



The Natural Greenspace Company

The Natural Greenspace Company provides tailored management of biodiverse land, principally for nature conservation purposes. We aim to use traditional methods of grazing and other rural management, wherever possible. Such methods are well-adapted to the enhancement of biodiversity on areas retained for nature conservation purposes, whilst accommodating varying degrees of public access and providing social benefits to local people.

With very close links to our sister company Ecological Planning & Research Ltd we are able to provide unrivaled experience in nature conservation, historical and present ecology, and the management of land for nature conservation, as well as extensive contacts in conservation and land management.

With increasing emphasis being placed on the provision of Natural Greenspace as conditions of planning consents for development, both as a means of securing nature conservation interests and providing for recreational requirements, the collaboration between the two companies now provides unrivalled expertise for our clients in managing land for the long term.

Our Services

The Natural Greenspace Company offers a wide range of services related to all aspects of land management for nature conservation and associated recreation, to ensure our clients receive a comprehensive service.

Management Planning

The expert ecologists at the Natural Greenspace Company can produce a fully costed management plan for your site, tailored to enhance the biodiversity value whilst ensuring other demands such as public access are also accommodated. We are able to complement the extensive experience that EPR has in this area, particularly that related to providing practical management planning and implementation of SANGs management with respect to the Thames Basin Heath SPA.

Habitat Creation

We have the expertise to design and build habitats on your site, for instance; ponds for great crested newt mitigation, stream, river and lake management, reedbed and other planting, hedgerow and woodland management and the seeding and subsequent grazing or mowing of wildflower meadows. We can tackle effectively all terrestrial and aquatic habitat challenges.

Example projects:

- **The Hatch, Basingstoke** - *Restoration of ancient peat fen, now managed by the Hampshire & IOW Wildlife Trust*
- **Priddy's Hard, Portsmouth** - *The design and construction of a seven-acre coastal wetland Nature Reserve*
- **Newport, Isle of Wight** - *the design, supervision and the creation of a small nature reserve for great crested newts*
- **East Cowes, Isle of Wight** - *preparation of habitat management plan, creation of a series of new wetlands adjacent to the River Medina, hibernacula for reptiles and improved dormouse habitats, information boards and careful fencing and landscaping to reduce recreational impacts on wildlife.*
- **River Dove, Derbyshire** - *preparation of a management plan, and practical habitat improvements for wildlife.*



Site Infrastructure

If your site needs infrastructure such as fences to contain livestock or restrict access, footpaths, boardwalks, bridges, gates, stiles, signposts, trail-markers or benches, Natural Greenspace Company can provide and install them.

We have in-house artistic expertise to combine science and design into attractive information boards.

Contractor Supervision

We have wide experience in supervising contractors on ecological schemes, from ground workers to landscape contractors and tree surgeons. Expert ecological supervision will ensure top results first time. This service includes the role of Ecological Clerk of Works on construction sites.

Habitat Management Implementation

The Natural Greenspace Company can implement specialist ecological management on your site using appropriate methods to provide the maximum biodiversity gain. This could use traditional methods such as conservation grazing, or more modern techniques such as forage harvesting. All work is fully risk-assessed and insured, all staff are fully trained and qualified for the tasks in hand.

Monitoring

In order to be successful, conservation management requires monitoring, the results of which are fed-back into the management plan. Our ecologists are highly experienced in ecological survey and can carry out monitoring for plants, habitats and a wide range of animal species.

Public Access and Site Management

Most natural areas are open to the public. As well as providing the initial infrastructure to allow safe public access to your site, the Natural Greenspace Company can provide ongoing management of your site to permit public access without it compromising its biodiversity value. This can include day-to-day management such as litter-picking or longer term monitoring of public use and addressing any issues.

Education and Community Involvement

We recognise that publicly accessible sites are valuable assets for local communities and community involvement can provide positive benefits on top of those for biodiversity. We are able to manage this involvement through, for example, a schools education programme, wildlife themed public events, volunteer working parties and community education.

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