

# Cumbria's Local Nature Recovery Strategy: A new approach or just another plan?

That's down to us!

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# Setting the Scene – Nature Recovery Networks

**‘Making Space for Nature 2010’** – More, Bigger, Better and Joined up

The development of a **Nature Recovery Network (NRN)** is a major commitment in the government’s 25 Year Environment Plan

**Aiming to create:**

A national network of wildlife-rich places connected across our cities, towns, countryside and coast.

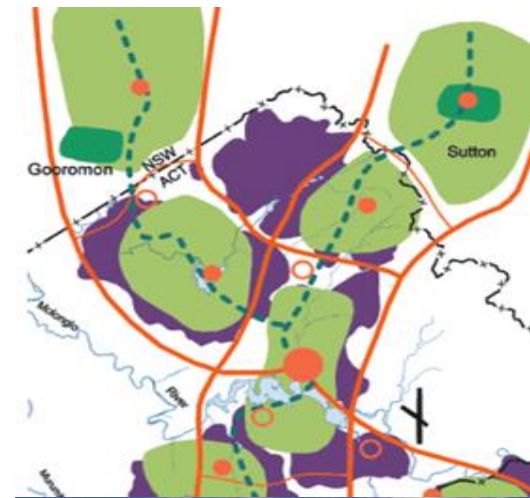


# What are Local Nature Recovery Strategies?

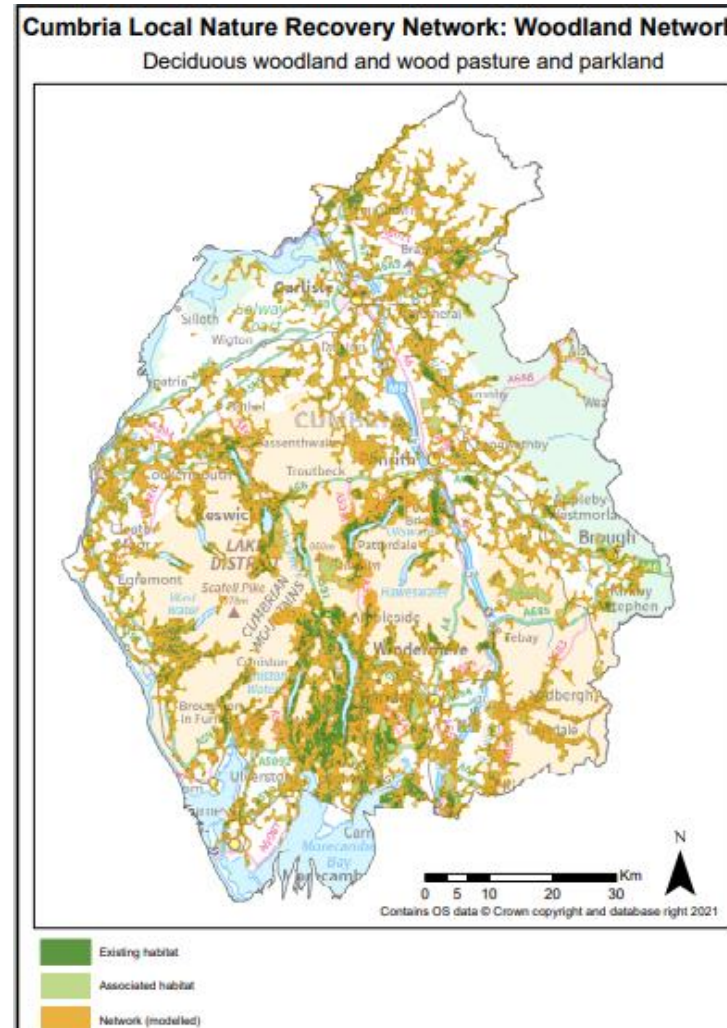
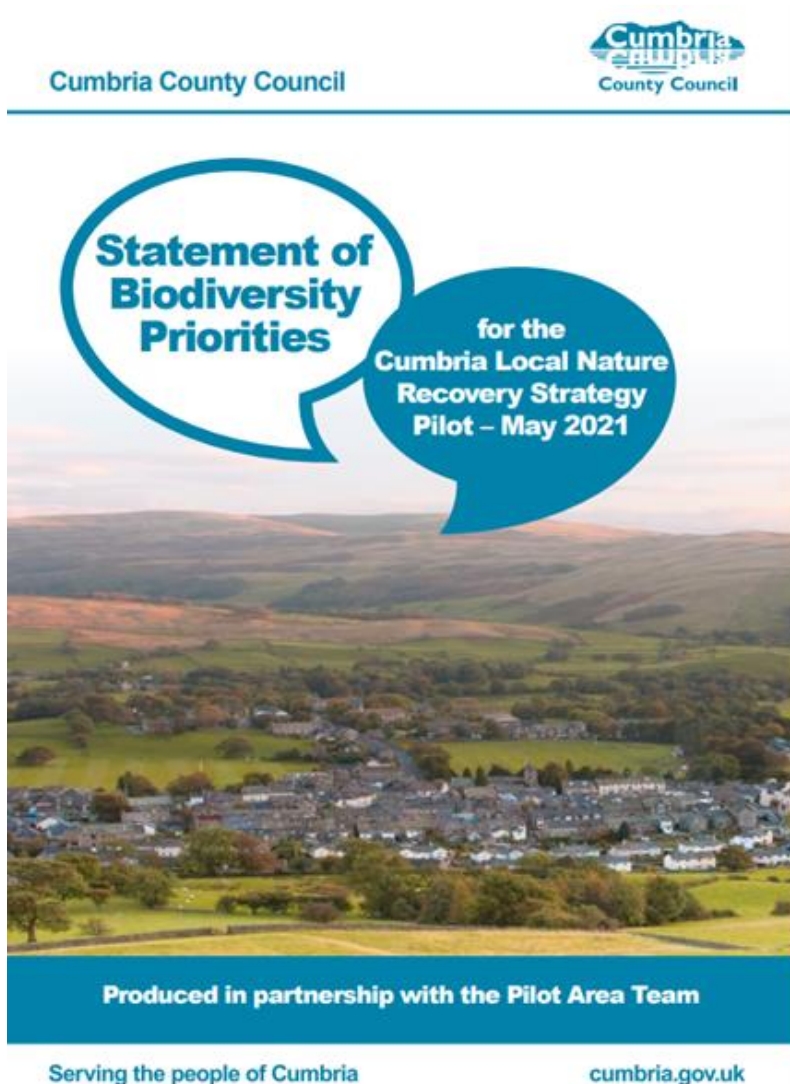
Part 6: Sections 104-108 of the Environment Act 2021

Local Nature Recovery Strategies (LNRSs) are the key mechanism for mapping and planning local delivery of the national [Nature Recovery Network](#)

- Map the most valuable existing areas for nature;
- Agree priorities for nature's recovery;
- Map locations for creating/improving wildlife habitat, 'nature based solutions' and health and wellbeing



# Local Nature Recovery Strategies: What will they look like?



A written plan:  
Statement of  
Biodiversity Priorities

A spatial representation  
of the plan: [The Local  
Habitat Map](#)

Led by local authorities



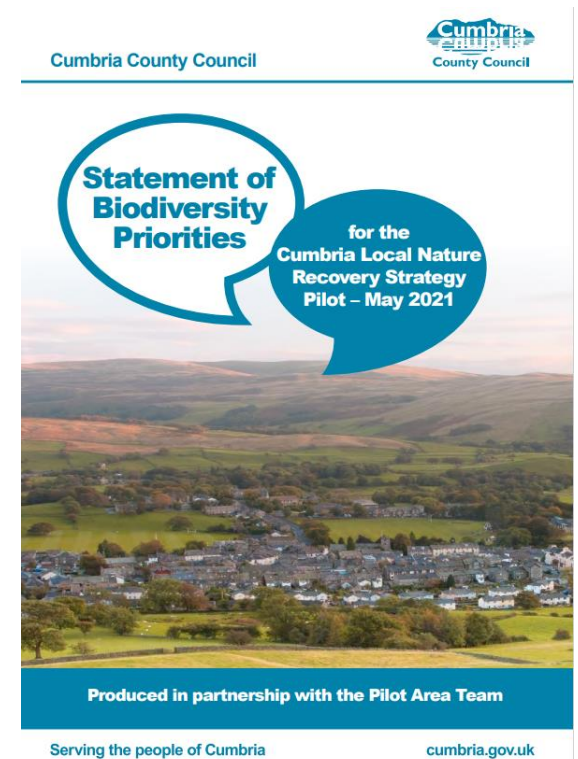
# Local Nature Recovery Strategies: What do we hope they will achieve?

Not just another Biodiversity Action Plan.

**It will:**

- Be a spatial plan
- Have a clear focus on priorities and delivery
- Joint strategy development leading to joint decision making and delivery
- Better align funding and partner resources – Biodiversity Net Gain & Environmental Land Management
- Have actions for all - so will become a 'plan for everyone'

**Will help us to develop our part of England's Nature Recovery Network**



# The Cumbria LNRS: How and when?

We will have a Cumbria-wide plan

Westmorland and Furness Council will be lead authority (working closely with Cumberland Council)

Potential start April 2023 (c.12-18 months development)

It will build on work done in the pilot

Cumbria-wide consultation and involvement in its preparation



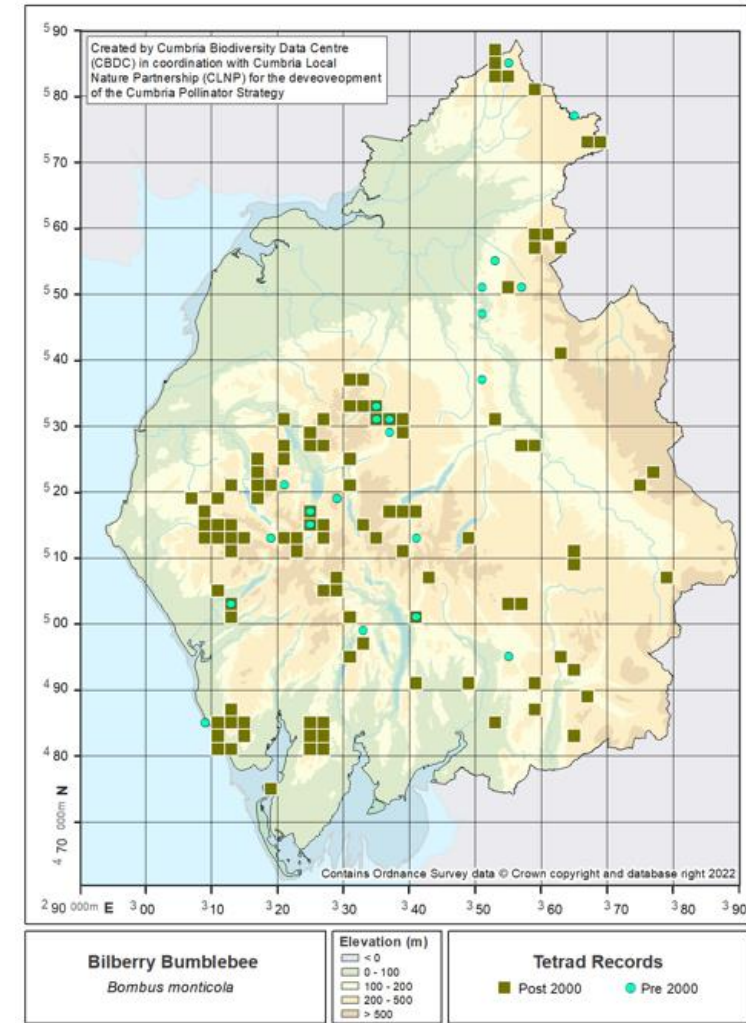
# The Cumbria LNRS: Importance of good data

## Good data = a good plan

Cumbria's LNRS will be a spatial plan – primarily a 'habitat focussed plan'

### We need to:

- Improve age and coverage of habitat data (including habitat 'condition')
- Update our County Wildlife Sites data through a programme of resurvey
- Continue to collect species data for key species and locations





# The Cumbria LNRS: How our data is already being used

- CBDC is leading on the habitat and species data/mapping for the LNRS and is the current repository for the LNRS data
- A provisional 'Priority Species' (rare and threatened species) list
- Work to link species to a habitat based approach
- Using data to guide and develop species recovery programmes

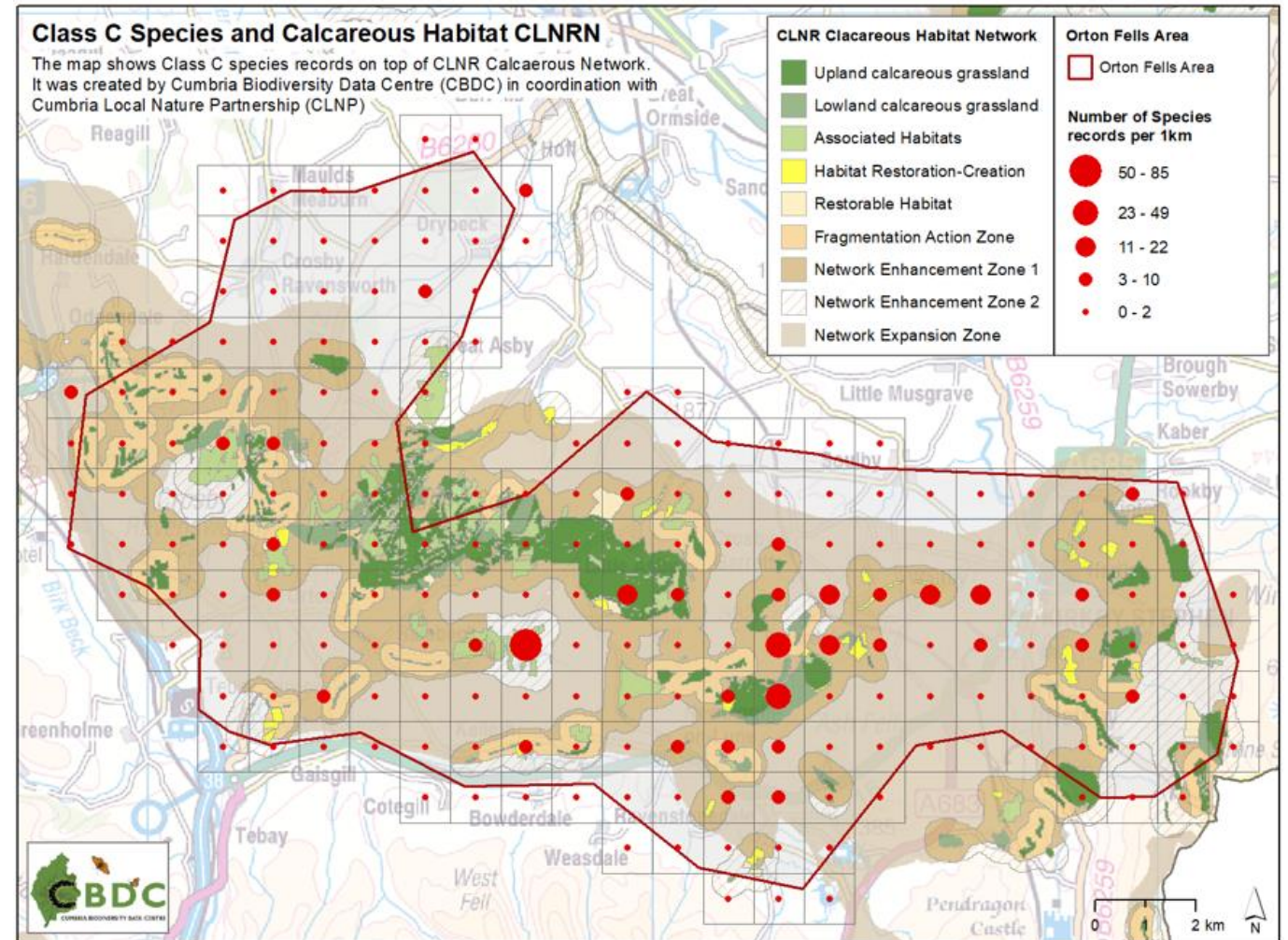




# The Cumbria LNRS: How our data is already being used

## Orton Fells mapping of rare and threatened species

- Relationships between species and habitats/habitat networks
- A focus for advice to land managers and for pro-active conservation action.

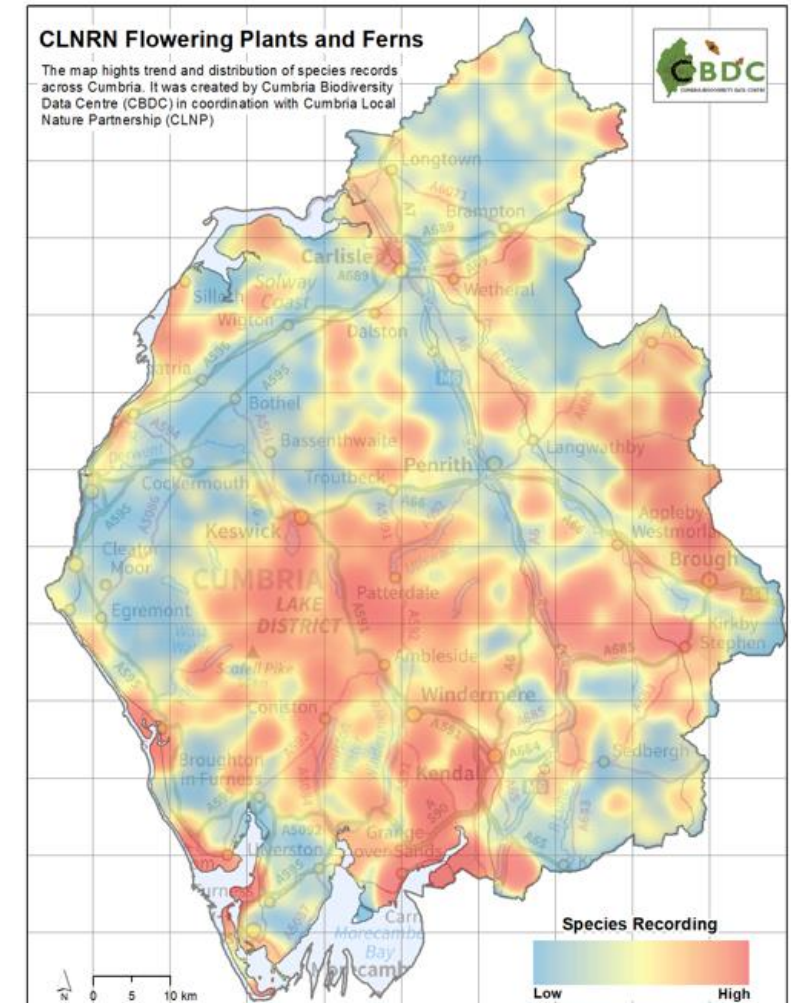


# The Cumbria LNRS: Cumbria leading the way

## A BIG THANK YOU.

Minimal reference to species in the Defra pilot LNRS guidance.....

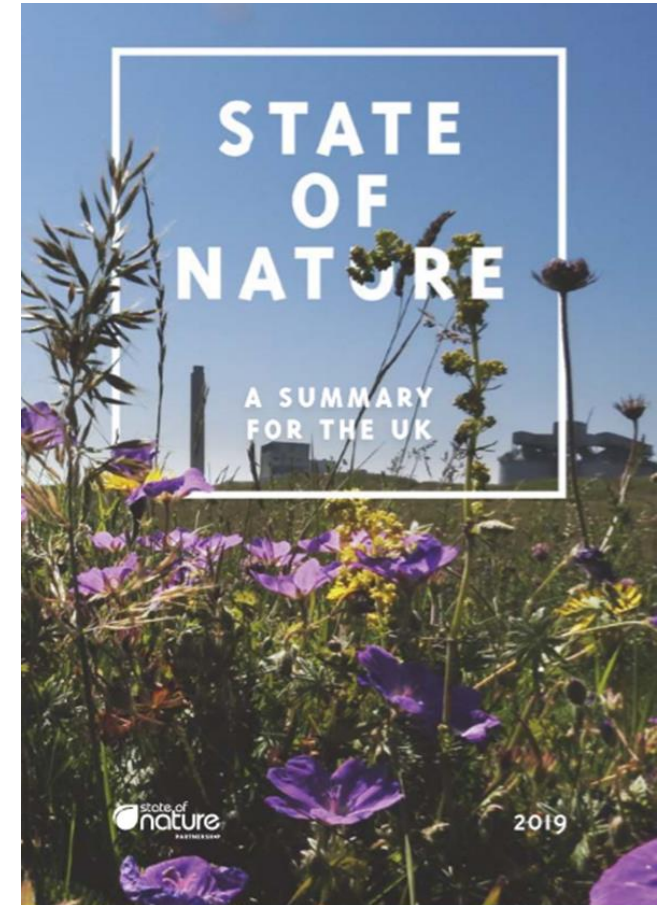
..... with Cumbria's push, work now being taken forward by species NGOs, Natural England and DEFRA



# The Cumbria LNRS: So will it succeed?

## **We need:**

- A well evidenced plan - more species data and updated habitat maps
- The best data and also the best expertise we can provide
- Increased survey and recording - potentially increased focus on certain species or locations





# The Cumbria LNRS: So will it succeed?

## We need:

- People, communities and organisations to engage with the LNRS development and participate in the consultation (process likely to start soon after April)
- Ideas, local knowledge and expertise
- Local support



# The Cumbria LNRS: So will it succeed?

And going forward **we need:**

To monitor success and make sure we continue to do the right things...

- More and up to date species records
- More uptake of national recording scheme (helping us analyse data for local trends)
- More people and organisations taking action where they can



# The Cumbria LNRS: It's down to all of us!

So it really is **down to all of us** to help make this work and use this new 'tool' to help address the Biodiversity Crisis

Thank you



**"Every space in Britain  
must be used to help  
wildlife" Sir David  
Attenborough**