

The Wrangle Habitat Bank

A family-owned habitat bank with over a century of history, rare bats, and sweeping views over Blagdon and Chew Valley Lakes

ABOUT THE SCHEME

Set within the Mendip Hills National Character Area, The Wrangle is a strategically positioned Biodiversity Net Gain habitat bank delivering offsite units to meet statutory BNG requirements. The habitat sits atop a hill above Compton Martin, looking out over both Blagdon Lake and Chew Valley Lake.

An Exceptional Location for Bats

The site includes part of the Compton Martin Ochre Mine Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), a hibernation roost for horseshoe bats and a component of the North Somerset and Mendip Bats SAC, giving The Wrangle national and international ecological significance.

Year-round grazing with native cattle is central to the management strategy: horseshoe bats feed on dung beetles and other insects, so maintaining dunging fields alongside a network of wide, bushy hedgerow corridors directly supports both Greater and Lesser Horseshoe bat populations on site.

Land Management

The Wrangle is a self-funded, owner-managed project. Louise Allen's family has owned the land for just over 100 years and she spent much of her childhood fishing in the river below. The Habitat is now co-owned with another family.

"The key to a habitat bank of this nature is ecologists working with the landowner to make the management sustainable in the long term, and that long-term commitment is built into everything here." Jim Phillips, Ecologist - Ethos Environmental Planning

SCHEME BNG

Status:

Live

Bath and North East Somerset LPA
Mendip Hills (NCA)

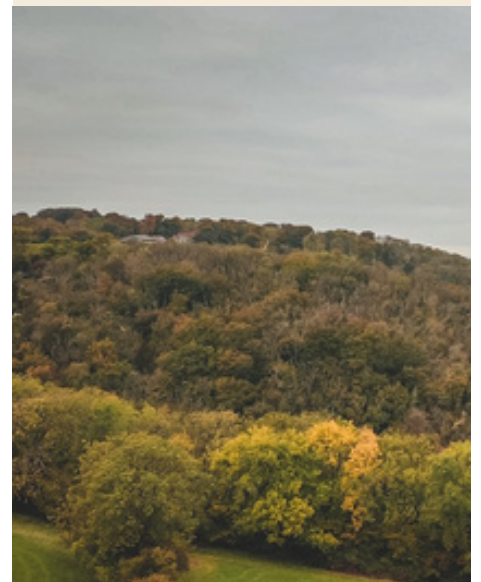
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HABITATS AVAILABLE

Broad Habitat	Metric Habitat	Distinctiveness	Condition
Woodland and Forest	Lowland calcareous	High	Good
Grassland	Other lowland acid grassland	Very high	Good
Grassland	Mixed scrub	High	Moderate
Grassland	Individual trees - Rural tree	Medium	Good
Heathland and shrub	Other woodland - broadleafed	Medium	Moderate
Hedgerows	Species-rich native hedgerow with trees	High	Good
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TOWNS & CITIES

- Bath
- Keynsham
- Midsomer Norton
- Radstock
- Paulton
- Peasedown St John

NCAS

- Somerset Levels and Moors NCA
- Mid Somerset Hills NCA
- Bristol, Avon Valleys and Ridges
- Yeovil Scarplands
- Avon Vales
- Cotswolds
- Mendip Hills

LPAS

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- South Gloucestershire LPA
- Somerset LPA

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