



Developing the County's Local Nature Recovery Strategy

LNRS Potential Measures self-led workshop



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- Spatially framed strategy for nature – focussing action to where its most needed and will deliver the greatest benefits.
- Framework for joined-up action, developed with those that will be instrumental in its delivery.
- Set of agreed priorities for nature recovery, with **measures to deliver**.
- Shared vision for nature recovery and the use of nature-based solutions in Kent and Medway.
- Ambitious but realistic and deliverable plan, linked to supporting mechanisms and finance.

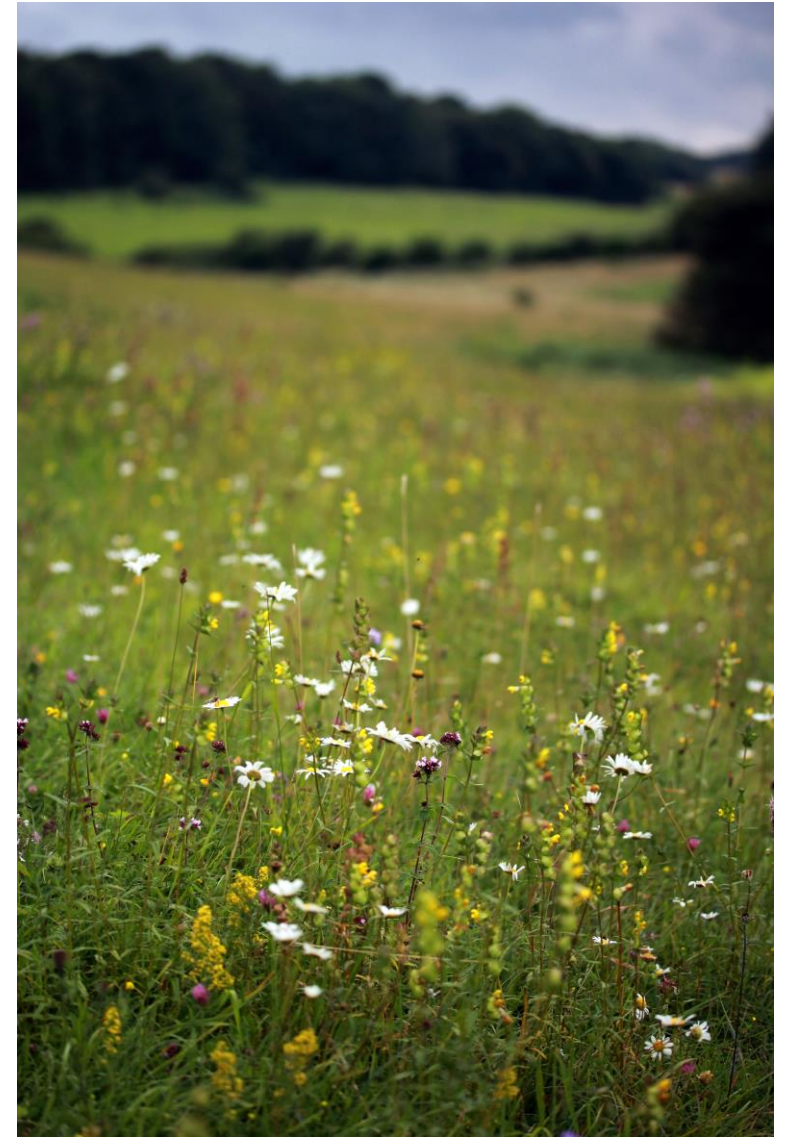


What is a “potential measure” in the LNRS?

- Specific **practical actions** to achieve priorities.
- Suggested activities that, if done properly, would help to **deliver the agreed priorities**.
- Can benefit a particular **species** or **habitat** or provide **nature-based solutions**.



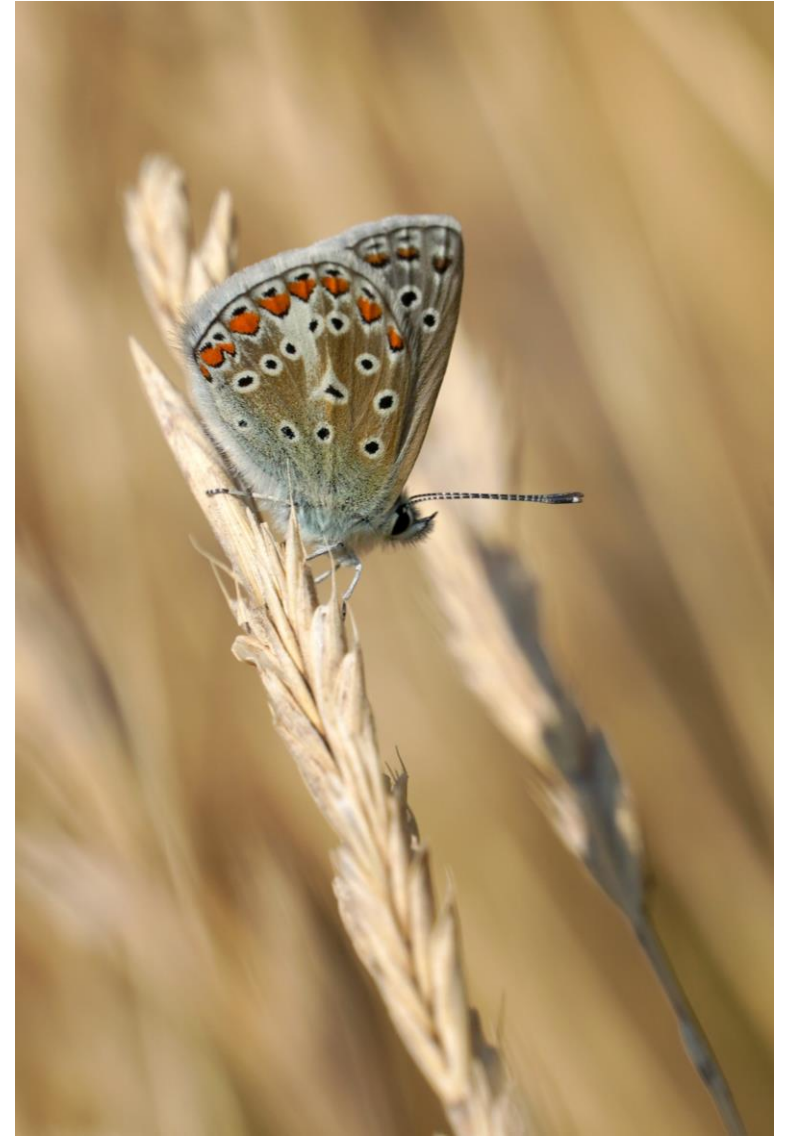
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What is a “potential measure” in the LNRS?

- Potential measures are **non-binding** – LNRS will not dictate these actions or instruct their implementation.
- Measures will be **mapped** to areas where they are likely to provide the **greatest gains**.
- LNRS potential measures **will not force** landowners and managers to make changes – instead, their delivery will be **incentivised** through links of the LNRS to ELM, BNG, grants, investment and other funding.



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How to write a potential measure for the LNRs?

- Most potential measures should include reference to relevant **habitats** or **species** but....
...the creation or enhancement of habitats may not be enough to deliver some priorities on their own, so some potential measures **may not relate to creating or improving habitat**.
- Identify **what priority it delivers against**:
 - A priority may have **more than one potential measure**.
 - A potential measure may **deliver against more than one priority**.



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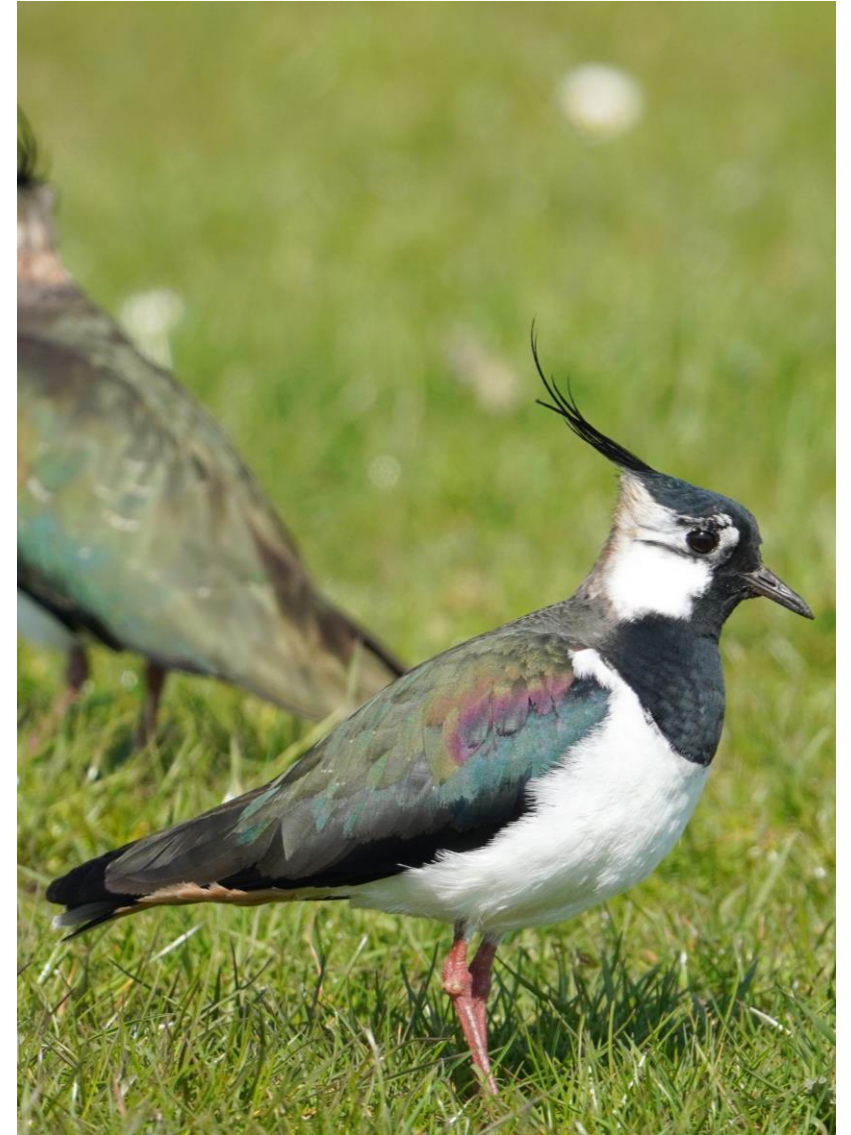
Example of a potential measure that contributes to priorities for habitats, species and wider environmental benefits

Priorities:

1. Improve the condition of saltmarsh in the strategy area to increase carbon sequestration.
2. Improve abundance of breeding bird species in saltmarsh e.g., curlews and lapwing.

Potential measure:

Controlled inundation and sediment trapping, enabling suitable conditions for restoration and creating a more attractive habitat for improving breeding bird species.



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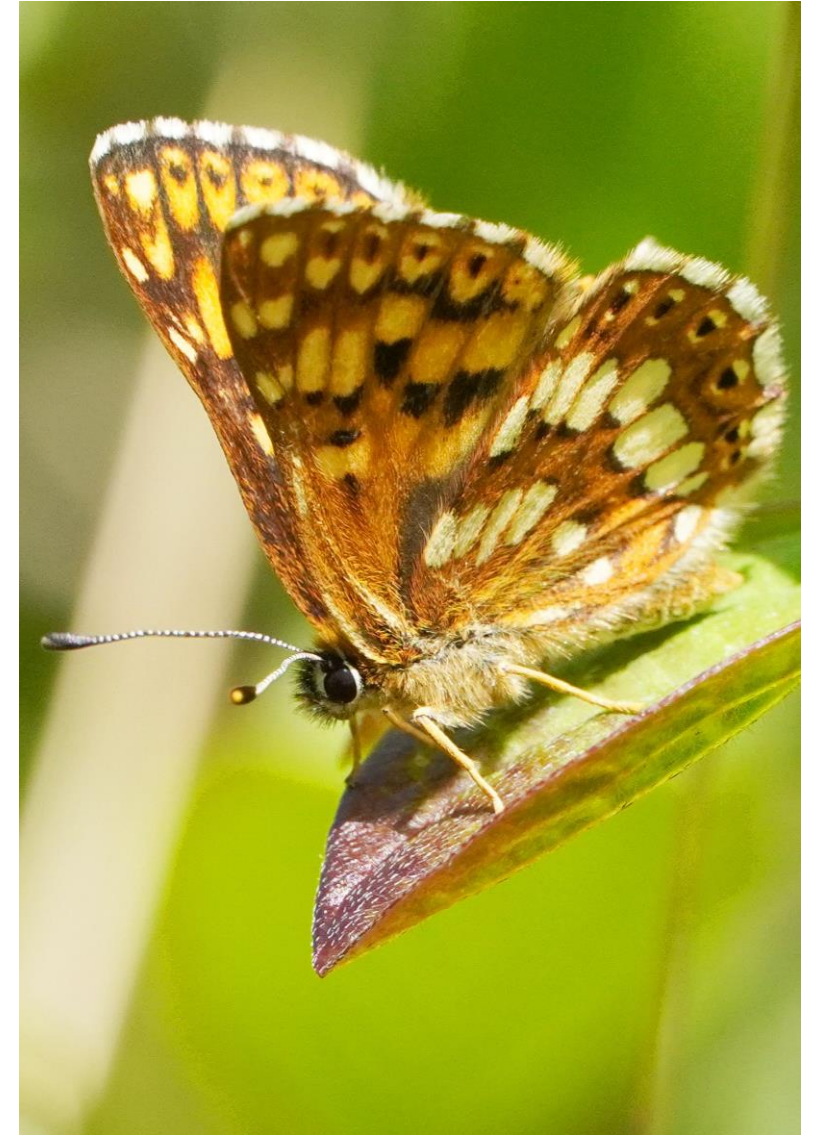
Example of a potential measure that contributes to multiple priorities

Priorities:

1. Connect and enhance existing ancient and native woodland to improve ecological connectivity.
2. Increase the abundance of Duke of Burgandy.
3. Increase carbon sequestration from woodland creation.

Potential measure:

Create new woodlands and restore semi-natural woodlands around and between existing ancient woodlands, favouring natural colonisation on woodland boundaries, hedgerows and along watercourses.



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Example of a priority delivered by more than one potential measure

Priority:

Improve the water quality of rivers, through creation of semi natural habitat and other land-use changes.

Potential measures:

1. Create woodlands in steep gradients in the upper catchments.
2. Create rough grassland or wooded riparian buffer zones.



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Example of a potential measure not relating to creating or improving habitat.

Priority:

Improve species abundance and biodiversity in urban areas.

Potential measure:

- Create urban meadows and ponds in newly developed areas.
- Improve awareness and understanding of the need for more natural (“untidy”) space in urban areas.



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Aims of potential measures workshop



- What potential measures are needed to deliver the priority?



- Are there areas in Kent where this action should be focussed:
 - where is it most needed?
 - where will it deliver the greatest benefit?



- Can we realise any co-benefits (nature based solutions and other environmental gains) through the potential measures?



- Can we deliver against more than one priority with a potential measure?

Habitat focused priorities

- Grassland and heathland
- Woodland and trees
- Freshwater and wetland
- Coastal and marine
- Farmland (hedgerow, soil, traditional orchards, arable weeds)
- Urban



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Process for potential measure development



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2. What is the **potential measure**?
3. Is there an **area** in Kent where this action should be focused?
4. Does this priority require any **further** potential measures?
5. Do the potential measures identified offer any **co-benefits**?
6. Do the potential measures identified deliver against any **other priorities**?



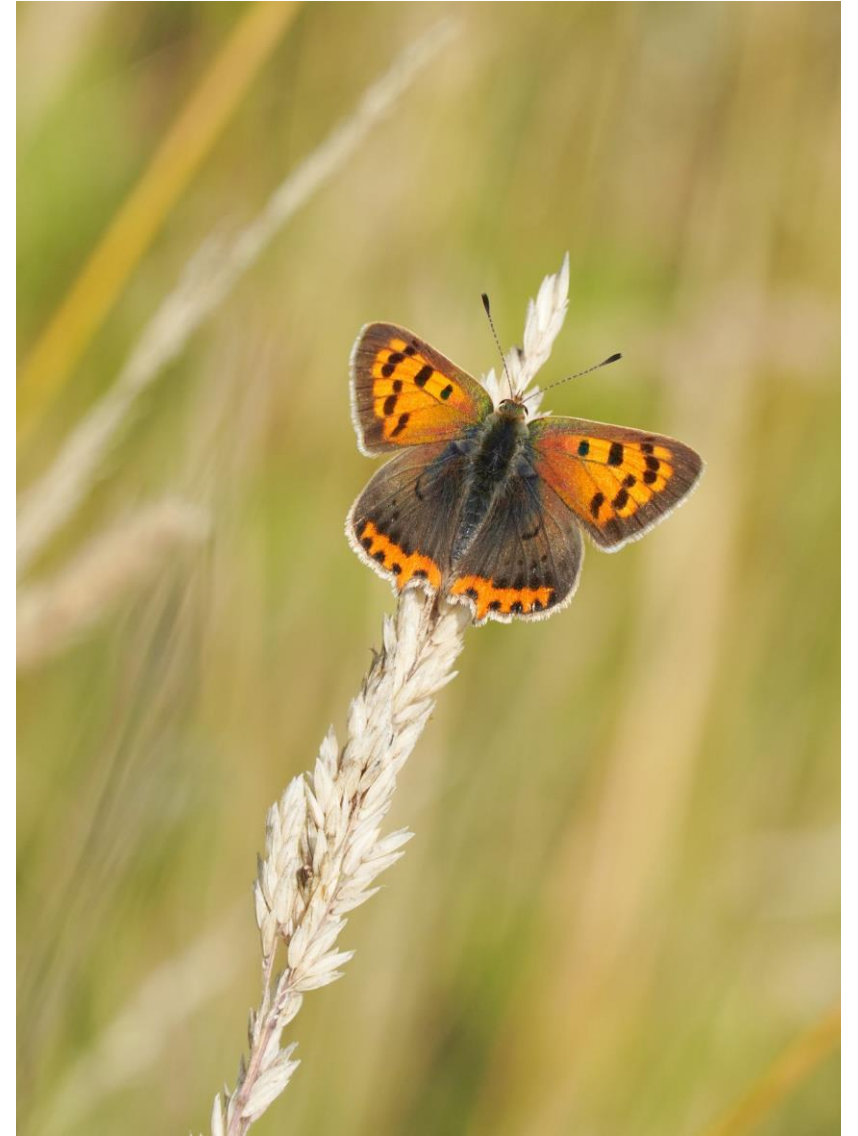
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Other priorities

- **Connectivity**
- **Nature based solutions**
- **Climate change resilience**
- **Farm and land management**
- **Access and connection**
- **Overarching**



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Thank you for taking part in our self-led potential measures workshop – if you wish to submit information additional to that provided on the online form, please send to makingspacefornature@kent.gov.uk



Any questions? Please email makingspacefornature@kent.gov.uk



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