


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

# Priorities Shortlisting Workshops

2nd May – 9th May 2024

## Summary of attendance



## Attendance

Three half-day workshops were held at three different locations (West Malling, Folkestone and Sevenoaks). The purpose of these workshops was to get further stakeholder input into the refinement of the priorities for the Kent and Medway Local Nature Recovery Strategy. In total, 82 people attended, representing 54 different organisations, bodies, businesses, affiliations etc.

Location	Date	Number attending
West Malling	2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2024	34
Folkestone	7 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	33
Sevenoaks	9 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	15

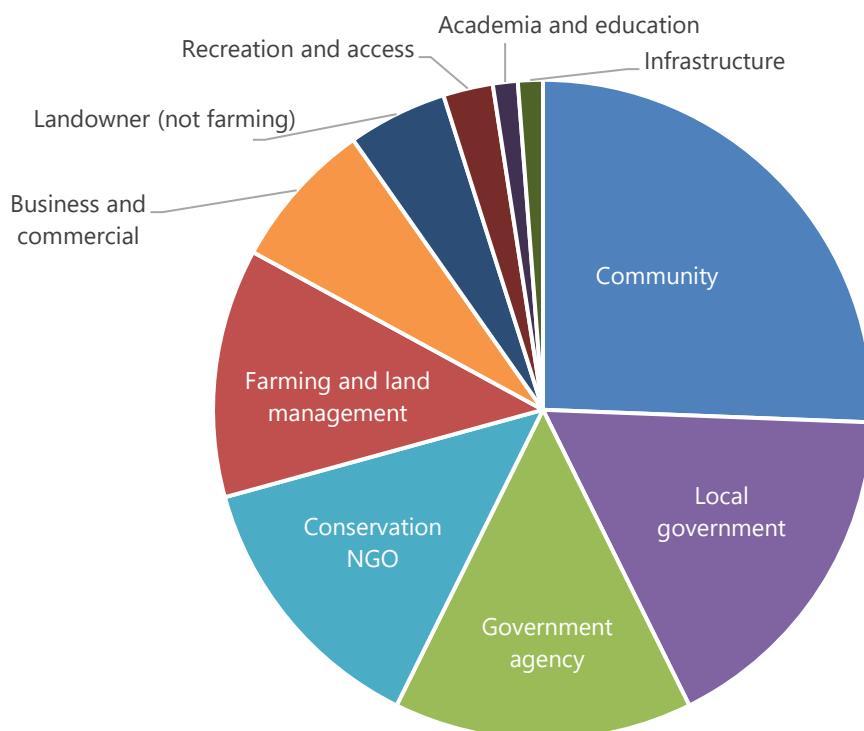
Of these 82 attending, 72% were stakeholders (individuals) that had attended the first series of pressures and priorities workshops in January-February 2024. 28% (23 people) were individuals not previously engaged in the work. From these 23, five new organisations, bodies, businesses, affiliations etc (plus 3 new individuals) were represented (underlined).

Addington Parish Council	Kent County Council
Ashford Borough Council	Kent Downs National Landscape
Aylesford Parish Council	Kent Mammal Group
<u>Barratt Homes</u>	Kent Nature Partnership
Bumblebee Conservation Trust	Kent Ornithological Society
Canterbury City Council	Kent Ramblers
<u>Canterbury Climate Action Partnership</u>	Kent Wildlife Trust
Canterbury District Biodiversity Network	Leeds Castle
Canterbury Golf Club & Friends of Old Park	Lower Medway IDB
Canterbury Ramblers	Marden Famer Cluster
Chilham PC	Marden Wildlife
CPRE Kent	Meopham Parish Council
Deal and Walmer Town Council	National Farmers Union
Dover District Council	National Trust
<u>Ebbsfleet Development Corporation</u>	Natural England
Environment Agency	Nature Friendly Farming Network
<u>Environment Bank</u>	NFU
Folkestone & Hythe District Council	RSPB
Forestry Commission	SES Water
Friends of Milton Creek Park	Sevenoaks District Council
Friends of Oaken Wood	Southern Housing
Golding Homes	Thanet District Council
Gravesham Borough Council	Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council
Growing Kent & Medway	<u>West Kent Badger Group</u>
High Weald Swifts	West Malling Parish Council
Individual/residents	Wildwood Trust
Kent & East Sussex Railway	Winterwood Farms Ltd

## Sectors represented

The community sector (friends of groups, community groups, recorders and parish/town councils) was the sector with the highest attendance. There was good representation from local government, government agencies, conservation NGOs and farming and land management. The marine sector was also not represented but this was because there was a dedicated coastal and marine workshop held the month before. All but the health 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	21	26%
Local government	14	17%
Government agency	12	15%
Conservation NGO	11	13%
Farming and land management	10	12%
Business and commercial	6	7%
Landowner (not farming)	4	5%
Recreation and access	2	2%
Academia and education	1	1%
Infrastructure	1	1%



23 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	21	5	4
Local government	14	4	1
Government agency	12	4	0
Conservation NGO	11	4	0
Farming and land management	10	1	0
Business and commercial	6	3	2
Landowner (not farming)	4	1	0
Recreation and access	2	0	0
Academia and education	1	1	1
Infrastructure	1	0	0



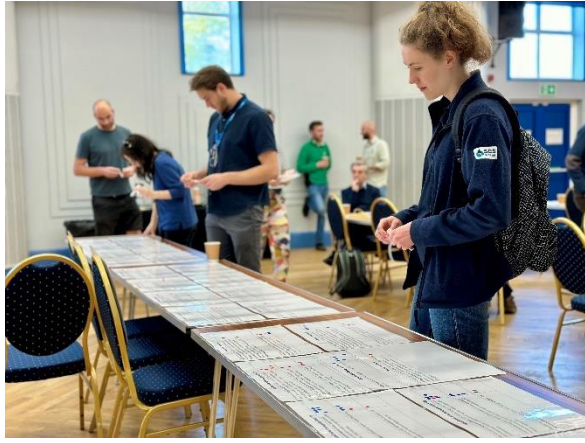
## NIAB, West Malling – 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024





## Three Hills Sport Park, Folkestone – 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024





# Stag Theatre, Sevenoaks – 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024

