

Species Survival Fund: Herptile habitat creation and restoration in the New Forest

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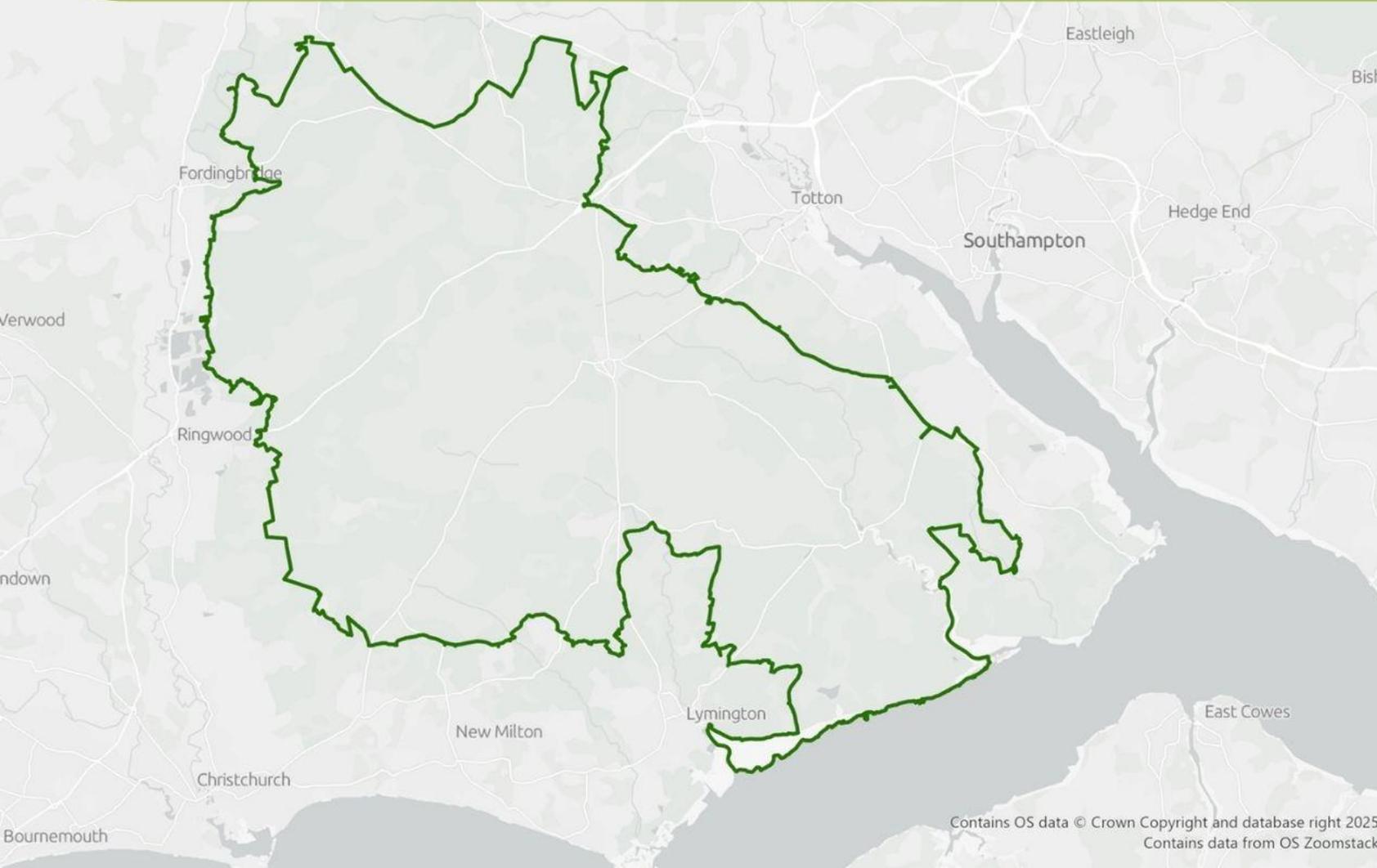


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Creation restoration/enhancement of 250 ha of wetland, heathlands, meadows, hedgerows and woodlands outside the crown lands.



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Target species

All native herpetofauna in the forest

With specific actions for:



Sand lizard
Lacerta agilis



Smooth snake
Coronella austriaca



Adder
Vipera berus

ARCs contribution

ARC's goal: Support species recovery and progression towards Favourable Conservation Status



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How did we accomplish this?

- **Carried out capital works and volunteer tasks, with a focus on restoring heathland habitats**
- **Improved over 100 ha of heathlands for herpetofauna and other wildlife**

ARCs contribution

Before:



After:



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After:



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After:



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After:



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Volunteer sand patching task





What now?



Post project

- Landowners are committed to maintaining the capital works carried out over the next 10 years



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3 years of post-project monitoring

- **selection of sites to show the change in biodiversity after capital works**



Post project

-  **Landowners are committed to maintaining the capital works carried out over the next 10 years**
-  **3 years of post-project monitoring**
-  **Inspiring landowners to carry out their own surveys**



Post project



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Thank you!

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