

Vision for the North Yorkshire and York LNRS

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The Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) considers land across North Yorkshire and York and will identify locations to improve nature and provide other wider benefits from nature, such as capturing carbon from the atmosphere, flood regulation, and providing greater access to nature-rich spaces where this is most needed for health and wellbeing.

We embarked on the preparation of the LNRS in September 2023, and we have worked collaboratively with a wide range of regional stakeholders including local politicians, farmers, landowners, habitat experts, town planners and citizens of North Yorkshire and York to ask what nature means to them, how we can reverse its decline and what many wider benefits nature recovery can bring to both people and wildlife.

Our vision for restoring nature is:

To work together to enhance, expand, restore and connect our region's habitats for thriving nature across North Yorkshire and York.

Our ambition is that by 2035 our sub region will be an exemplar for abundant nature, and we will leave our natural environment in a better state for people and wildlife species, while supporting a prospering economy and addressing climate change.

Working with our regional stakeholders, we have co-created 10 principles that will underpin our vision, Statement of Biodiversity Priorities, and Local Habitat Map (see following pages).

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Restoring natural processes – restoring nature’s way of doing things, where people and wildlife are better able to thrive in a prospering economy, while addressing climate change



Credit: Yorkshire Peat Partnership

Rewetting blanket bog in the Yorkshire Dales National Park

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Producing food, fuel and timber in a nature friendly way



Credit: Forestry Commission

Harvesting timber for sustainable products

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Connecting people to nature – helping people become more aware of nature, our responsibility to it and the health and wellbeing benefits it can provide



Credit: St Nicks

ForestofFlowers.co.uk is facilitated by St Nicks. It is an environmental charity that manages many green spaces in York with its team of rangers and volunteers

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Managing our water sustainably for both people and wildlife



Credit: Colin Aldred

Since 2004, the Long Preston Floodplain project has been working to naturalise the River Ribble by reconnecting it to its natural floodplain

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Enhancing our sense of place in North Yorkshire and York, with a thriving natural environment



Views from Sutton Bank looking across the Vale of York

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Working across communities, businesses, public bodies and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to help nature to thrive



Credit: Yorkshire Wildlife Trust

Team Wilder is an initiative from the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust to empower Yorkshire's communities to act for the environment and to help wildlife thrive

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Putting nature at the heart of policy and decision-making



Council meeting in County Hall, Northallerton

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Attracting funding and green finance into nature



Credit: Forestry Commission

Woodland planting in an upland landscape

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Promoting jobs, education, apprenticeships, and skills in delivering nature recovery

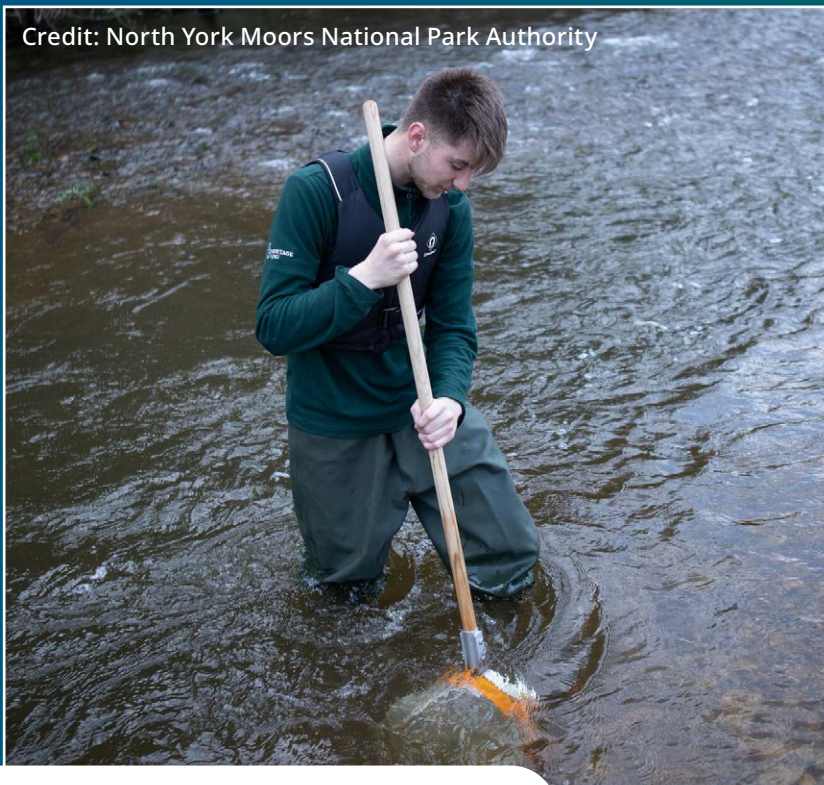


Credit: Yorkshire Wildlife Trust

Yorkshire Wildlife Trust working with volunteers on reprofiling works to the River Foss, near York

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Monitoring and evaluating change – recording uplifts to species, tree cover and habitats over time



Credit: North York Moors National Park Authority

Rangers monitoring river fly species in the River Rye to assess water quality