

An introduction to the Kent and Medway Local Nature Recovery Strategy documents

The Kent and Medway Local Nature Recovery Strategy is presented in two documents, with the mapping available on the [online mapping platform](#)

[Part 1](#) provides the background to the Strategy, presenting:

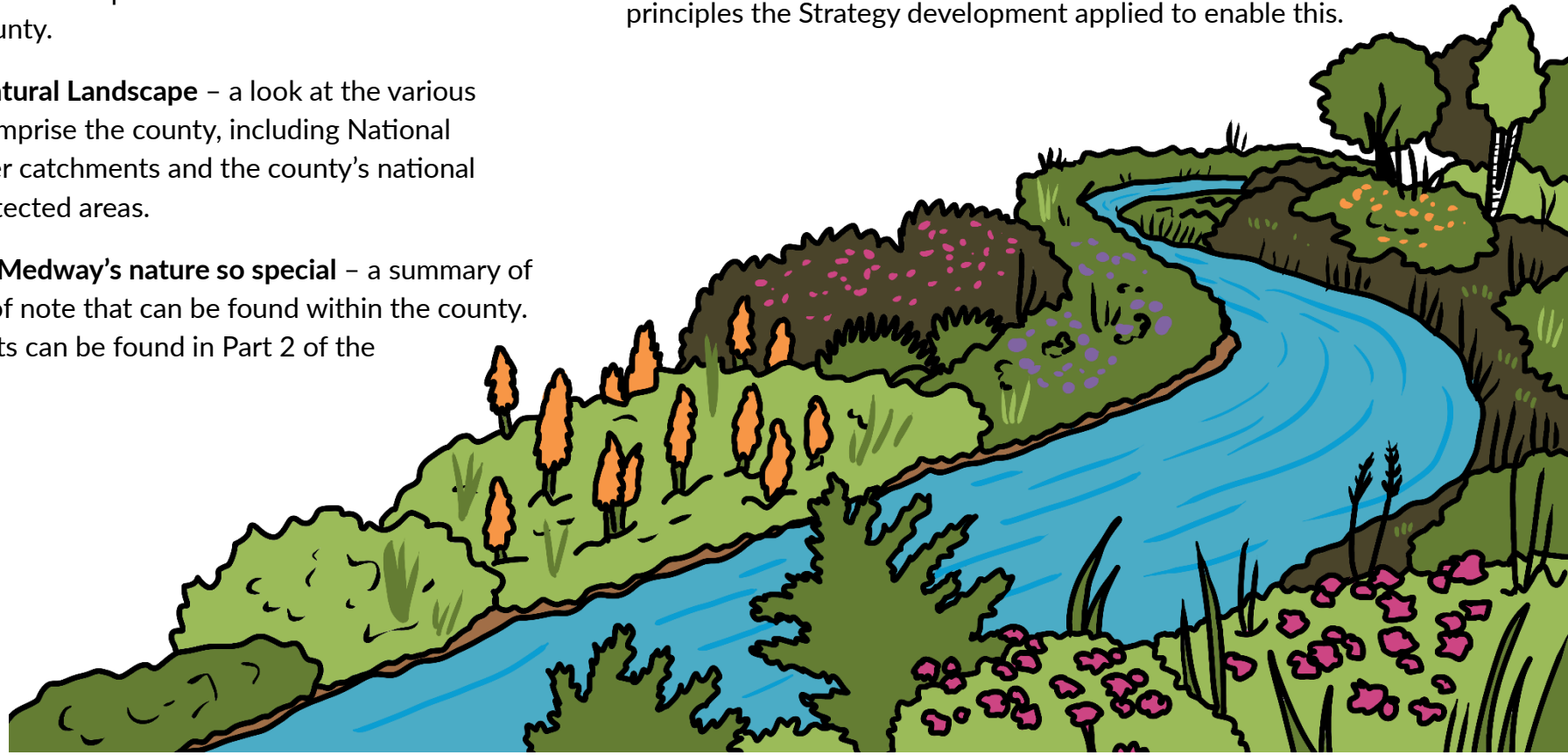
1. What is a Local Nature Recovery Strategy – an overview of what a Local Nature Recovery Strategy is, its purpose, how the Kent and Medway Strategy was developed, an introduction to the various elements of the Strategy and an explanation of how it will inform nature recovery in the county.

2. Kent and Medway's Natural Landscape – a look at the various natural features which comprise the county, including National Character Areas, the water catchments and the county's national landscapes and other protected areas.

3. What makes Kent and Medway's nature so special – a summary of the habitats and species of note that can be found within the county. More detail on the habitats can be found in Part 2 of the Strategy.

4. A changing landscape – a look at why we need to act now to recover nature, including analysis of the changes in landcover, changes in distribution and extent of habitats and species, and the pressures, threat and challenges influencing the county's habitats and species and driving these changes. This chapter also considers the local and national strategic context for the Strategy, reviewing what other priorities might run alongside those for nature recovery.

5. Nature recovery opportunities in Kent and Medway – a look at the platform of action that the Strategy will be building from and the principles the Strategy development applied to enable this.



[Part 2](#) sets out the Strategy's ambitions – the priorities, potential measures and areas that could become of particular importance for biodiversity. It presents:

1. The Kent and Medway Local Habitat Map – and the elements that comprise this: the Areas of particular importance for biodiversity, which are the mapped national conservation sites, local conservation sites and irreplicable habitat; and the Areas that could become of particular importance for biodiversity, which are the mapped opportunity and target areas for nature recovery. This chapter also provides an overview of how these maps were created.

2. Better, bigger, more and joined up – the overarching principles for nature recovery in Kent and Medway.

3. Kent and Medway's Vision for Nature Recovery – outlining the Strategy's ten ambitions for nature recovery.

4. Understanding the priorities and potential measures – an overview of how the Strategy priorities and measures are presented, and how the Strategy can be used to inform nature recovery.

5. Connectivity priorities and potential measures – an overview of habitat fragmentation and the importance of improving connectivity, and presentation of the priorities, potential measures and priority maps.

6. Nature-based solutions priorities and potential measures – an overview of nature-based solutions and the opportunities in Kent and Medway, and presentation of the priorities and potential measures.





7. Land management and land use priorities and potential measures – an overview of land management and land use and the opportunities in Kent and Medway, and presentation of the priorities, potential measures and priority maps.

8. Species priorities and potential measures – an overview of how the species priorities were developed, what the species priorities are and the potential measures needed for their recovery.

9.-14. Habitat priorities and potential measures – an overview of the county’s habitat, pressures and threats, and the importance of, and opportunities for, recovering the habitat; a summary of nature-based solution opportunities and wider benefits of the habitat; and presentation of the priorities, potential measures and priority maps for:

- Grassland habitats (Chapter 9)
- Successional habitats (Chapter 10)
- Woodland, trees and hedgerows (Chapter 11)
- Freshwater habitats (Chapter 12)
- Urban habitats (Chapter 13)
- Coastal habitats (Chapter 14)

Part 3 of the Strategy is the [online map](#), where the potential measures mapping can be viewed alongside the areas of particular importance for biodiversity and areas that could become of particular importance for biodiversity.