

## A Living Landscape

### Our vision for the future of the natural environment

Our vision is of a Living Landscape that will help us to create a resilient and healthy environment. The Wildlife Trusts believe that by connecting areas of land together our wildlife will have a greater chance of survival, able to move along 'climate corridors' to respond to changes in habitat.

A living landscape delivers better ecosystem services such as flood protection, soil conservation, nutrient reduction and absorption of carbon dioxide. Find out more about the value of the ecosystem services that Hertfordshire's Living Landscapes provide [here](#).

They provide for people too. In an increasingly urbanised world, we can manage our green spaces so that people live happier, healthier lives.

### Our priorities

In order to achieve our vision, Living Landscape project areas have been identified across the UK. These priority areas already have high wildlife interest and our aim is to enhance them further through expansion, appropriate planning and community engagement. This approach will halt the fragmentation of habitats which is vital if we are to reverse the decline in biodiversity. It will re-connect people with their communities and their local environment.

In Hertfordshire and Middlesex, there are twenty-eight Living Landscape project areas.

### A national movement

There are now over 100 Living Landscape schemes around the UK. These schemes are creating inspirational, accessible landscapes - full of wildlife and rich in opportunities for learning, better health and wellbeing, alongside sustainable economic development.

[Wildlife Trusts Living Landscapes Full Report](#)

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Learn more about The Wildlife Trusts' vision of a Living Landscape on the [BBC's Springwatch pages](#).

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[Lee Valley](#)

The Lee Valley is internationally important for wintering birds.

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