

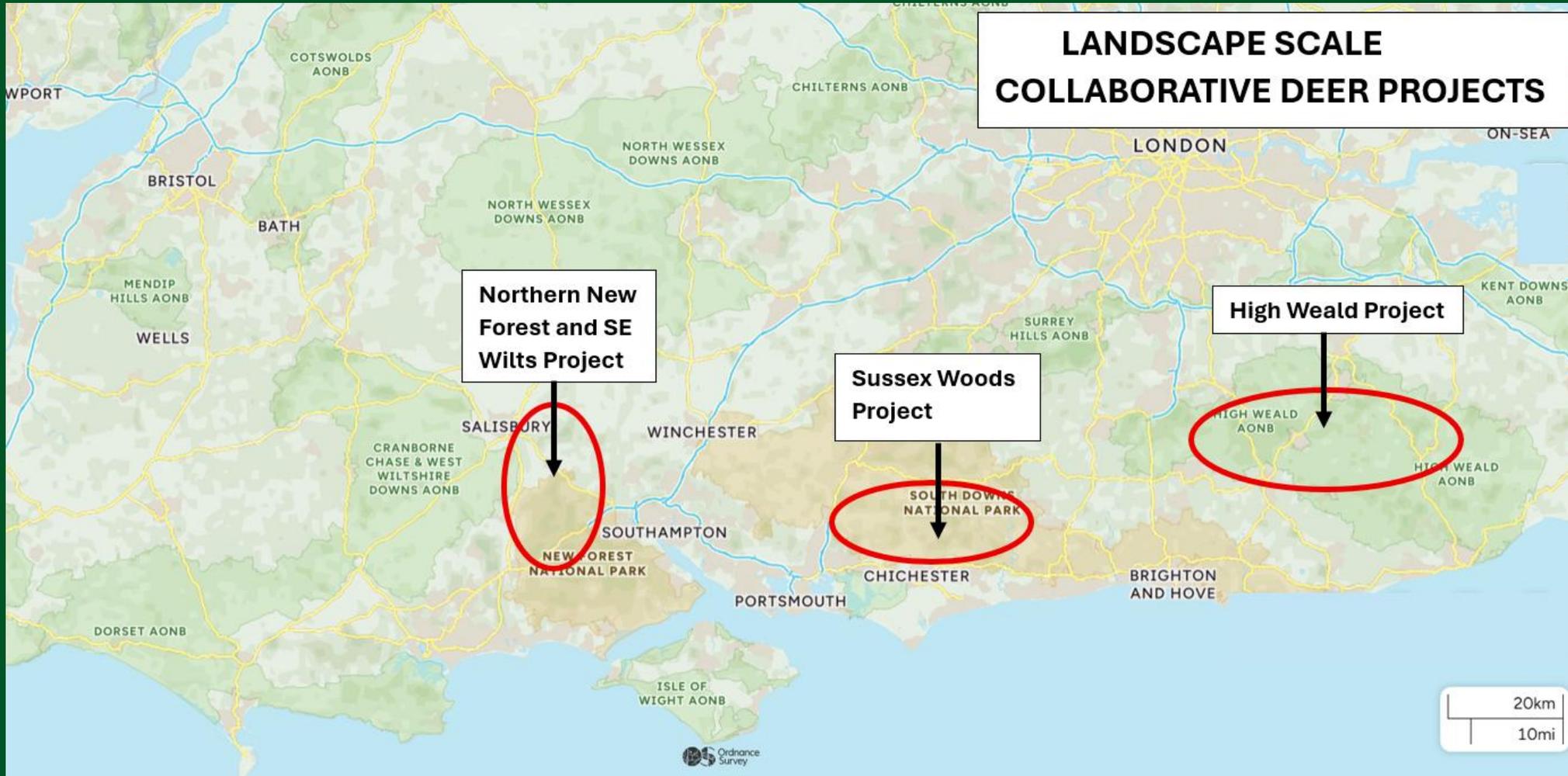


# NORTHERN NEW FOREST AND SOUTHEAST WILTSHIRE DEER MANAGEMENT PROJECT

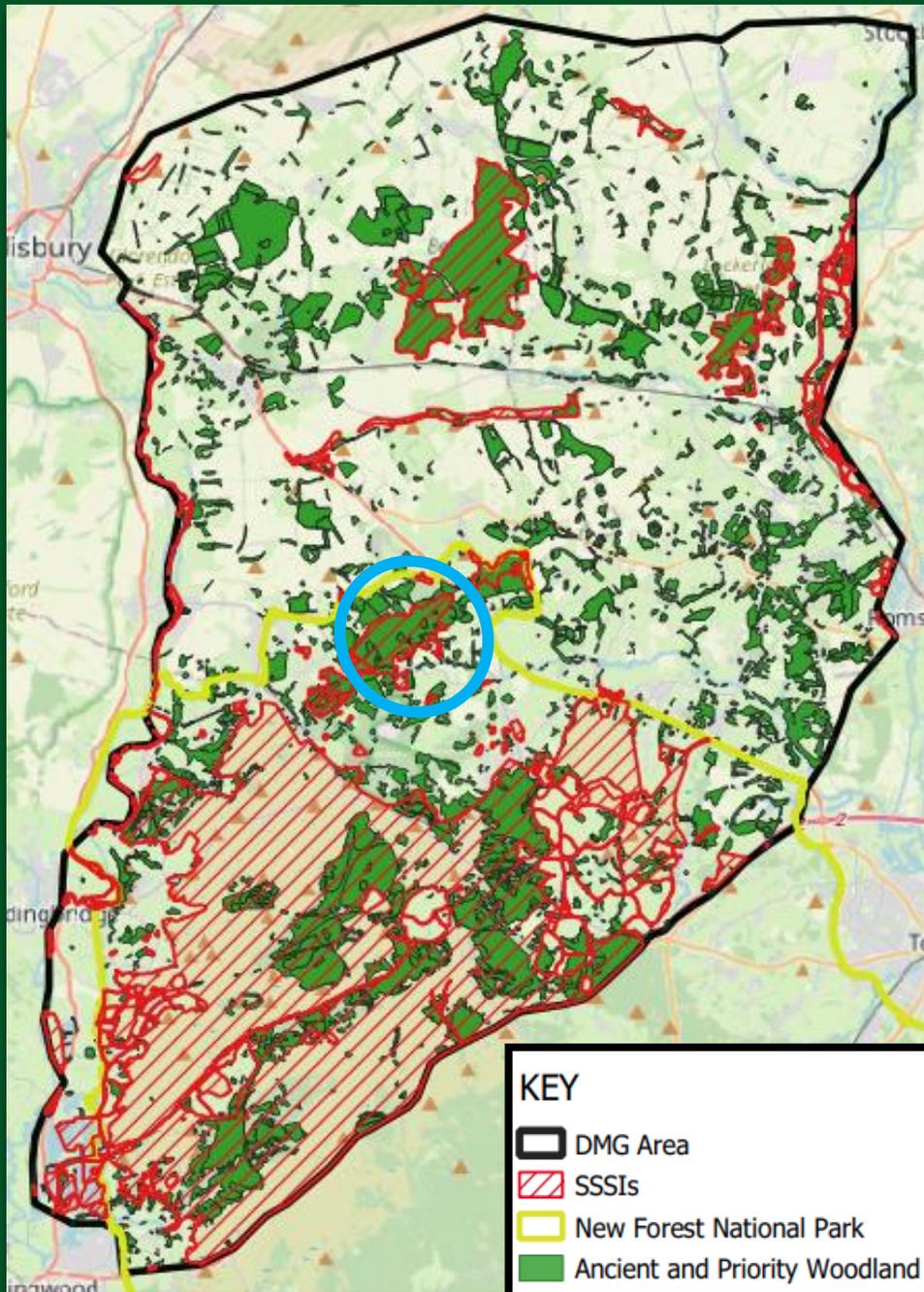
Supported by: Farming in Protected Landscapes (FiPL)  
Protected Site Strategy (PSS)



# COLLABORATIVE DEER MANAGEMENT PROJECTS



## Northern New Forest Nature Recovery Area

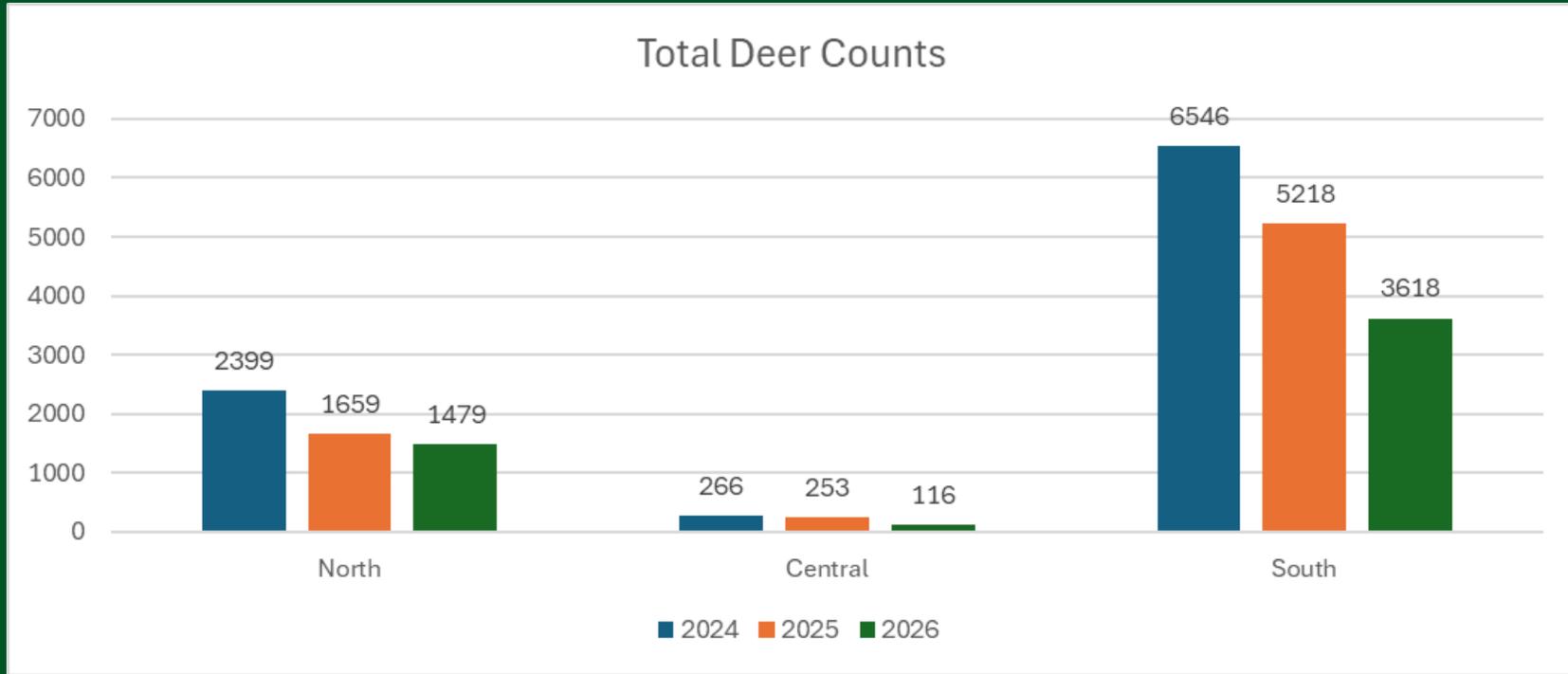


- ▶ Bentley Wood SSSI – nationally important woodland butterfly site
- ▶ Mottisfont Bats SAC
- ▶ Blackmoor Copse SSSI
- ▶ Brickworth Down and Dean Hill SSSI
- ▶ Whiteparish Common SSSI
- ▶ Loosehanger Copse and Meadows SSSI
- ▶ Langley Wood NNR
- ▶ Franchises RSPB Reserve
- ▶ The New Forest SSSI/SAC/SPA/Ramsar
- ▶ Lots of priority woodland habitat
- ▶ Important woodland bird assemblage

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 **DRONE SURVEY RESULTS**

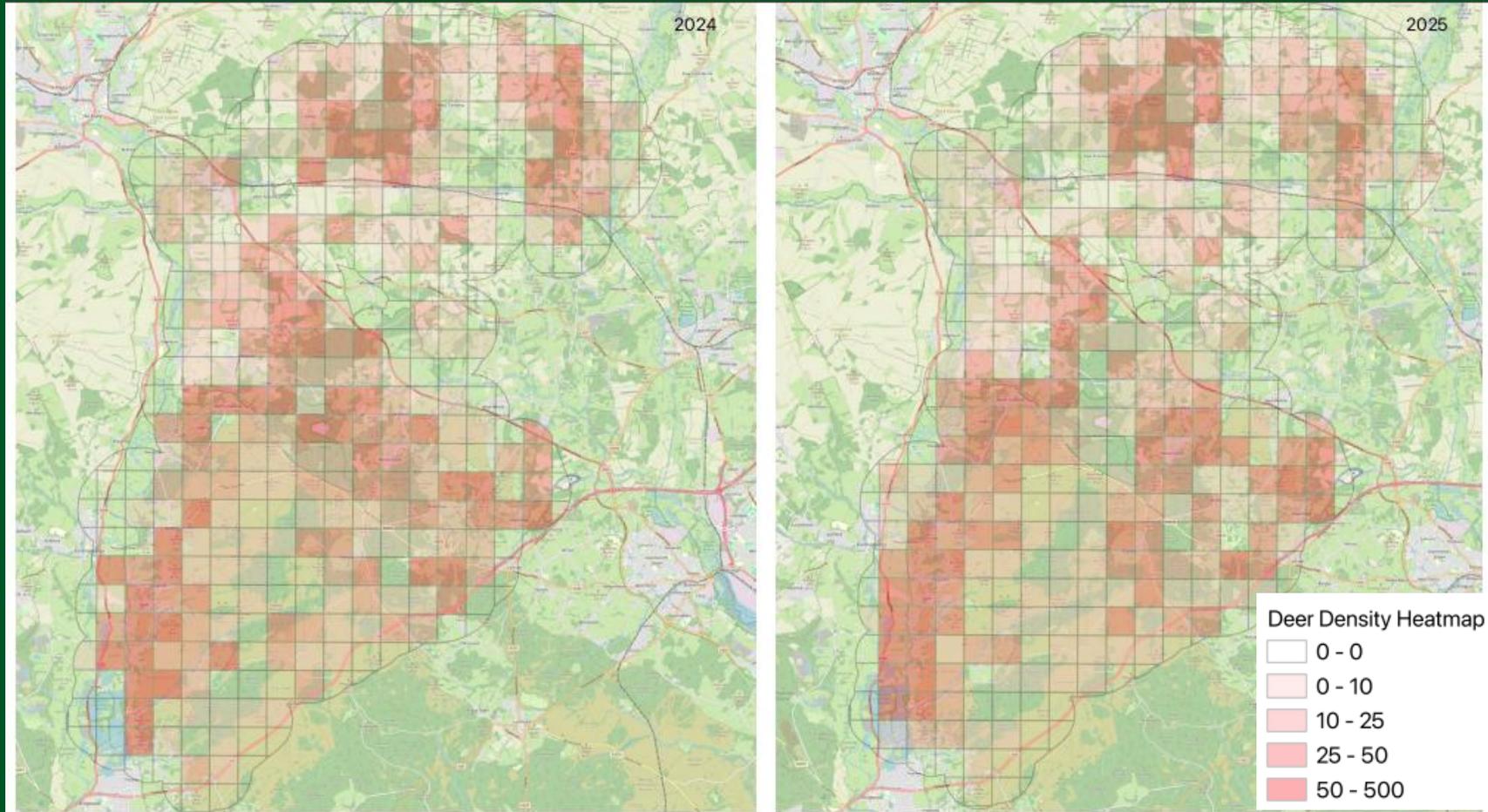
# DRONE SURVEY DEER COUNTS 2024, 2025 AND 2026



	Deer Density 2024	Deer Density 2025	Deer Density 2026
Northern Area	39/km <sup>2</sup>	27/km <sup>2</sup>	25/km <sup>2</sup>
Central Area	8/km <sup>2</sup>	8/km <sup>2</sup>	3.5/km <sup>2</sup>
Southern Area	35/km <sup>2</sup>	28/km <sup>2</sup>	19/km <sup>2</sup>

**Sustainable Deer Density suggested by Research Studies**  
**4 – 7/km<sup>2</sup>**

# DRONE SURVEY HEAT MAPS – FEB. 2024 AND 2025



**DIGITAL**  
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Northern New Forest and Southeast Wiltshire Woodlands Deer Management Group  
Thermal Deer Survey Spring 2025  
7128 Deer Counted over Feb/Mar 2025  
9223 Deer Counted over Feb 2024

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# OTHER DEER IMPACTS

Grassland Impact - Deer emerging from woodland onto grassland at night

6 week exclosure plot shows impact on farm productivity and on wildflower flowering/nectar sources

Arable losses

Impacts on New Forest heathland and other open habitats