

Nature Recovery Sheffield: Our Aims for 2030.

What is NRS?

We are a movement of people working together for nature recovery in Sheffield

Why have we set up NRS?

Globally, we are in the middle of a 6th mass extinction of wildlife. We are losing both the diversity of species and the total amount or abundance of wildlife. Causes are many but include a loss of good land or water for nature, made worse by climate change.

This matters because, as well as our moral role in caring for the world around us, people are also part of nature. We thrive when there is clean air to breathe, clean water to drink and when we feel connected to nature. We need good soils supporting nature-friendly food production. We rely on the land around us to support a diversity and abundance of plants, wildlife and other species that together make up an ecosystem that helps to store carbon to combat climate change and hold back flood waters that can otherwise destroy our homes and businesses.

To turn this around, we need more land and water that's great for nature where wildlife can thrive. The global community are currently discussing a proposal for 30% of land and water great for nature by 2030, then 50% by 2050.

We estimate that <3% of land and <8% of water is currently great for nature in Sheffield. This is why we have recognised there is a nature (& climate) crisis, declared a nature emergency in Sheffield and are now working for nature's recovery.

The intention of NRS is not to duplicate any existing group activity but to 'be greater than a sum of our parts' - by amplifying, multiplying and connecting activity for nature recovery across Sheffield.

Our Vision

Throughout Sheffield, from our streets & neighbourhoods to the wider countryside, there will be an abundance of nature that is protected, cared for and experienced by everyone.

We want to see:

- 30% of land and water great for nature by 2030
- More wildlife by 2030

Our Mission

By thinking globally and acting locally, together we will turn around the nature emergency and put nature in recovery in Sheffield

We will get there by:

Growing, advocating and empowering a movement of people to:

- 1) **Protect & Restore:** looking after land and water that's already great for nature, restoring what's in poor condition
- 2) **Create:** more spaces for nature, helping wildlife to thrive
- 3) **Inspire:** more people to take action for nature

For more information and evidence on the above please see Appendix 1.

Initial Action Plan 22/23

The following initial actions have been agreed as of Sept 2022. We anticipate more actions by individuals and groups will be added to this over the coming months. This will be aided by the development and use of an online Community Action for Nature (CAN) Map.

- 1) **Grow:** our members and diversify
 - 1,500 sign up by Dec 2022
 - More under-represented communities involved

- 2) **Advocating:** NRS campaigns to have a strong united voice for nature, to influence and collaborate with larger organisations and agencies within and beyond Sheffield.

- 3) **Empower:** an NRS movement working for nature recovery
 - More people enabling action for nature
 - To agree a Nature Charter for allotment groups
 - To scope a project for orchards and schools, linking with the Council
 - To pursue the S20 nature network corridor proposal
 - To scope out water pollution citizen science proposal
 - To bring together Sheffield churches as Eco-churches – with a focus on the potential for nature recovery in Walkely and Ecclesall.
 - Co-ordinate, map, connect and network our community
 - To develop Community Action for Nature online maps by Dec 2022
 - Share skills, knowledge and expertise
 - To put in place community toolkit by August 2022
 - Identify 3-5 NRS 'ambassadors' to support others to take action eg Wildlife Gardener, Swift Group, Greenspace Community Group for key themes in 2023 by Dec 2022
 - Celebrate and learn together
 - Celebration of Taking Action for Nature film Night by Sept 22
 - Fundraising and resource
 - To secure a community pot to support small scale activity by March 2023