



**Cumbria
Local Nature
Recovery
Strategy Pilot
Scheme**

**Update
Bulletin –
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Pilot Area Team

The Pilot Area Team meets fortnightly to review progress on delivery of the LNRS Pilot. The 3 AONBs (Arnsdale & Silverdale; North Pennines and Solway Coast) and Cumbria Wildlife Trust now also sit on the Pilot Area Team, alongside a representative from each of the local planning authorities in Cumbria (the six district councils and both National Parks), Cumbria Local Nature Partnership (CLNP), Cumbria Local Enterprise Partnership (CLEP), Natural England, Environment Agency, the Forestry Commission and Cumbria County Council (as the Responsible Authority).

Progress so far

We held an on-line engagement event on the 4th November to introduce the LNRS process, explain how to get involved and capture initial thoughts about data sources, LNRS outcomes and how to start prioritising these. Consultants 3KQ ran this via Zoom with a virtual Concept board and breakout groups. This was attended by over 40 people representing a range of organisations and interest groups including farmers and local estates – individual landowners and the organisations such as NFU and Farmer Network; nature conservation bodies such as Cumbria Woodlands, Woodland Trust, CWT, Rivers Trusts; partnerships including the AONBs, LNPs and the LEP as well as Solway Firth Partnership; and other interested parties including parish councils, local heritage groups and Cumbria University. A summary report of this event will be sent out to all attendees and will be made available on the Cumbria County Council website.

There are 5 clear steps to follow in the delivering the LNRS. The CLNP nature recovery network mapping group has been tasked with producing the initial baseline habitat map (Step 1). This is to include details of national designated sites as required by DEFRA; details of Local Nature Reserves and County Wildlife Sites. In addition, this group is looking at what other local habitats should be considered for inclusion on this initial baseline map. Part of the learning from the Pilot schemes is to establish a consistent approach to the range and level of data that authorities will be required to include at this stage.

Step 2 is to provide a written narrative description of the LNRS area and some initial assessment of the potential for nature recovery across the different areas across the county. A working group has been established to coordinate this with the CLNP providing additional capacity to support partners completing the sections for their area.

What happens next

We are aiming to have Steps 1 and 2 completed by the end of November so we can move onto Step 3 looking at the nature recovery outcomes we would like to deliver across Cumbria and beginning to think about how we can prioritise these. The engagement session on 4th November started the ball rolling on this with some good ideas from participants.

The working groups mentioned above will be in contact with individual partners for their input to Steps 1 and 2 where appropriate. In addition, the Pilot Area Team is now planning further engagement sessions with the wider group of stakeholders as we move into the next steps of agreeing a long list and subsequent short list of priority nature recovery outcomes for Cumbria. We are hoping this can be arranged before the end of December and will be in touch with details as soon as possible

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Information on the project will also be made available on the Cumbria County Council website.
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Cumbria Local Nature Partnership lunchtime talk series

To find out more about nature recovery why not register for the weekly lunchtime talks organised by CLNP. The next session (24th November) will be by Prof Sir John Lawton who will be talking about 'Making Space for Nature: Past and future'. You can register using the following link <https://my.demio.com/ref/ThgbntV8Wlp2Ujh8> or for more information contact Paul Evans on PaulE@cumbriawildlifetrust.org.uk