



Rewilding and policy opportunities in Wales

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**REWILDING
BRITAIN**





TRADITIONAL NATURE CONSERVATION PRACTICES
ON THEIR OWN
ARE NOT ENOUGH
TO ACHIEVE SIGNIFICANT WILDLIFE RECOVERY
IN BRITAIN



REWILDING IS THE LARGE-SCALE RESTORATION
OF ECOSYSTEMS
TO THE POINT WHERE NATURE
IS ALLOWED TO TAKE CARE OF ITSELF

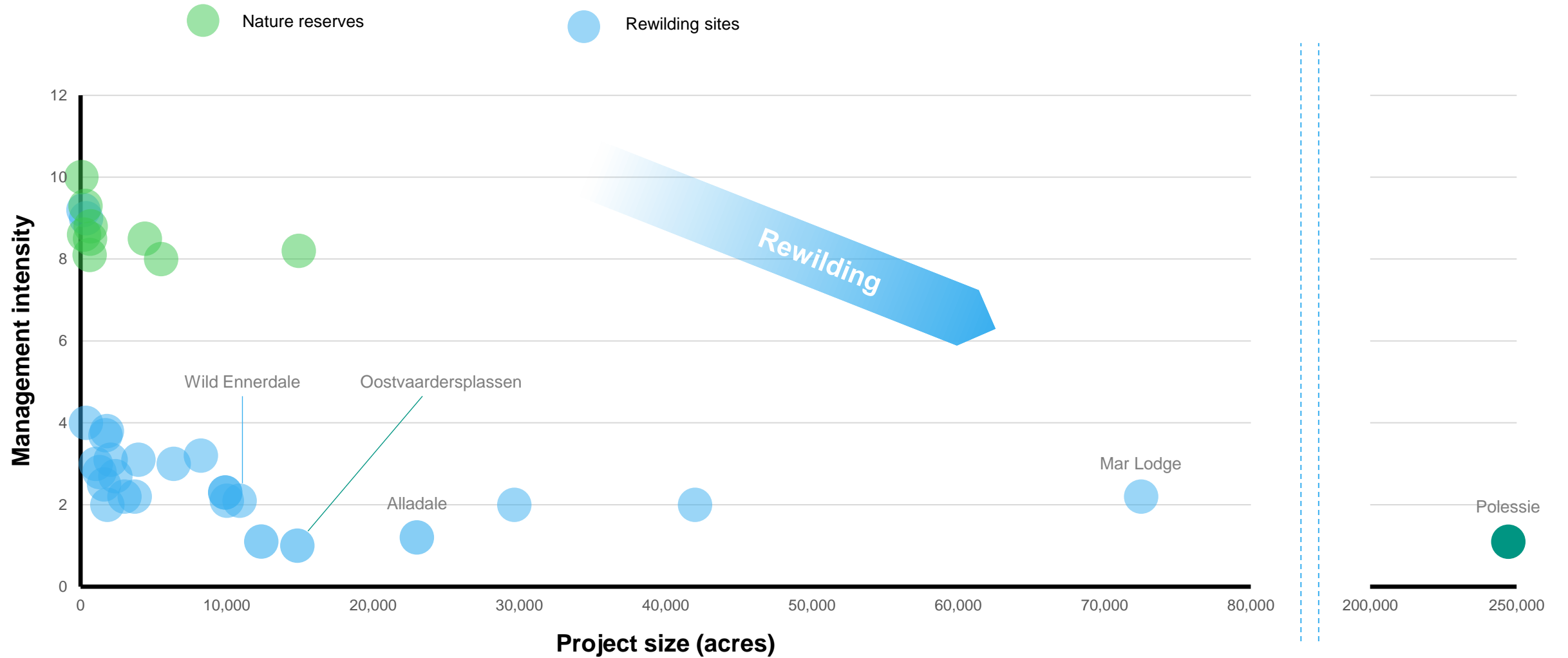
Rewilding seeks to reinstate natural processes and, where appropriate, missing species – allowing them to shape the landscape and the habitats within.



AT LEAST 5% REWILDING

WITH 25% RETURNED TO BROADER MOSAICS OF
NATURE-FRIENDLY LAND AND MARINE USES –
INCLUDING FARMING, FORESTRY AND FISHING.

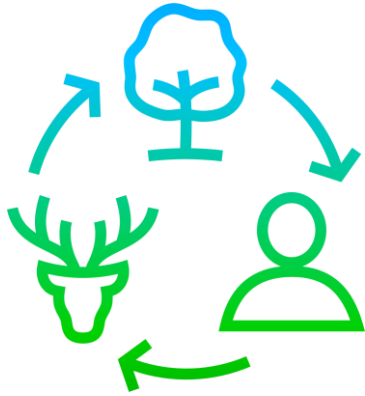
THE REWILDING SPECTRUM



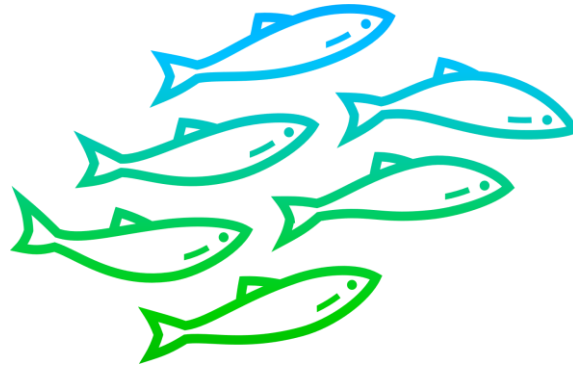
THE FIVE PRINCIPLES OF REWILDING



Support people and nature together



Work at nature's scale



Let nature lead



Create resilient local economies



Secure benefits for the long term





IN THIS SECTION



Rewilding the land

We have the space but we need to collaborate and innovate to drive nature recovery and support people and communities into the future



Rewilding the seas

Our seas have suffered centuries of unsustainable abuse. It's time to rewild and restore the richness of ocean life



Rewilding water

Healthy rivers, lakes and wetlands are vital for life on Earth, which is why we need to rewild the water in our landscapes



Rewilding on a smaller scale

Rewilding is doing what you can to help nature do its thing. We look at how this works on a smaller scale



Rewilding and conservation

Conservation has been doing a vital job working for nature for decades. Rewilding is set to take it to the next level



8 marine rewilding projects around Britain

Healthy seabeds drive a richer marine ecology, which is why these marine rewilding projects are so vitally important



The ins and outs of wetlands

We explain what wetlands are and what influences their return to a more natural state



15 ways to a wilder garden

Think like a bird, be like a boar and get back to nature. Our top tips will make your personal green space a little wilder and more attractive for wildlife



WHAT IS REWILDING?

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WHERE CAN YOU REWILD?

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ECOLOGY OF REWILDING

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PEOPLE AND REWILDING

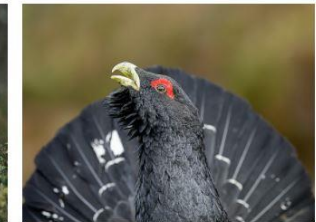
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HOW TO START REWILDING

Take a holistic approach that lets nature lead the way as much as possible - to grow, evolve and change on its own terms.

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FAQS AND GLOSSARY

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THE REWILDING NETWORK



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THE REWILDING NETWORK

Welcome to The Rewilding Network. If you're into rewilding, and want to connect with others of a like mind, then this is the place for you. We're developing a platform for pioneering change-makers to connect, share, learn and get inspired about how to act wild on the ground. We're thinking big to connect people and projects across Britain both on land and at sea. We hope you'll join us for the journey.

LOCAL GROUPS

Local groups and networks can help drive rewilding in Britain. It's vital to have local people take actions that make sense for them. Some great groups have already got together and others are on their way. Find out more about groups near you.

[Explore local groups](#)

REWILDING PROJECTS

Projects are rewilding a diverse range of spaces across Britain including pine forests, upland valleys, farmland, private estates, public lands, nature reserve, marine protected areas and coastal community projects. Find out what's happening in your area and beyond.

[Find a project](#)

NETWORK IN NUMBERS



KEY EXISTING LEGISLATION AND POLICY



- **Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015**
 - improving the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales.
- **Environment (Wales) Act 2016**
 - maintain and enhance biodiversity and in so doing promote the resilience of ecosystems
 - ensuing guidance talks about improving the scale, structure and functioning of ecosystems and the connections between them
- **Natural Resources Policy 2017**
 - recognises the role of nature-based solutions in tackling climate change
- **State of Natural Resources Report 2020**
 - will identify the opportunities and improve understanding of the challenges, including gaps in evidence, for sustainable natural resource management.



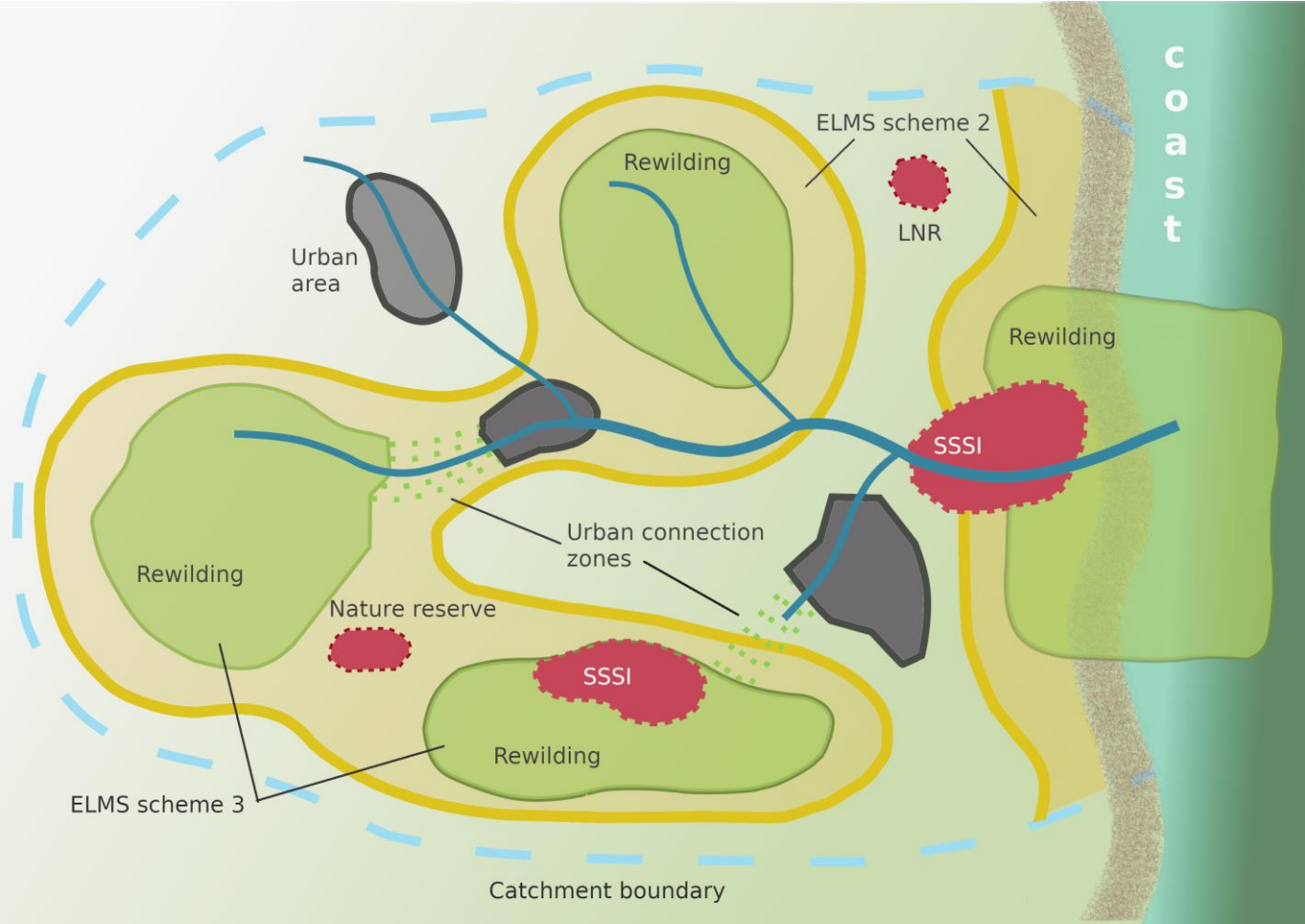
Carrifran Wildwood, Moffat

LAND MANAGEMENT POST-CAP



Public money
for public goods

30%
BY
2030



Environmental Land Management Scheme example

KEY POLICY OPPORTUNITIES



- Tree strategy - natural regeneration - assisted regeneration - tree planting
- Natural flood management solutions - routinely a feature of flood risk management schemes
- Water company price reviews focussing on upstream thinking
- Biodiversity net gain through planning
- Carbon trading markets
- Army net zero target for carbon by 2040
- NNRs for rewilding evaluating natural process recovery



The two sides of Haweswater

OTHER EMERGING OPPORTUNITIES



- Species reintroductions
- Rare breeds
- Virtual fencing



Virtual fencing at Geltsdale

A red squirrel is captured in mid-air, jumping from a weathered log. The squirrel has a thick, bushy tail and is looking towards the right. The background is a soft-focus green forest. The text "WE NEED TO ACT NOW" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font across the middle of the image.

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