

WENP Work Programme 2018/19

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West of England Nature Partnership
Joining up the dots for nature

AREA	OUTCOME	ACTIVITY	LEAD	STATUS
Restoring nature Identify and prioritise the needs for the restoration of the natural environment in the West of England, strengthening and securing nature at a landscape-scale	Collate, increase and expand our environmental evidence base to enable informed decisions to be made relating to the natural environment, supporting an ecosystem service approach Work at a landscape-scale, by building cross-sector partnerships to secure direct benefits for the environment, local people and the economy	Environmental Data Review Review current environmental evidence system in West of England and best opportunities to optimise	HE	Independent review complete. WENP position paper in development
		State of Environment Dashboard <i>(State of Environment Working Group)</i> Identify priority indicators and develop plan for publicly accessible State of Environment report / live dashboard	AC	To reconvene group pending outcomes of environmental data review
		Ecological Networks <i>(Landscapes and Networks Working Group)</i> Develop spatial vision for functional ecological networks ('Nature Recovery Network') to inform WoE GI Plan and inform wider engagement	IB	Mapping in progress
		Pollinators WoE strategy for more joined-up landscape implementation	HE	Launched WoE Pollinator Strategy. To convene Working Group
		Bristol Avon Catchment Partnership	RC	Ongoing
Spatial planning Through high level engagement with decision makers and strategic planners, ensure our outstanding natural environment is at the heart of regional planning decisions and recognised as a key asset of the region	Provide a joined up point of consultation, by providing decision makers with the analysis and evidence required to make informed decisions relating to the natural environment when making regional planning decisions	Joint Spatial Plan Continue to positively input into JSP process to ensure sufficient weighting is given to the natural environment	LA	Submitted to Inspector
		Local Plans Positively input to ensure sufficient weighting is given to the natural environment	UAs	Ongoing
		West of England Green Infrastructure Plan Support development of Plan through evidence, identifying priorities and development of mechanisms	LA	In progress, reviewing evidence
		Responding to major planning applications	HE	Ongoing

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	challenge where appropriate, to major planning applications and decisions			
Health and wellbeing Facilitate greater awareness of the benefits the natural environment provides to our health & wellbeing to all levels of society	Work to influence decision makers and inform strategic health strategies about the value of nature for health & wellbeing, and the potential cost saving results	Strengthen links with HWBs and NHS	DM	New NHS Board member. Statement of Intent being shared with HWBs
		Mapping accessibility to green space	HE	In progress
	Provide a joined up point of contact for those involved in nature based health care, to facilitate a network of people committed to sharing best practice, skills & exemplar projects	Green Care Forum Strengthen and develop good practice links between health, social care and nature partners	HE AK	Ongoing
Economic development Secure investment to drive positive outcomes for the restoration of the natural environment, recognising that nature underpins our economy and societal wellbeing	Drive more and better investment in natural capital	Natural Capital Trust Develop NCT concept and work to embed in WoE to drive more and better investment in natural capital, including more effective mitigation spending through development	HE	Research project complete. To shadow test against SDLs in WoE GI Plan
		Corporate Engagement – Landscape Enterprise Network Better understand regional economy reliance on natural assets and improve corporate engagement to identify opportunities for innovative finance and building economic resilience	HE	Securing funding
Working together Facilitate the restoration of the natural environment through effective multi-sector working and transformational change. Actively promote and communicate the value of the natural environment to all stakeholders	Improve and build cross-sector partnerships, by bringing together the right stakeholders to result in positive outcomes for the natural environment	WENP governance review	SG	Complete
		Board representation Ensure LEP and Infrastructure Advisory Board are updated on WENP activities and the correct communication mechanisms are in place to create a two-way dialogue	LA	Ongoing
		LNP network	HE	Ongoing
	Working across other partnerships	All	Ongoing	
	Implement a communications strategy to inform and educate new and existing stakeholders about the work of the WENP, providing transparency through a variety of communication methods	Website, newsletters and social media	HE	New website
		Annual Forum	HE	September tbc
Annual Review		HE	Planned for September (launch at Annual Forum)	