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Blackdown Hills AONB Nature Recovery Area workshop

17 May 2021

Purpose of meeting

1. **Recap on the findings** from the Nature Recovery Plan & visualisations workshop on 8 April 2021
2. **Discuss the following questions:**

- Do you support the principles behind the candidate Nature Recovery Area (cNRA) approach? – i.e. looking for coincidence of opportunity that best reflects the Blackdown Hills. Do you have any concerns? What's missing? Sound evidence base? Correct terminology?
- Do you think that the approach will take us where we need to get to in terms of the visualisation outcomes? *[see images]* i.e. are the proposals/ cNRAs ambitious enough, or not achievable?
- In each of the 12 NRAs identified, where is the greatest potential (e.g. boundaries, in-field habitat options, soils/ land management), where we can deliver most effectively and therefore should be the focus for investment? What opportunities are missing e.g. other known areas of significance, keen landowners

Take home messages from 8 April workshop

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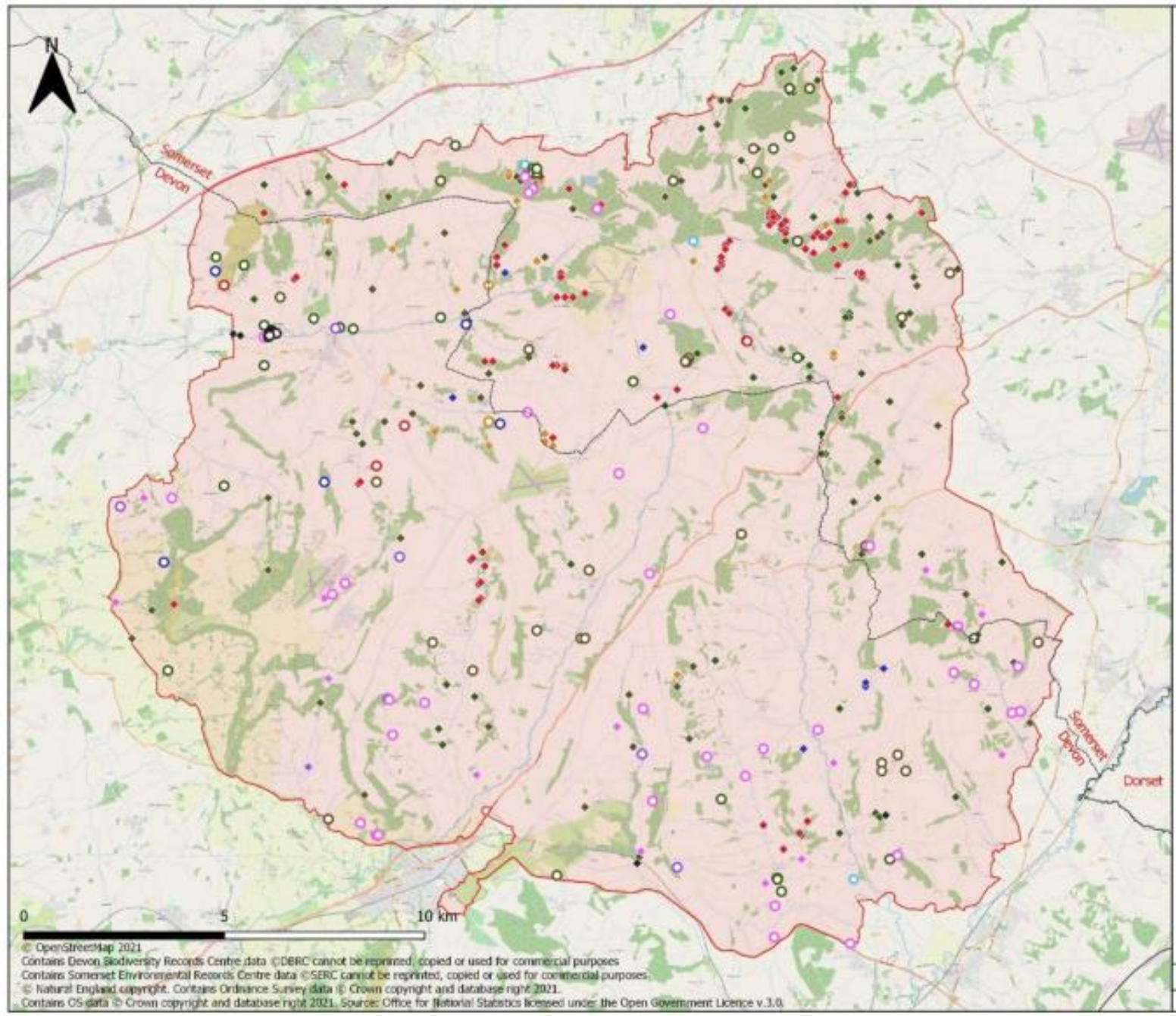
- take an holistic value of the land (including soil health/ biodiversity/ permanent pasture)
- take care with language (plain English)
- focus on quality as well as quantity
- care with some datasets (e.g. WFD)
- have a dissemination plan and focus on action/ delivery



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Distribution of champion species, filtered by the date of collection, within the Blackdown Hills AONB

AONB Nature Recovery Plans

Legend

Champion Species

2010 to Present

- White-clawed freshwater crayfish
- Greater horseshoe bat
- Double line moth
- Marsh fritillary
- Bechstein's bat
- Small pearl-bordered fritillary
- Hazel dormouse
- Lesser horseshoe bat
- Brown hairstreak

2009 and Older

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Study Area

- Blackdown Hills AONB
- County boundary

'Champion Species' data is separated by the year in which it was collected.

Note: Individual champion species points may represent multiple species records

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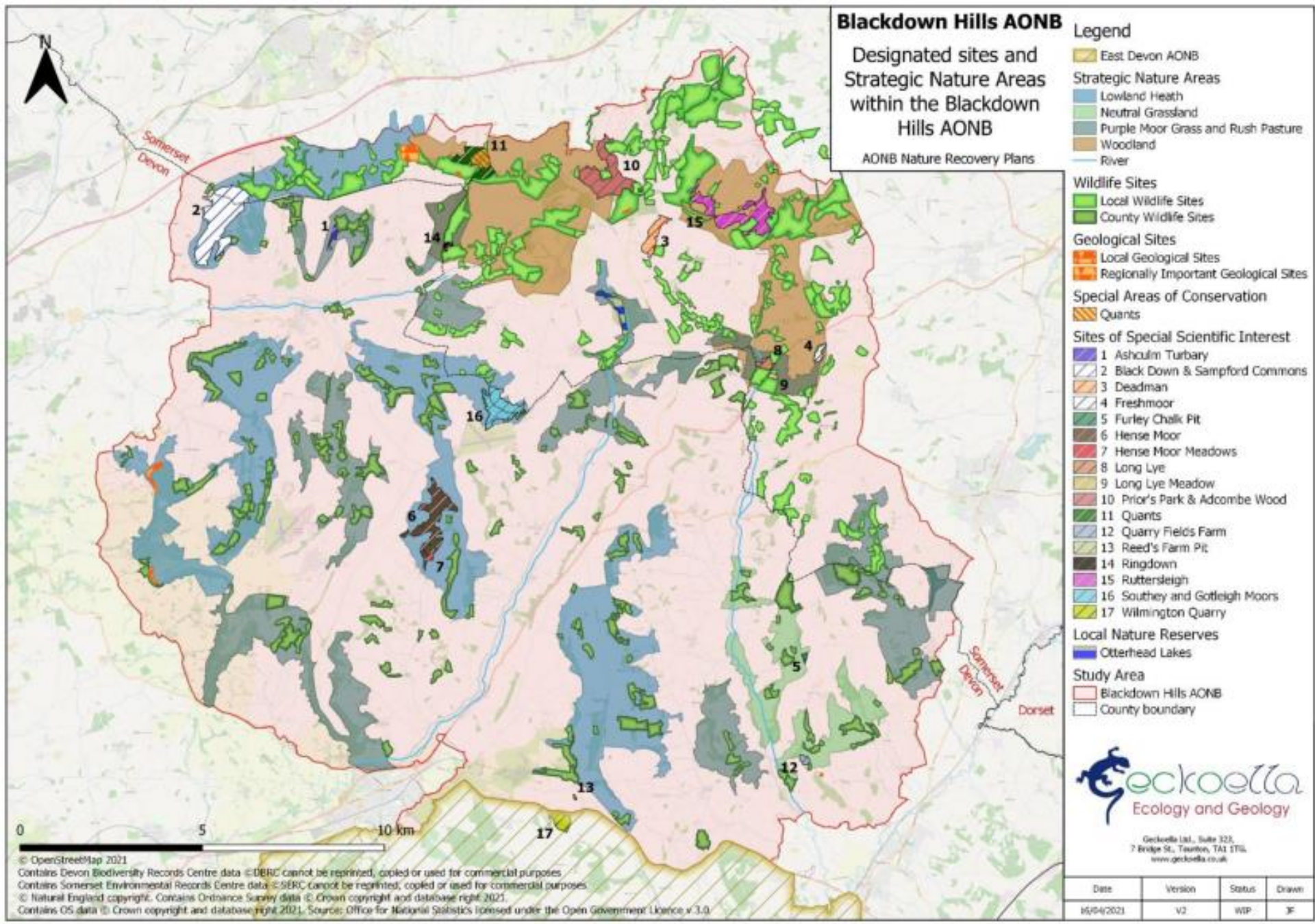
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Designated sites and Strategic Nature Areas within the Blackdown Hills AONB
AONB Nature Recovery Plans
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Somerset
Devon
Dorset
Legend
East Devon AONB
Strategic Nature Areas
Lowland Heath
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7 Hense Moor Meadows
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9 Long Lye Meadow
10 Prior's Park & Adcombe Wood
11 Quants
12 Quarry Fields Farm
13 Reed's Farm Pit
14 Ringdown
15 Ruttersleigh
16 Southey and Gotleigh Moors
17 Wilmington Quarry
Local Nature Reserves
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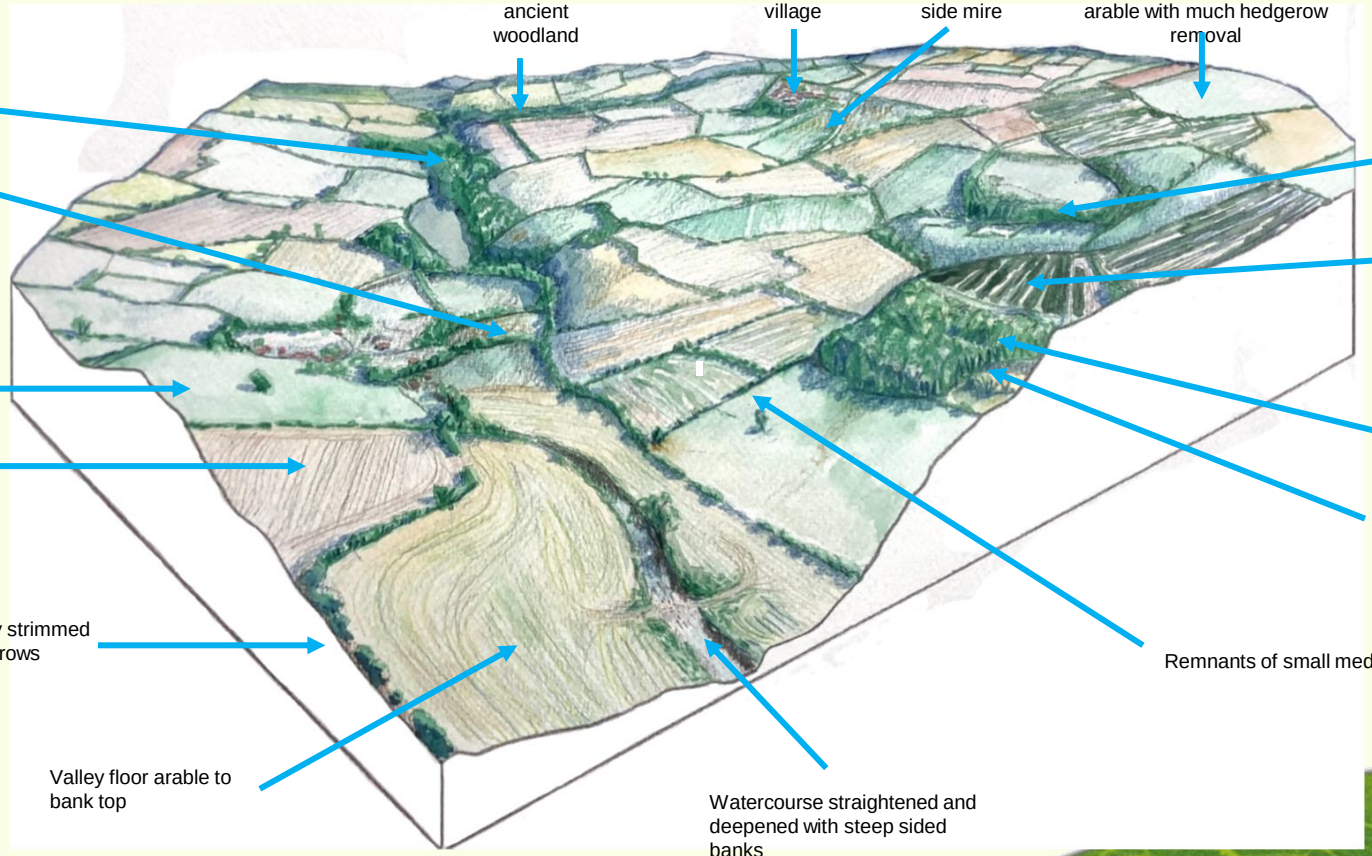
Blackdown Hills AONB - Current landscape



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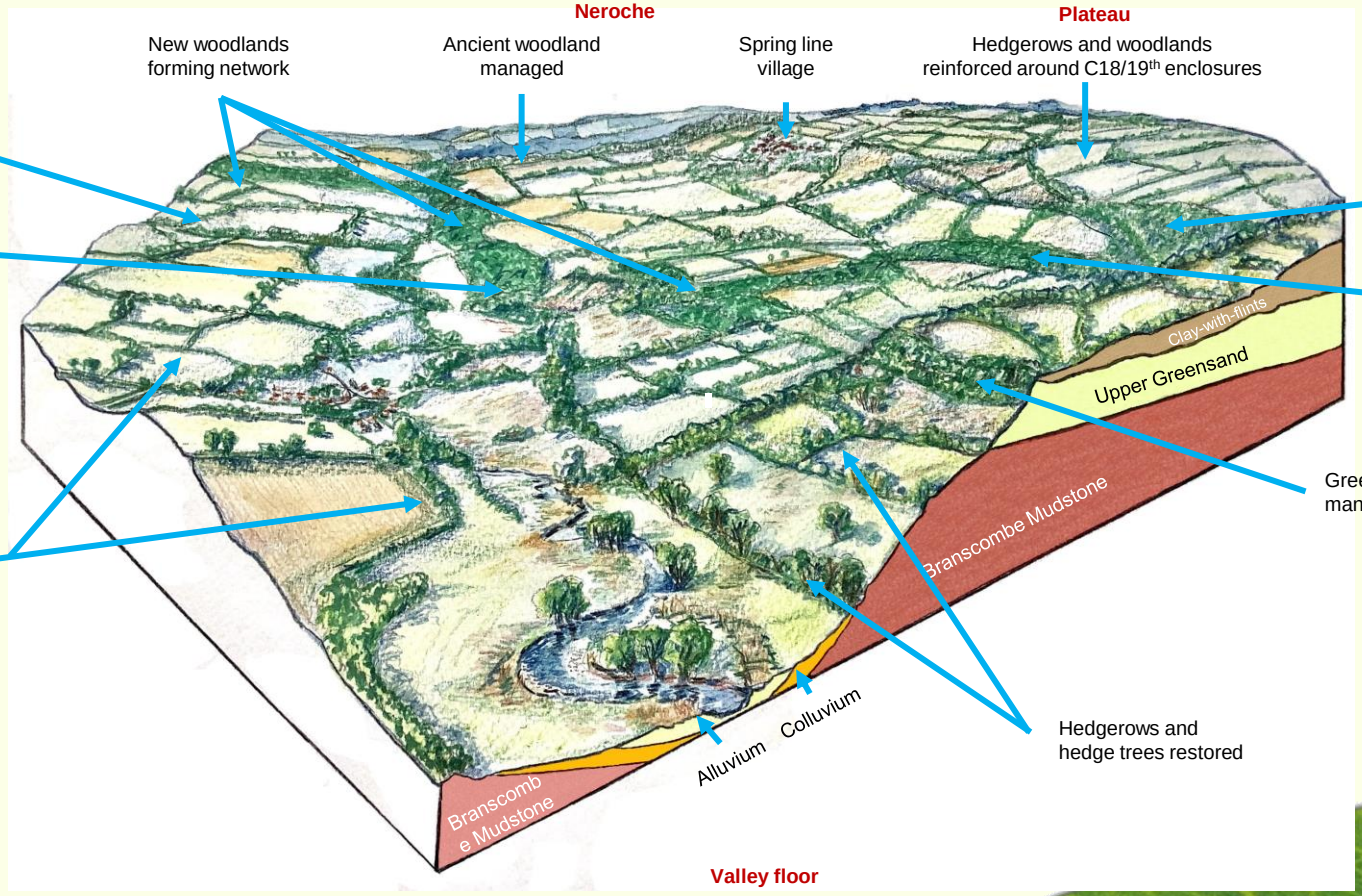
Blackdown Hills AONB – Visualisation
Woodland and hedge network



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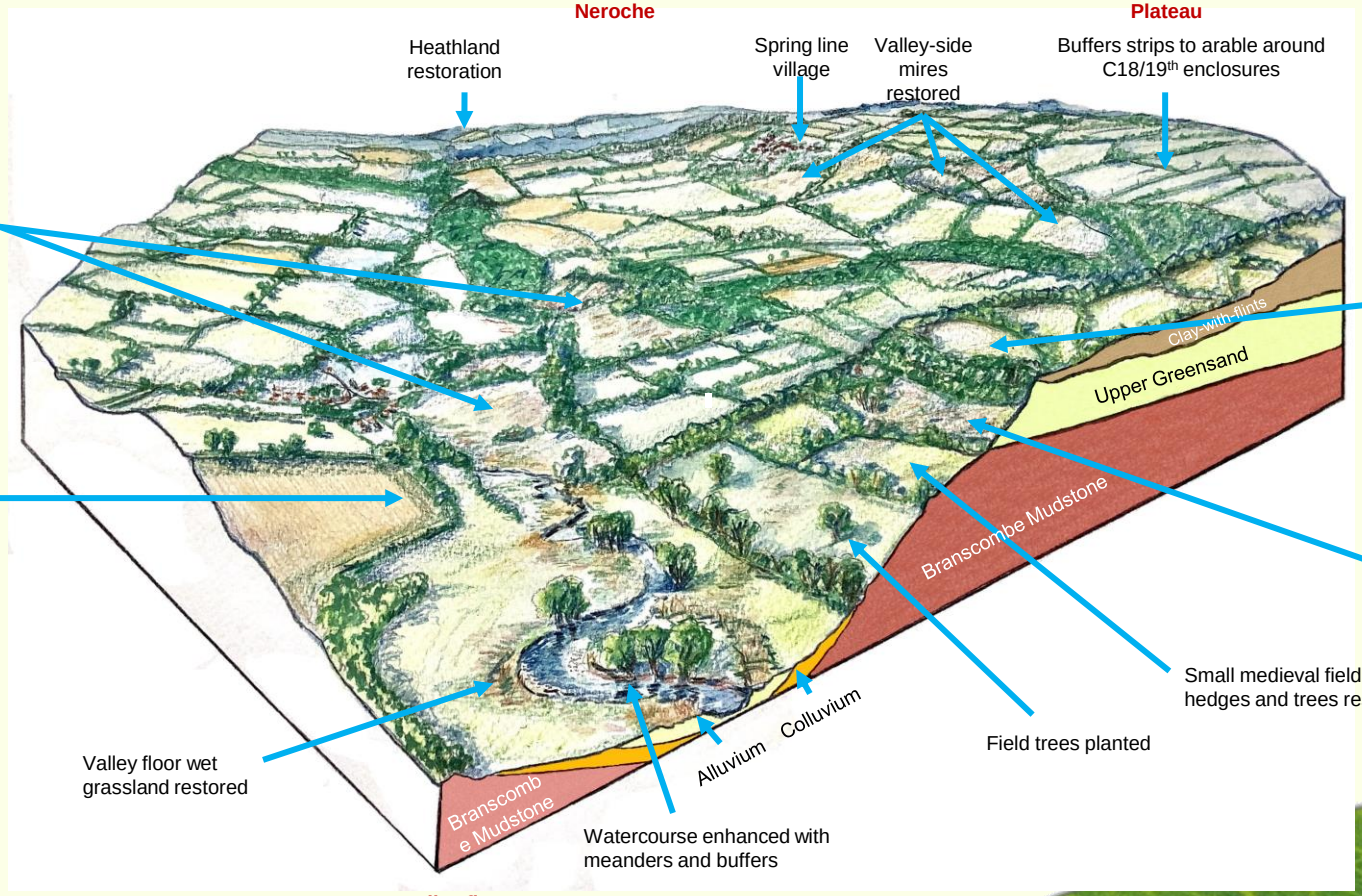
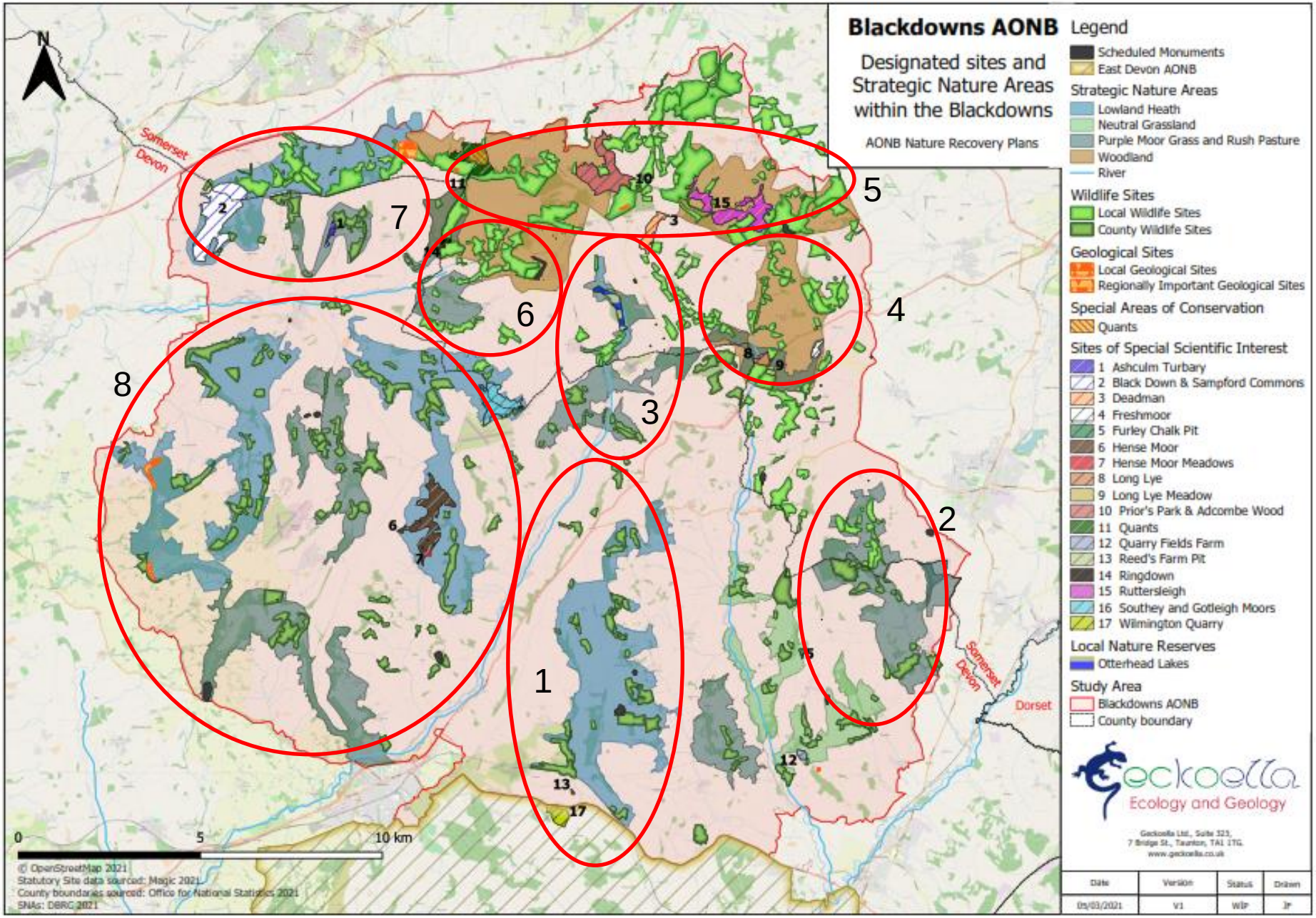
Grasslands and mires

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