

The Way Forward; A Vision for Nature Recovery in Ryedale

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From Strategy to Action: Nature Recovery at the Parish Level

Why did we make this?

- Nature recovery ultimately has to happen locally.
- Parish and town councils are well placed to coordinate local action.
- The North Yorkshire & York Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) provides the strategic framework.
- But the LNRS is a large, strategic document - this booklet aims to help communities turn those priorities into practical, local actions.



Nature Recovery Workbook for Ryedale & North Yorkshire Parishes:



From NALC Guidance → to a Ryedale Resource

Where did the booklet come from?

Janet Cobb & Middle Marches Community Land Trust



NALC guidance



Five pillars of a Parish Biodiversity Plan



North Yorkshire & York LNRS



Local Ryedale context & examples



This workbook

The 5 Key Pillars of a Parish Biodiversity Action Plan



According to the National Association of Local Councils ([NALC](#)) and local government guidelines, an effective plan follows five core stages:

- **Assessment:** Auditing existing parish-managed assets, local green spaces, and notable native species.
- **Prioritisation:** Identifying which key habitats (e.g., verges, churchyards) or species need immediate protection.
- **Action Planning:** Creating targeted, measurable goals for land management and community planning.
- **Implementation:** Executing the strategies via grounds maintenance adjustments and community volunteer work.
- **Monitoring & Review:** Assessing the plan's real-world impact and adapting it over time

A Journey from Understanding → Action

What does the booklet actually do?

1. Know your parish

Map habitats, wildlife sites, connections and opportunities.



2. Understand your biodiversity

Use existing records, local knowledge and simple surveys.



3. Understand the LNRS

Identify which wider priorities your local actions contribute to.



4. Choose actions

Hedgerows • rivers • grasslands • woodlands • farming • villages • dark skies



5. Build partnerships

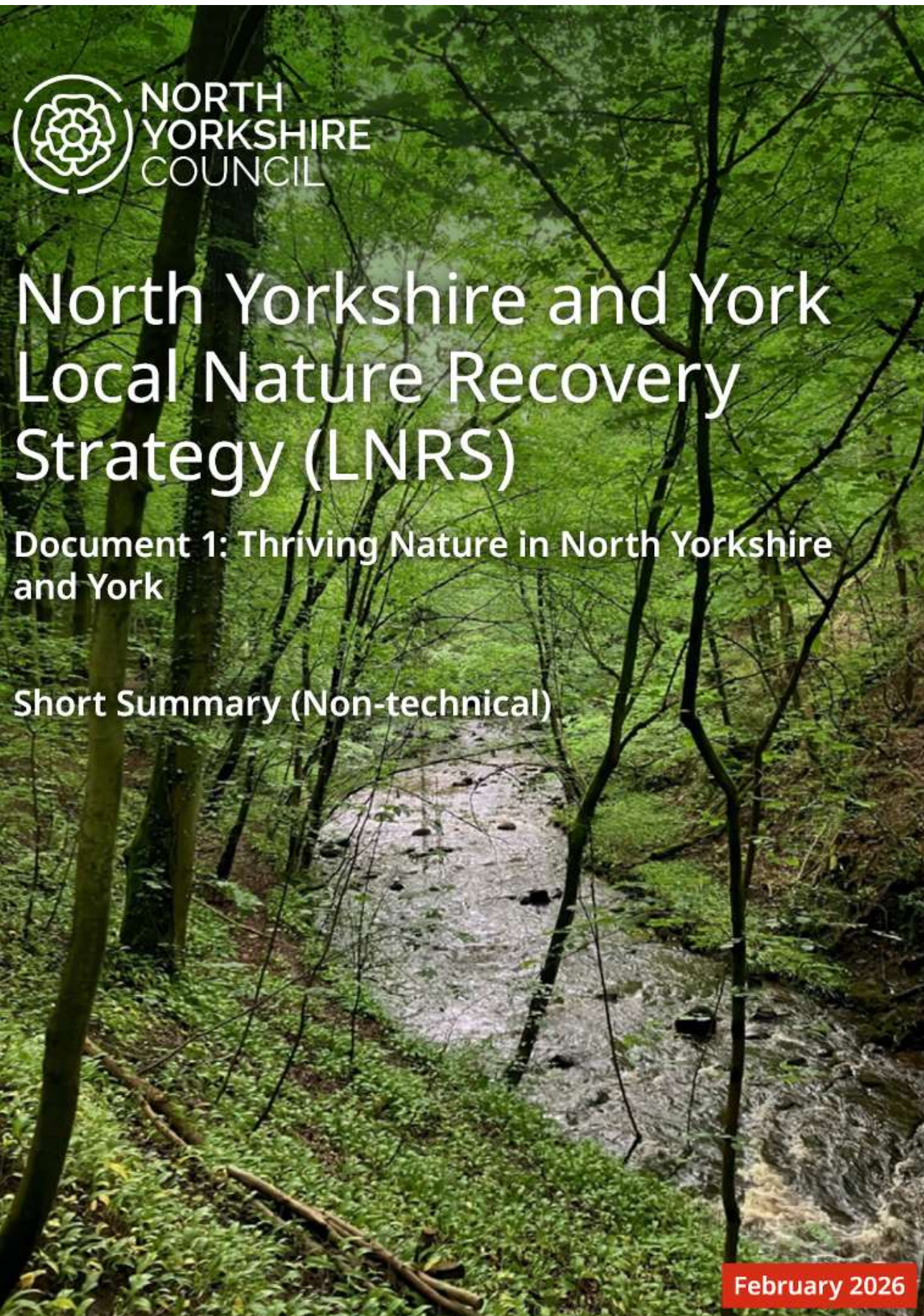
Residents • farmers • landowners • schools • volunteers • organisations



6. Monitor & review

Record what happened, learn from it and adapt.

Five Principles Behind the Actions



1. Improve ecological connectivity

Connect existing good-quality habitats.

2. Support key species

Target action towards species that need it.

3. Control invasive non-native species

Protect native habitats and wildlife.

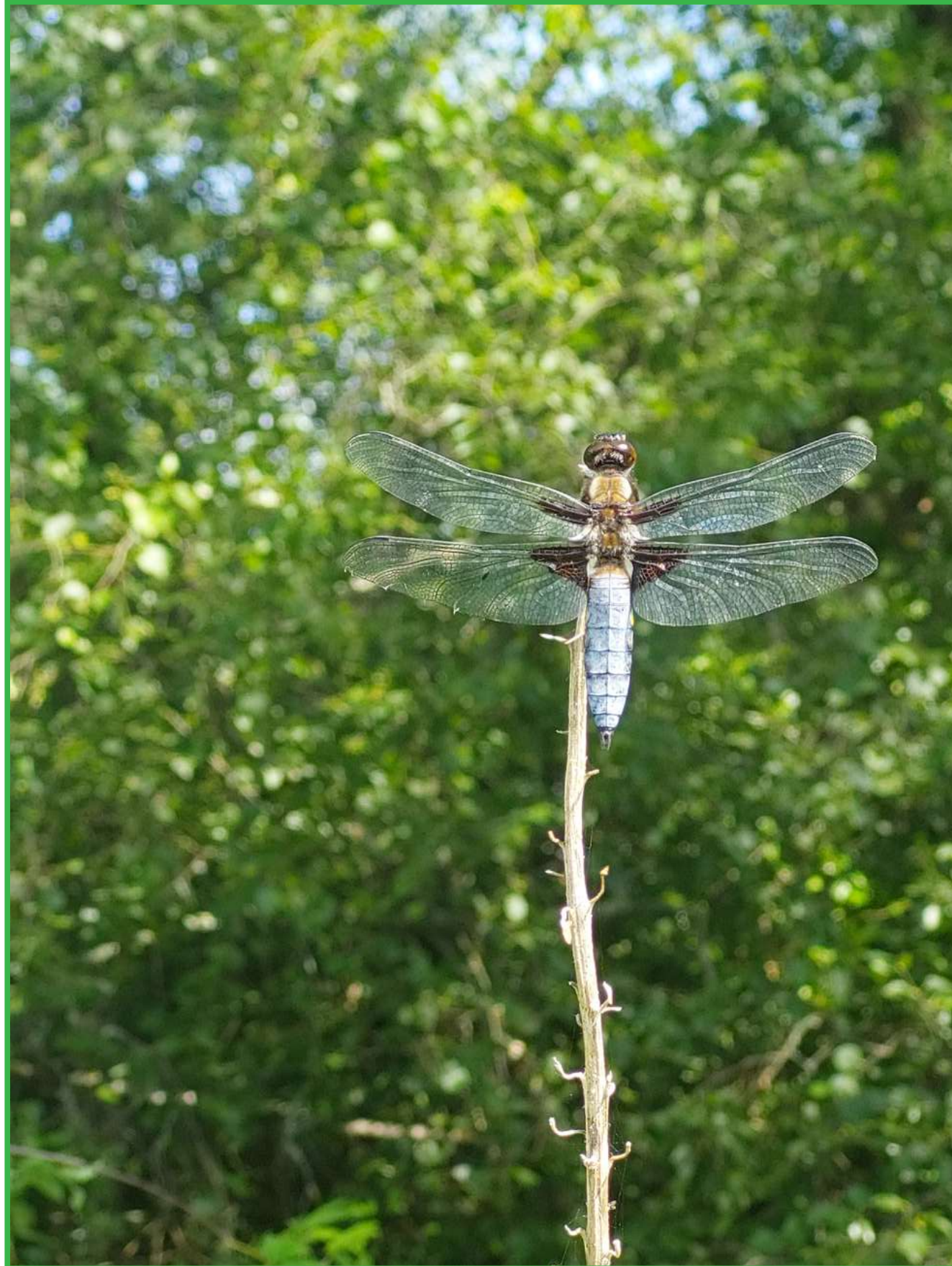
4. Work together for nature

Build partnerships and increase understanding.

5. Improve the evidence base

Record, monitor and share ecological information.

The Way Forward



Healthier

Restore and improve habitats.

More connected

Join up habitats and actions across the landscape.

Richer in wildlife

Create better conditions for species and ecosystems.

More resilient

Help landscapes and communities respond to climate change, flooding and other pressures.

No single organisation can deliver nature recovery alone.

Residents | Farmers | Landowners | Schools | Volunteers | Businesses | Councils

All connected across Ryedale delivering action

Start Where You Can

So what do we actually want people to do?

1. Look

What do you already have?

2. Connect

Where could habitats and people work better together?

3. Choose

What is one realistic action you could take?

4. Work together

Who do you need to involve?

5. Measure

How will you know whether it worked?

6. Build

What can you do next?



Start where you can.

Work together.

**Connect your
actions.**

Help nature recover.

Now...

its your turn!



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