



# The Wildlife Trusts and ecological network mapping

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Protecting **Wildlife** for the Future

# The Wildlife Trusts

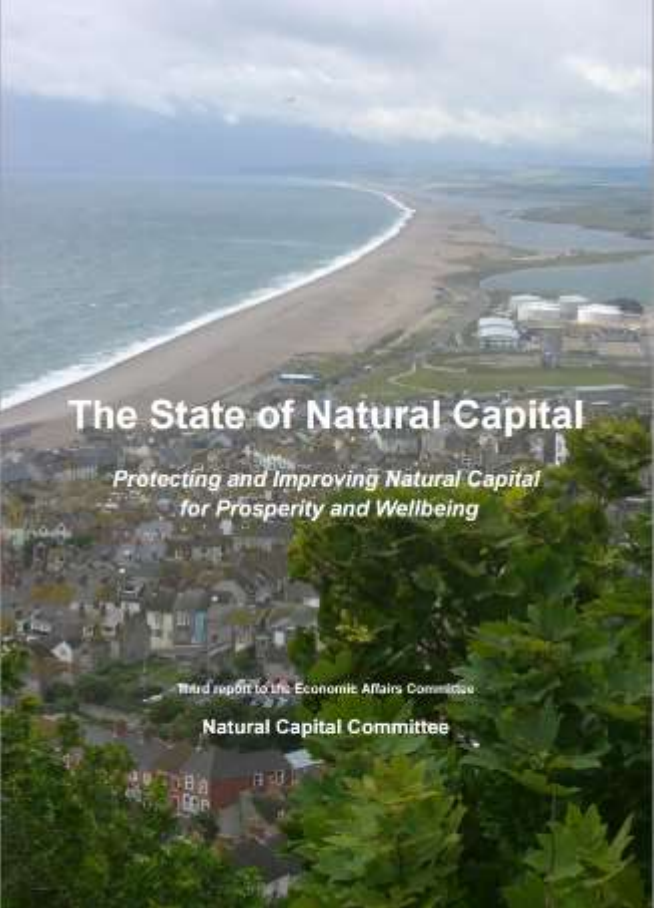
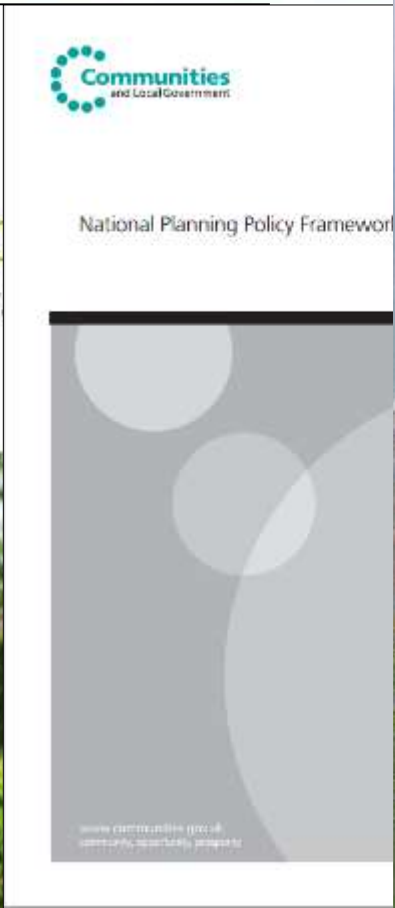
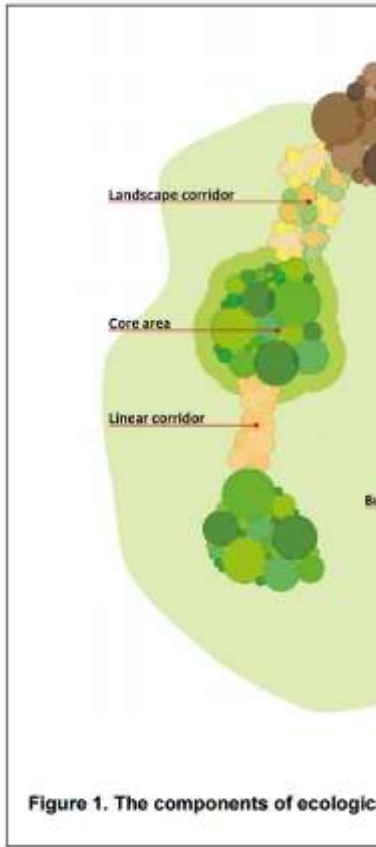


**KEY**

- Marine Conservation Projects
- Visitor and Education Centres
- Living Landscape Areas
- Nature Reserves

- The Wildlife Trusts around the UK, Isle of Man and Alderney
- INSPIRING PEOPLE**
- 7 million Visits to our reserves
  - 480,000 People engaged through Wildlife Trust events
  - 300,000 Pupils/students engaged by Trusts
  - Around 11,000 events run
- IN OUR CARE**
- 126 Visitor centres
  - > 95,000 Hectares of land cared for by Trusts
  - 2,300 Nature reserves
- CHAMPIONING NATURE**
- 5,300 Landowners advised
  - 215,000 Hectares of land advised on
  - 6,800 Planning applications responded to
  - 300 MPs/MSPs met in person to talk to about wildlife
- OUR PEOPLE**
- 43,000 Volunteers
  - > 800,000 Members
  - 2,100 Staff
  - 600 Trustees

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In addition to the policy drivers and for land use planning, other reasons given by Trusts for developing ecological network maps include:

Integrated catchment management and natural solutions to flooding

Embedding nature into local planning and development control

Coordinating partnership activity and investment in nature

Informing action in Nature Improvement Areas

Guiding local approaches to landscape scale conservation

Designing nature into major infrastructure projects

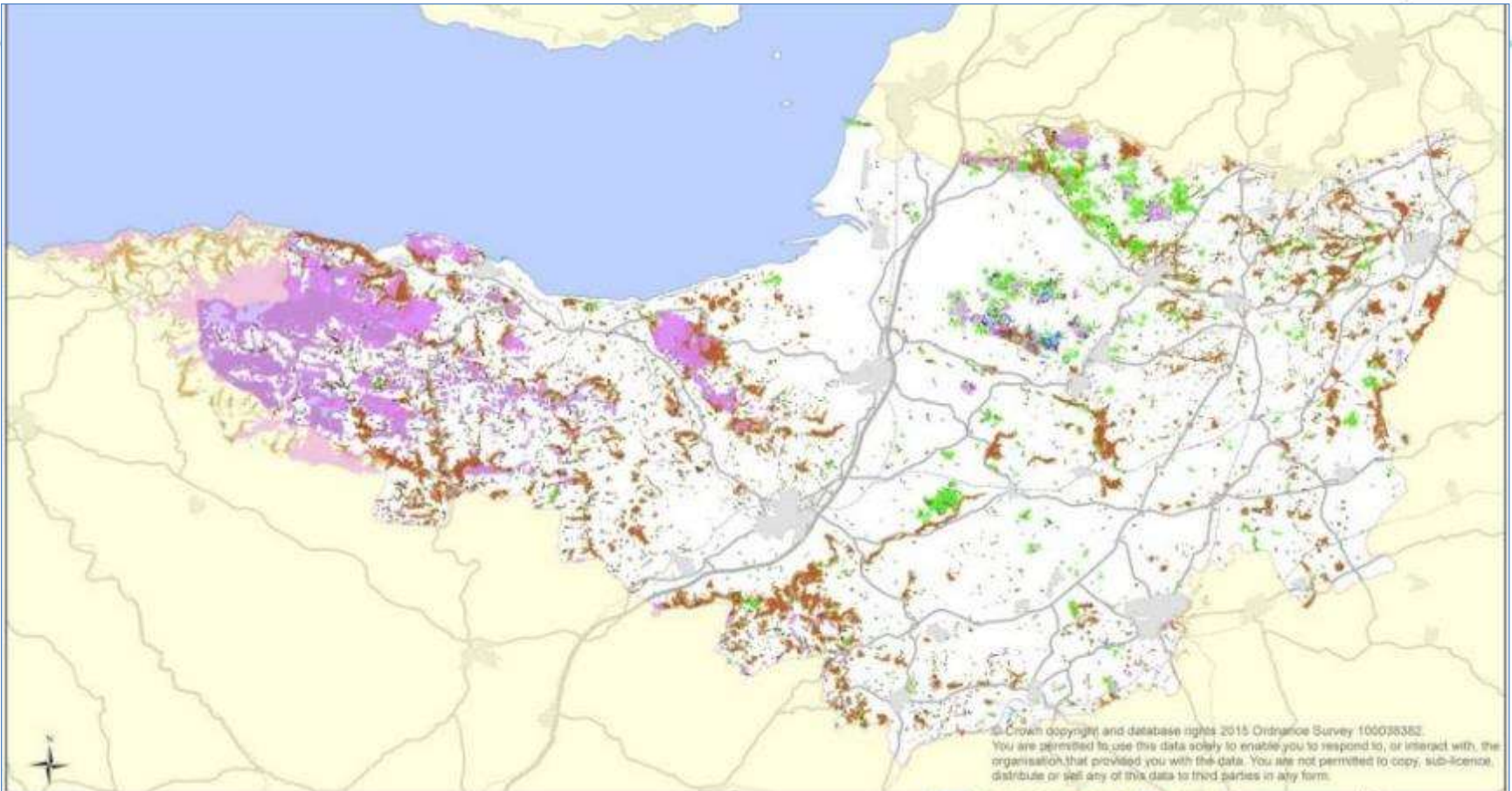
Providing the basis for local natural capital investment strategies

To target climate change adaptation

Engaging local people in a vision for their environment



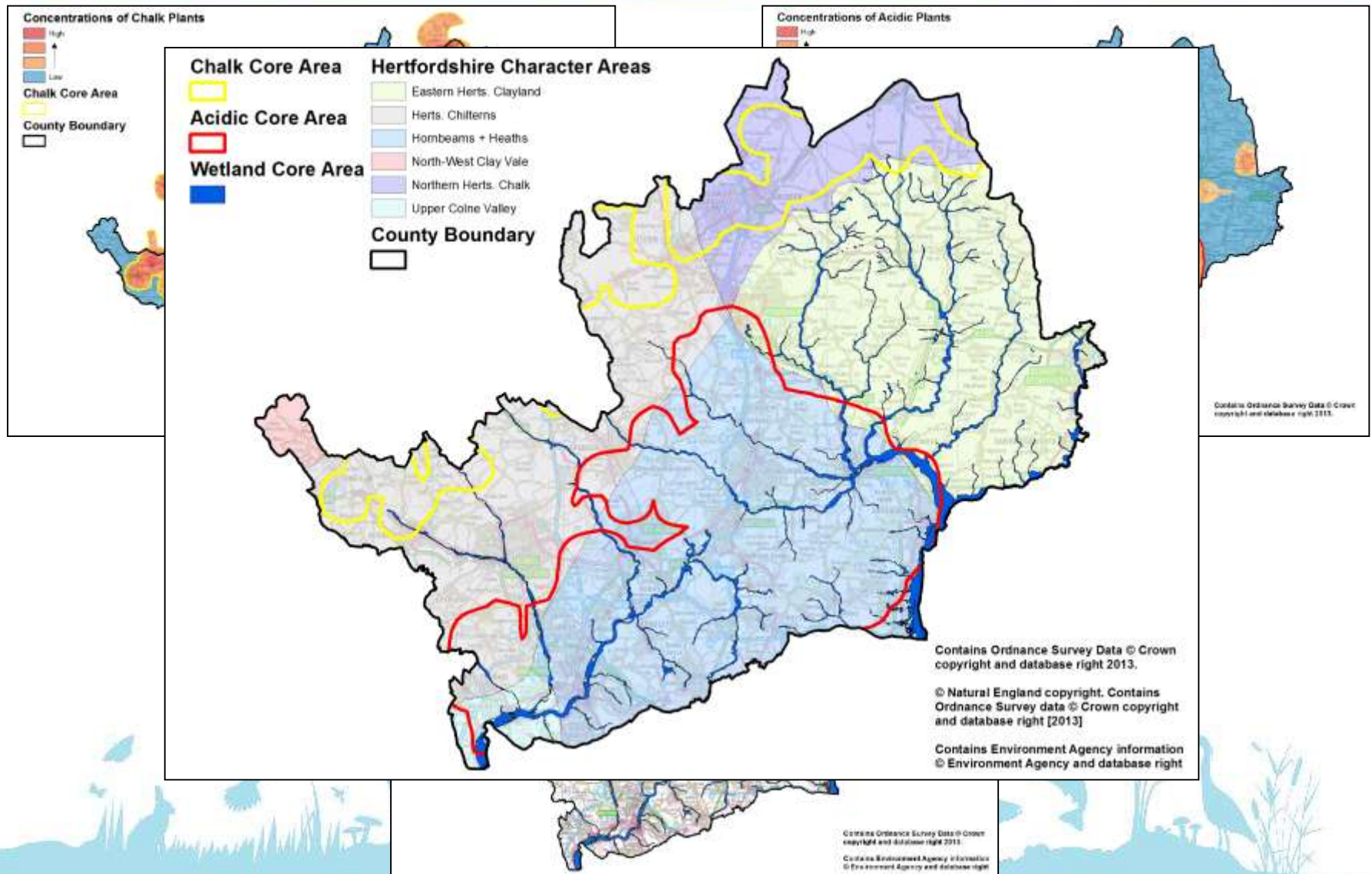
# Somerset Wildlife Trust



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|  Heathland and Acid Grassland Core Areas      |  Broadleaved Woodland Core Areas      |
|  Heathland and Acid Grassland Stepping Stones |  Broadleaved Woodland Stepping Stones |
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# Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust



# My Wild City

Help make Bristol a nature reserve

Our vision is to turn Bristol into a nature reserve. Working with communities across Bristol to transform our gardens and open spaces, together we can create a nature-rich city that attracts wildlife right up to our doorsteps. By connecting habitats and green spaces, we can create wildlife corridors or 'green highways' so that wildlife can move easily around the city. This city-wide nature reserve will give everyone the opportunity to experience wildlife every day, for their own health and wellbeing.

## Using the My Wild City maps

Avon Wildlife Trust has created the My Wild City maps using existing data to show the best opportunities for enhancing nature across the city. Crossing our cities can be challenging for wildlife as green spaces are often separated by human infrastructure, such as buildings and roads. This map shows you the areas in your neighbourhood where you can improve woodland and grassland habitat for wildlife. It shows you the best places to reconnect habitats by linking gardens and other passageways, helping to create wildlife corridors across Bristol.

We are asking people to identify the areas in their neighbourhood where they can take action for wildlife, working with neighbours and the wider community.

## Take action for wildlife

Taking action for wildlife can be easy, especially if you make it part of your everyday life. Remember, it doesn't matter the size of your garden, or if you live in a flat, there are still lots of small changes you can make that will benefit wildlife. Find out how you can take action for birds, bees, butterflies and all wildlife at [www.avonwildlifetrust.org.uk/mywildcity](http://www.avonwildlifetrust.org.uk/mywildcity)

More details can be found on the back of this map.

## Better for people, better for wildlife

Making wildlife part of our everyday life is not just better for nature but better for us too. Humans are as much part of nature as any other species – our mental and physical wellbeing is boosted by contact with the natural world. Research shows that just five minutes spent in nature improves people's sense of self-esteem and mood.

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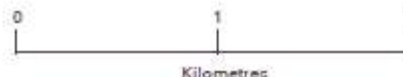


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## Do something amazing for wildlife

Talk to your neighbours and community about what action you can take for wildlife as part of Bristol 2015.

- Buildings and roads
- Water
- Areas with sealed surfaces, for example car parks
- Gardens with opportunity for tree, shrub and wildflower planting
- Gardens with opportunity for tree planting
- Gardens with opportunity for wildflower planting
- Gardens without green space, opportunity for bird boxes, planters etc
- Existing semi-natural habitat, for example woodland and hedger
- Green space with opportunity for further wildlife enhancement
- Other green space, for example sports pitches
- Agricultural land which can be enhanced for wildlife



# Cornerstone of local delivery



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