

Green infrastructure: Protecting the natural world and taking action for wildlife



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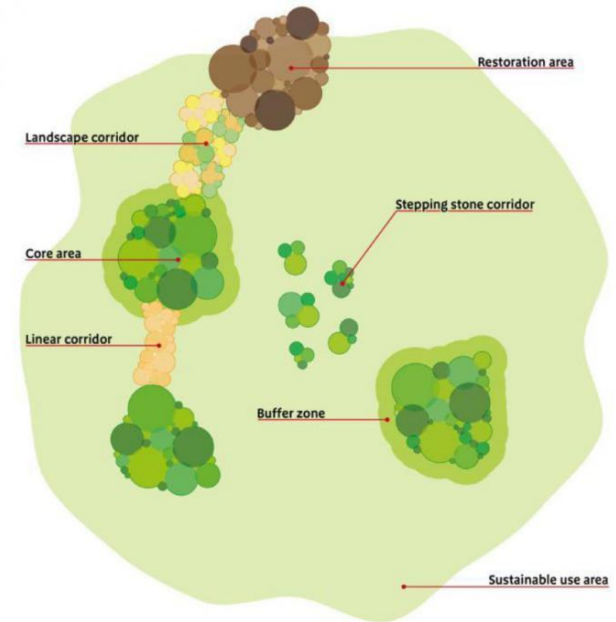
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Story So Far



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- Set up in 1962, Approach to conservation has moved with the times
- Landscape Scale approach (based on Lawton Principles)
- Restoring landscape connectivity
- Connecting People and Wildlife
- Addressing the climate and ecological crisis through the management of good quality natural environments



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Habitats

- Woodlands
- Grasslands
- Heathlands
- Peatlands
- Saltmarsh
- Coastal
- Urban



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People



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- Community engagement
- Events
- Volunteering
- Encourage local exploration
- Provide quality environments
- Raise awareness



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Campaigns



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- Environmental protection after Brexit
- Species
- Habitats
- Wild Places
- How we use our land
- Nature Recovery Network



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Projects



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- Peatland Initiative
- Great Manchester Wetlands
- Carbon Landscape
- My Wild City



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Case Study – Little Woolden Moss



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- Acquired in 2012
- Peat extraction comes to an end
- Rewetting begins
- Carbon storage
- Reintroduction of mossland species
- Local community and volunteers



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Why Restore Peatlands?



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Why should
we restore our
peatlands?



Case Study – Fenscape



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- Part of the Carbon Landscape
- Connecting fragmented wetlands of Wigan and Leigh
- Fen and ditch restoration and creation
- Carbon store
- Flood alleviation
- Wildlife benefits
- Recreational benefits
- Spiritual benefits



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Investment



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- Carbon Compensation Scheme
- Net Gain
- Great Crested Newt District Level Licencing
- Carbon Credits
- Habitat Banking
- Environmental Land Management Scheme



Eco Speed on Little Wooden

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Future



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- Greater Manchester Environment Fund Pilot
- ELMS pilot
- First urban National Nature Reserve
- Provide Quality environments
- Nature Recovery Network
- Eco Tourism

