



Kent Nature Partnership

The Kent Nature Partnership (KNP) is a coordinating strategic body, awarded Local Nature Partnership (LNP) status by the government in 2012 to drive positive change in the natural environment. Their purpose is to provide the strategic coordination and leadership needed to restore nature across Kent and Medway, underpinning a thriving economy and healthy population.

KNP is hosted by Kent County Council and is structured around an executive level Board and management working group. The Board provides a strategic direction for the KNP and the Management Working Group (MWG), provides the technical and sectoral advice required to realise the strategic vision of the Kent Nature Partnership.

Board membership includes:

- Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Unit (representing protected landscapes). (Now known as Kent Downs National Landscapes)
- Country Land & Business Association.
- Defra family.
- Kent Planning Officers Group.
- Medway Council (Unitary authority).
- Kent Wildlife Trust.
- Kent Public Health.
- Brett Aggregates (Private sector).
- Kent Nature Partnership - Management Working Group Chair

Management Working Group membership includes:

- Countryside Management Partnerships
- Defra family
- Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
- Kent Wildlife Trust
- Kent & Medway Biological Records Centre
- Kent's district and unitary authorities
- Southern Water
- Public health (KCC)
- RSPB
- University of Kent
- Kent County Council.

Since 2018, the KNP has been working closely on areas described in the Government's 25 Year Environment Plan (25YEP) and Environment Bill such as such as Biodiversity Net Gain and Nature Recovery Network.

The KNP's Kent Biodiversity Strategy, published in 2020, closely aligns to the 25YEP and runs across a 25-year time span and aims to help steer the collaborative work of conservationists, government, business and individuals to work in partnership so that the county's natural landscape can be restored and threatened species can be saved.

It aims to deliver, over a 25-year period, the maintenance, restoration and creation of habitats that are thriving with wildlife and plants, ensuring the county's terrestrial, freshwater, intertidal and marine environments regain and retain good health.

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