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We have identified seven priority areas in Worcestershire for our Living Landscapes approach, and have chosen to focus on a section of the Avon Vale to begin with. Currently we are prioritising work in the Bow Brook Catchment, which is part of the Forest of Feckenham Living Landscape.

Projects in these areas contribute to the delivery of all of the key elements in Living Landscapes identified in the Trust's [Development Strategy](#).

Our blogs

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The protection of places for wildlife is the founding principle of The Wildlife Trusts

Wildlife needs space to adapt and move to cope with the consequences of climate change. Practically, this means that to deliver on our biodiversity vision, we need to develop a coherent network of large areas linked by corridors that can provide benefits for people as well as for biodiversity.

Our plan identifies seven landscape areas in Worcestershire (we call them "Living Landscape Areas") where the Trust can really make a difference and where it will focus its work and resources. The Trust will take a leadership role in promoting and actively delivering landscape-scale conservation and the benefits it can bring.

Even though the Trust looks after over a thousand hectares of nature



landowners to develop innovative approaches that can benefit both wildlife and the local economy.

We recognise that everyone who lives and works in Worcestershire has a stake in the county's environment and wildlife and we shall build on our successful education programmes through new initiatives to actively involve local people in their local environment.

The Worcestershire Biodiversity Partnership

The Trust is actively involved with the Worcestershire Biodiversity Partnership, which brings together a diverse range of bodies and organisations with a view to promoting and delivering biodiversity enhancement in the county.

Ecosystem Assessment

As part of our landscape-scale approach to nature conservation we are working with other Trusts on assessing the economic value of a range of services provided by the environment. Examples of these so-called ecosystem services can include flood defence benefits from wetland creation, cooling of the urban heat island effect by vegetation, aesthetic and health benefits and the like. Much of this work is underpinned by the National Ecosystem Assessment, details of which can be found on the [NEA website](#).

We recently commissioned work to determine the economic value of one of our reserves, the results of which can be [read in our recently published report on the economic value of Gwen Finch Wetland Reserve](#).

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