OPEN MOSAIC HABITATS REPORT 2011-2017

OBJECTIVE Objectives will be reset in the light of progress 2011-2017	TARGET	PROGRESS		PLAN STATUS	
				2011- 2017	
A. To complete the identification of all 90ha of existing open mosaic habitats and their ownership.	2020	By 2012 the identification of all ecologically important industrial sites, derelict land and stretches of disused transport lines and their ownership had largely been completed by Steven Falk.	1	^	
B. To restore 10ha of degraded priority sites by 2026.	2026	By 2017 400% of the 2026 target had been met by Butterfly Conservation Warwickshire, Warwickshire Wildlife Trust, Local Authorities, Sustrans and Community Groups.			
Key to status: 2010: \uparrow Any improvement \leftrightarrow No change \checkmark Decline 2017: \uparrow Good progress \uparrow Some progress \leftrightarrow No change				ecline	

2017: \uparrow Good progress \uparrow Some progress \leftrightarrow No change Ψ 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	0 sites		\leftrightarrow
PL2. Continue to select all qualifying open mosaic sites as LWSs and enter onto database.	ongoing	In progress. Designated LWS (12 of which are disused railways) are: • Burnsall Road NR • Wyken Croft Park • Houldsworth Crescent Corridor Coventry (7.63ha) • Ashlawn Cutting • Newton Cutting in Rugby • Lias Line • Rugby-Leicester disused railway • Alcester-Broom disused railway • Alcester-Broom disused railway • Hinckley Road disused railway • Stockton disused railway • Leamington-Rugby disused railway and extension • Goldicote cutting near Ettington • The Greenway, Stratford • Cutting west of Cawston Grange Farm Rugby • Weddington Country Walk, Nuneaton	15 sites	65%	^
PL3. Ensure that the protection of all designated SSSI and LWS brownfield sites is included in Local Development Plans, Neighbourhood Plans and any other relevant strategies, including targets for maintenance and restoration for each relevant Local Authority.	ongoing	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%	T
PL4. Ensure that new minor or major developments result	ongoing	Some progress	No net		1

in net biodiversity gain through adherence to the mitigation hierarchy.		WCC : all Local Planning Authorities promote biodiversity impact assessments that lead to net gains. No net loss stated. No current examples of net gain.	loss		
SM1 . Maintain open mosaic habitat in favourable condition by appropriate management, especially at LWSs and priority sites identified in the National Inventory.	ongoing	Good progress.	11 sites		1
		Butterfly Conservation Warwickshire(BCW): Ryton Wood Meadows			
		Sustrans: Cawston Greenway : butterfly banks and scrub control for small blue and bloody nosed beetle in 2017.			
		 Warwickshire Wildlife Trust: Ashlawn Cutting: scrub clearance work along the disused railway line was carried out by contractors along 200m of Great Central Walkway at St Peter's and the Newton section which involved local volunteers. Stockton Cutting and Claybrookes Marsh: substantial scrub removal from 2001 onwards, improving conditions for various scarce flowers and insects. Goldicote Cutting near Ettington - scrub clearance and grassland management work continues along the disused railway line. 			
		Restored industrial sites: Nuneaton Mound and Newdigate Colliery (NBBC)			
		Restored former landfill sites: Wyken Croft Park and parts of Longford Nature Park (CCC) and Ryton Pools (WCC)			
SM2. Inform landowners/ managers of the ecological	ongoing	In progress.			1
significance of their sites and advise accordingly, ensuring the production of management guidance plans for the key areas of interest for all LWSs.		This is standard Local Wildlife Sites Project procedure.			
SM3. Restore 3ha of degraded priority sites by 2015 and a	2015-2026	Target exceeded.	40ha	1333%	ተተ
further 7ha by 2026, including the creation of areas of bare and disturbed soil for birds, a g turtle dove		Sustrans: in 2017, has enhanced 2.5ha of disused railways for wildlife.			
and disturbed soil for birds, e.g. turtle dove.		BCW: c.4ha tree removal at Pagets Pool (Ryton Pools Country Park) has improved conditions for the grizzled skipper.			
		Foundry Wood : 1.3ha of regenerated woodland on part of the old Ford Foundry site, Learnington Spa.			
		 Restoration of former landfill sites to green space, both formal and semi natural by Local Authorities: 32.32ha Cherry Orchard Brickpit Kenilworth (WDC) 4.5ha Bubbenhall Meadows (WWT) 21ha Kingston Grange Farm near Gaydon (WDC) 2.82ha Bailey Park in Nuneaton (NBBC) 4ha 			
SM4. Take opportunities with developments to create new and temporary sites.	ongoing	Some progress.	2 sites		1
		 Some opportunities on sites that are not residential development sites: Elliots Field, Rugby: a brownfield site with mix of habitats. Some onsite/ offsite habitat creation has been achieved with a 25 yr. management .Lois can provide more detail if required. 			

		• Brinklow: a sand and gravel quarry with agreement to retain and maintain some cliff areas for sand martins (2017).		
RM1. Identify and map, with photographic records, all remaining open mosaic habitats by desktop and ground survey. Re-survey every 5 years to inform site management to keep sites in favourable condition (see SM1).	2020	In progress.		^
RM2. Update the register of existing open mosaic habitats and their ownership annually.	ongoing	Achieved. BCW: has over 250 sites on its register.		◆
RM3. Identify plant indicator species for assessing the quality of open mosaic habitat.	Done	Completed.		^