

# Newsletter Summer 2024

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## **Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) Update**

Following our first round of stakeholder engagement workshops in March and April, we compiled a draft list of priorities, categorised into 10 key themes. We have now launched our survey to allow a wider audience to contribute to the strategy, by ranking the priorities and providing additional information.

The survey is open until 18th August. Click [here](#) to complete the survey.

We will use the data gathered from the workshops and survey, along with data from the LNRS pilot in 2020/21 and the Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP), to develop a list of priorities and associated measures, mapping these measures spatially.

In November of this year, we will host a cross-sector workshop to agree on the mapped measures - more info on this soon.

To learn more about the LNRS please visit our [website](#).

## **Planning and Infrastructure Bill: Letter to Nature Conservation Organisations**

Have you seen the recently published letter to eNGOs? (See [here](#)).

It sets the tone on planning and the environment working together rather than against each other, which is very encouraging!

Steve Reed is Secretary of State for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs, with Mary Creagh appointed as Minister for Nature.

## The Oxford to Cambridge Data Observatory Portal

The Oxford to Cambridge Data Observatory Portal is a service providing a growing collection of transparent, unbiased, high-quality, and frequently updated economic and environmental evidence and insights. It is designed to provide partners and investors with a robust dataset to help make informed decisions when looking for opportunities in the region. It is equipped with robust research and analytical capability to support our partners in policy, business case development and project monitoring, all managed through a central team.

The Observatory provides three key outputs:

1. a maintained data portal
2. a regional overview report
3. a bespoke analyst support service

### [Enter the Data Observatory Portal](#)

What can the portal help you with?

Business case support: we can help stakeholders find and use the evidence they need for a range of business case developments, such as inward investment propositions, economic development projects, business support programmes and more. This may include advice for monitoring and evaluation of economic and environmental performance, if required.

Economic and environmental research projects: support for Further Education and Higher Education academics conducting research projects covering the Oxford to Cambridge region.

Advice and understanding of data for the region: supporting communities to interpret and understand nuances behind the data where required.

For more information about the Data Observatory and to request analyst support, please get in touch with Arthur Le Geyt or Paolo Ferraro.

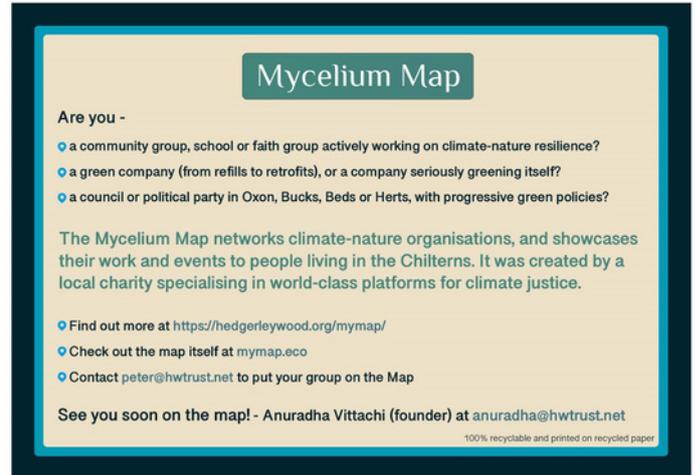
See [here](#) for more info.

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## **Mycelium Map**

What is the Mycelium Map?

The Mycelium Map connects people in their local communities to take action on climate change. It provides a comprehensive mapping and listing of local climate action groups in the Chiltern area, from small neighbourhood initiatives to large-scale organisations. With the Mycelium Map, you can find the groups closest to you, learn more about their activities and join their efforts to tackle the climate-nature crisis.



The Map has been very well-received by climate-nature organisations who see it as a potent tool for growing collaborative partnerships - and by map researchers who love its sophisticated tech which makes it ultra-simple for non-techie users.

For more info see [here](#)

## Vacancy

Buckinghamshire Council is currently recruiting an Ecology Officer covering the High Wycombe area. The closing date for applications is 26th August. See link for full details.

[Ecology Officer | Buckinghamshire Council Jobs](#)

## Funding Opportunity!

The Chiltern Society has recently launched a small grant fund through its Community WildBelt project. The project area covers the Aylesbury/Tring/Wendover triangle. See [here](#) for full details.

In future newsletters we plan to have a link to a funding spreadsheet on our website, keeping you up to date with relevant local and national funding opportunities.

If you have any news/events/interesting info you would like us to include in our next newsletter, please email us at [nep@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:nep@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)