




**Making Space
for Nature
in Kent and Medway**
Developing the County's Local Nature Recovery Strategy

Potential Measures Workshops

14th May – 23rd May 2024

Summary of attendance



Attendance

Four half-day workshops were held at four different locations (Chatham, Cranbrook, Birchington and Lenham). The purpose of these workshops was to get stakeholder input into the identification of potential measures that would enable the delivery of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy priorities for Kent and Medway. In total, 137 people attended, representing 95 different organisations, bodies, businesses, affiliations etc.

Location	Date	Number attending
Chatham	14 th May 2024	27
Cranbrook	16 th May 2024	25
Birchington	21 st May 2024	40
Lenham	23 rd May 2024	45

Of these 137 attending, 55% were stakeholders (individuals) that had attended a previous workshop (either the first series of pressures and priorities workshops in January-February 2024 and/or the second series of priorities shortlisting workshops in May 2024). 45% (62 people) were individuals not previously engaged in the work. From these 62, 31 new organisations, bodies, businesses, affiliations etc (plus 3 new individuals) were represented (underlined).

<u>Abbey Farm</u>	Environment Bank
Adonis Blue	<u>Farmer (unnamed location) x2</u>
Alkham Parish Council	<u>Farmer Goudhurst</u>
Alkham Village	<u>Faversham Town Council</u>
Ashford Borough Council	Fawkham Parish Council
Aylesford Parish Council	Forestry Commission
Bird Wise North Kent	<u>Friends of Betteshanger</u>
Birling Estate	Friends of Capstone Park
<u>Brett Group</u>	Friends of Oaken Wood
British Horse Society	<u>FWAG - NEK Cluster</u>
Bumblebee Conservation Trust	<u>Hadlow Estate</u>
Canterbury City Council	HE Hall & Son Ltd
Canterbury District Biodiversity Network	<u>High Weald National Landscape</u>
Canterbury Golf Club & Friends of Old Park	High Weald Swifts
Canterbury Ramblers	Hoo Peninsula
Chilham PC	Hoopers Farm
<u>Cliffend Green Group</u>	Hunton Parish Council
CPRE Kent	Individual/residents
<u>Dane Valley Woods</u>	<u>JE Scott and Son, Faversham</u>
Dartford Borough Council	<u>John Thatt & Co.</u>
Deal and Walmer Town Council	KCC Countryside Access & PROW
Dover District Council	Kent & East Sussex Railway
Eckley Farms	<u>Kent and Medway Economic Partnership</u>
Elham Environment Group	Kent County Council
Environment Agency	Kent Mammal Group

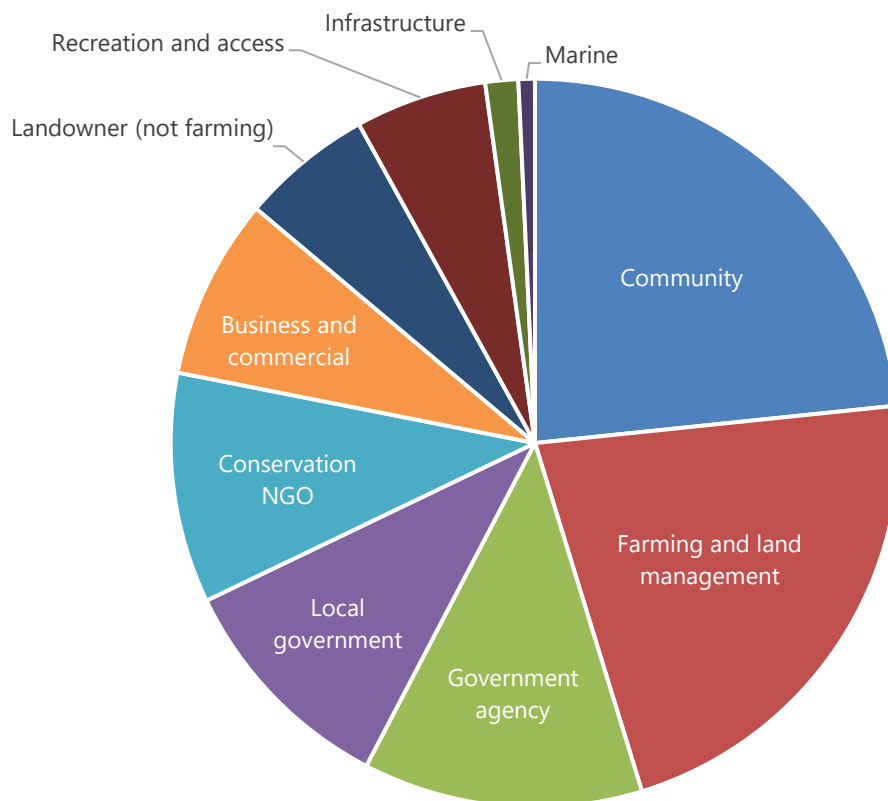
Kent Nature Partnership
Kent Ornithological Society
Kent Ramblers
Kent Wildfowlers and Conservation Assoc.
Kent Wildlife Trust
Little Hook Farm, Charing
Lloyd Bore Ltd
Lower Medway IDB
Marden Farmer Cluster
Marden Wildlife
Medway Council
National Farmers Union
National Trust
Natural England
Nature Friendly Farming Network
Oare Parish Council
Pasture for Life
Peabody
Pippins Farm Pembury
Price Whitehead
Rainham Eco Hub
Rebel Farmer & Kent Food Hubs

RSPB
Save Minster Marshes/Get Wild
SES Water
Small Scale landowner (Hood's Wood)
South East Water
Southern Housing
Staple Wildlife Friendly Village
Studios Sam Causer
Swale Borough Council
Thanet Coast Project (NE Kent MPA)
Thanet District Council
The Rural Planning Practice
Tree and Pond Wardens
Tunbridge Wells Borough Council
Uckfield Town Council
Verdant Carbon Ltd
Vote Climate
Wealden District Council
Windmill Community Gardens Margate
Winterwood Farms Ltd
Wye with Hinxhill PC
ZSL

Sectors represented

The community sector (friends of groups, community groups, recorders and parish/town councils) and farming/land management sectors had the highest attendance. There was good representation from local government, government agencies, conservation NGOs and farming and land management. A dedicated coastal and marine workshop held the month before meant that marine sector representation was low. All but the health and academic sector was represented across the three workshops. Non-attendance by the health sector was anticipated following discussions with representatives of this group and given the dedicated workshop on health and access scheduled for July 2024.

Sector	Number attending	Percentage
Community	32	23%
Farming and land management	30	22%
Government agency	17	12%
Local government	14	10%
Conservation NGO	14	10%
Business and commercial	11	8%
Landowner (not farming)	8	6%
Recreation and access	8	6%
Infrastructure	2	1%
Marine	1	1%

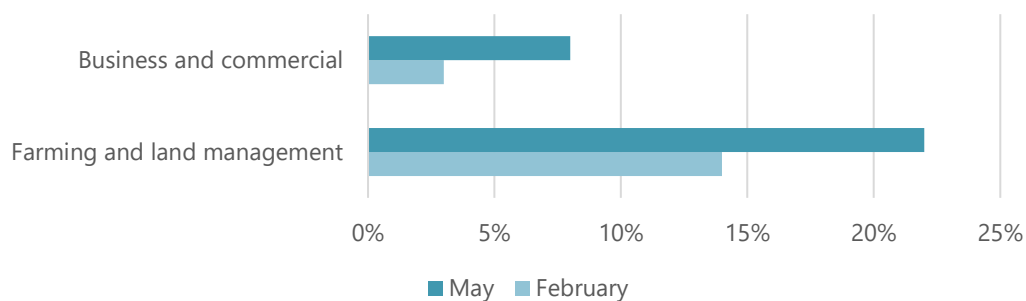


62 individuals attended the workshops that hadn't previously participated, bringing in new, additional sector representation to the project.

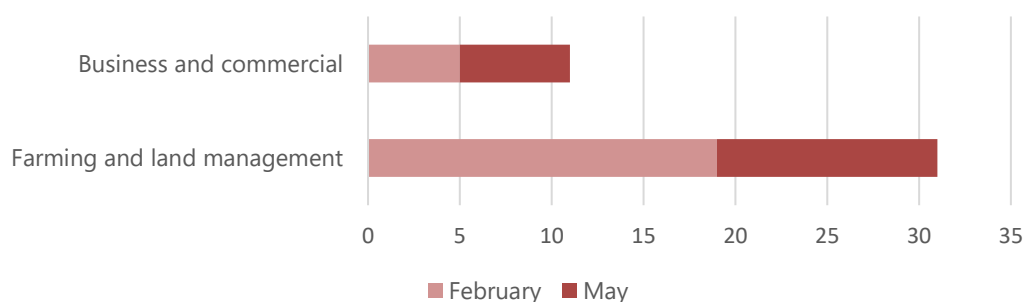
Sector	Total number attending	Number of new individuals	New stakeholders represented
Community	32	14	12
Farming and land management	30	16	12
Government agency	17	6	0
Local government	14	4	1
Conservation NGO	14	4	1
Business and commercial	11	10	6
Landowner (not farming)	8	3	1
Recreation and access	8	4	0
Infrastructure	2	1	1
Marine	1	0	0

The most notable gains in sector engagement gains was in farming and land management and business and commercial, where the project not only saw a marked increase in attendance from these sectors but also new individuals and new, discrete stakeholders.

Increase in proportion of attendees from business and commercial and farming and land management sectors since first workshop series



Increase in new, discrete stakeholders from business and commercial and farming and land management sectors since first workshop series





Sun Pier House, Chatham – 14th May 2024





Cranbrook Vestry Hall, Cranbrook – 16th May 2024





Quex Barn, Birchington – 21st May 2024





Lenham Community Centre, Lenham – 21st May 2024

