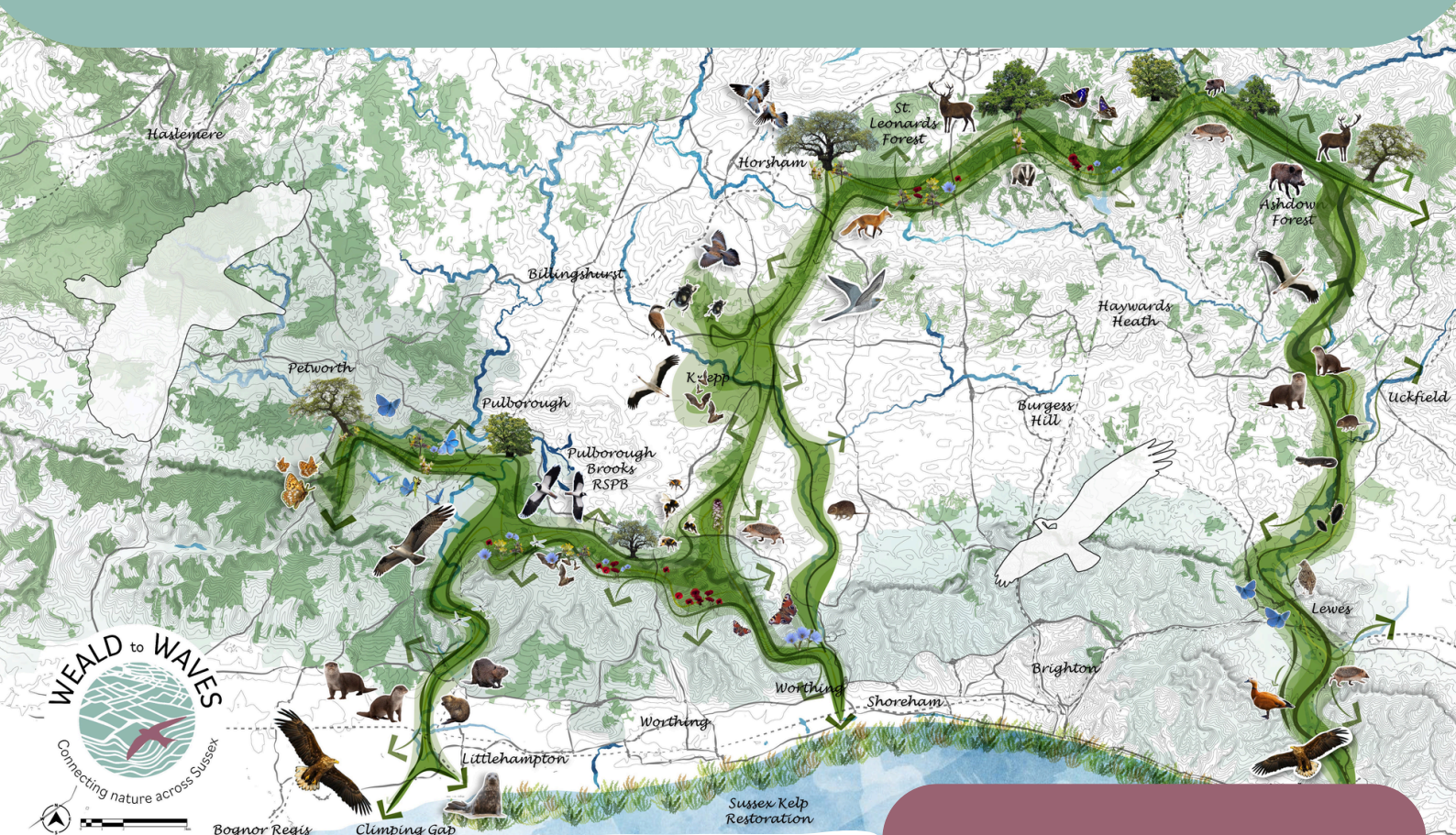


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What is Weald to Waves?

We are a **network** of farmers, land managers, councils, researchers, charities, schools, gardeners and community groups. Together we are establishing a nature recovery corridor from the High Weald to the Sussex coast. By supporting sustainable land management and habitat creation, we can **reduce habitat fragmentation** whilst **restoring vital ecosystem services** such as reducing flood risk and ensuring resilient food production.

How to get involved?

All councils in Sussex can become members of Weald to Waves. It's best if the person who registers is in a role responsible for greenspaces, nature or sustainability who can directly benefit from our online resources. To join our community, our members agree to a **non-binding pledge**:

"We commit to making space for nature and improving resilience by creating connected spaces for ecosystems to recover."

Once you have joined, the next step is to register your greenspaces to access resources and guidance.

Why join?

- Advice from wildlife gardening experts
- Guidance on greenspace habitat creation and management
- Knowledge sharing and networking opportunities
- Help to monitor nature recovery
- Visibility on the Weald to Waves project map

Visit our website to find out more and pledge



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What is a wildlife corridor?

A wildlife corridor connects pockets of nature across fragmented landscapes, acting as a link allowing wildlife to move more freely and safely from one habitat to another. To thrive, nature needs to be connected – across our British landscape, dissected as it is by infrastructure, roads, towns and intensive land use we need nature corridors more than ever to support our wildlife and try to stem the collapse of biodiversity. Every greenspace can offer wildlife a vital stepping stone across Sussex. From verges to community gardens and village greens, churchyards to woodlands, every space can make a difference.

How is the Corridor managed and funded?

Grant funding supports a small team who are employed by the charity the **Knepp Wildland Foundation**, who coordinate efforts from partners and others across the corridor. Community action at scale is vital for successful landscape recovery and this collaboration helps attract funding for local projects in Sussex.

What does this commitment mean for us?

By joining Weald to Waves, your efforts will **contribute to this ambitious and nationally recognised landscape-scale project**. We ask in return that you embed the aims of the corridor into your work and actions so that we can collectively make a difference.

Beyond the pledge commitment shared by our members, every nature recovery journey is unique, and **we do not prescribe any approach or scale of action**. This depends on your organisation, community, landscape, habitats and geology.

Under the Environment Act 2021, all public authorities have a '**biodiversity duty**' to consider what they can do to conserve and enhance biodiversity. Weald to Waves facilitates action for nature recovery to support your ongoing work. We urgently need to recognise the wide range of benefits healthy ecosystems bring, and **action for nature recovery contributes to any local authority's goals on climate, environment and sustainability**.

There are already fantastic examples of council-led nature recovery action across Sussex, from pioneering greenspace management to ambitious working groups. We are working to **share good practice** and encourage **councils to come together and swap their knowledge** and experience, ask questions and give advice to others. There is a wealth of knowledge across the county that can contribute to a landscape-scale effort for nature recovery.