

# REWILDING IN BRITAIN

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**REWILDING  
BRITAIN**







REWILDING IS THE LARGE-SCALE RESTORATION OF  
ECOSYSTEMS  
TO THE POINT WHERE NATURE  
CAN TAKE CARE OF ITSELF

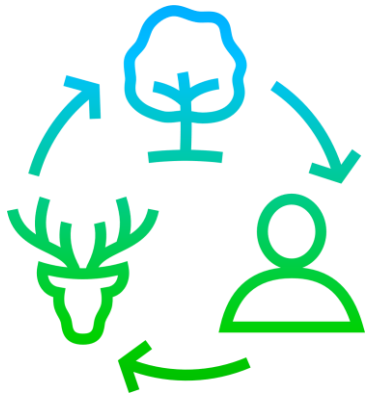
REWILDING ENCOURAGES A BALANCE BETWEEN PEOPLE  
AND THE REST OF NATURE SO THAT WE THRIVE  
TOGETHER



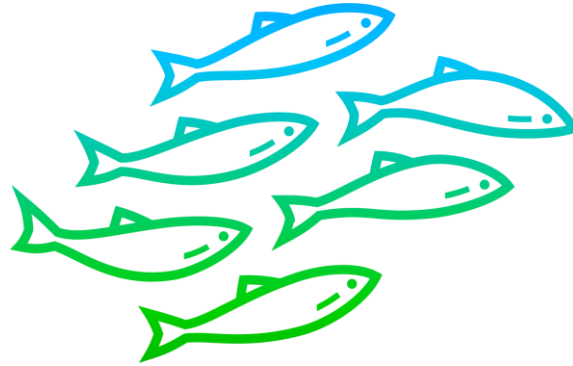
# THE FIVE PRINCIPLES OF REWILDING



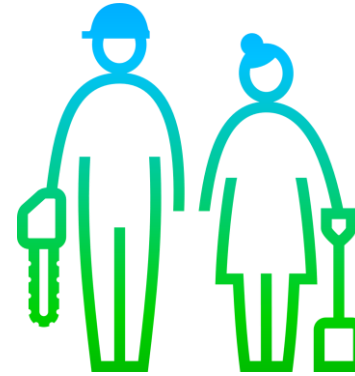
Support people and  
nature together



Work at nature's  
scale



Let nature lead



Create resilient  
nature-based  
economies

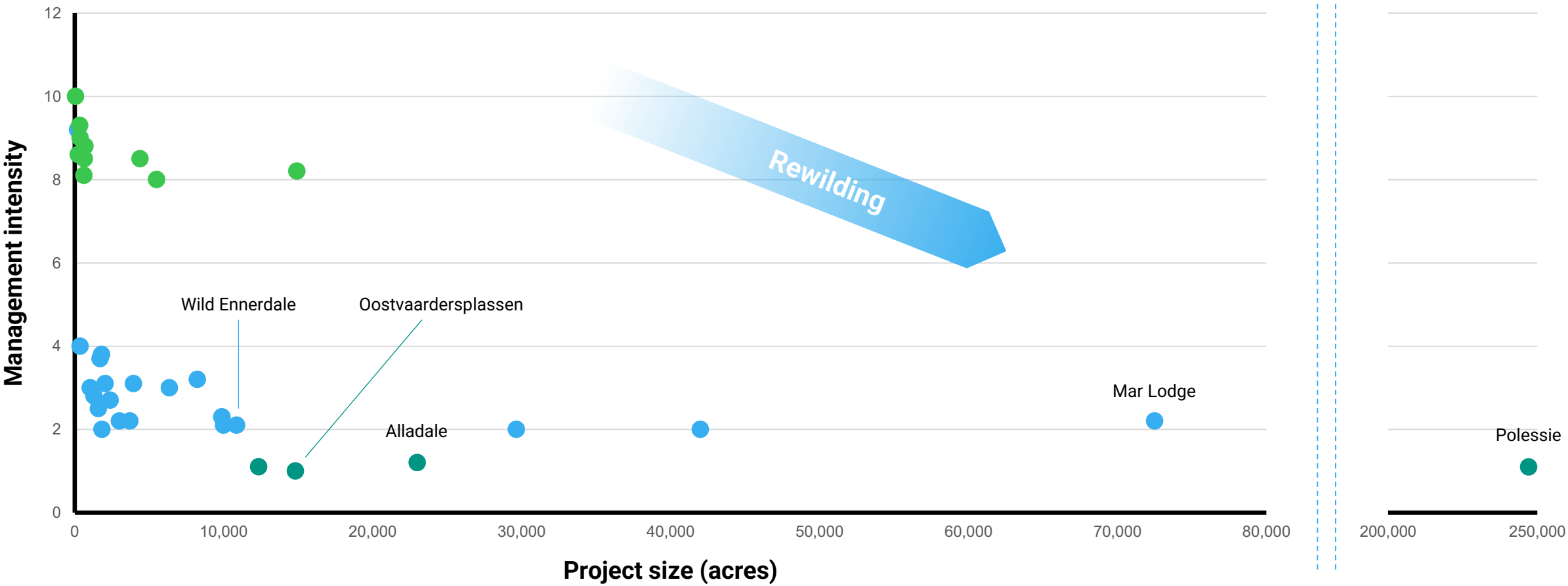


Secure benefits  
for the long term

# THE REWILDING SPECTRUM



● Typical UK nature reserves    ● UK rewilding projects    ● International rewilding projects



# BENEFITS OF REWILDING



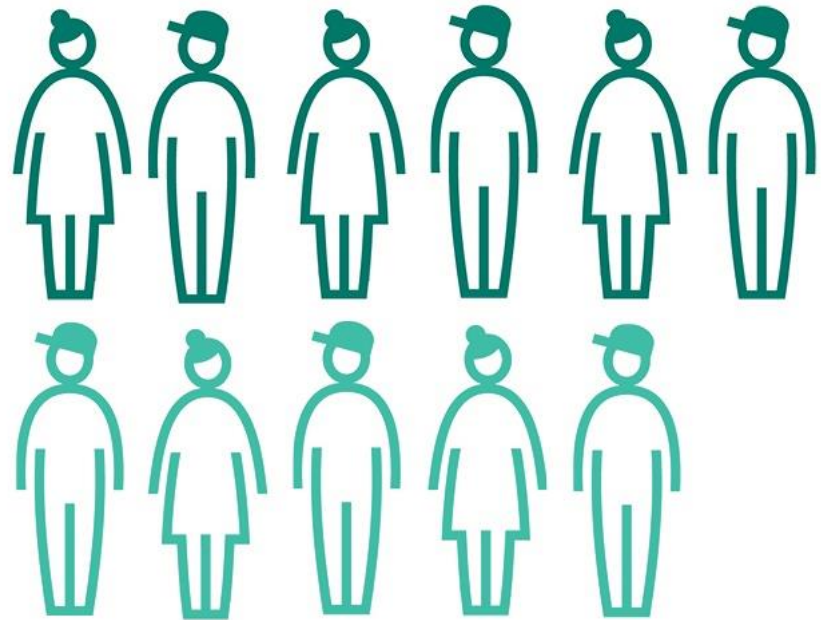
- Supporting nature recovery
- Climate mitigation
- Flood and drought management
- Cleaner air
- Cleaner water
- Nature based economies
- Reconnecting with nature



# REWILDING EVIDENCE FROM THE NETWORK



**120%  
INCREASE  
IN JOBS**



**THE REWILDING  
NETWORK**  
Supported by Rewilding Britain 

**65**  
PROJECTS  **OVER  
10**  
YEARS



**12X  
INCREASE  
IN VOLUNTEERS**



# Natural Processes



# How can we let natural processes lead?



- Natural processes need **space**
- They also need all the puzzle pieces in place
- Sometimes we need to **mimic natural processes** through our actions.
  - Coppicing (bison and beavers)
  - Leaky dams
  - Harvesting animals
  - Sustainable forestry e.g. continuous canopy





# Degraded Landscapes – the Role of Keystone Species



- Keystone species have a disproportionate impact on ecosystems
- We now know that top predators, including the giant whales in the seas, drive ecological processes from the top of the food chain to the bottom. This is known as a **trophic cascade**
- Keystone species are not all predators, and trophic cascades don't always flow from top to bottom.

## SPECIES EXTINCT FROM BRITAIN



# What does rewilding look like?





# A VISION FOR BRITAIN IN THE FUTURE



# A GROWING MOVEMENT



## REWILDING PROJECTS AND LOCAL GROUPS

Find rewilding projects and local groups who have signed up to the network

ListMap

Filter	TYPE	PROJECT COUNTRY	PROJECT SCALE	HABITAT
	Rewilding project	England	Small (100 - 249)	Land
	Local network	Scotland	Medium (250 - 1499)	Marine
		Wales	Large (1500+)	



Member Project

### Bamff Estate

Perthshire  
Medium

An eco-estate on the edge of the Scottish Highlands, well known for its beaver project and abundant wildlife



Member Project

### Broughton Sanctuary

Broughton, Yorkshire  
Medium

Serving a new way of life - reconnecting people with nature through rewilding



Member Project

### Bunloit Estate

Scottish Highlands  
Medium

Rewilding the Scottish Highlands for biodiversity, carbon capture and local communities



Member Project Marine

### Community of Arran Seabed Trust (Coast)

Arran and the Clyde  
Marine

A ground-breaking community led project rewilding the seas around Arran and the Clyde



Local network

### Cornwall Rewilding Network

Cornwall

A Cornwall Rewilding Network is currently at the planning stage.



Member Project

### Creag Meagaidh

Inverness-shire, Scotland  
Large

One of the first places in Scotland to seriously tackle centuries of land degradation, resulting in ecosystemic natural regeneration of





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# SPECIES REINTRODUCTIONS





# RECONNECTION





# TRANSITIONAL HABITAT



*Image: Knepp  
Estate*



# Have we got the space?



Rewilding Britain are calling for 30% of Britain to be in nature recovery by 2030

- 5% core rewilding
- 25% semi-wild areas

Across land and sea

**86%**  
**OF LAND IN THE UK IS**  
**NON-URBAN**

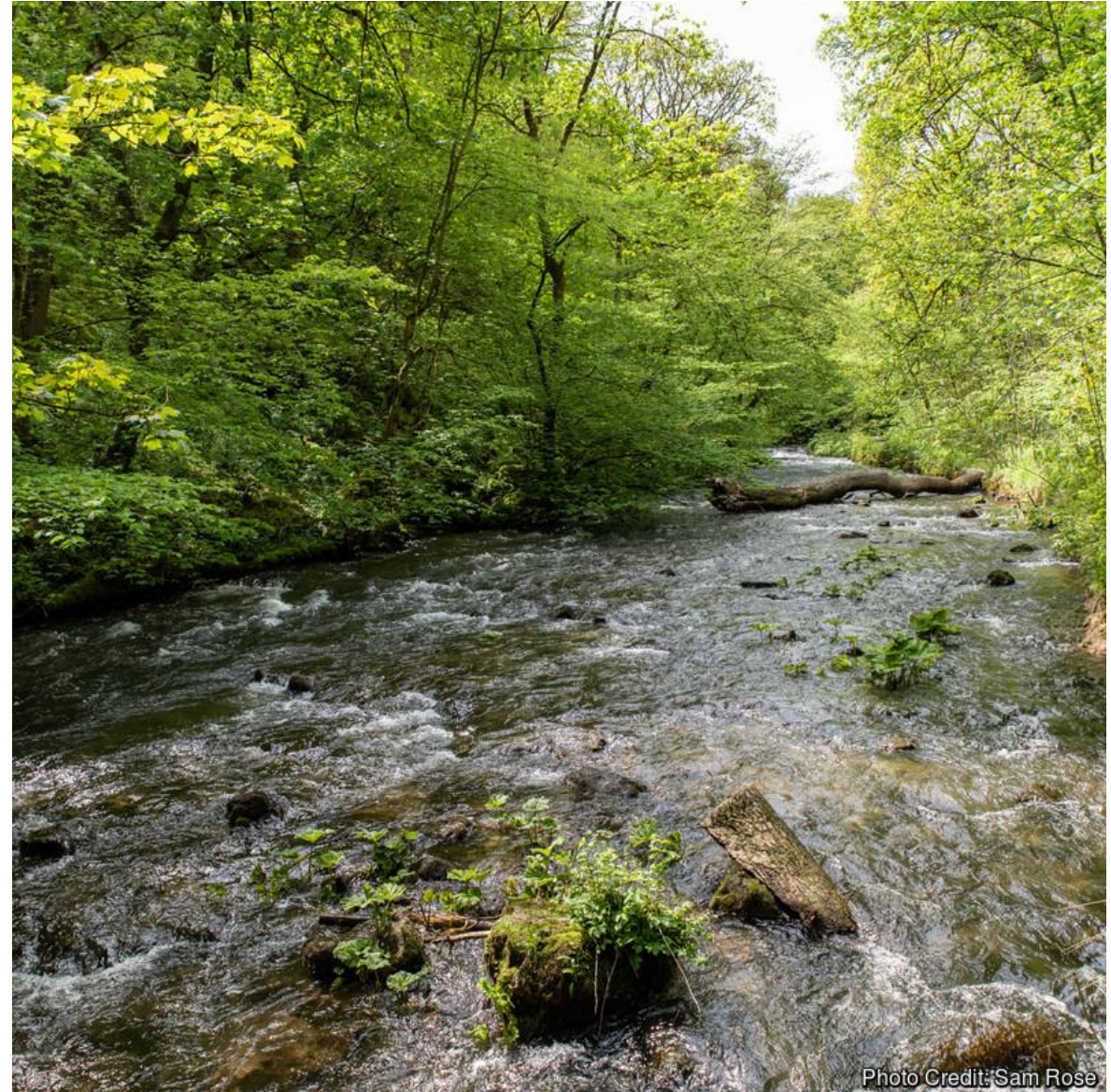


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# Working at Smaller Scales



- Mimic missing animals
  - Build leaky dams
  - Plough areas instead of pig rootling
  - Disturbance and bare ground
  - Deadwood
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- Try to be random and messy!







- Engagement with local communities are key, including setting up ambassadors
- White stork support in the area
- Engagement with people who don't usually access nature and rewilding







THE FUTURE?



THINK BIG  
ACT WILD

**REWILDING  
BRITAIN**

