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Going Wild

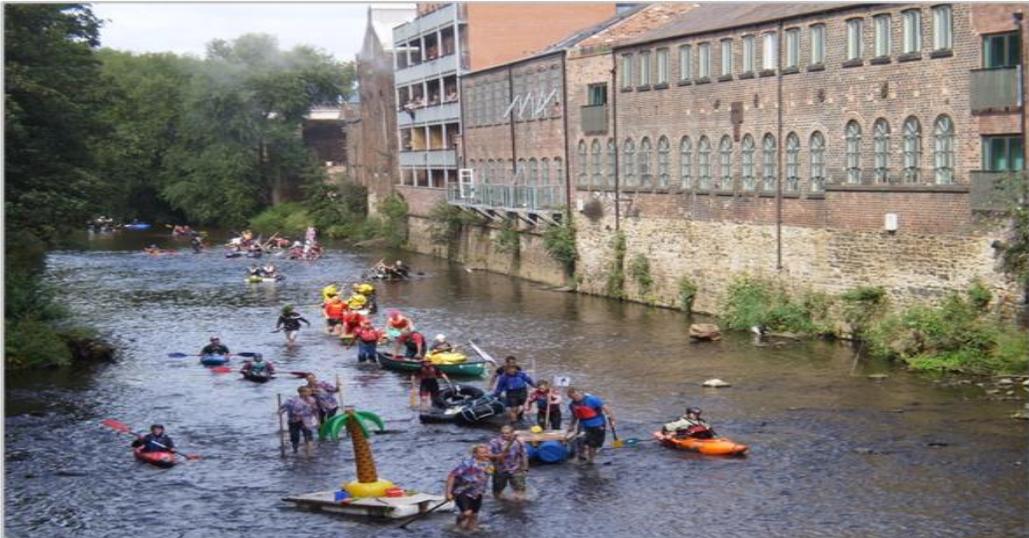
A helping hand for Nature

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Welcome to Yorkshire

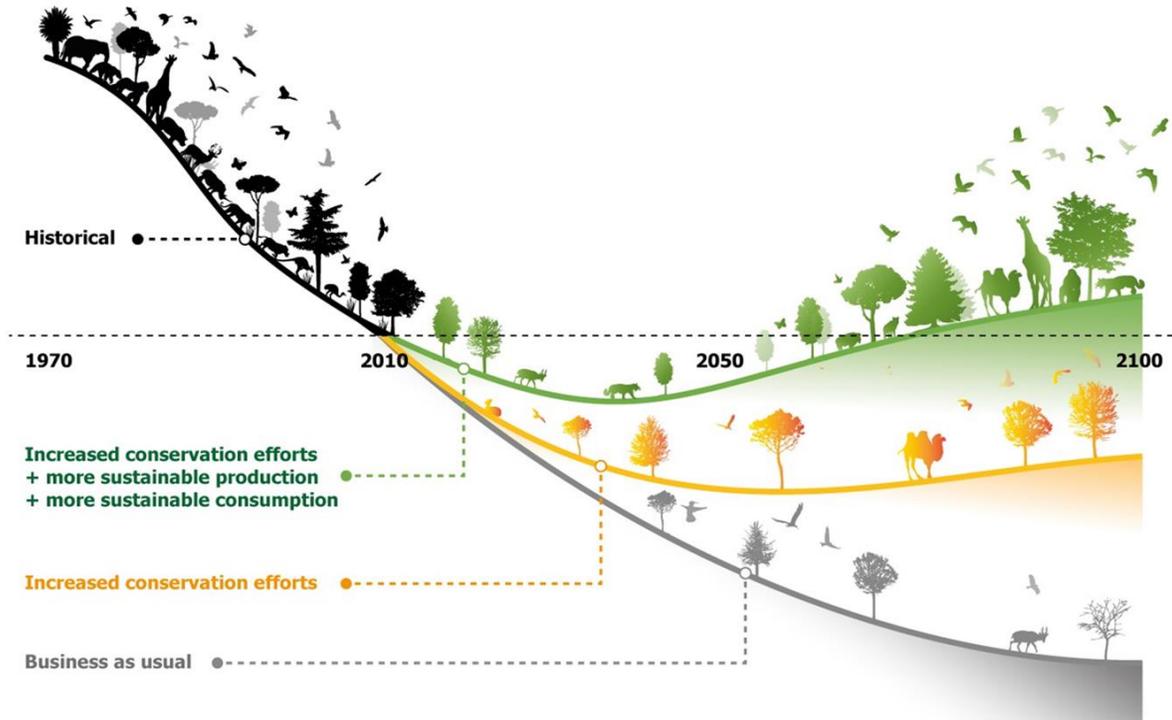


A little about me ...



- A Cornish girl in Yorkshire
- Catapulted to Yorkshire by a trip to Antarctica while pursuing experiences of wildness.
- Varied career – surveying training, horses, housing, waste, environment, wildlife.
- I believe we are an embedded part of nature and like big pictures and making connections
- Arrived in Sept 2019 and was promptly locked down – so feeling like I am just arriving now!

Making Yorkshire Wilder



Our mission is to *restore wildlife by making Yorkshire wilder together.*

In pursuit of our vision where, *Yorkshire is rich in wildlife for the benefit of everyone with more wildlife, more wild places and more people having a strong connection to nature.*

What's working?

Innovative and long term delivery:

- Post industrial recovery - Dearne Valley New SSSI
- Peatland restoration - Great North Bog
- Marine protections and now increasing restoration
- Invasive species management
- Approaching rewilding



What's going in the right direction?

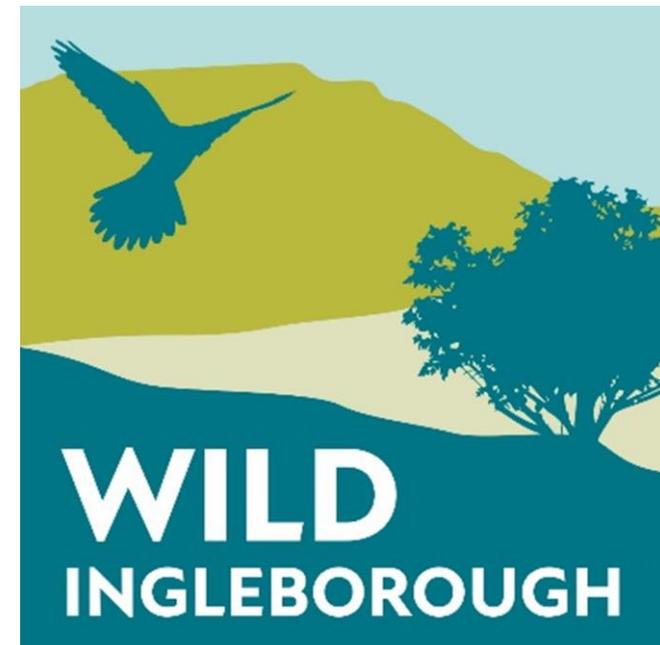
Strategic partnerships:

- Y & H Climate Commission
- Leeds Flood Alleviation Scheme and Connected by Water initiative
- White Rose Forest – urban and rural
- Landscape scale partnerships – Wild Ingleborough, Tees Swale
- Humber 100 Forum
- Marine Nature Partnership



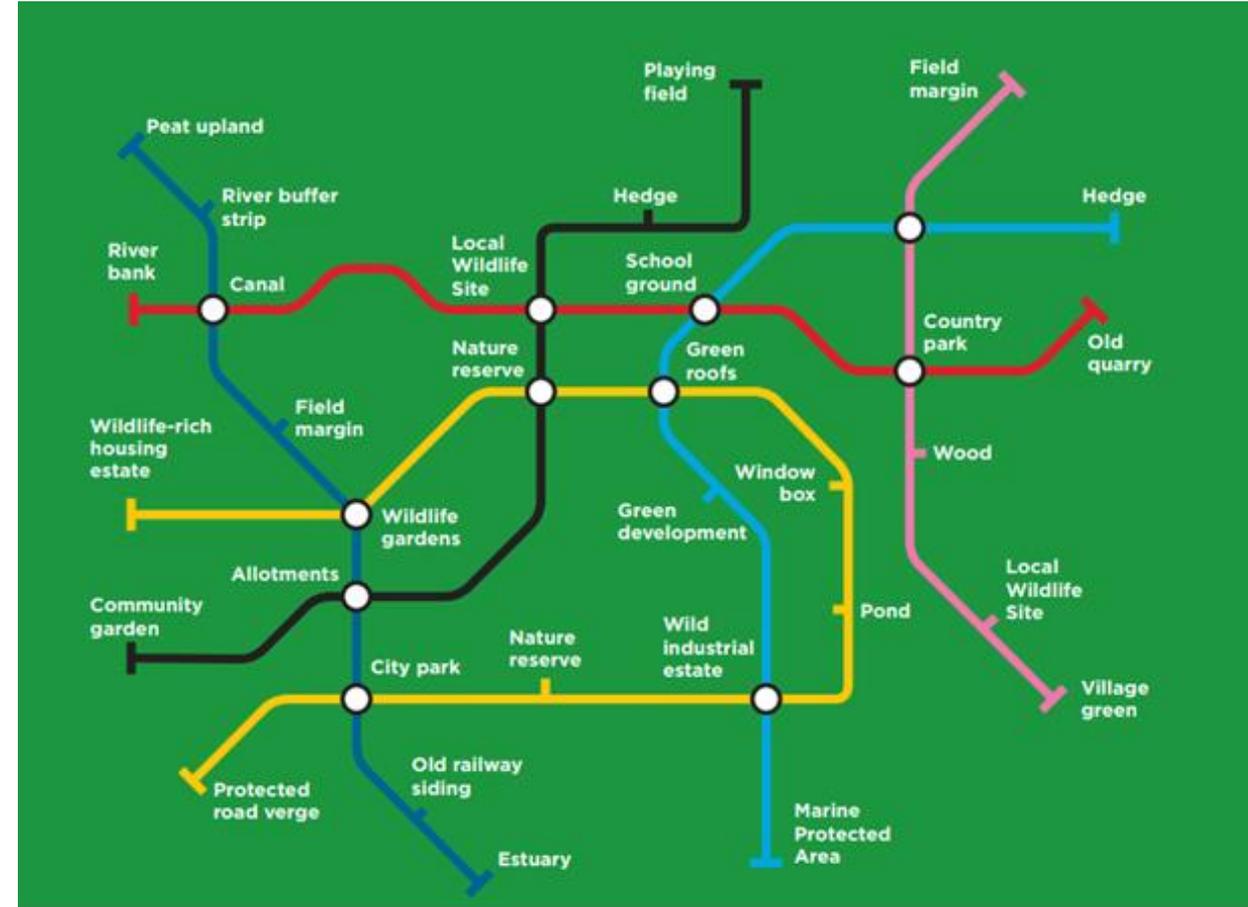
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What can we make more of?

- Designated landscapes – National Parks, AONB's and public land holdings
- Finding solutions to deliver on Biodiversity Net Gain & Nutrient Neutrality (must mean improvement)
- Local Nature Recovery Strategies – Integration!
- Use forthcoming Conservation Covenants strategically



Leadership at a local level

Local leaders can ensure:

- The cause is being visibly championed
- Democratically adopted ambitions
- Joined up and innovative application
- Partnerships are fostered and nurtured
- Local enforcement for nature
- Government is informed of tensions and asked to do more – including setting targets - [Nature deserves better | The Wildlife Trusts](#)



Push for new horizons

Driving Devolution with and for Nature:

- Local Land (and Marine) Use Strategies – essential to ensure delivery of LNRS’s and climate ambitions/ commitments
- Planning system – develop a ‘wildbelt’ for nature - [the Planning Report](#)
- More powers to solve your local challenges – working with Govt Agencies, Utility Companies, Drainage Boards, landowners
- Council Tax – consider a ‘levy for nature’



A final thought...

Philosophically can we solve the crisis's of biodiversity, pollution and climate we face, while the natural systems which are essential for all our lives are seen as 'private property' rather than the 'commons' which we are living within – **can there be evolution in the stewardship of the commons?**





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Thank you

