

# Welcome to the Lowland Peat Forum



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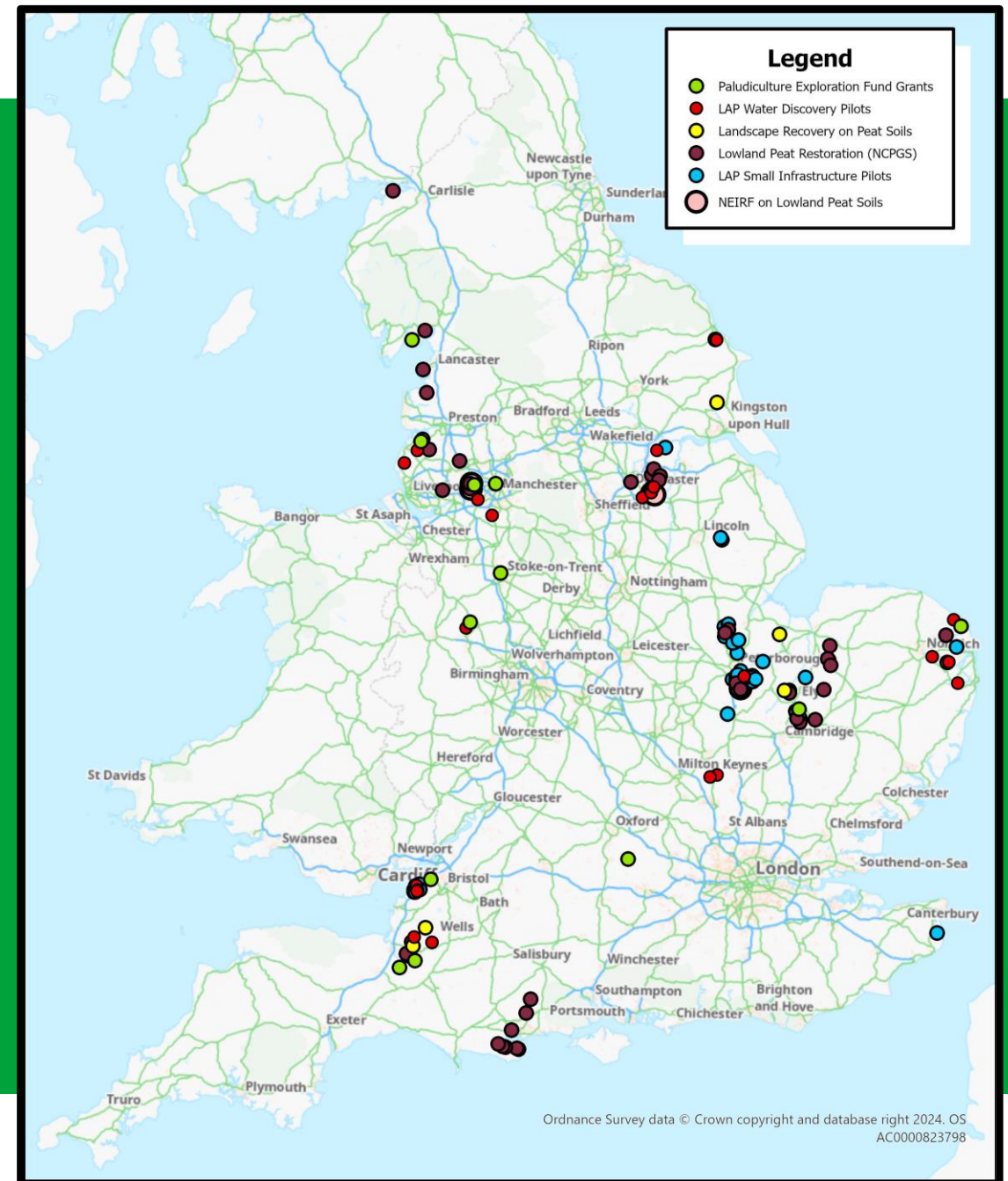


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# Delivering on Lowland Peat: Government-funded projects in England





Campfield Marsh	Nichols Moss	Lyth Valley	Scaleby Moss	Durham Carrs	Leven Carrs
					
Winmarleigh	Rindle Moss	Little Wolden Moss	Lapwing Estate	Thorne & Hatfield Moors	Swinefleet
					
Harper Adams	Dunham Massey	Bourne North Fen	Stretham	Wissington	Horsey
					
Gold Corner	Greylake	Northmoor	Ramsey Mereside	Langley Abbey	Heckingham
					
Agglestone Mire	Canford Heath	Flit Valley	Holme	Great Fen	Beccles Marshes
					





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# Peat in Environmental Land Management Schemes

# Countryside Stewardship

# Lowland Peat in Countryside Stewardship

## Scope Offers

Consider other and all options (e.g. peatland restoration).  
Consider eligibility requirements.

## Preparation Studies

PA1 and/or PA2 or equivalent is required.  
Signed off by NE specialist.  
Open throughout the year.

## Permissions & Consents

Flood risk; protected and designated areas (SSSIs);  
abstraction; water resources; IDBs;  
Historic Environment.

## Capital & Revenue Application

Build application to RPA.  
Include capital required.

## Agreement Delivery

10 Year agreement.  
By year 2, water levels must be kept at  
the level stated in the agreement.  
No specification on agricultural activity.

## Monitoring & Reporting

Informed by preparatory studies.  
Keep a regular record of water levels.  
Exceptional circumstances can apply where  
the terms of the agreement cannot be met.

### Cropped or arable land on lowland peat soils

#### **CSW17: £1409/ha**

Raise the water level to  
between **10cm and 30cm**  
below the mean field  
surface level all year round

#### **CSW19: £892/ha**

Raise the water level to  
between **31cm and 50cm**  
below the mean field  
surface level all year round

### Permanent grassland on lowland peat soils

#### **CSW18: £1381/ha**

Raise the water level to  
between **10cm and 30cm**  
below the mean field  
surface all year round

#### **CSW20: £840/ha**

Raise the water level to  
between **31cm and 50cm**  
below the mean field  
surface all year round

#### **31-50cm water levels aims to:**

- Enable agricultural production, reduce emissions, slow peat subsidence
- Provide a stepping-stone to improve future accessibility to more ambitious options
- Improve water level management where achieving 10-30cm is not possible.

#### **10-30cm water levels aims to:**

- Provide greater incentive for delivering greater environmental benefit
- Encourage and create opportunity for paludiculture
- Provide up to an additional 10 tonnes of emissions savings per hectare versus 31-50cm.

### Things to consider during preparation:

Peat depth and condition  
Drainage network  
Effects on surrounding land  
Other habitats and effects on local ecology  
Quantity and source of water needed  
Maintenance and management of water levels  
Flood risk assessment

Capital offers that sit alongside these are  
currently being reviewed. Further detail will be  
published on eligibility, compatibility and  
payment rates of these capital items soon.

Further detail,  
information and  
guidance will be  
published later  
this year

CS Higher Tier  
will open to  
applications in  
2025



Scan here to submit your  
questions

# Peatland Restoration through Countryside Stewardship



Base revenue  
action depends  
on peatland  
habitat



Capital items  
inform and  
deliver required  
land change



Additional  
payments for  
limited grazing  
and other  
management

## Actions for Wetlands

### **CWT13: £1605/ha**

New reedbed, fen or wetland habitat mosaic is created on land that currently has lower wildlife value

### **CWT14: £920/ha**

Reedbed, fen or wetland mosaic habitat is restored and managed

## Actions for Moorlands

### **CUP3: £55/ha**

General moorland management, base action which stacks with other supplements

### **CUP10: £66/ha**

Ensure livestock density does not exceed 0.04 GLU.

### **CSP2: £181/ha**

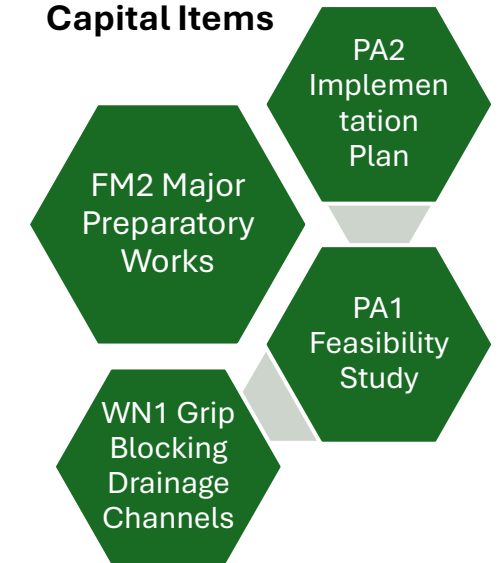
Peat is rewetted or existing peat is kept wet – provided relevant management activity and detailed plan is in place

## Actions for Lowland raised bog

### **CWT10: £215/ha**

Priority lowland raised bog habitat is managed so it is kept wet enough for peat to form, with characteristic bog vegetation

## Capital Items



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**Come talk to me about CS!**





# Landscape Recovery

# Our Panel

Chair: Kate Corfield

Greater Sedgemoor: Damon Bridge and Will Barnard

Ouse Washes: Jonathan Taylor and Sarah-Jane Taylor



# Greater Sedgemoor (1)









# Ouse Washes





# Discussion

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