



Recovering Nature for Growth, Health and Security

The role of **greenspace** in Natural England's new strategy





Recovering Nature

- Nature is not just “a countryside thing”
- Local green space is the “shop floor” for connecting people with nature
- **NE has partnered with Local Government, National Trust and the Heritage Lottery Fund to launch Nature Towns and Cities**



Building Better Places

- Increased greenspace in urban and suburban areas improves overall accessibility and can serve as hubs around which to build relationships across the community
- People want to live in places with green space
- **NE is a facilitator in this space, convening the sector to mainstream urban greening**



Houlton Rugby: a new town that's sending out all the right signals



■ A pondside view for some of Houlton's 'better-than-average' new homes. Photograph: Paul Upward



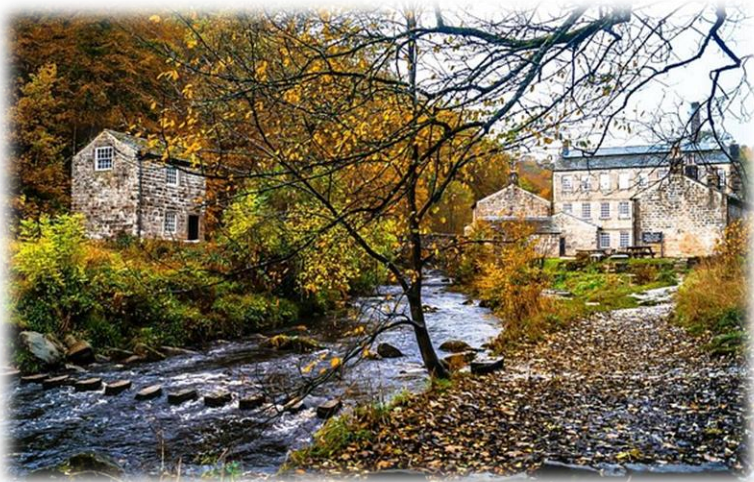
Improving Health and Wellbeing

- Providing green space cuts across other sectors, with benefits and cost savings in health and education
- *In Sheffield, for every £1 spent on maintaining parks, there is a benefit of £34 in health costs saved, with local residents being the primary beneficiaries (PHE, 2020).*
- ***NE working with partners on pilots for Green Social Prescribing***



Delivering Security through Nature

- Greenspace provides crucial mitigation against increasing hazards such as flooding and extreme heat
- Helps to reduce the “urban island effect” that amplifies heat
- Urban greening reduces flood risk



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