

New Forest National Park Protecting together, shaping tomorrow

Romsey Citizen's Assembly

Making Space for Nature

Alison Barnes, Chief Executive



Sir David Attenborough:

'Every space in Britain must be used to help wildlife'





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The New Forest: A world capital for wildlife



2,600 fungi species



1/3 of British wildflower species



All 6 UK native reptile species



74% of all British dragonfly & damselfly species



Environment is centre-stage

HM Government

A Green Future: Our 25 Year Plan to Improve the Environment



Pledge: 'Ours will be the first generation to pass the natural world on in a better state to our children.'

What nature gives us for free = 'natural capital'



Bigger, better, more joined-up



Nature Network Importance of connection A 'national grid for nature'



The Green Halo Partnership

Our vision:

To be a global exemplar of how our most precious landscapes can work in harmony with a thriving, economically successful community.





The urban context: National Park Cities





Universal Charter for National Park Cities

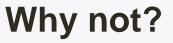
We are working together for better:

- lives, health and wellbeing
- habitats, wildlife, trees and flowers
- places, clean air, healthy water and earth
- time outdoors, culture, art, walking, cycling and eating
- decisions, sharing and working together
- locally grown food, responsible consumption and climate action
- relationships with nature.



Universal Charter for National Park Cities

- Our vision is of a family of National Park Cities where people, places and nature are better connected.
- Cities that are rich with wildlife and everyone benefits from exploring, playing and learning outdoors. Cities where we all enjoy high quality spaces and the air is clean to breathe.
- Together we can make cities greener, healthier, fairer and more harmonious places to live. Together we can make our cities National Park Cities.





Universal Charter for National Park Cities

What if you didn't have to choose between city or nature?

What if nature started on your doorstep?

What if the sights, smells, sounds and colours of the city were not just of humans and machines but also of nature?

What if everybody could lose themselves in nature?



"No one will protect what they don't care about. And no one will care about what they have never experienced."

Sir David Attenborough





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Thank you