



**Cambridgeshire & Peterborough**  
LOCAL NATURE RECOVERY STRATEGY



*Photo courtesy of Pamela Abbott*

## **Local Nature Recovery Strategy Newsletter**

### **February 2025**

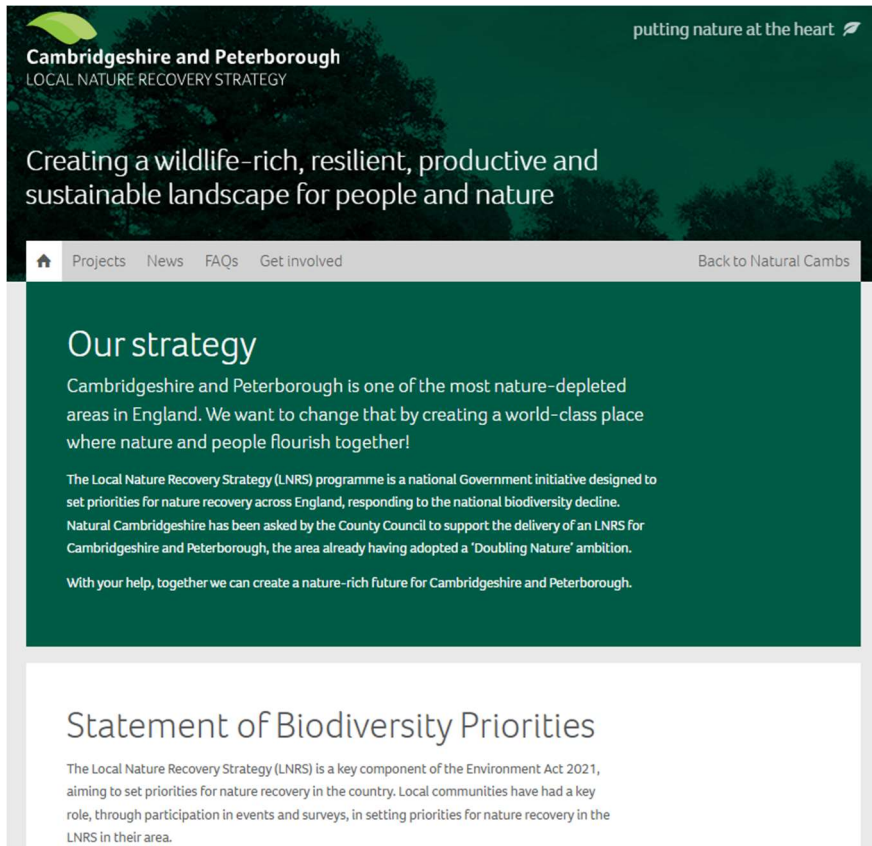
#### **Introduction**

Welcome to the fourth edition of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) newsletter.

Our last newsletter was in September, and since then our main focus has been on the mapping of our habitat priorities and potential measures, with our mapping outputs being presented for the first time at a stakeholder workshop in December with a follow-up workshop this February.

# Nature Recovery Update

## Website



Our new fully-featured website is now live, and is available to view here!: [Natural Cambridgeshire - Local Nature Recovery Strategy](#). You can find our latest information such as timelines, case studies, news and an FAQ page. We will be adding further information in the coming months on current projects so please do check back in for further information.

## Timelines

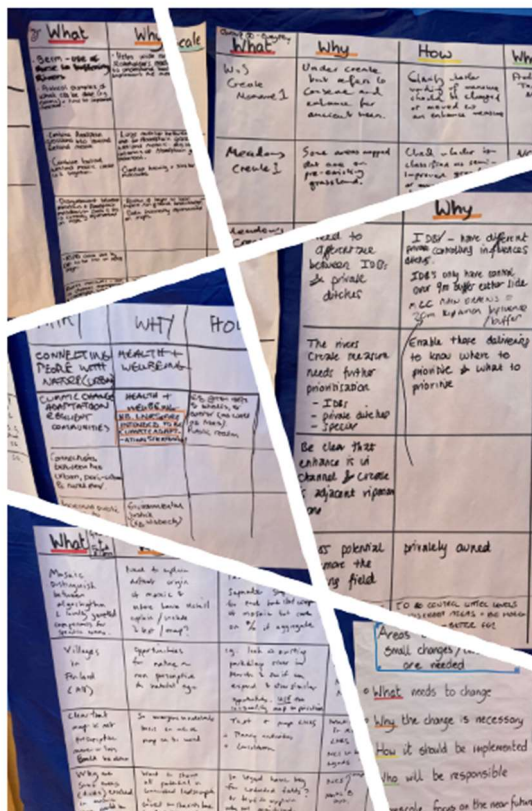
To allow for more time to develop the LNRS, we have made the decision to extend our timelines for this year.

The consultation will now take place later in the summer of 2025, with the publication date of the LNRS planned for the end of 2025.

Pamela Abbott, director of Natural Cambridgeshire, recently gave a talk at the Natural Cambridgeshire Partnership Forum on the 11 December, where she gave an update on the progress of the LNRS and an overview of the revised timelines.

You can find Pamela's talk on our website [here](#).

## Mapping workshop



We arranged a workshop on 4 December with a follow-up workshop on 13 February to present the mapping work that has been completed so far.

Members of our steering group and local ecologists were present to review the printed maps and measures, and our external GIS consultants, NCS, were there to present on the methodology.

It was great to see everyone come together to look at the printed maps for the first time. The outcome from the workshops has been really positive and feedback given on the day has been taken away to be incorporated into the final mapping.

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Thank you to everyone who took part in our request for photos! As you may have seen, we added a prize element to encourage as many of you to be involved as possible.

I am pleased to announce the winner was Chris Barton, who sent in this beautiful sunrise near Ely.

They won 4 tickets to see the winter lights at Wimpole Estate and their photo will appear in our final Local Nature Recovery Strategy document!

Even though the competition is now closed, we are still eager to see your photos and they could still be included in the final strategy.

If you would like to send us your photos, please send to [localnaturerecoverystrategy@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:localnaturerecoverystrategy@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)



## News

### [Strawberry Hill saved! £1.5m raised to purchase and protect unique rewilding site for nature | Wildlife Trust for Beds Cambs & Northants](#)

Wildlife Trust BCN have been able to save Strawberry Hill in Bedfordshire for rewilding following one of their largest ever fundraising appeals.

### [HOME | Nature Connectedness Network](#)

The University of Derby and Natural England have collaborated to set up a new site, 'Nature Connectedness Network', which aims to explore how spending time in nature can play a role in different areas of life and work.

### [I was in despair about the environmental crisis. Then I volunteered to clean up my local park | Conservation | The Guardian](#)

An article from the Guardian on the wellbeing benefits of conservation volunteering.

## [Entries for our 2025 Photography Competition are now open! | Nene Park Trust](#)

If you are interested in further photography competitions, Nene Park Trust have set up their own in 2025 for photos of the park and is running throughout the year.

## Next Steps

Next steps for the LNRS are to:

- Finalise our habitat priorities and potential measures.
- Tweak our current mapping based on feedback from our two mapping workshops.
- Prepare for the consultation taking place in the summer.

## Keeping in touch

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