



**Cumbria
Local Nature
Recovery
Strategy Pilot
Scheme**

**Update
Bulletin**
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As we are getting nearer to the end of the Pilot we thought it would be helpful to give a reminder of the purpose of this Pilot; where we have got to in the process and also to explain how we see our work on a nature recovery strategy for Cumbria continuing beyond the current Pilot scheme.

Purpose of the Pilot

In the Pilots we are not just testing what a LNRS should look like but also the process for creating it, including how to most effectively work on it together with a wide range of stakeholders. This will inform the statutory guidance that Defra produces for the national roll-out of LNRSs.

We have 5 distinct steps to work through, all within a fairly tight timescale of just over 6 months.

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
Adding local data to the map	Written description of LNRS area	Identifying outcomes and priorities	Potential measures to achieve outcomes	Mapping suitable locations for delivery of measures
Oct-Nov 2020	Nov-Dec 2020	Jan-Feb 2021	Feb-Mar 2021	Feb-Mar 2021

Where have we got to

We held an initial on-line event in November to raise awareness and provide information on the Pilot and how people could get involved.

Following submission of the baseline habitat map and written description in December we have been able to start work on the next Steps - developing a list of nature recovery outcomes and looking at potential measures and locations. We held an event in early February to start more detailed discussions and are now working through the feedback provided so far.

It has been very challenging working to this tight timescale without the ability to meet face to face. We know there are more conversations to have and more people we need to speak to.

When we submit our Draft LNRS to Defra at the end of March this will still be a working draft, and as part of the Pilot we will also be making recommendations on what further work we would like to do to improve it.

We are planning another on-line event to share what we have been able to produce within the Pilot timescale and to find out what further involvement people would like to have in this work going forward.

Continuing work on a Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Cumbria

The learning from all 5 Pilots will be used to inform the final legislation and guidance that will be issued when the Environment Bill gets Royal Assent (currently anticipated to be Autumn 2021) and the production of a LNRS will then become a statutory requirement for all local authorities. The final Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Cumbria will therefore not be completed or adopted until after this official roll-out commences, which is anticipated to be from April 2022.

In the meantime we want to continue working with everyone interested in contributing to the LNRS for Cumbria so that we are in a good place to produce a final version when it becomes a statutory requirement.

Keep in touch

Further information on the LNRS Pilot - including copies of previous Update Bulletins- can be found on the county council website here - cumbria.gov.uk/planning-environment/lnrs/default.asp

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