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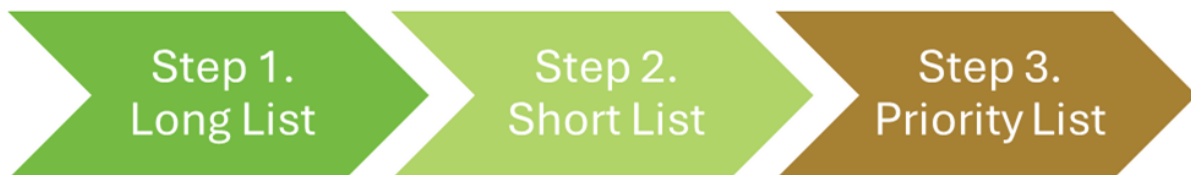
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Introduction

Hello and welcome to the third edition of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) newsletter. Read on to find out how the LNRS has been progressing between May - August. It's been a busy few months, and we've made significant progress which we would like to share with you.

Nature Recovery Update

Species Recovery



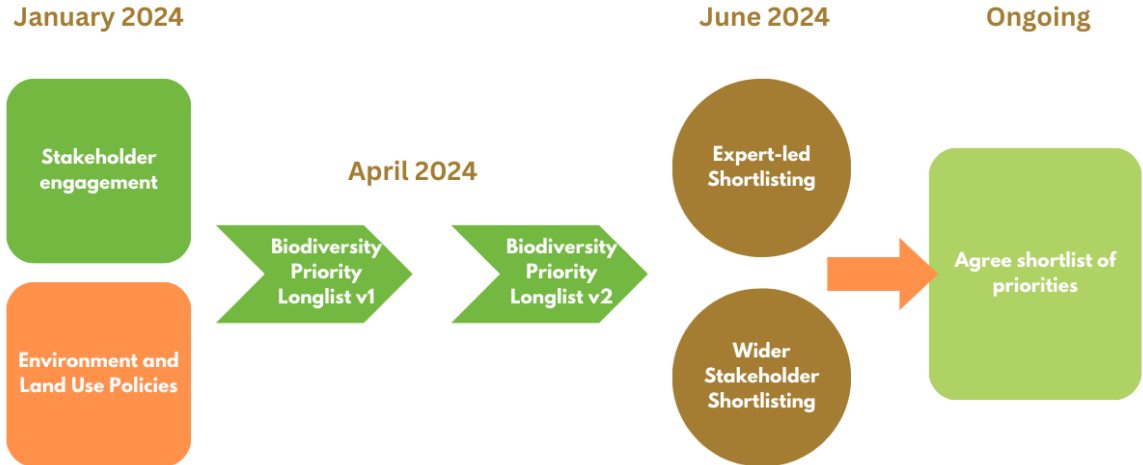
The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Environmental Record Centre (CPERC) have now completed their list of priority species in the region.

From an initial list of 746 species, we developed a working group to assess the importance of each species to the area based on three criteria of threat, significance, and deliverability. This, along with further expert input and feedback from the public, enabled us to arrive at a list of 141 priority species for the LNRS, including species such as kingfisher, bittern, frog orchids, brook lamprey, barbastelle bats, and West European hedgehogs.

Further steps to refine this list, with suitable designated sites and potential measures for specific species, are underway.

Habitat Prioritisation Process

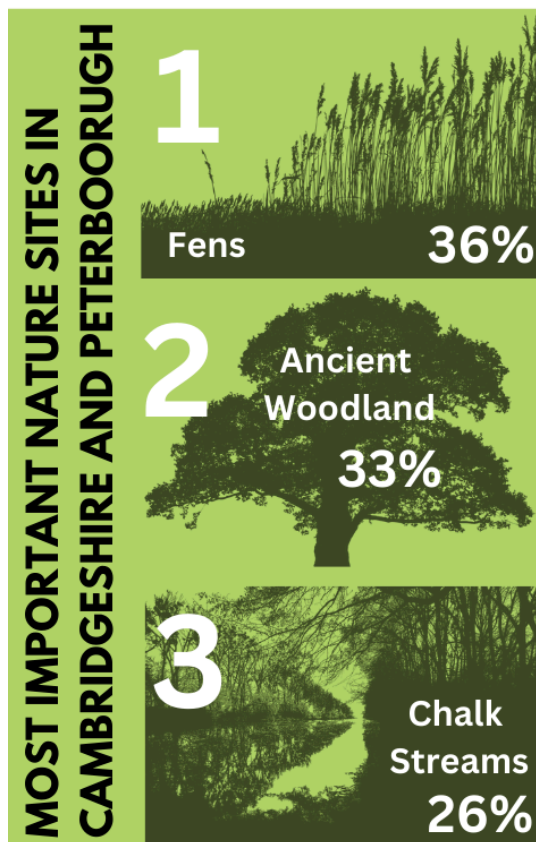
To accompany the species work, we held an expert-led prioritisation workshop on 11 June to help determine our priorities and potential measures for habitats within Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, with additional help from the public survey (more below). We are now in the process of finalising the habitat priorities for the LNRS.



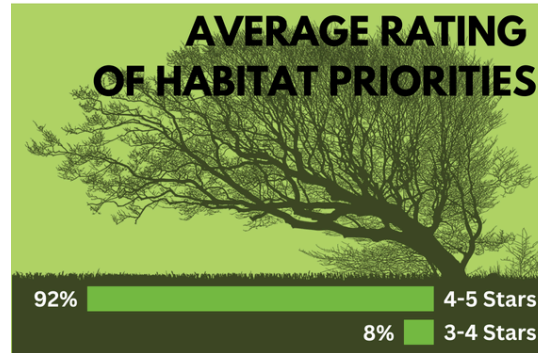
Survey Results

In the last newsletter, we promised to share the results from our 'Have your Say' survey released in April. The results were very informative for us, with the three largest concerns being climate change, development (such as housing and transportation), and the quality of our water. You also considered fens, ancient woodland, and chalk streams to be the three most important habitats within Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. This feedback has helped inform our habitat prioritisation list and the measures we will implement to help nature recovery in our region.

Subsequent to the prioritisation workshop on 11 June, we then undertook a public survey to review the priority habitats chosen and to get your feedback on these and their importance to Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. We received almost 400 responses, so a big thank you to everyone who was able to take part. Overall, the feedback we received was incredibly positive, with all except two of the twenty-four habitat priorities getting an average



rating of at least 4 out of 5 stars in terms of their importance. Because of your feedback, we have been able to incorporate a number of your suggestions into the wording of the priorities.



New LNRS Website

We are currently developing a new web presence for the LNRS within the [Natural Cambridgeshire](#) website, where you will be able to find all our up-to-date information on the LNRS.

Please check back on the Natural Cambridgeshire website later this month and we will provide an update in the next issue of the newsletter.

Newsletter

You may have noticed that our newsletter is now hosted using Microsoft Dynamics 365. If you are receiving this newsletter then you will have been automatically added to the new mailing list. However, any new subscribers can sign up using the following link [to the subscription page](#).

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Submit your photos!

We are currently on the search for photos representing people and nature for use within the LNRS.

If you would be interested in contributing to the LNRS, you can submit your best nature photos within Cambridgeshire and Peterborough [to the photo request form](#). Photos submitted have the chance to be included in the strategy or on our website, and the deadline for entries is 5pm Friday 4 October 2024.

News

[Holme Fen National Nature Reserve peatland restoration project – Natural England \(blog.gov.uk\)](#)

Natural England have recently released a blog on the work being done to restore peatland at Holme Fen.

[‘Really special’: Farm near London to be rewilded to enable new housing in Essex | Rewilding | The Guardian](#)

The Guardian have released an article on a rewilding project currently taking place in Essex, and how this relates to Biodiversity Net Gain.

[Flood and Water newsletter July 2024 \(govdelivery.com\)](#)

Cambridgeshire County Council have started a Flood and Water newsletter, with information on how flood risk is being managed in the Cambridgeshire area.

Next Steps

Next steps for the LNRS are to:

- Finalise our priorities and potential measures, for both species and habitats.

- Finalise mapping methodology and start mapping the outputs.
- Complete the written strategy draft prior to the consultation later in the year.

Keeping in touch

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