

# Your thoughts on a Nature Recovery Strategy for Warwickshire

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The Government has asked Warwickshire County Council to prepare a Warwickshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy. This strategy is to be produced by taking the views from all those that benefit from or impact on nature. That is every business, every organisation and every resident.

Through a detailed habitat mapping initiative across Warwickshire, we have identified existing valuable ecological areas and locations with potential for biodiversity enhancement. This aligns with the vision of Lawton's "Making Space for Nature" report, which calls for the creation of 'more, bigger, better and connected' wild spaces. To explore this we have created a map which shows existing designated areas like Local Wildlife Sites and identifies potential areas for enhancing connectivity between these crucial habitats. You can view this map at <https://maps.warwickshire.gov.uk/greeninfrastructure>.

When we asked people about our Sustainable Future Strategy, biodiversity was the top concern, with 90% of respondents indicating that "Improving the richness and diversity of Warwickshire's habitats, wildlife and landscapes" is very important or important to them.

This survey is your chance to share your thoughts and ideas more specifically as we develop a Local Nature Recovery Strategy. Please share your views on how we can best protect and improve Warwickshire's natural environment.

## How to take part

There are several ways you can share your thoughts on the Local Nature Recovery Strategy, whether you prefer to participate individually or as part of a group:

- Complete this paper survey and return it to the address below.
- If you prefer you can complete this online at [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/ask](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/ask).
- If you need a specific format or language, you can request this by email ([naturalcapital@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:naturalcapital@warwickshire.gov.uk)) or telephone (01926 418060).
- You can also send a written response directly by email to ([wcslnp@wkw.org.uk](mailto:wcslnp@wkw.org.uk)) or by post to:

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## Background questions

Please help us understand a little more about who has responded to this survey by answering a few background questions.

### How did you hear about this survey?

*Please select all that apply*

- Local Nature Partnership mailing/leaflets
- Warwickshire County Council website
- A Warwickshire County Council social media account (i.e. Facebook, X, Instagram)
- 'Nextdoor' App
- Other community social media group (e.g. local Facebook group or page)
- Other website or social media
- Town or parish council
- Local media (TV, radio, print or online)
- Warwickshire County Council consultation and engagement mailing list alert
- Word of mouth
- Other (please state)

### Are you providing a formal response on behalf of a group or organisation?

*Please select only one item*

- Yes - I am submitting a formal response on behalf of a group / organisation
- No - I am providing my own individual response

### Why are we asking this?

We will consider all responses. However, if you want your response to be noted as a formal response made on behalf of an organisation or group, we need to know who it has been made by. (Please note details of organisations that have made a formal response may be published). If you would prefer you can submit a formal response directly in writing and details for how to do this are on the overview page.

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## ***Completion instructions***

If you are providing a formal response, please answer Questions A – C below.  
If you answered No to the previous question, please go to Question 3 overleaf.

### Formal responses only

#### **A - Please provide details about the organisation or group your response is for:**

Organisation name:

Your role / position:

Please briefly describe how the views were gathered / approved:

#### **B - Are you are happy for any comments to be attributed to your group or organisation:**

*Please select only one item*

Yes, our submitted comments can be quoted and attributed.

No do not attribute comments

#### **C - Can we list your organisation or group as having provided a formal response?**

*Please select only one item*

Yes

No

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## Background questions continued ...

**Please tell us where you live (or undertake your role if this is your main reason for responding):**

*Please select only one item*

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> North Warwickshire Borough   | <input type="checkbox"/> Live or work in Coventry   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough  | <input type="checkbox"/> Live or work in Solihull   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rugby Borough                | <input type="checkbox"/> Work countywide or in more than one district/borough of Warwickshire |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stratford on Avon District   | <input type="checkbox"/> Work across the region (Coventry / Solihull / Warwickshire)          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Warwick District             |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify below) |   |

## Which of this best describes your role in completing this survey?

If more than one of these apply, please select the one that is the most relevant to your response today.

*Please select only one item*

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> General public<br><i>Please skip to SECTION 1</i>   | <input type="checkbox"/> Education sector organisation or employee<br><i>Please skip to SECTION 3</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Private organisation or business (including agricultural / farming / farm tenancy)<br><i>Please skip to SECTION 3</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Authority body or employee <i>Please skip to SECTION 3</i>             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elected member of a council or Parliament (including parish and town councils)<br><i>Please skip to SECTION 3</i>     | <input type="checkbox"/> Other public body or employee <i>Please skip to SECTION 3</i>                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary/community sector organisation or employee<br><i>Please skip to SECTION 3</i>                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental professional/ specialist<br><i>Please skip to SECTION 2</i>    |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other<br><i>Please specify below, then skip to SECTION 1</i>                 |

Other:

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## ***Completion instructions***

The next set of questions are broken up into sections depending on your answer to Q4.

SECTION 1 – please answer this if you selected ‘General public’ or ‘Other’.

SECTION 2 - please answer this if you selected ‘Environmental professional or specialist’.

SECTION 3 - please answer this if you selected any other option.

## **SECTION 1**

**Do you own or manage an area of land?** (This does not include private gardens unless these cover an extensive area of land).

*Please select only one item*

Yes (Please skip to SECTION 4)

No (Please skip to SECTION 5)

## **SECTION 2**

**Please tell us your job role / specialist staff area in the space below:**

**Does your role involve management of land owned by your organisation?**

*Please select only one item*

Yes – I have a land management role on behalf of a landowner. (Please skip to SECTION 4)

No. (Please skip to SECTION 5)

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## SECTION 3

This survey includes detailed questions intended for people and organisation who own or manage land. The question below will direct you to the most relevant question set.

- If you are an elected member of a council that owns land **and your role with the council relates to this**, please select "my role / response is connected to this".
- If you are a tenant farmer, please select "my role / response is connected to this".

### Does your organisation or business own or manage land?

*Please select only one item*

- Yes – my role / response is connected to this. (Please skip to SECTION 4)
- Yes – but my role / response is NOT connected to this. (Please skip to SECTION 5)
- No. (Please skip to SECTION 5)
- Don't know. (Please skip to SECTION 5)

**If you wish you can provide more detail here:**

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## SECTION 4

### Landowners and land managers (including businesses, organisations and agriculture)

The Warwickshire, Coventry and Solihull Local Nature Partnership (LNP) has been set up to encourage all parties to work together for the benefit of nature in the area. Anyone who owns or manages land has an important role to play in nature recovery.

### Please indicate which of the following best approximates to the size of your landholding:

*Please select only one item*

- Less than 5ha
- 6-20ha
- 21-50ha
- 51-100ha
- More than 100ha

### Does your land include any of the following habitats?

*Please select all that apply*

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bog / marsh   | <input type="checkbox"/> Heathland / moorland |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brownfield site(s)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Hedgerows            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Farmland  | <input type="checkbox"/> Orchards             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fresh water<br>(e.g. ponds, streams, rivers, lakes, reservoirs) | <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grassland / meadows   | <input type="checkbox"/> Woodland             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)  |   |

### Explanation of terms

- **Brownfield sites** are previously developed areas of land that have been built on or altered by human activity and have been since left and are not currently in use.
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**Which of the following best describes your landholding interests:**

*Please select only one item*

- Agriculture / farming
- Business
- Charity
- Private landowner
- Community landowner
- Other (Please specify)

## ***Completion instructions***

**If you selected Agriculture / farming, please answer the questions overleaf. If you selected all other options, please skip to 'Landowners thoughts'.**

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## If you selected Agriculture / farming ....

Farm owners, tenants, managers and all who work on farms influence outcomes over nearly three quarters of the Local Nature Partnership (LNP) area. Therefore, farming not only needs a strong voice on the LNP but also the LNP needs to know what constraints and opportunities will help or hinder the industry achieving these goals.

**Which best describes you:** *Please select only one item*

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Farm owner             | <input type="checkbox"/> Farm contractor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Farm tenant            | <input type="checkbox"/> Farm advisor    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please specify) |  |

## Have you seen blossom on your hedgerows this spring?

	Yes	No	Maybe / Unsure
Willow			
Blackthorn			
Hawthorn/May			
Other (please specify)			

Other:

## Have you heard/seen any farmland birds on your land this spring?

	Yes	No	Maybe / Unsure
Yellow hammer			
Corn bunting			
Turtle Dove			
House sparrows			
Other (Please specify)			

Other:

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**Have you seen any butterflies on your land this year?**

	Yes	No	Maybe / Unsure
Orange tip			
Brimstone			
Small Tortoiseshell			
Red Admiral			
Peacock			
Speckled Wood			
Other (Please specify)			

Other:

**Have you seen any barn owls on your land this year? *Please select only one item***

Yes

No

Don't know

**Have you seen any other of the following wildlife on your land in recent years?**

*Please select all that apply*

Hedgehog

Toads

Brown Hare

Great Crested Newts

Frogs

Other (please specify)

**7 What would make it easier for you to improve biodiversity /wildlife on your farm?** This might include for example advice and support, appropriate funding, or help with species counts / monitoring / surveying.

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## Landowners' thoughts

**In general, do you believe the natural environment on your land has declined or improved in the last 10 years? Please select only one item**

- Declined a lot
- Declined a little
- Stayed the same
- Improved a little
- Improved a lot

**Are you involved in activities to improve the environment / reverse decline on land you own or manage?**

*Please select only one item*

- Yes
- No

**If yes, is this to improve:**

*Please select all that apply*

- Fauna
- Soil
- Flora
- Water

Please tell us more about these if you wish:

**Are you currently in a paid scheme to improve wildlife on your land or the land you manage?**

*Please select only one item*

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

**If yes, please indicate which scheme and how long you have been in it:**

Details of scheme / number of years.

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**Are you taking any voluntary (non-paid) actions to improve the environment?**

*Please select only one item*

Yes

No

Not sure

**If yes, please tell us more:**

**Are you working with others to improve the environment in your surrounding area?**

*Please select only one item*

Yes

No

Not sure

**If yes, please tell us more:**

**If no would you be willing to work with others to improve the environment?**

*Please select only one item*

Definitely not

Probably not

Possibly / undecided

Probably

Definitely

**Would you be prepared to commit to 30% of your land being in good environmental management - for example no / limited pesticides or herbicides, habitat creation etc?**

*Please select only one item*

Definitely not

Probably not

Possibly / undecided

Probably

Definitely

Already doing this

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**Do you have any thoughts on how landowners can contribute to improving the natural environment?**

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## SECTION 5

**This section has questions broken down into** a number of different topics - some may not be relevant or of interest to you. You can answer the questions on as many, or as few, of these topics as you would like. Please leave any you do not wish to answer blank,

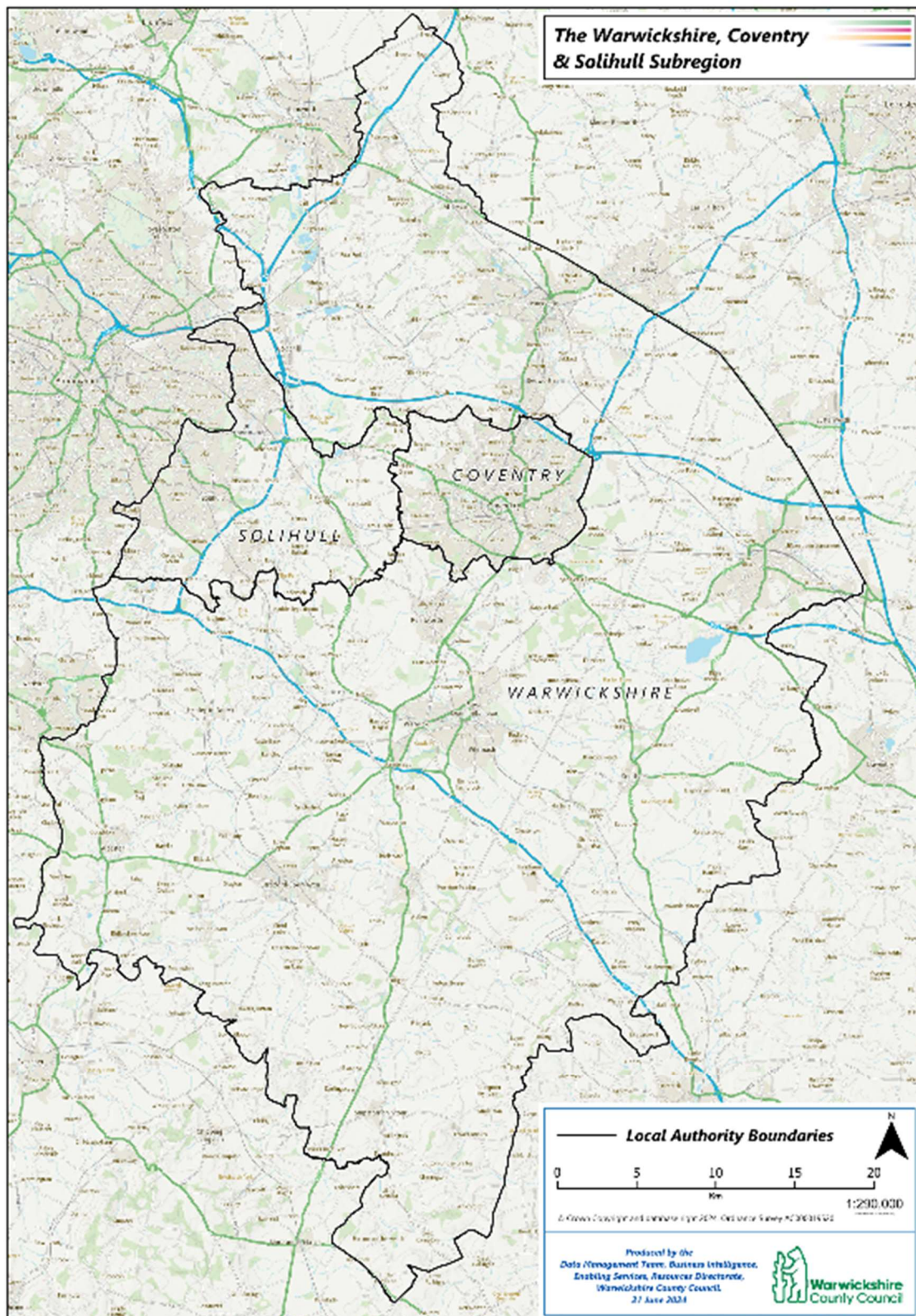
The topics you can select from are:

1. Overall thoughts on the natural environment / biodiversity
2. Thoughts on your local area
3. Communication and involvement
4. Business
5. Local Nature Partnership
6. Strategy and priorities
7. Roles and responsibilities

# Your thoughts on a Nature Recovery Strategy for Warwickshire

## 1. Your thoughts on the natural environment and biodiversity

We want to understand your thoughts on nature and wildlife in general in our area (Warwickshire, Coventry, and Solihull).





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**To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements:**

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
I am interested in nature and wildlife.					
I think having access to green spaces with wildlife is important.					
I consider myself to be knowledgeable about nature and wildlife.					
I do things to help or improve 'nature or wildlife' personally or professionally.					
More needs to be done to help protect habitats.					
More needs to be done to protect and enhance species (wildlife).					

**In general, do you think that the natural environment/biodiversity has declined over the following timescales:**

	Declined a lot	Declined a little	Stayed the same	Improved a little	Improved a lot	Not sure
Over the last 10 years						
Over the last 20 - 30 years						
Over the last 40 - 50 years						

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**If you think it has declined, what factors do you think have caused this?**

	Major cause	Partial cause	Not a cause	Don't know
Agricultural methods				
Changes in land use				
Chemical / pesticide use				
Climate				
Gardening				
Housing planning				
Leisure activities				
Habitat loss				
Species invasion				
Tourism				
Travel choices / Transport planning				
Other (Please specify below)				

Other

**How important is it to take positive action to enhance areas for wildlife in:**

	Not at all important	Of little importance	Neither important or unimportant	Important	Very important	Don't know
Coventry						
Solihull						
Warwickshire						

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## 2. Your local area

**Please tell us the nearest town or village where you live:**

(Please don't give us specific details such as your address, street or postcode)

### Your thoughts on your local area

We're keen to get your thoughts on what the natural environment, green spaces and wildlife are like in your local area.

- The natural environment encompasses all living things (plants & animals) and non-living things (rivers, rocks, soils) that exist around us.
- Green spaces can be anywhere publicly accessible to you in your area, (parks, forests and woodlands, fields and meadows and even small open spaces on your housing estate or allotments) where you might go to relax, unwind, play or walk your dog.
- Wildlife are the amazing creatures including birds, mammals, insects, fish, reptiles and amphibians (anything that isn't a pet!) that live naturally in these green spaces.

**In general, how would you rate the natural environment and wildlife in your local area?**

*Please select only one item*

Very poor

Poor

OK

Good

Very good

**How often do you spend time in natural / green spaces?**

	Daily: 5 or more times a week	Frequently: 1-4 times a week	Occasionally: 1-3 times a month	Rarely: 1-6 times a year	Never
Within 5 minutes of where you live					
Within 15 minutes of where you live					
30 minutes to one hour from where you live					
Over an hour away from where you live					

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## Are there any locations that are particularly important for wildlife in your local area?

*Please select all that apply*

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Allotments                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardens           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canal                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Local park        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community green space              | <input type="checkbox"/> Streams or rivers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fields                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Roadside verges   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Green roofs                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Woodland          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please tell us about these) |  |

## Are there any habitats in your local area that you think need improving to enable them to thrive?

*Please select all that apply*

- |  |   |
|--|---|
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## Are there any species in your local area that you think need help to thrive?

*Please select all that apply*

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Amphibians<br>(e.g. toads, frogs, newts)             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invertebrates<br>(e.g. bees, wasps, beetles etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Birds  | <input type="checkbox"/> Mammals   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grasses, sedges and rushes                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Mosses and liverworts                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ferns and horsetails                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Reptiles  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Freshwater fish                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Trees and shrubs                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fungi  | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildflowers                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Galls<br>(e.g. Oak Apple Galls, Robin's pin cushion) |  |

## Explanation of terms

- **Sedges** are grass-like flowering plants.
- **Horsetails** are also known as scouring rushes or snake grass and are unique spore-producing vascular plants.
- **Fungi** are neither plant nor animal! Most commonly in nature you may think of fungi as different types of mushrooms.
- **Galls** are bumps, lumps, and growths you sometimes see on leaves, twigs, stems, or even flowers of various plants.

## If you wish you can provide more detail here

## What, if any, nature conservation activities are you aware of in your local area?

*Please select all that apply*

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation volunteers     | <input type="checkbox"/> Nature conservation areas              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local action days           | <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Plan /Neighbourhood Plan        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local Wildlife Group(s)     | <input type="checkbox"/> Re-wilding of verges and shared spaces |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please tell us more) | <input type="checkbox"/> Tree planting                          |

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**What support could help improve biodiversity in your area? Please select all that apply**

- Information about the plants and animals in your area and how you can help them thrive.
- Training to gain practical skills on how to create a more biodiverse environment, like building a wildlife pond or planting a pollinator garden.
- Grants for funding to support your biodiversity efforts, such as creating a wildlife haven in a community green space or park.
- Coordination of events so you can participate in community activities focused on improving local biodiversity.
- Talks and presentations on local wildlife and ongoing initiatives.
- Other (please specify)

## Your local area - final thoughts

**How have you defined your 'local area' when you answered the previous questions?**

*Please select only one item*

- Your local neighbourhood  
e.g. street, estate
- Your village or town
- Your parish
- Another area – please specify.

**Would you be willing to take positive action for wildlife on land that you look after or own?**

*Please select only one item*

- Definitely would not consider / don't want to
- Might consider
- Would definitely consider / want to
- Already do quite a lot
- N/A – don't own or look after any land

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**As individuals we can all make a contribution to enhancing nature and wildlife even if only on a small scale. Thinking about your own behaviour what if anything is likely to stop you from doing something to help?**

*Please select only one item*

- Capability – I don't have the knowledge, skills or abilities
- Opportunity – I don't have time/space/money or need help / support
- Motivation – I'm not interested or inspired
- I have done, or do this already

**If you wanted to make a change, what would help or encourage you to take action?**

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## 3. Communication and involvement

### What do you think is the best way of engaging communities in biodiversity projects?

*Please select all that apply*

- Volunteer Days /Action Days/ Practical Events run by local biodiversity experts
- Coffee Mornings attended by local biodiversity experts to talk about local initiatives
- Fetes/fair with stands from local wildlife groups highlighting projects
- Wildlife Walks with a focus on spotting and learning about local wildlife
- Newsletters about what's going on and how to get involved with local wildlife projects
- Other (please specify)

### Would you be interested in getting involved in citizen science projects?

#### What is Citizen Science?

Citizen Science is when the public voluntarily helps conduct scientific research. Citizen scientists may design experiments, collect data, analyse results, and solve problems. Examples of Citizen Science might be counting or reporting species (such as Garden Birdwatch or the Big Butterfly count), collecting water samples and data, or tagging.

*Please select only one item*

- Yes                                       No                                       Maybe

### Who could have a role in communicating the value of nature and the environment and encouraging people to get involved?

*Please select all that apply*

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> General public  | <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary/community sector organisations                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local authorities   | <input type="checkbox"/> Education sector organisation or employee                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local Nature Partnerships   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other public body (i.e. Natural England, Defra or the Environment Agency) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Private organisations or businesses (including agricultural / farming)          | <input type="checkbox"/> Everyone  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elected members of a council or Parliament (including parish and town councils) |  |



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### How important do you think education and communication about climate change is in relation to biodiversity?

*Please select only one item*

- Not at all important
- Of little importance
- Neither important or unimportant
- Important
- Very important

### Have you heard of the Warwickshire, Coventry and Solihull Local Nature Partnership (LNP)?

*Please select only one item*

- Yes
- No
- Not sure
- I am / my organisation is a member of the LNP

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## 4. Business

The following questions are aimed at anyone who owns or manages a business within Warwickshire. Please answer in terms of actions taken for nature through your business. If this is not relevant to you choose another section to complete.

The business and commercial community has an enormous part to play in nature's recovery as many will have direct links to natural capital such as food sources, air quality and water resources as part of product or within supply chains. Additionally, co-benefits will be important such as a healthy workforce.

We are exploring what the business and commercial sectors' needs and concerns are for natural capital and how the deterioration of natural capital is affecting or could affect your business models. We would like to know how the Local Nature Recovery Strategy will support a vibrant, thriving, commercially successful and yet sustainable economy.

### Are you doing anything as a business to improve the environment?

*Please select only one item*

Yes

No

Not sure

**If yes, please specify:**

**"Natural capital refers to Earth's stock of natural resources: geology, soils, air, water, and all living organisms. These resources provide essential ecosystem services, like clean air and water, that underpin our economy, society, and ultimately, human life."**

**Were you already aware of the term/meaning of natural capital?**

*Please select only one item*

Yes

No

Not sure

**How does natural capital influence your day to day business operations and decisions?**

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**What challenges are you facing that are influenced by the state of our natural capital, with reference to the items below?**

## **Biodiversity net gain requirements**

Biodiversity net gain (BNG) is a relatively new approach to development (although it has been piloted here in Warwickshire for over a decade now). It makes sure that habitats for wildlife are left in a measurably better state than they were before the development. As of February this year developers must deliver a BNG of 10%. This means a development will result in more or better quality natural habitat than there was before development.

## **Carbon net zero markets**

Carbon net zero markets are trading platforms where companies can buy and sell carbon offsets to compensate for their unavoidable emissions, aiming to achieve a state of net zero carbon footprint.

## **Emerging carbon policies in relation to construction and development**

Carbon policies in construction and development are a growing trend aimed at reducing the industry's environmental impact. These policies focus on both the operational emissions from building energy use and the embodied emissions associated with materials and construction processes.

## **Water quality / neutrality**

Water quality refers to the condition of water based on its chemical, physical, and biological characteristics. It also encompasses nutrient neutrality which is a concept applied in land development, particularly in areas with sensitive ecosystems. It essentially aims to prevent new developments from causing an increase in nutrient pollution in nearby water sources.

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**Do you feel you have enough knowledge of Green Technology in your company?**

**What is Green Technology?**

Green technology, also known as clean technology or environmental technology, refers to the development and application of products, devices, and processes that minimize environmental impact. It is a broad field that encompasses a wide range of areas including renewable energy, energy efficiency, pollution reduction, waste management, and sustainable resource use.

*Please select only one item*

Yes

No

Not sure

**If 'No' what support does your business require?**

**Do you feel that a Green Tech cluster group in Warwickshire, Coventry and Solihull would be useful?**

A Green Tech Cluster Group is a regional or industry-specific organisation that brings together various stakeholders involved in developing and promoting green technologies.

*Please select only one item*

Yes

No

Maybe

**If yes, what could be the benefits to your business and industry?**

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## 5. The Local Nature Partnership

Warwickshire, Coventry and Solihull Local Nature Partnership is a partnership of local organisations with the purpose of driving positive change for the natural environment.

The LNP's purposes are:

- Drive positive change in the local natural environment, taking a strategic view of the challenges and opportunities involved and identifying ways to manage it as a system for the benefit of nature, people and the economy.
- Contribute to achieving the Government's national environmental objectives locally, including the identification of local ecological networks, alongside addressing local priorities.
- Become local champions influencing decision-making relating to the natural environment and its value to social and economic outcomes.

### What role do you think the Local Nature Partnership has on supporting the Local Nature Recovery Strategy?

*Please select all that apply*

- Be the lead body
- Set the strategic vision
- Be responsible for delivery
- Monitoring progress
- Other (please specify)

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## 6. Strategy and priorities

As we start to think about a Local Nature Recovery Strategy, we would like to understand your thoughts on priorities and approach.

**Do you think the following aims should be a short, medium, or long term, priority for nature recovery?**

**Short term priority** - Urgent/ needs addressing now.

**Medium priority** - Crucial priority which should be prioritised as soon as possible.

**Long term priority** - Should be addressed as soon as feasibly possible but not take precedence over other more urgent priorities.

	Short term priority	Medium priority	Long term priority	Not a priority	Unsure
Air quality					
Bigger, better, joined up and connected habitats for nature					
Climate change mitigation and resilience					
Connecting people with nature					
Flood management					
Good soil and sediment status					
Improved water quality					
Protected areas for wildlife and nature					
Wetland and naturalised watercourses					
Reintroductions and protection of species					
Space for rivers - floodplains					
Water availability <i>Please</i>					
Other (please specify)					

Other

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**Recent frameworks and assessments (from the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and the Convention on Biological Diversity Conference of the Parties (COP)) state we need at least 30% of land in good environmental management by 2030 to restore nature (sites can still be producing crops/timber etc).**

### Do you agree?

*Please select only one item*

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Agree
- Strongly agree
- Not sure

### Which key habitats should we focus on increasing and enhancing?

*Please select all that apply*

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bog / marsh   | <input type="checkbox"/> Heathland / moorland |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brownfield site(s)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Hedgerows            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Farmland  | <input type="checkbox"/> Orchards             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fresh water<br>(e.g. ponds, streams, rivers, lakes, reservoirs) | <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grassland / meadows   | <input type="checkbox"/> Woodland             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)  |   |

### Explanation of terms

- **Brownfield sites** are previously developed areas of land that have been built on or altered by human activity and have been since left and are not currently in use.
- **Heathland/ moorland** are types of habitat often found in open areas characterised by low growing vegetation on acidic soils. Nowadays they are often referred to as uncultivated open/common land.
- **Wetlands** are areas of land that are either covered by water or have soil that has soaked with water for a long time – either permanently, seasonally, or for short bursts throughout the year.

**If you wish you can provide more detail here:**

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## Which key species should we focus on for action to increase or enhance across Warwickshire?

*Please select all that apply*

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Amphibians<br>(e.g. toads, frogs, newts)             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invertebrates<br>(e.g. bees, wasps, beetles etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Birds  | <input type="checkbox"/> Mammals   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grasses, sedges and rushes                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Mosses and liverworts                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ferns and horsetails                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Reptiles  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Freshwater fish                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Trees and shrubs                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fungi  | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildflowers                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Galls<br>(e.g. Oak Apple Galls, Robin's pin cushion) |  |

## Explanation of terms

- **Sedges** are grass-like flowering plants.
- **Horsetails** are also known as scouring rushes or snake grass, and are unique spore-producing vascular plants.
- **Fungi** are neither plant nor animal! Most commonly in nature you may think of fungi as different types of mushrooms.
- **Galls** are bumps, lumps, and growths you sometimes see on leaves, twigs, stems, or even flowers of various plants.

**If you wish you can provide more detail here:**

## What scale of area should the LNRS prioritise initially to have the greatest impact?

*Please select only one item*

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sub regional (Across all of Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire) | <input type="checkbox"/> Parish                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> District and borough   | <input type="checkbox"/> Village                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town   | <input type="checkbox"/> Very local - many small areas |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)   |  |



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## **Your thoughts on wildlife corridors**

We would like to understand more about areas or corridors for wildlife that you think should be included in the strategy. (A wildlife corridor is a strip of natural habitat connecting populations of wildlife otherwise separated by cultivated land, roads etc.)

**Please describe the location(s) of these corridors as precisely as you can to enable us to locate them.**

## **Final thoughts on strategy and priorities**

**In your opinion what actions would have the greatest positive impact on the natural environment in Warwickshire, Coventry and Solihull?**

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## 7. Roles / Responsibilities

Warwickshire County Council has been given a statutory responsibility to lead on a Nature Recovery Strategy for Warwickshire. However, a successful strategy needs the expertise, energy and commitment of many people and partners with everyone playing an important role. At the same time any strategy for recovery needs to look beyond Warwickshire to the neighbouring areas of Coventry and Solihull.

We want to understand your thoughts about the different roles and responsibilities needed to successfully enhance nature in our areas.

**What role do you think our organisations and partners should play? Please select all those that apply.**

Local and national government related:

	Central government	Warwickshire County Council	Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council	Coventry City Council	Natural England	Environment Agency
Strategic leadership						
Partnership working						
Coordination						
Funding						
Training						
Support and advice						
Monitoring						
Education and awareness						
Don't know						

Other bodies:

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	Local Nature Partnership	Warwickshire Wildlife Trust	Universities	National Farmers Union / County Land and Business Association / Landowners	Businesses
Strategic leadership					
Partnership working					
Coordination					
Funding					
Training					
Support and advice					
Monitoring					
Education and awareness					
Don't know					

# Your thoughts on a Nature Recovery Strategy for Warwickshire

## Role of local authorities

When Warwickshire County Council asked about a Sustainable Future Strategy 90% of respondents told us that improving the richness and diversity of Warwickshire's habitats, wildlife and landscapes was important or very important.

Warwickshire County Council also has a statutory duty to "Conserve and Enhance" biodiversity (Section 40 of the Natural Environment and Communities Act (as amended)). This requires the County Council to think about the enhancement of biodiversity in all that it does. The following questions ask your views on where local authorities should prioritise funding and what 'tools' local authorities should use to make things happen.

By local authorities we mean Warwickshire County Council who is the Responsible Body for delivering the Local Nature Recovery Strategy and the seven supporting authorities; North Warwickshire Borough Council, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, Rugby Borough Council, Stratford-on-Avon District Council, Warwick District Council, Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council and Coventry City Council.

## Where should local authorities focus resources?

*Please select only one item*

- Urban Areas
- Rural Areas
- Both
- Don't Know

**To what extent do you agree that local authorities should use their regulatory powers to help residents take actions to improve the natural environment? (For example, introduction of green/recycling bins).**

*Please select only one item*

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Agree
- Strongly Agree.

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**To what extent do you agree that local authorities should use their regulatory powers to make those that impact on nature compensate for their actions? (For example fines, enforcement notices, legal action etc.)**

*Please select only one item*

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Agree
- Strongly Agree.

**If you wish you can provide more information on any of your answers to the above:**

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## **Optional Equalities Monitoring**

Thank you for sharing your thoughts on the Nature Recovery Strategy. The following questions are monitoring questions used in all surveys – they are not specific to this survey. **You don't have to disclose this information.**

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### **How old are you?**

*Please select only one item*

- Under 18
- 18 – 24
- 25 - 39
- 40 – 49
- 50 – 59
- 60 – 64
- 65 – 74
- 75 +
- Prefer not to say

### **Do you consider yourself to have a disability, long term health condition or learning difference?**

Under the Equality Act 2010, a person is considered to have a disability 'if they have a physical or mental impairment, and the impairment has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on his or her ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities'.

*Please select only one item*

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to answer

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## How do you describe your ethnic background?

*Please select only one item*

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arab   | <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed - Asian and White           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Asian British - Bangladeshi               | <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed - Black African and White   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Asian British - Indian                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed - Black Caribbean and White |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Asian British - Pakistani                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Mixed Background            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Asian British - Chinese                   | <input type="checkbox"/> White British                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Asian Background                             | <input type="checkbox"/> White Irish                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black or Black British - African                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Gypsy, Romani or Traveller        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black or Black British - Caribbean                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other White background            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Black Background                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer to self-describe (please state if you wish) |  |

## How do you describe your gender?

*Please select only one item*

- Female
- Male
- Non-binary / agender / gender-fluid
- Prefer not to say
- Prefer to self-describe (please state)

**Thank you.**

**Please return your survey by the closing date (8 September 2024)**