

OBJECTIVE Objectives will be reset in the light of progress 2011-2017	TARGET	PROGRESS	PLAN STATUS	
			2008-2010	2011-2017
A. To achieve condition of 53ha of existing lowland calcareous grassland above 0.25ha that are currently in unfavourable condition, to favourable or recovering giving priority to those holding Priority Species*, Red Data Book, Nationally Scarce and Regionally Scarce species. <i>*The UK BAP was succeeded by the 'UK Post-2010 Biodiversity Framework' in July 2012. The UK list of priority species, however, remains an important reference source.</i>	2026	57% of the 2026 target has been achieved with the management of a minimum of 30ha, through Natural England agri-environment schemes and on Warwickshire Wildlife Trust reserves.	↑	↑
B. To restore 27ha of degraded lowland calcareous grassland.	2026	The 2026 target for restoration is already exceeded by 155%, with 42ha restored on SSSIs and by Butterfly Conservation Warwickshire on its reserves and at other sites.		
C. To expand the extent of the habitat by 16ha.	2026	Very little progress with only 0.14ha achieved.		
Key to status: 2010: ↑ Any improvement ↔ No change ↓ Decline 2017: ↑ Good progress ↑ Some progress ↔ No change ↓ Decline				

PROPOSED ACTIONS Targets will be reset in the light of progress 2011-2017	BY	REPORTED PROGRESS	NO.OF SITES/ ITEMS/ AREA	% OF TARGET	ACTION STATUS ↑↑↔↓
PL1. Ensure that any site meeting the relevant criteria is considered for designation as an SSSI.	Ongoing	No progress			↔
PL2. Continue to select all qualifying lowland calcareous grassland sites as LWSs and enter onto database.	Ongoing	In progress Designated LWS are; Taskers Meadow Darlingscott Triangle (roadside verge with some calcareous grassland) Stretton on Fosse Road Verge Pilerton Priors Road Chesterton Road Verge Tredington Fosse Way Verges Ettington by-pass Lias Line Stockton Railway Cutting Bishops Hill / Bishops Bowl Complex Grove Hill	11 sites		↑
PL3. Ensure that the protection of all calcareous grassland is included in Local Development Plans, Neighbourhood Plans and any other relevant strategies, including targets for maintenance, achieving condition		Achieved by Stratford DC, North Warks.BC, Solihull MBC and Coventry CC; also by Warwick DC for species only. Not achieved by Rugby BC, Nuneaton & Bedworth BC.	4+ LAs	65%	↑

and expansion for each relevant Local Authority.					
PL4. Ensure that new minor or major developments aim for net biodiversity gain through adherence to the mitigation hierarchy, in view of previous high losses of calcareous grassland.		<p>Some progress:</p> <p>WCC: no current examples of net gain but all Local Planning Authorities promote biodiversity impact assessments that lead to net gains. No net loss stated.</p>	No net loss		↑
SM1. Achieve favourable condition of 17ha of existing calcareous grassland by 2015 and a further 36ha by 2026 by appropriate management, including 6 new sites.		<p>Target exceeded.</p> <p>Natural England (NE): 10 agri-environment schemes are in place for management of calcareous grassland including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burton Dasset: 21.5ha in total being managed, including approx. 2ha of calcareous species on the upper slope. • Grove Hill (WWT): 2ha • Draycote Meadow (WWT): 5.5ha <p>Warwickshire Wildlife Trust (WWT): 21ha is in favourable condition at Stockton SSSI, Harbury SSSI and Ufton Fields SSSI.</p>	<p>30ha max.</p> <p>No new sites.</p>	176%	↑↑
SM2. Continue restoration of degraded calcareous grassland at the five SSSIs and other sites, restoring at least 8 ha by 2015 and a further 19ha by 2026.		<p>Target exceeded.</p> <p>NE: scrub control programmes on SSSIs: Oxhouse Farm 8.34ha and Copmill Hill 0.42ha</p> <p>WWT: approx.5ha is under restorative management by scrub control at Stockton SSSI, Harbury SSSI and Ufton Fields SSSI.</p> <p>Fenny Compton Tunnels: 5ha</p> <p>Butterfly Conservation Warwickshire (BCW): 11.273ha of restoration on its reserves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ettington Cuttings: 1.06ha • Newton Cutting: 2.106ha • Nelsons Wharf: 0.447ha • Long Itchington Cutting: 1.306ha • Harbury Spoilbank North: 1.2ha • Southam Bypass North: 0.03ha • Southam Bypass South: 0.124ha <p>BCW: 12ha of restoration at other sites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bilton Cutting - 0.5 ha • Bishops Bowl - 5ha • Draycote village - approx. 0.5ha • Little Haven - approx. 1ha • Bishops Hill - approx. 5 ha 	42ha max.	525%	↑↑
SM3. Expand the area of calcareous grassland by 5ha by 2015 and a further 11ha by 2026.		<p>Very little progress.</p> <p>Tribune Trading Estate: 0.14ha</p>	0.14ha		↑

<p>SM4. Work at a landscape scale, focusing effort on identified important clusters of calcareous grassland to maximise benefit, ‘rewilding’ the wider countryside and restoring the range of the habitat to build resilience to climate change. Target areas are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feldon Pastures • Feldon Parkland • Cotswolds • Major roadside verges and embankments 		<p>Some progress.</p> <p>Habitat Biodiversity Audit (HBA): has surveyed two sections of the Fosse-Way in 2016 Darlingscott Triangle and 2017 Stretton-on-Fosse Road Verge (1 of 3 Fosse Way sections)</p>	<p>2 verges</p>		<p>↑</p>
<p>RM1. Map digitally the remnant areas of unimproved and semi-improved calcareous grassland.</p>		<p>Achieved by the HBA.</p>	<p>151 ha.</p>		<p>↑</p>
<p>RM2. Identify sites for potential calcareous grassland restoration and expansion by connectivity mapping.</p>		<p>In progress.</p> <p>BCW: circa 30-40 sites.</p> <p>WWT: Henley Sidings</p> <p>HBA: still working on the potential list of sites that may have calcareous grassland.</p>	<p>30-40 sites</p>		<p>↑</p>
<p>RM3. Identify plant indicator species to establish criteria for assessing the quality of calcareous grassland habitat.</p>		<p>Achieved by the HBA.</p>			<p>↑</p>
<p>RM4. Use indicator species criteria for monitoring calcareous grassland condition and expansion every 5 years, particularly on LWSs.</p>		<p>Not achieved</p> <p>HBA: realistically this will not be achieved for 10 years as still finding sites; focussing on Stratford DC and Rugby BC.</p>			<p>↔</p>
<p>CPI. Inform and advise on the management of lowland calcareous grassland to land owners in order to illustrate best practice, at relevant events.</p>		<p>In progress.</p> <p>Local Wildlife Sites Project: this is standard procedure.</p>			<p>↑</p>