

Town and Parish Councils Local Nature Recovery Strategy Survey

The Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) is part of a nationwide move to create the space and connectivity needed on land and sea for nature to thrive, recover and be resilient. A key objective for the LNRS is to support the establishment of a national Nature Recovery Network (NRN) and 48 LNRSs will be developed nationwide to help deliver it. They are a result of the Environment Act 2021 and aim to identify opportunities and priorities for recovering habitats and species at the local level. Habitats are the places where animals, plants and other living things live (e.g. woodland, river, meadow). Species are a group of living things that naturally produce young with other members of the same group, and each have specific habitat needs (e.g. bluebell, curlew, dormouse). For further information on the LNRS, please visit our FAQs tab on the website.

As people who live and work in Shropshire, we want your Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) to reflect what you want for nature. We are therefore, keen to hear your views on what needs to be done to help nature recover.

This survey will take approximately 15 minutes to complete. We will use your response to inform the priorities and actions which will support the delivery of the LNRS. All responses are treated confidentially and will remain anonymous, unless you specify otherwise.

The Local Nature Recovery Strategy intends to understand which outcomes you most want for nature and wildlife in Shropshire. This helps us to bring ambitions together from people and organisations across the county. The aim is to focus future funding and resources towards places that can start taking action to help meet these ambitions.

At the end of this survey you will be able to let us know if you would like any of the information that you give to be confidential.

What the LNRS is not:

- Not** compulsory, you don't have to take the actions that we show on the final map. The reason that we map areas is to attract funding to them.
- Not** being delivered by any one group, it will require collaborative effort from groups across the county within the next 10 years.
- Not** a new type of funding.
- Not** a plan for housing developments.
- Not** a plan for traffic.
- Not** a plan for managing sewage.
- Not** a plan for managing flood risk.
- Not** a plan for reducing our carbon emissions.
- Not** creating new laws for nature.

We recognise that many of the above issues do impact nature and wildlife, and actions that we recommend for nature can help reduce the impact of some of these. However, LNRSs are only able to recommend actions that relate to protecting, improving, and creating habitats to benefit wildlife and nature.

Shropshire Council is working with Telford & Wrekin Council and the LNRS Steering Group to support the LNRS development process. By clicking the next button, you agree to participate in the survey and for these organisations to review and process all information collected. We will maintain personal anonymity and comply with Shropshire Council's data protection policy.

Collated and summary results and reporting from this survey, without any personal information, will be shared publicly online as part of news about the development of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy. For more information, please contact Lynn Parker at l.parker@shropshire.gov.uk or lnrs@shropshire.gov.uk

To follow the progress of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy keep an eye on [our website](#).

Survey

Section 1: Nature and You

How important is it to you to have access to nature?

- Not at all important
- Slightly important
- Somewhat important
- Important
- Very important

Is there anything that prevents you from accessing nature?

Shropshire has many places where people can spend time in nature. What is your favourite place? Please provide any place names, post codes, grid references, or what3words locations. (This website can help you give us a location name or grid reference: [gridreferencefinder.com](https://www.gridreferencefinder.com))

Are you concerned about the current and/or future state of nature in Shropshire?

- No
- A little bit
- Somewhat
- Quite a bit
- Yes
- Yes significantly

Section 2: Environmental Challenges

This section will help us understand the environmental threats and challenges that you believe are most significant in Shropshire.

**Please order the following environmental challenges in order of CURRENT importance
Sort in order of importance, with 1 the most important and 10 the least important .**

- Drought
- Flooding
- Habitat Loss
- Invasive species (e.g. mink)
- Climate change
- Lack of connection and access to nature
- Loss of natural resources (e.g. clean water)
- Pests and diseases
- Pollution (water, air, soil)
- Urban development

Please order the following environmental challenges in order of FUTURE importance

Sort in order of importance, with 1 most important and 10 least important.

- Drought
- Flooding
- Habitat loss
- Invasive species (e.g. mink)
- Climate change
- Lack of connection and access to nature
- Loss of natural resources (e.g. clean water)
- Pests and diseases
- Pollution (water, air, soil)
- Urban development

Section 3: Species and Habitats

We are looking for suggestions for a long-list of Species of Local Significance for Shropshire. Are there any particular species that you would like to propose? Local species experts are already compiling ideas including species which are classified as threatened or near threatened. We're interested to hear what species you think are, or could be, particularly important for Shropshire.

Which would you consider to be the most important habitats to prioritise in our nature recovery strategy? (select up to 5 options)

- Mixed deciduous woodland (including ancient woodland)
- Wet woodland
- Wood pasture and parkland
- Ancient and veteran trees
- Scrub
- Hedgerows
- Traditional orchards
- Urban trees
- Heathland
- Grassland (neutral, acid, and calcareous; e.g. meadows, arable field margins, road verges, parks, churchyards and cemeteries)
- Wet grassland (including grazing marshes, rush pasture etc.)
- Gardens
- Open mosaic habitat on previously developed land
- Rivers and streams
- Ponds, lakes, meres, broads and gravel pits
- Fens, bogs and mires
- Reedbeds
- Other (please specify)

What is the main reason you have prioritised the habitats in this way?

Please use the box below to provide any further information you'd like to share about habitats and species.

Section 4: Your Long-Term Vision for Shropshire

We understand that there are a lot of different pressures on nature and wildlife. We can control some more than others. This survey asks specifically about the nature recovery actions that you would like to see be taken in Shropshire to support the variety of species (animals, plants, fungi) and natural habitats that we have.

In this section we want to understand what your ambitions are for Shropshire to achieve. This section invites you to think long-term.

Please indicate how much you agree with this statement: "I would like to do more to increase nature in Shropshire"

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- I'm already doing the most I can Not sure / Don't know

The main barrier(s) that stop me from doing more for nature are:

(Choose all that apply)

- The land I own/manage is too small
- I'd like to take action but I don't know where
- I'd like to take action but I don't know what I could/should do
- I don't know how to access funding
- The funding process takes too much time to understand
- The funding process is too uncertain
- Funding requirements criteria are too complicated
- I'm not clear how to fit more nature onto the land I own or manage
- My land is being used for other purposes, and there isn't room for nature recovery actions.
- Lack of time
- Lack of equipment and materials
- I do not want to take actions
- I do not experience any barriers
- Other (please specify)

Section 5: Action for Nature

From putting up a bird box to restoring ancient wildflower meadows, many actions can help our wildlife and areas of nature.

Please tell us what action(s) you are planning to take, and if relevant the size of land you are taking action on (for example improving or creating habitat(s), installing equipment, or supporting animals, plants, fungi, or wildlife):

Please select the option that best represents you:

- I own the land that I will take these actions on
- I rent or lease the land that I will take the actions on
- I am representing a town, parish or rural council
- I am a volunteer with permission from the land owner
- Other (please specify)

Please indicate what type of location you intend to take this action in (choose all that apply):

- Urban area (built up towns or cities)
- Near urban areas (areas on the edge of towns or cities)
- Rural area (small villages, countryside, and farmland)
- Not sure / Don't know
- Prefer not to say Other (please specify)

If you are happy to, please tell us where you are planning to take this action specifically: You can give town names, post codes, grid references, or what3words locations.

(This website can help you give us a location name or grid reference: [gridreferencefinder.com](https://www.gridreferencefinder.com))

If you're happy for the LNRS team to contact you by email to record the location of your land in relation to your planned actions, please write your email address below:

Is there anything else that you would like us to consider when creating our Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Shropshire?

Section 6: Contact

We are collecting contact information so that we can get in touch with you to follow up on your responses if needed. Please let us know if you would be happy for us to use your contact information in this way? We would store your contact information for a maximum of 3 years. You can withdraw your consent at any point by emailing l.parker@shropshire.gov.uk.

Are you happy for to be contacted in future regarding the Local Nature Recovery Strategy?

Yes No

Your Name (optional)

Your Town or Parish Council (optional)

Your email address (optional)

Postcode or name of your location (optional)

About You

We would now like to know more about you, so that we can understand if we are hearing the views of a wide range of people and communities.

If you do not wish to provide any of this information, please select 'prefer not to say' or skip the question as appropriate.

I am responding to this survey as a (choose all that apply):

- Local resident
- Representative of a local business or commercial organisation
- Member of a local interest or community group
- Representative of a local town, parish or rural parish council
- Shropshire ward councilor
- Shropshire Council employee
- Visitor to Shropshire or member of the public living elsewhere
- A Shropshire farmer
- None of these
- Prefer not to say
- Other (please specify)

How did you find out about this survey (choose all that apply)?

- Facebook
- X (formerly known as Twitter)
- Instagram
- LinkedIn
- NextDoor
- Shropshire.gov.uk website
- Email from Shropshire Council
- Local news item (newspaper, online, radio, tv) or radio advert
- County councilor
- Parish or town councilor
- A voluntary/community organisation or newsletter
- Poster / information in local library or in a local community group / organization
- Friend / relative
- Other (please specify)

What is your postcode? (This helps us see where we are receiving responses from, and we will not use this to identify you)

What is your age?

- Under 16
- 16 - 24
- 25 - 34
- 35 - 44
- 45 - 54
- 55 - 64
- 65 - 74
- 75 - 84
- 85 or over
- Prefer not to say

What is your gender?

- Female
- Male
- Prefer not to say
- I use another term:

What is your ethnic group or background?

- Asian or Asian British (Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi or any other Asian background)
- Black or Black British (Caribbean, African, or any other Black background)
- Chinese
- Mixed or multiple ethnic groups (White and Black Caribbean, White and Black African, White and Asian, and any other mixed background)
- White (British, Irish, or any other white background)
- Prefer not to say
- Other ethnic group or background (please specify below):

Are your day-to-day activities limited because of a long-term illness, health problem or disability which has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months?

- Yes - a lot
- Yes – a little
- No
- Prefer not to say

Data Protection and Privacy

Under the Data Protection Act 2018, we (Shropshire County Council) have a legal duty to protect any personal information we collect from you. Shropshire County Council is committed to open government and this may include quoting extracts from your consultation response in our report.

We will not, however, disclose the names of people who have responded unless they have provided consent. For this purpose, we ask that you are careful not to disclose personal information in your comments – for example the names of service users or children. If you do not want all or part of your response to be made public, or shared with councillors, please state below which parts you wish us to keep confidential.

View Shropshire County Council's [privacy notice online by clicking here.](#)

Please use this space to tell us if there is any specific part of your response you wish to keep confidential:

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey!