



Nature Recovery *Dacorum*





1 in 6

species at risk of
being lost from
Great Britain



151

species lost since
1500



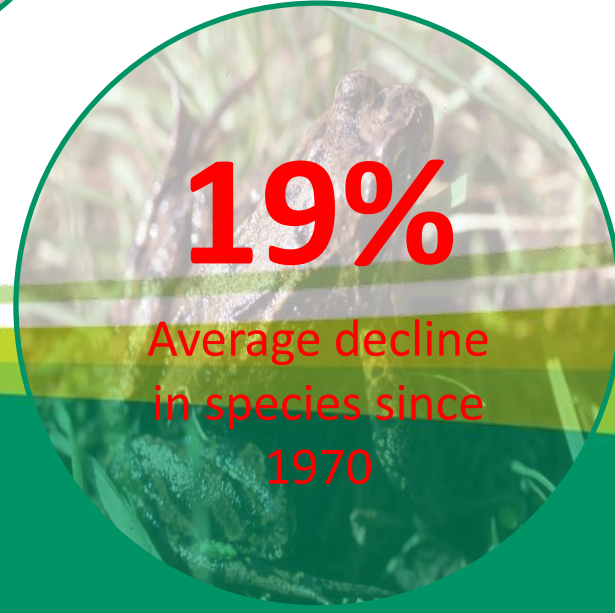
1 in 7

Habitats assessed
to be in good
ecological
condition



54%

Plant species
decreased in
their distribution



19%

Average decline
in species since
1970



43%

Bird species at
risk of
extinction



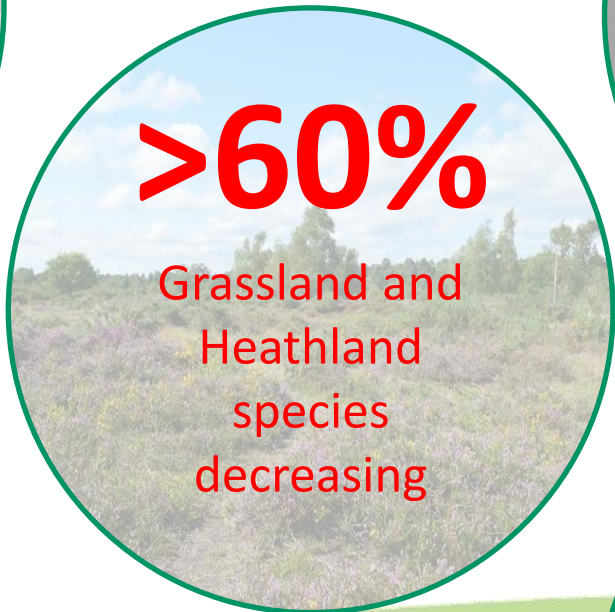
19%

species at risk of
being lost from
Hertfordshire



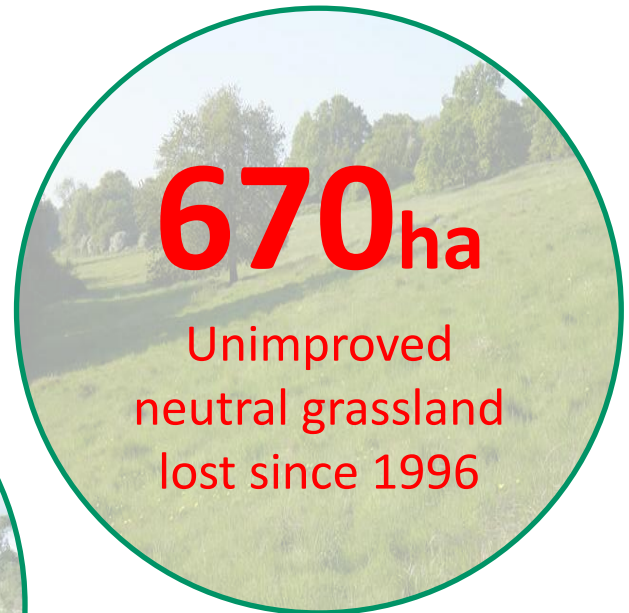
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species lost since
1970



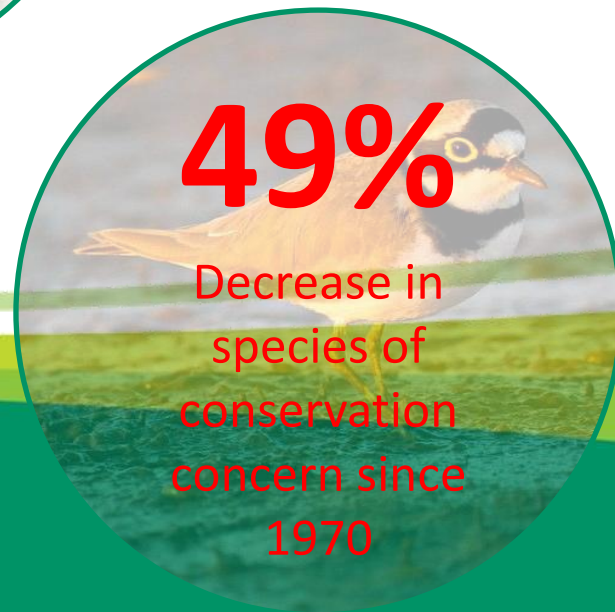
>60%

Grassland and
Heathland
species
decreasing



670ha

Unimproved
neutral grassland
lost since 1996



49%

Decrease in
species of
conservation
concern since
1970

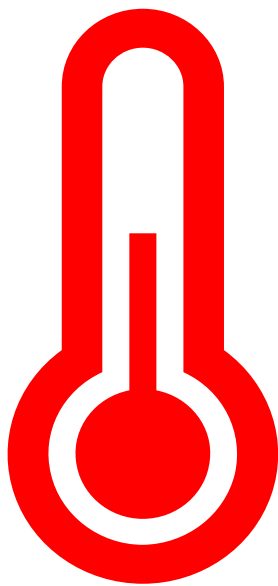


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Woodland
species
noticeably
declined



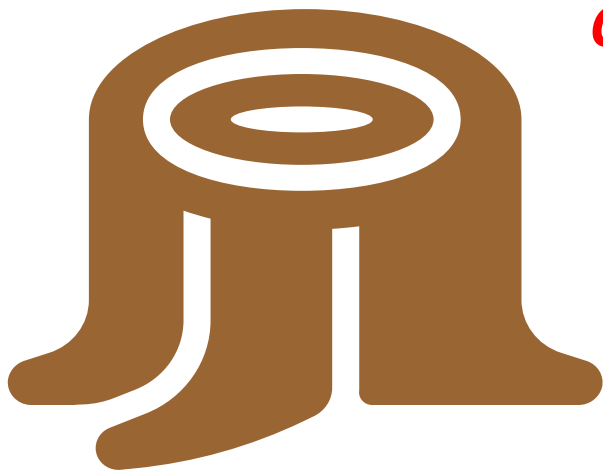
*Habitat Loss and
Fragmentation*



Climate Change



*Invasive Non-native
Species*



Habitat Degradation



Pollution

45%

UK priority
species
increasing in
abundance since
2016

£14.5m

Grants awarded to
Species Recovery
Programme

1330

Hectares of new
woodland in
Hertfordshire
since 1996

5564ha

Newly protected
areas on land since
2019

81%

SSSI's in
favourable
condition (67% in
2005)

65

Hertfordshire
Species of
Conservation
Concern increasing

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Layer Selection

☐ Restore White Admiral populations

☐ Rare Arable Plants (Autumn Cultivation)

☐ Increase rare arable plant populations
(Autumn Cultivation)

☐ Rare Arable Plants (Spring Cultivation)

☐ Increase rare arable plant populations (Spring
Cultivation)

☒ Areas of Particular Importance for
Biodiversity (APIBs)

APIB's



☒ Area that Could become of Particular
Importance for Biodiversity (ACIB)

ACIB



☒ Public Greenspace

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☒ LNRS Focus Areas



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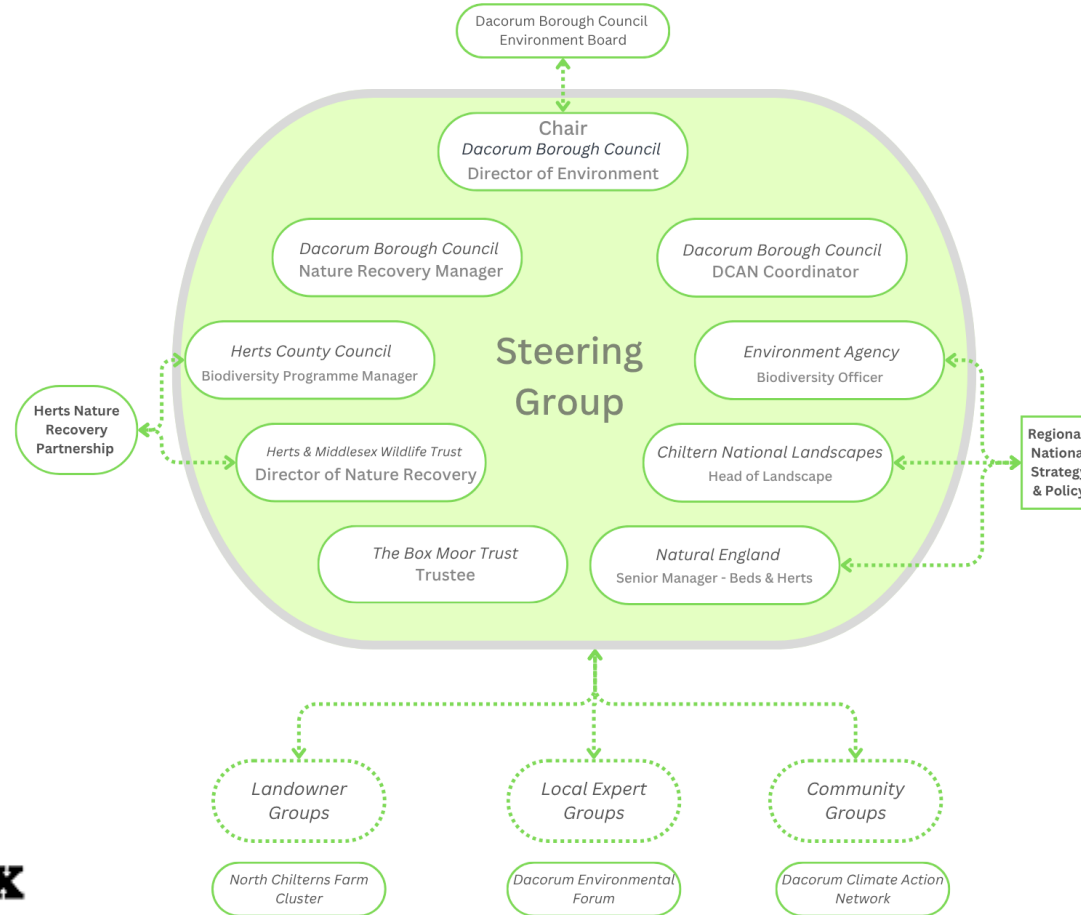
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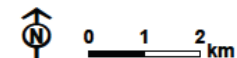
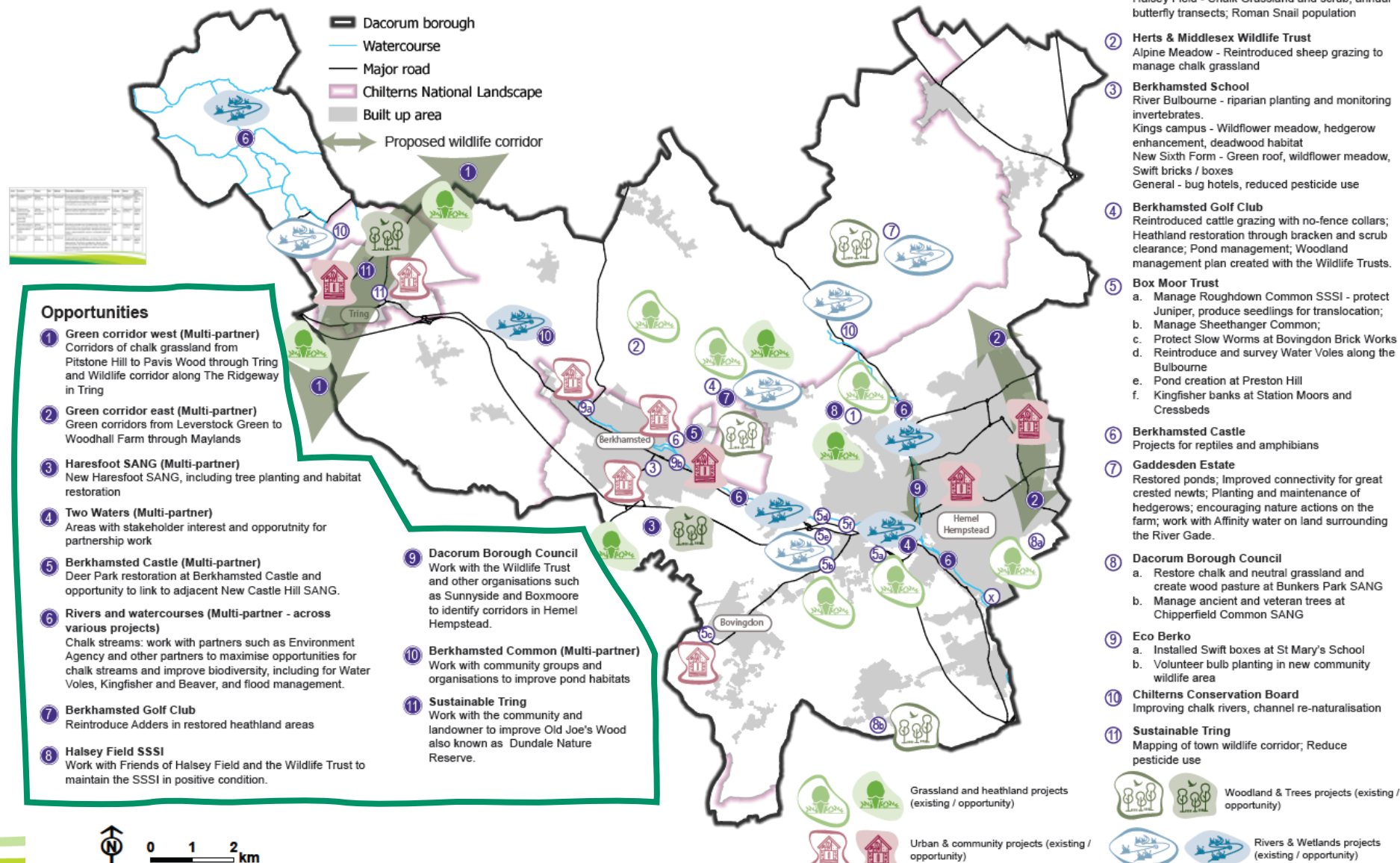
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identified by stakeholders

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Opportunities & Existing Projects identified at the Nature Recovery Seminar



Lead	Location	Theme	Size	Habitat	Description & Delivery	Funding	Status	Cost Bracket
DBC	Coronation Fields , Jocketts Park	Habitat Restoration	tbc	Grasslands	Increase areas for wildflowers (e.g. meadow creation / management) for wildflowers and hedgerow planting for connectivity. Remove topsoil (turf-cutter?) and replant with wildflower seeds and Yellow Rattle.	S106 , CIL	Opportunity identified	Low £10k to £50k
DBC / HMWT	Ponds across landscape, DBC (Chipperfield Common, Bunkers Park, Tring Memorial)	Habitat Management / Restoration	Site scale	Ponds	Enhanced pond management and habitat improvements. Remove invasive vegetation, create open water, clear shading, silt removal and re-puddling (if required).	To be identified, S106	Opportunity identified	Medium £50k to £250k
DBC	Howe Grove Wood ; Warners End Wood ; Tring Woodlands (SSSI)	Habitat Management / Restoration	Site Scale	Woodlands	Woodland management and regeneration. Removal of diseased Ash trees and replacement with native and local present species for regeneration. Woodland management works - coppicing, glade creation, scalloping, deadwood creation.	S106	Opportunity identified	Medium £50k to £250k
DBC	Chipperfield Common	Habitat Restoration	Site Scale	Woodlands	Invasive species management - removal of dominant understorey of Laurel and Holly to promote natural regeneration. Woodland management - glade creation and expansion, ride management, edge management to improve diversity. Restoration of open areas for acidic grassland / heathland.	S106 , SANG .	Opportunity identified	Medium £50k to £250k

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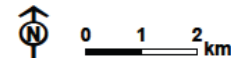
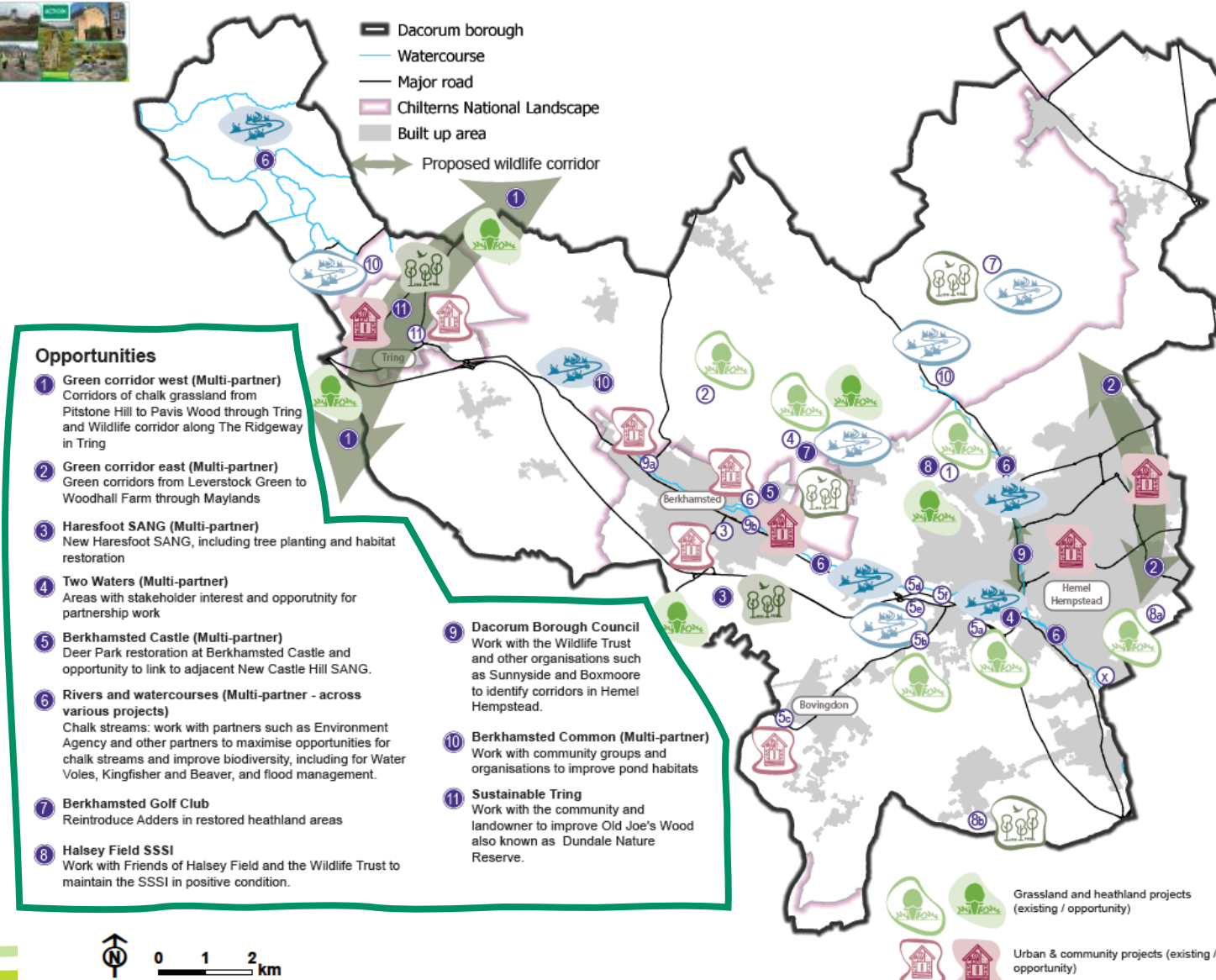
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Existing Projects

- Halsey Field (Multi-partner)**
Halsey Field - Chalk Grassland and scrub; annual butterfly transects; Roman Snail population
 - Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust**
Alpine Meadow - Reintroduced sheep grazing to manage chalk grassland
 - Berkhamsted School**
River Bulbourne - riparian planting and monitoring invertebrates.
Kings campus - Wildflower meadow, hedgerow enhancement, deadwood habitat
New Sixth Form - Green roof, wildflower meadow, Swift bricks / boxes
General - bug hotels, reduced pesticide use
 - Berkhamsted Golf Club**
Reintroduced cattle grazing with no-fence collars; Heathland restoration through bracken and scrub clearance; Pond management; Woodland management plan created with the Wildlife Trusts.
 - Box Moor Trust**
 - Manage Roughdown Common SSSI - protect Juniper, produce seedlings for translocation;
 - Manage Sheethanger Common;
 - Protect Slow Worms at Bovingdon Brick Works
 - Reintroduce and survey Water Voles along the Bulbourne
 - Pond creation at Preston Hill
 - Kingfisher banks at Station Moors and Cressbeds
 - Berkhamsted Castle**
Projects for reptiles and amphibians
 - Gaddesden Estate**
Restored ponds; Improved connectivity for great crested newts; Planting and maintenance of hedgerows; encouraging nature actions on the farm; work with Affinity water on land surrounding the River Gade.
 - Dacorum Borough Council**
 - Restore chalk and neutral grassland and create wood pasture at Bunkers Park SANG
 - Manage ancient and veteran trees at Chipperfield Common SANG
 - Eco Berko**
 - Installed Swift boxes at St Mary's School
 - Volunteer bulb planting in new community wildlife area
 - Chilterns Conservation Board**
Improving chalk rivers, channel re-naturalisation
 - Sustainable Tring**
Mapping of town wildlife corridor; Reduce pesticide use
- Legend for Existing Projects:**
- Grassland and heathland projects (existing / opportunity)
 - Woodland & Trees projects (existing / opportunity)
 - Urban & community projects (existing / opportunity)
 - Rivers & Wetlands projects (existing / opportunity)

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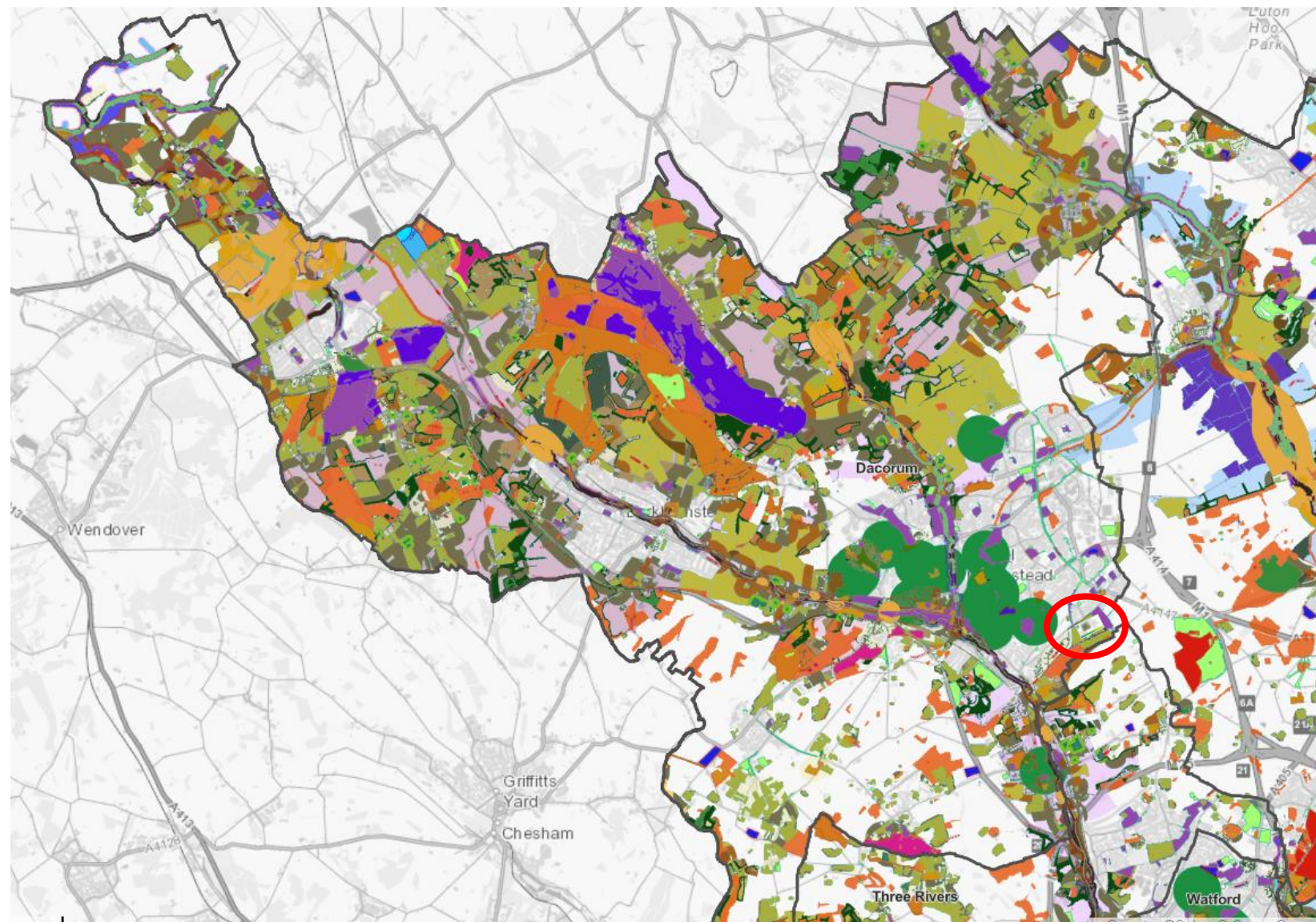
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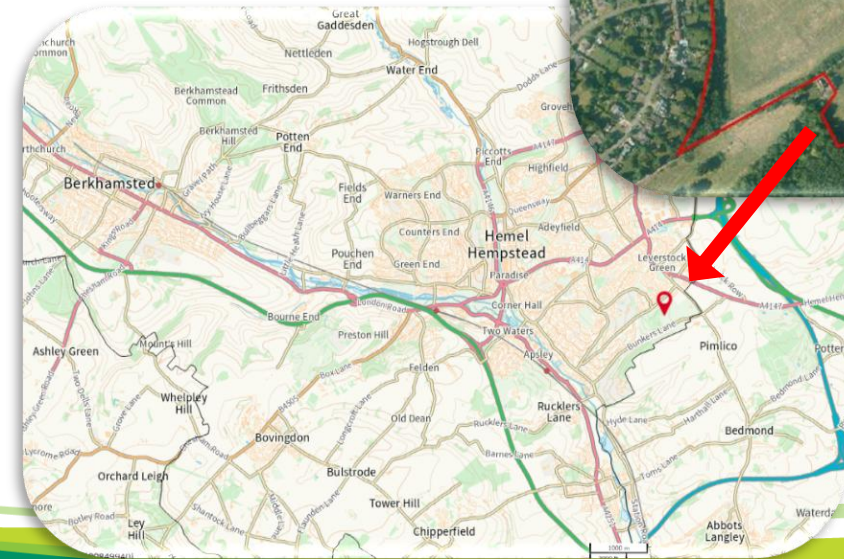




LNRS on Bunkers Park



- 48ha
- Mix of grasslands, woodland and hedgerows
- Formerly agricultural
- Established as a park in 1990's





LNRS – Mapping Viewer

- Broadleaved Woodland 1
- Wood Pasture and Veteran Trees 3
- Grassland 1
- Grassland 3
- Areas of Particular Importance for Biodiversity (APIB)
- Area that Could become of Particular Importance for Biodiversity (ACIB)
- LNRS Core Focus Area
 - Grass and Heath
 - Gade Valley
- Public Greenspace





Broadleaved Woodland 1

Create new woodland and expand existing sites

Delivery Guidance

- Canopy cover 17%-19%
- Planting or natural regeneration
- New trees protected
- ~~Expand core woodland~~
- ~~Increase productive forestry~~





Wood Pasture and Veteran Trees 3

**Create new parkland and plant
new trees where lost**

Delivery Guidance

- Plant trees in public open spaces
- ~~Manage/enhance remnant features of former wood pasture~~



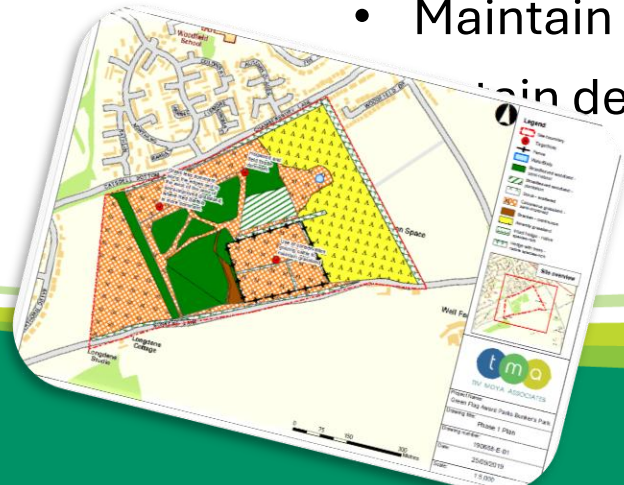


Grassland 1

Manage existing grassland and maintain the biodiversity

Delivery Guidance

- Determine grassland type
- Attempt management methods
- Restore chalk over neutral
- Leave some areas in flower
- Maintain and enhance edges
- Maintain dead & decaying wood



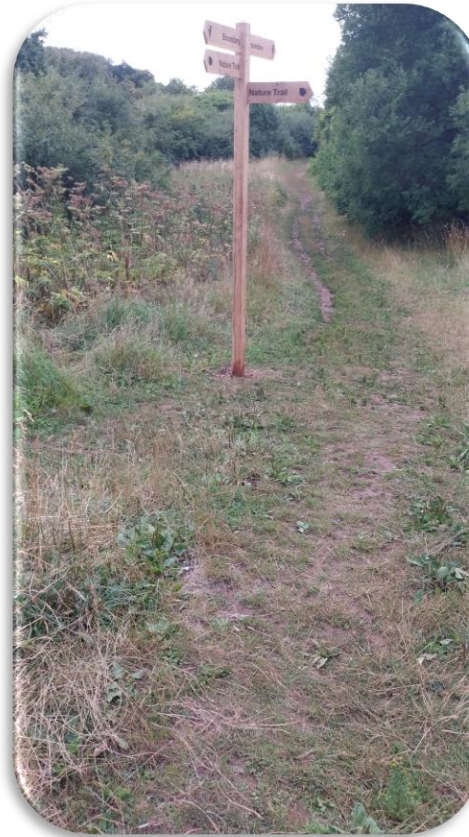


Grassland 3

Create more good quality neutral grassland

Delivery Guidance

- Determine suitability for the grassland type for habitat creation
- Connect areas of grasslands by creating wildlife corridors
- Maintain, enhance or create new hedges around newly created grassland fields



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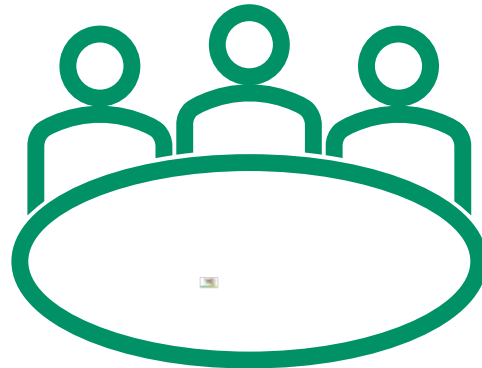
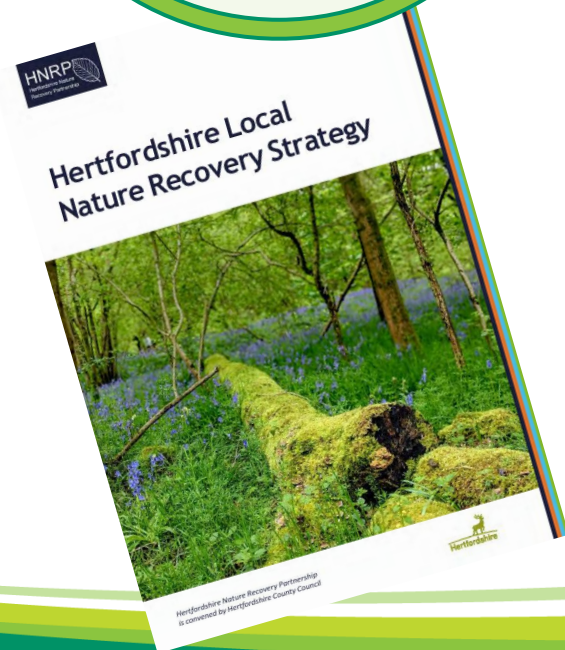
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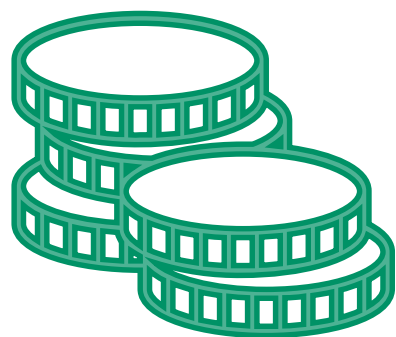
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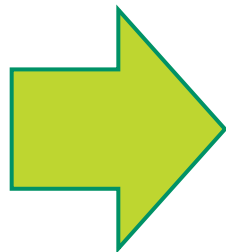
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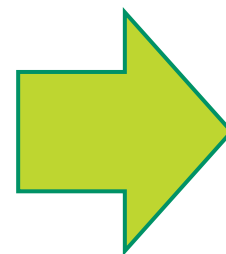
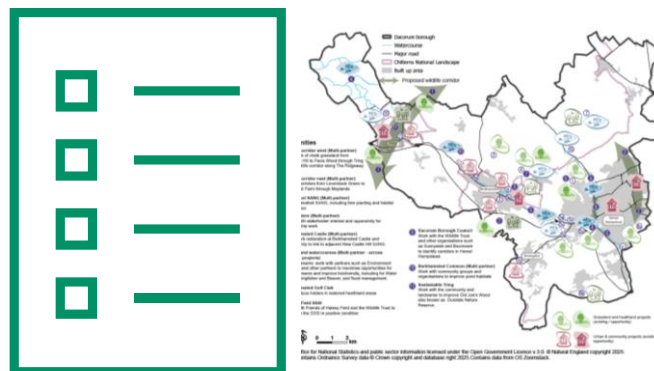
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**Investment &
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**Self-managing
and
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