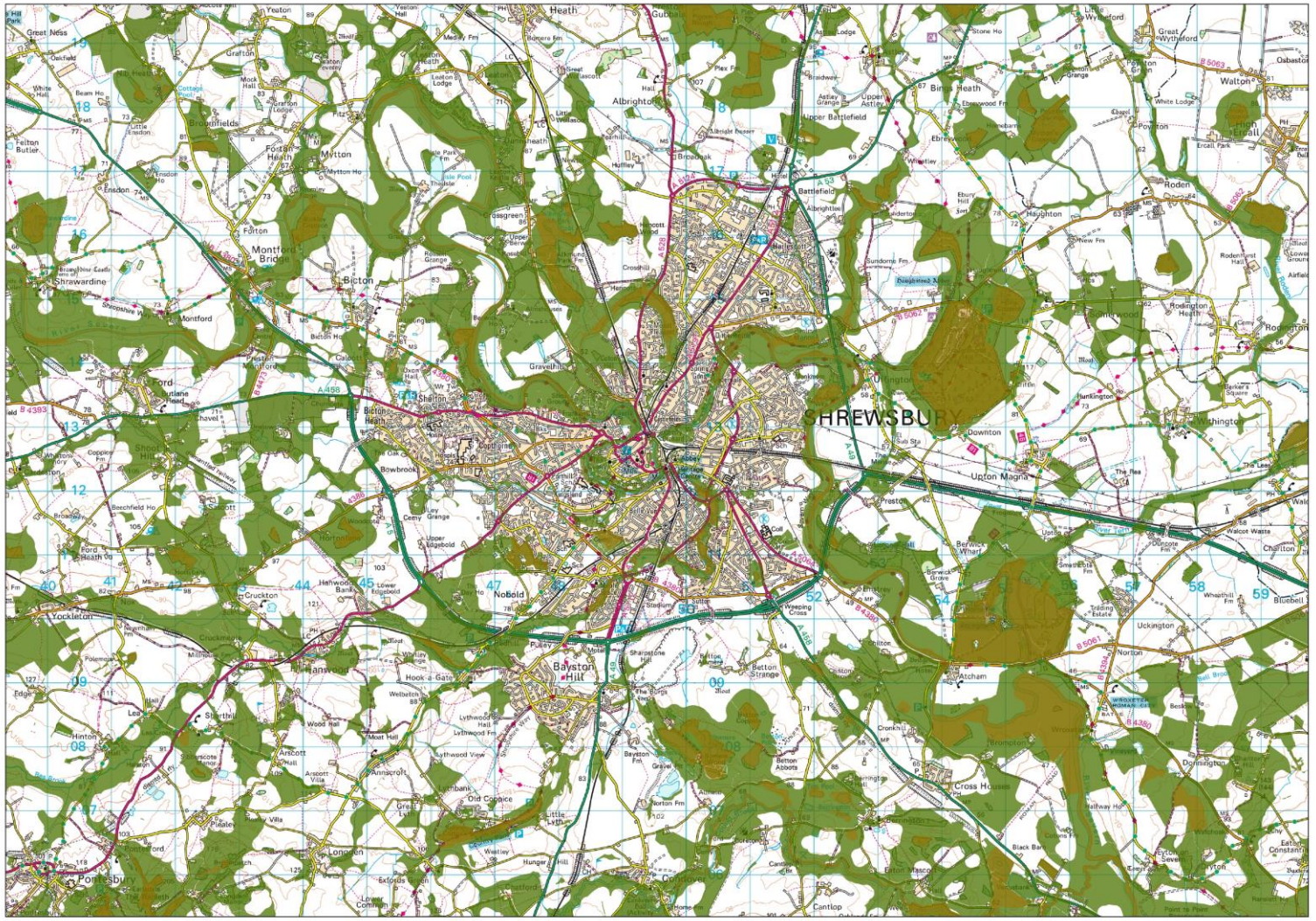
The pale green areas show;

- priority places where nature recovery actions would be most effective
- places with potentially higher habitat value

Map based on the preliminary mapping

Refinement needed

Feedback will amend the maps




SHREWSBURY
Rossall Grange
Rossall Farm
Lion Lodge
Grove Farm
Business Park
Severn Way
Rossall Lodge
Villa Farm
Boat House
Oak Coppice
Home Farm
Almshouses
Berwick House
Berwick Lodges
The Box
Alkmund Park Farm
Alkmund Park Wood
Crosshill
Hencott
Holiday Park
School
Works
Library
Schs
Sundorne Farm
Sundorne Castle Farm
Sports Ground
Udlington
Spring Coppice
Powys Coppice
Willow Pool
Corporation Gardens
Gravelhill
Round Hill
Mount Pleasant
Heathgates
Golf Driving Range
Shropshire Way
The Gables Farm
Emley Manor
Udlington Farm
Oxon Hall
Pool Wood
Hospice
Laundry Terrace
Gravel Hill Farm
Greenfields
Ditherington
Underdale Hall Farm
Monkmoor Farm
Monkmoor
Sewage Works
Brickkiln Bridge
Uffington
Shelton Rough
Field House
Water Works
Bicton Heath
Shelton
Coton Hill
Spring Gardens
Underdale
Manor Farm
Bridge Farm
Castlefields
Mountfields
Frankwell
Office
River Severn
Canal (disused)
Bank Cottage
Corner Farm
Oak Farm
Hospital
Copthorne
Cherry Orchard
Playing Field
Brickyard Cottages
El Sub Sta
The Manse
Mytton Oak Road
Bowbrook
Porthill
School
Kingsland
CATHEDRAL
Shirehall
Weir Hill Farm
Ferry House
Preston Farm
Preston Boats
Preston
Lower Woodcote Farm
Woodcote House
Ashleigh
Crowmeole
Upper Woodcote Farm
Belle Vue
Offices
Playing Field
College
Quarry Wood
Moat Wood
Upper Edgebold
Oakfields
Nobold House
Meole Brace
Rea Brook
Meole Brace Golf Course
Sutton
Longner Hall
Raven's Nest
Emstrey Rough
Big Wood
Mount Edgebold
Lyndene
ROMAN ROAD
GREAT
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Mapping process

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- Mapped vs unmapped measures – requirement of the strategy
- Aim of the mapping is to identify priority areas for nature recovery
- Expand and link up the existing ‘good bits’ (AOPIBs)
- Provide an information resource and wider strategic context
- Oxford University computer program combines multiple data sets – land type and land use – to find areas with the best potential for habitat creation actions
- Potential actions will be mapped in the consultation version of the map
- Likely to be numerous options for actions in each parcel
- Feedback will be sought to refine the map

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Draft Priorities

Grouped by habitat:

- Wetlands
- Woodlands
- Trees, hedgerows and connecting features
- Heathlands
- Grasslands
- Open habitats and habitat mosaics
- Farmed land
- Built environment
- Also developing cross cutting priorities such as access to nature and education

Draft Priorities examples

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- Restore and create new ponds with good water quality
- Restoration of natural ecosystem function in the headwaters
- Address the flood and low flow issues seen in Perry catchment
- Creating new hedgerows and restoring ones in poor condition
- Restoration of roadside verges to diverse wildflower corridors
- Incorporate wildlife corridors in new developments
- Promotion of wildlife friendly gardening practices
- Planting and better management of urban trees
- Restore & expand ancient & long-established woodland
- Enhance buffers and quality of riparian zones

Built Environment priorities (1)

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B1	Implement water management features to slow the flow of water and to deliver a range of benefits to wildlife and people.
B2	Provide opportunities for wildlife to live, nest, roost and rest in urban areas.
B3	Provide excellent quality, multifunctional green space in urban environments.
B4	Enhance, create, appropriately manage and reconnect corridors of wildlife habitat within urban areas.
B5	Reduce light pollution.

Built Environment priorities (2)

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B6	There are more trees and hedgerows in urban environments, and they are well planted, supported during establishment and well managed.
B7	Implement the planting of hedgerows and creation of other linear connecting features around development sites.
B8	Urban greening opportunities provide habitats including bare ground, heathland, grassland, scrubland and open mosaics support a range of species.
B9	Urban planting provides sources of nectar, food and shelter for a range if species throughout the year.

Timescales

- Input was sought on draft map and priorities via events in Jan
- Draft strategy by May
- NE, TW and SC approvals
- Public consultation in Summer
- Incorporation of feedback
- Adopted strategy before the end of the year
- Delivery, monitoring and review