

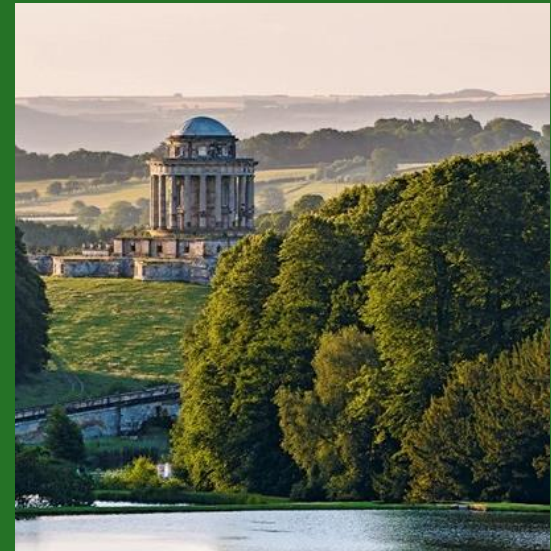
Howardian Hills National Landscape

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A quick trot through:

- Howardian Hills National Landscape
- Examples of Nature Recovery in action
- Nature Recovery Plan development
- Management Plan consultation



46 UK National Landscapes

Nationally important landscapes designated to conserve and enhance their natural beauty



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Howardian Hills' Special Qualities

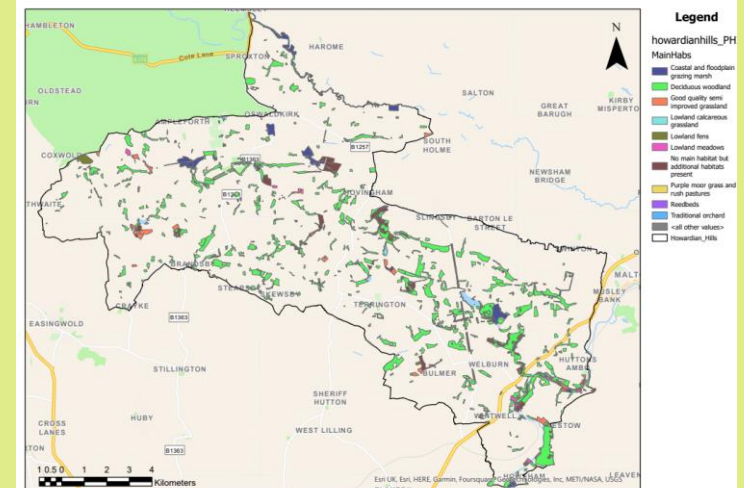
- An unusual landform
- A richly varied landscape
- A landscape of high visual quality
- A remarkable heritage
- An important wildlife resource
- Tranquillity



Credit: Chris Lowther

Nature in the Howardian Hills

- Woodland and Ancient Trees
- Rivers
- Grassland
- Road verges and community spaces
- Wetlands, lakes and ponds
- Rare species – e.g. moths, baneberry
- Bats and farmland birds



How we work

- **HHNL doesn't own land or have legal powers**
- Habitat management – volunteers and contractors
- Partnership projects
- Landowners – grants and advice
- Communities – grants and advice
- Influencing local proposals
- Education, arts, events

Nature Recovery on Farmland

- Farming In Protected Landscapes – meadows, orchards, hedges, wetlands, ponds, grassland, barn owl boxes



Community projects

- Sheriff Hutton meadows
- Terrington swift boxes
- Hovingham verges
- Bulmer dark skies
- Ryedale and Malton Shows



Volunteers

- Habitat management
- Growing wildflowers
- Bird and bat boxes



Nature Recovery Plan Themes

- Understand what we've got and condition/trends/surveys
- Need a more “permeable” landscape
- Need to improve water environment
- Potential for a really strong woodland network
- Need for some bigger areas of habitat
- Need for strong focus on connectivity and linear features
- Advice and awareness-raising
- Water and wetland restoration
- Wildflowers, verges, hedgerows, watercourses
- Ancient woodland

Nature Recovery Plan Themes

**Better
Bigger
More
Joined up**

(Lawton Principles)

Management Plan consultation

Deadline of 21 October 2025

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