

Nature recovery in the nation's forests

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An aerial photograph of the British Isles, including Great Britain and Ireland. The land is green, and the surrounding water is blue. Numerous small, bright pink dots are scattered across the landmass, representing the locations of forests and woods. The dots are densely packed in some areas, particularly in the south of England and the Midlands, and more sparse in others.

Closer than you think...

We look after more than 1,500 forests and woods

99% of people live within an hour's drive of one of our forests



Forestry England

Biodiversity Plan 2022-26

1. Protected sites and species

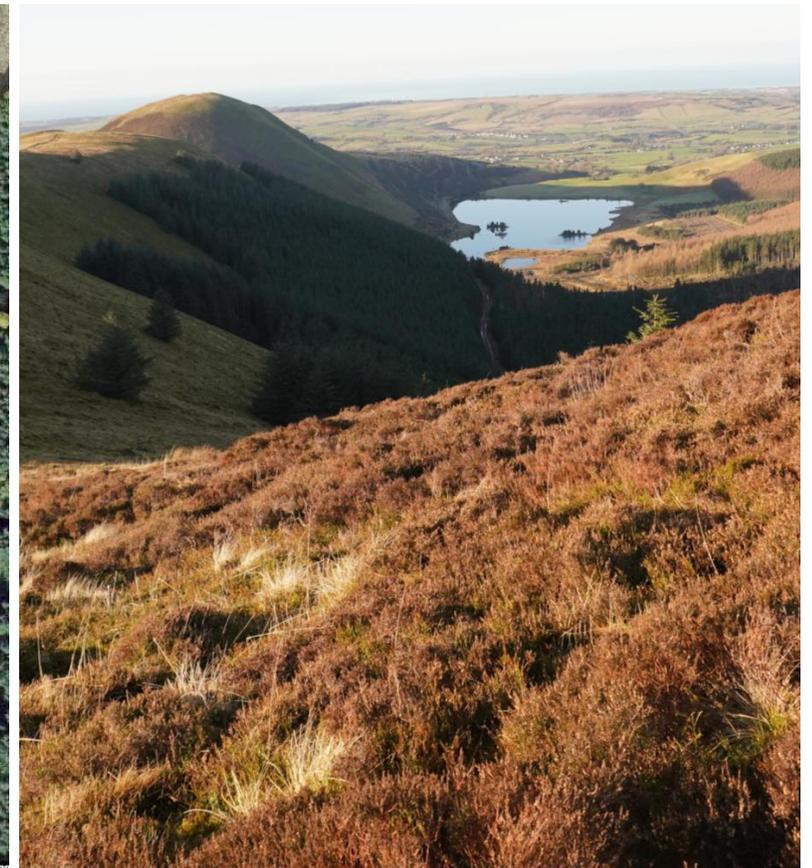
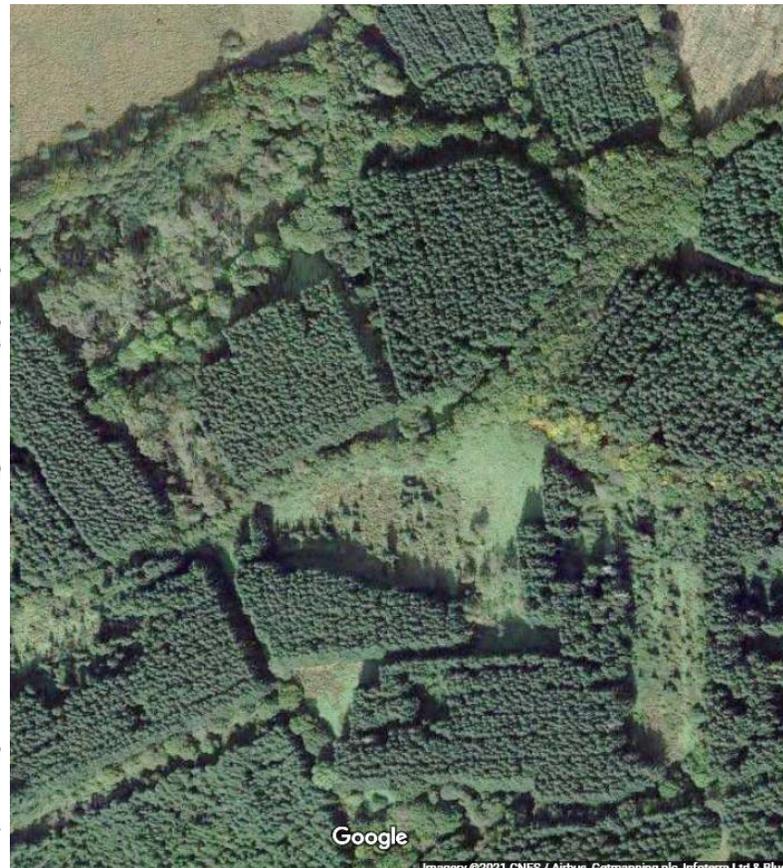
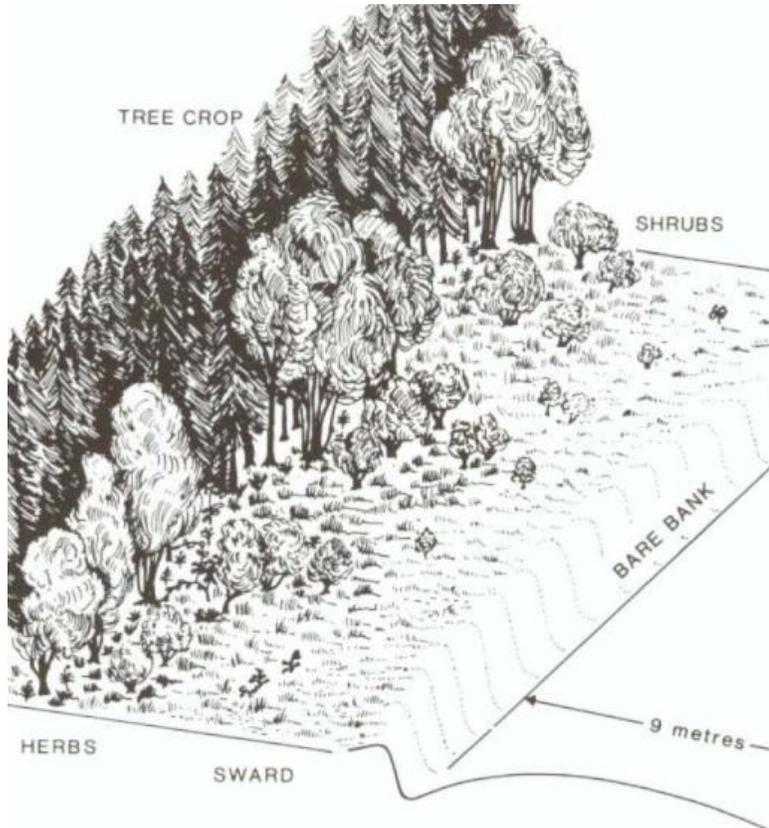


2. Ancient woodlands

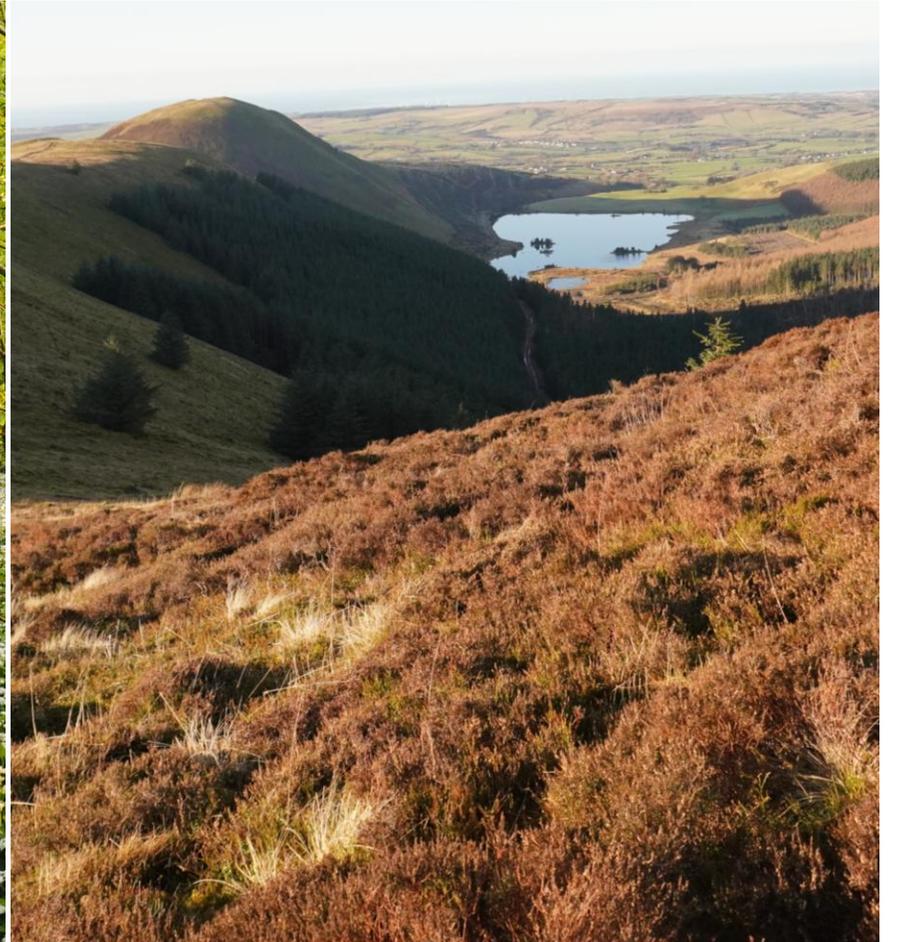
- In 2007 we committed to restoring all 42,814 ha of our Plantations on Ancient Woodland Sites (PAWS). A third now restored to >80% native woodland.
- Target - Double the current rate of restoration



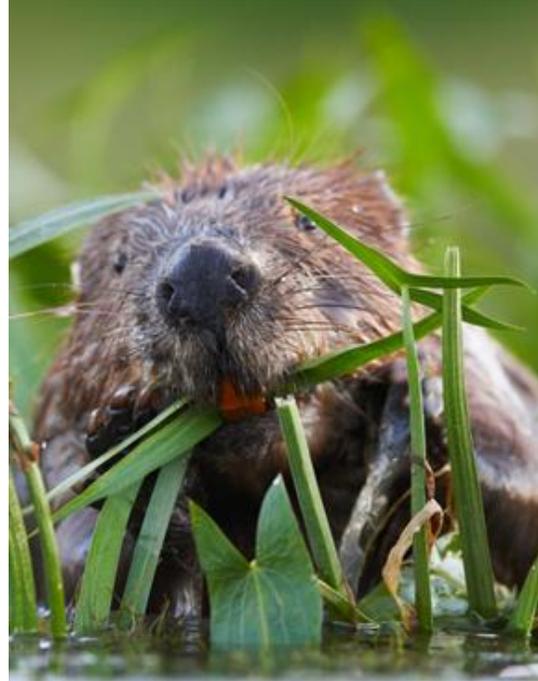
3. Nature Networks & Open Habitats



53% of the nation's forests are SSSIs, Open Habitats, Ancient Woodland, or Plantations on Ancient Woodland Sites



4. Species Reintroduction











- 1. Protected Sites & Species**
- 2. Ancient Woodlands**
- 3. Nature Networks & Open Habitats**
- 4. Species Reintroductions**
- 5. Wild Areas**



METAPOPULATIONS





Windhoek

Botswana

Mmadinare

Mahalapye

Lerala

Gaborone

Kanye

Pretoria

Maputo

Johannesburg

Swaziland

Vereeniging

Klerksdorp

Newcastle

Welkom

Maputsoe

Bloemfontein

Kao

Lesotho

Durban

Mohale's Hoek

South Africa

East London

Port Elizabeth

Cape Town



