

**NORTHERN UPLAND CHAIN
Local Nature Partnership**



200,000 ha of
wildlife habitats
of **national &
international**
importance

300,000 ha of land
ACCESSIBLE by the
public for
RECREATION USE

Over
1 million ha
of land
managed by
**FARMING &
sporting** uses

5
**2 National
Parks +
3 AONBs**

150,000 ha of
**BLANKET
BOG,**
**STORING
HUGE**
AMOUNTS of
CARBON

Home to
ICONIC
species, like
**CURLEW &
BLACK
GROUSE**

MOST of England's
limestone pavement

Nearly **ALL** of the UK's
UPLAND hay meadows

A store for
440
BILLION LITRES
of drinking
water, including
the UK's largest
reservoir

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**MAINLAND
ENGLAND'S**
DARKEST NIGHT SKIES,
INCLUDING
**NORTHUMBERLAND
INTERNATIONAL
DARK SKY PARK**
AND MANY DARK SKIES
DISCOVERY SITES

Over
50,000 ha
of
woodland

A PARTNERSHIP
of over
50 organisations...



Habitat Network Map

We have carried out a habitat mapping project, across the whole of the LNP area, helping us to focus conservation work on sites where we can have the most positive impact on wildlife.

The map is free to use. It can be used to identify anything from possible habitat enhancement opportunities on a particular farm holding, through to supporting landscape-scale funding bids.



Haymeadow restoration

Our area hosts most of the UK's upland hay meadows which are the jewel in the crown of the farmed landscape. Unfortunately, these species-rich meadows have become very rare.

We have developed a new website that brings together advice and guidance on how to restore and manage these valuable sites.



Curlew conservation

Our area is one of the last strongholds for curlew in the UK.

We are developing a new programme of work to drive the recovery of curlew numbers.

As a first step, we are:

- working with land owners and managers to highlight good current practice, and
- creating a network of advisors who can give advice and support.



High Nature Value Farming

We are helping local farmers and environmental agencies to collaborate in ways that will secure a more robust economic future for the low intensity, upland farming systems that are particularly valuable for wildlife, the environment and people.

We helped to secure a national trial of a new results-based approach to agri-environment funding in Wensleydale. We are launching a Hill Farm Training Scheme to help Conservation Professionals get a better understanding of hill farming.

Further information on these projects can be found on the NUCNLP [website](#)