

2015 Cheshire region Habitat Targets

Habitat name	Target Type	UK Target Number	NW Target Text (based on UK target text)	Target Units	Cheshire
Grassland and Heath					
Lowland dry acid grassland	Maintaining extent	T1	Maintain the current extent of Lowland Dry Acid Grassland	Hectares	493
Lowland dry acid grassland	Achieving condition	T2	Maintain at least the current condition of Lowland Dry Acid Grassland.	Hectares	493
Lowland dry acid grassland	Achieving condition	T3	Achieve favourable or recovering condition for Xha of Lowland Dry Acid Grassland	Hectares	423
Lowland dry acid grassland	Restoration	T4	Restore Xha of Lowland Dry Acid Grassland from semi-improved or neglected grassland, which no longer meets the priority habitat definition	Hectares	50
Lowland dry acid grassland	Expansion	T5	Re-establish Xha of grassland of wildlife value from arable or improved grassland	Hectares	25
Lowland meadows	Maintaining extent	T1	Maintain the current extent of Lowland Meadows	Hectares	339.38
Lowland meadows	Achieving condition	T2	Maintain at least the current condition of Lowland Meadows.	Hectares	339.38
Lowland meadows	Achieving condition	T3	Achieve favourable or recovering condition for Xha of Lowland Meadow	Hectares	293
Lowland meadows	Restoration	T4	Restore X ha of Lowland Meadow from semi-improved or neglected grassland, which no longer meets the priority habitat definition	Hectares	22
Lowland meadows	Expansion	T5	Re-establish X ha of grassland of wildlife value from arable or improved grassland	Hectares	50
Purple moor-grass and rush pastures	Maintaining extent	T1	Maintain the current extent of Purple Moor-grass and Rush Pastures	Hectares	596
Purple moor-grass and rush pastures	Achieving condition	T2	Maintain at least the current condition of Purple Moor-grass and Rush Pastures.	Hectares	596
Purple moor-grass and rush pastures	Achieving condition	T3	Achieve favourable or recovering condition for Xha of Purple Moor-grass and Rush Pasture	Hectares	531
Purple moor-grass and rush pastures	Restoration	T4	Restore Xha of Purple Moor-grass and Rush Pasture from semi-improved or neglected grassland, which no longer meets the priority habitat definition	Hectares	5
Purple moor-grass and rush pastures	Expansion	T5	Re-establish Xha of grassland of wildlife value from arable or improved grassland	Hectares	8

Lowland heathland	Maintaining extent	T1	Maintain the current extent of all existing lowland heathland. This targets represents no net loss of habitat.	Hectares	402.50
Lowland heathland	Achieving condition	T2	Maintain the area of lowland heathland currently in favourable condition.	Hectares	90
Lowland heathland	Achieving condition	T3	Improve the condition of lowland heathland on sites currently in unfavourable condition.	Hectares	236
Lowland heathland	Expansion	T4	Increase the extent of lowland heathland by X ha	Hectares	71
Field Boundaries					
Hedgerows	Maintaining extent	T1	Maintain the net extent of hedgerows.	Kilometres	11,330
Hedgerows	Achieving condition	T4	Achieve favourable condition of X km of hedgerows	Kilometres	5,665
Hedgerows	Expansion	T8	Achieve a net increase in the length of hedgerows of X km	Kilometres	128
Arable Margins	Expansion	T1	Expand the area of cultivated, low-input field margins to Xha	Hectares	223
Arable Margins	Expansion	T2	Expand the area of margins providing wild bird seed to Xha	Hectares	406
Arable Margins	Expansion	T3	Expand the area of flower-rich field margins which provide a pollen and nectar source to Xha	Hectares	268
Arable Margins	Expansion	T4	Expand the area of permanent grass margins to Xha	Hectares	511
Uplands					
Blanket bog	Maintaining extent	T1	Maintain at least X ha of blanket mire	Hectares	879
Blanket bog	Achieving condition	T2	A total of X ha of blanket bog, within SSSIs, to be in favourable or unfavourable recovering condition	Hectares	566
Blanket bog	Achieving condition	T3	Achieve a measurable increase in the extent of blanket bog outwith SSSIs in favourable or unfavourable recovering condition	Hectares	Awaiting data
Upland heathland	Maintaining extent	T1	Maintain at least X ha of upland heathland in the UK	Hectares	175
Upland heathland	Achieving condition	T2	A total of X ha of upland heathland, within SSSIs to be in favourable or unfavourable recovering condition	Hectares	20
Upland heathland	Achieving condition	T3	Achieve a measurable increase in the extent of upland heathland outwith SSSIs in favourable or unfavourable recovering condition	Hectares	Awaiting data
Coastal					
Coastal saltmarsh/ Mudflat	Maintaining extent	T1	There should be no further net loss of extent of intertidal sediment ecosystems (Cross-plan target)	Hectares	10,313

Coastal saltmarsh/ Mudflat	Expansion	T2	Create X ha of intertidal sediment habitat to offset historical losses (Cross-plan target)	Hectares	161
Coastal saltmarsh/ Mudflat	Achieving condition	T3	Achieve favourable or recovering condition by appropriate management of XX ha of intertidal sediment habitat currently in unfavourable condition (Cross-plan target)	Hectares	0
Coastal sand dunes	Maintaining extent	T1	There should be no further net loss of the existing sand dune resource, its distribution and range of habitat types from further losses to anthropogenic factors, whether caused directly or indirectly	Hectares	135
Coastal sand dunes	Achieving condition	T2	Achieve favourable or recovering condition by appropriate management of XXha of coastal sand dune systems currently in unfavourable condition	Hectares	0
Coastal sand dunes	Achieving condition	T3	Control natural succession to scrub, woodland, bracken and other invasive non-native plants.	Hectares	1
Coastal sand dunes	Restoration	T5	Restore sand dune habitat lost or severely degraded as a result of to afforestation, agriculture and infrastructure.	Hectares	4
Maritime cliff and slope	Maintaining extent	T1	Maintain the existing free-functioning maritime cliff & slope resource (including cliff-top and slope habitat)	Kilometres	2.64
Maritime cliff and slope	Restoration	T3	Increase the extent of Maritime Cliff and Slope unaffected by coastal engineering/coast protection to Xkm	Kilometres	1
Maritime cliff and slope	Expansion	T4	Increase the area of cliff-top semi-natural habitats by at least X ha	Hectares	1
Maritime cliff and slope	Achieving condition	T5	Achieve favourable or recovering condition for Xkm of maritime cliff and slope including cliff-top vegetation	Kilometres	1.61
Freshwater					
Eutrophic standing waters	Achieving condition	T1	Maintain the condition of all eutrophic standing waters of known conservation importance currently judged in good condition (Tier 1 sites).	Site(s)	6
Eutrophic standing waters	Achieving condition	T2	Achieve good condition in X eutrophic standing waters of conservation importance that have been damaged by human activity (Tier 2 sites).	Site(s)	6

Eutrophic standing waters	Achieving condition	T3	Improve the condition of a further X eutrophic standing waters of conservation importance that have been damaged by human activity (Tier 2 sites).	Site(s)	6
Eutrophic standing waters	Achieving condition	T4	Maintain the condition of remaining eutrophic standing waters of known conservation importance (Tier 2 sites).	Site(s)	6
Eutrophic standing waters	Achieving condition	T5	Prevent further deterioration in condition of the remaining eutrophic standing waters (Tier 3 sites).	Site(s)	114
Mesotrophic lakes	Achieving condition	T1	Maintain the condition of all mesotrophic lakes of known conservation importance currently judged in good condition (Tier 1 sites).	Site(s)	N/A
Mesotrophic lakes	Achieving condition	T2	Achieve good condition in X mesotrophic lakes of conservation importance that have been damaged by human activity (Tier 2 sites).	Site(s)	N/A
Mesotrophic lakes	Achieving condition	T3	Improve the condition of a further X mesotrophic lakes of conservation importance that have been damaged by human activity (Tier 2 sites).	Site(s)	N/A
Mesotrophic lakes	Achieving condition	T4	Maintain the condition of remaining mesotrophic lakes of known conservation importance (Tier 2 sites).	Site(s)	N/A
Mesotrophic lakes	Achieving condition	T5	Prevent further deterioration in condition of the remaining mesotrophic lakes (Tier 3 sites).	Site(s)	7
Wetland					
Coastal and floodplain grazing marsh	Maintaining extent	T1	Maintain the extent of the existing resource of C&FPGM habitat with no net loss	Hectares	2,866
Coastal and floodplain grazing marsh	Achieving condition	T2	Maintain the condition of C&FPGM habitat where already favourable and establish management to secure favourable condition for all areas of grazing marsh currently judged as unfavourable.	Hectares	1,259
Coastal and floodplain grazing marsh	Restoration	T3	Restore and improve X ha of relict habitat that does not qualify as C&FPGM habitat	Hectares	46
Coastal and floodplain grazing marsh	Expansion	T4	Re-establish X ha of C&FPGM of wildlife value from appropriate land sources (e.g. arable land) which is capable of supporting a diverse range of invertebrates, mammals and breeding waders	Hectares	74

Coastal and floodplain grazing marsh	New target type	T5	Establish 1 new landscape scale wetland complex in which C&FPGM is a major component along other wetland types. This cross-refers to targets in the uplands, lowland raised bog, wet woodlands, fens and reedbed HAPs.	Landscape scale wetland complexes	1
Lowland raised bog	Maintaining extent	T1	Maintain the extent of the existing resource (i.e. primary and secondary raised bog resource) with no loss.	Hectares	459
Lowland raised bog	Achieving condition	T2	Rehabilitate degraded bog habitat still capable of natural regeneration (in targeted areas) to bring most of the primary and secondary resource into or approaching favourable condition through appropriate management.	Hectares	459 by 2020
Lowland raised bog	Restoration	T3	Restore Lowland Raised Bog immediately on chosen areas of archaic peat to ensure a sustainable hydrological regime for adjacent extant habitat	Hectares	25
Fens	Maintaining extent	T1	Maintain the current extent of the fen resource and diversity of fen types (see fen types 1-8).	Hectares	Awaiting data
Fens	Achieving condition	T2	Maintain condition of fen habitat where already favourable and establish management to secure favourable condition for all areas of fen currently judged as unfavourable.	Hectares	Awaiting data
Fens	Restoration	T3	Initiate the restoration of X ha of former fen habitat	Hectares	Awaiting data
Fens	New target type	T4	Establish 1 new landscape scale wetland complex in which fen is a major component along other wetland types and in which successional processes within the fen are allowed to proceed unchecked. This cross-refers to targets in the uplands, lowland raised bog	Landscape scale wetland complexes	1
Wet Reedbeds	Maintaining extent	T1	Maintain the extent of the existing resource of BAP habitat by active management and with no net loss (priority will be to maintain blocks of greater than 2ha, where appropriate). Links to Bittern SAP.	Hectares	Awaiting data

Wet Reedbeds	Achieving condition	T2	Maintain the condition of wet reedbed habitat where already favourable and establish management to secure favourable condition for all areas of targeted reedbed currently judged as unfavourable.	Hectares	Awaiting data
Wet Reedbeds	Expansion	T3	Continue creating reedbed from land of low nature conservation interest with the objective of expanding the BAP resource by X ha	Hectares	20
Wet Reedbeds	New target type	T4	Establish 1 new landscape scale wetland complex in which reedbed is a major component along other wetland types. This cross-refers to targets in the uplands, lowland raised bog, wet woodlands, fen and C&FPGM HAPs.	Landscape scale wetland complexes	1

Woodland

Wood-pasture and parkland	Maintaining extent	T1	No loss of or significant damage to the extent of known wood-pasture and parkland sites.	Sites	26
Wood-pasture and parkland	Achieving condition	T2	X sites to be in favourable or recovering condition	Sites	18
Wood-pasture and parkland	Restoration	T3	Restore areas of derelict wood-pasture & parkland to favourable condition	Sites	2
Wood-pasture and parkland	Expansion	T4	Expand the area of wood-pasture and parkland, in appropriate areas, to help reverse fragmentation and reduce the generation gap between veteran trees at X sites	Sites	1
Native woodland	Maintaining extent	T1	Maintain the existing area of ancient broadleaved woodland, which qualifies as native woodland (cross plan target)	Hectares	1,434
Native woodland	Maintaining extent	T2	No net loss of native woodland (cross-plan target)	Hectares	5,594
Native woodland	Achieving condition	T3	Achieve favourable or recovering condition of X ha of native broadleaved woodland (cross-plan target)	Hectares	3,984
Native woodland	Restoration	T4	Ensure X ha of coniferous or mixed PAWS have been restored or are under gradual restoration. (cross-plan target)	Hectares	100
Native woodland	Expansion	T6	Expand the area of native broadleaved woodland by X ha through a combination of converting (restocking) existing plantations and creating native woodland on ex-agricultural land. (cross-plan target)	Hectares	766

Habitats without National Targets					
Traditional Orchards	Maintaining extent		Maintain the extent of the existing resource of traditional orchards with no net loss	Sites	118
Roadside Verges	Maintaining extent		Maintain the extent of the existing resource of the roadside verge habitat with no net loss	Kilometres	93.33
Roadside Verges	Achieving condition		Achieve favourable condition of XHa of the roadside verge resource	Kilometres	93.33
Waxcap Grassland	Maintaining extent		Maintain the extent of the existing resource of waxcap grassland with no net loss	Hectares	39.44
Waxcap Grassland	Achieving condition		Achieve favourable condition of XHa of the waxcap grassland resource	Hectares	39.44
Oligotrophic lakes	Maintaining extent		Maintain the extent of the existing resource of oligotrophic lakes with no net loss	Site(s)	2
Ponds	Maintaining extent		Maintain the extent of the existing resource of ponds with no net loss	Site(s)	16400
Ponds	Expansion		Expand the number of ponds by X number of sites	Site(s)	400