

What can you do to help biodiversity in Cambridgeshire?

- ◆ Support the partner organisations and get involved in managing your local wild spaces for wildlife.
- ◆ Improve your own garden, school or workplace for wildlife, for example, dig a pond or plant some wildflowers.
- ◆ Learn about your local birds, flowers and insects and teach others about the wealth of wildlife! It's especially important to teach young people about the need to keep this resource for future generations.



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The Biodiversity Partnership for Cambridgeshire & Peterborough includes all the local authorities, English Nature, the Environment Agency, RSPB, the Wildlife Trust and Anglian Water. In April 2000, the Partnership produced 45 Biodiversity Action Plans which set out actions to help protect and enhance important species and the habitats in which they live. Many more organisations and individuals are also involved in the implementation of these plans.

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What's being done?

- ◆ Cambridgeshire's Biodiversity Partnership has produced 45 Biodiversity Action Plans, which identify actions to protect and enhance the habitats and species in the county.
- ◆ We have created 144ha of new meadows and pasture and have planted 56km of new hedgerows.
- ◆ We have restored part of the River Rhee at Wendy and created meanders and wetland.
- ◆ And lots more!
- ◆ Now we need to keep implementing the actions to achieve the targets set in the Biodiversity Action Plans.

50 Year Wildlife Vision for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough for people....



...and wildlife!



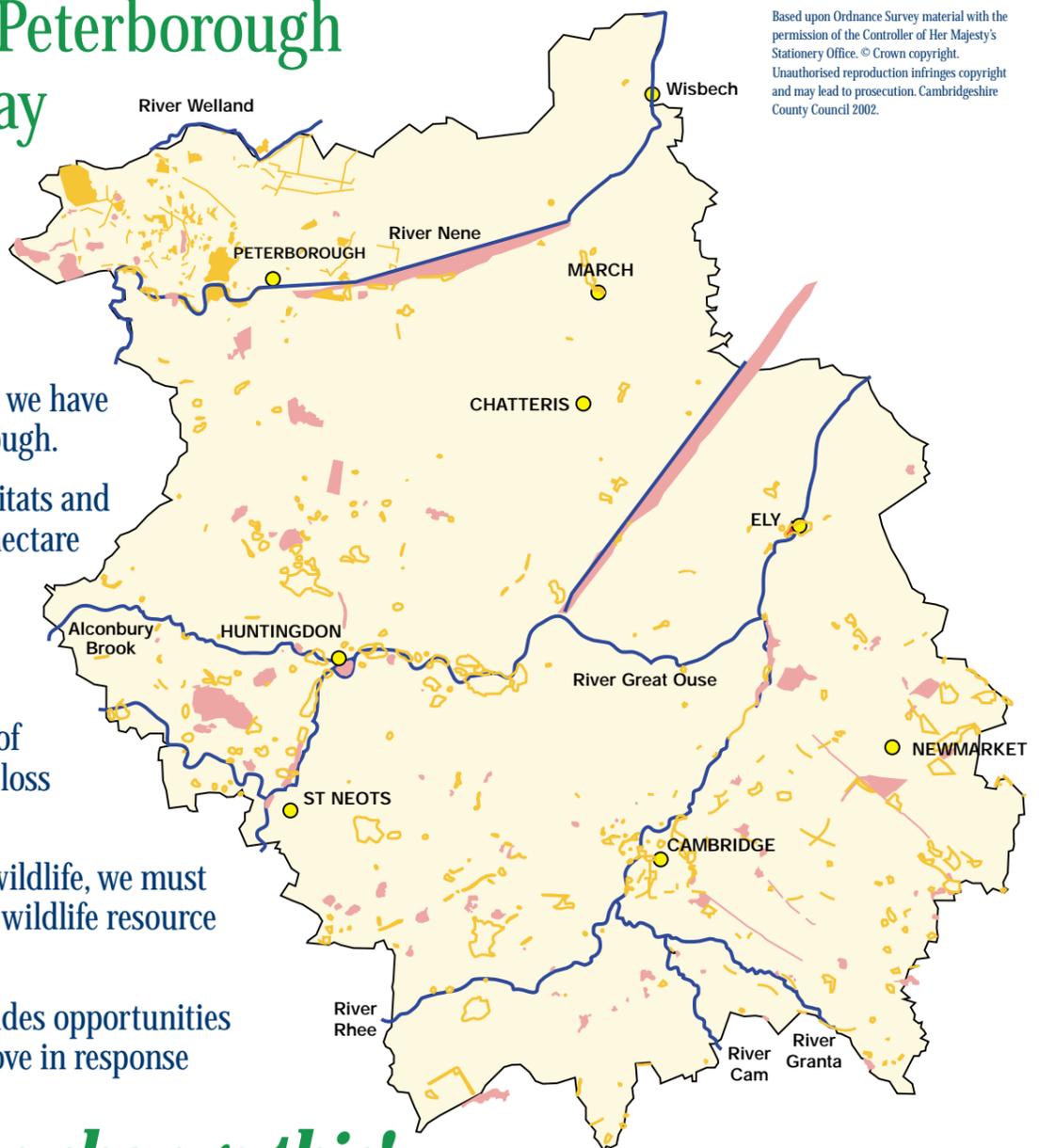
The Biodiversity Partnership for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough has produced this map, showing a vision of how the county could look in 50 years time.

Biodiversity is the variety of species and the habitats in which they live throughout the world.

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough biodiversity sites today

"Look how little we've got!"

- ◆ This map shows the few wildlife areas we have now in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.
- ◆ Cambridgeshire has a diversity of habitats and species, but we have less wildlife per hectare than most counties in Britain.
- ◆ Many of our habitats are now reduced to fragments.
- ◆ It is vital that the few surviving areas of wildlife habitats are protected against loss or damage.
- ◆ To ensure a promising future for our wildlife, we must look for opportunities to increase our wildlife resource by creating new habitats.
- ◆ Reversing habitat fragmentation provides opportunities to link habitats allowing species to move in response to climate change.



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But together we can change this!

Turn over and see how this map could look in 50 years



Cambridgeshire and Peterborough biodiversity sites in 50 years time

Habitat creation will be targeted in the four coloured areas shown. The buff areas still support wildlife and can be improved as wildlife habitat.



We hope that restoration of hedges and suitable woods will allow the dormouse to move to new areas.



Everybody can help wildlife. Here people are planting native trees to recreate a small wood.



Wetland habitat needs to be created and managed to ensure the future of the rare great crested newt.



The rare pasque flower needs our help to spread to new grassland areas.



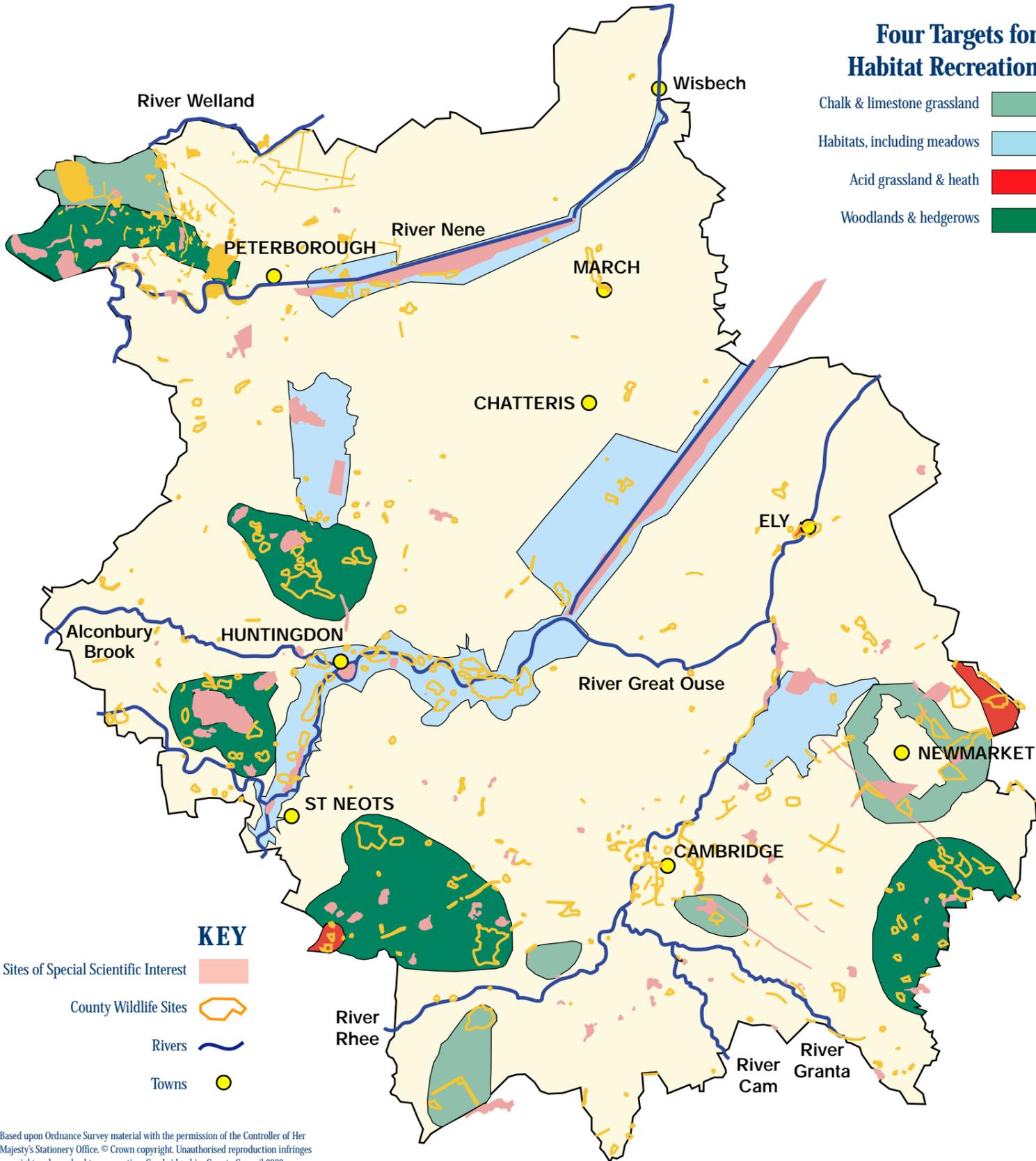
The endangered black hairstreak butterfly needs new hedges to spread between woodlands.



The UK population of the grey partridge has declined by 82% over the last 30 years. Our farmland can and does support this lovely bird, but there is great potential to improve its future.



The Needingworth Quarry project should see the restoration of wetland habitats in the Ouse Valley.



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The bittern is declining in numbers and we hope that wetland recreation will improve its chances of breeding in our area.



Can we create more woodlands for Dormice and Black Hairstreak Butterfly?

Can we create new large wetland areas?

Can we create new areas for flower-rich chalk and limestone grassland?

Yes we can, with your help! Please turn over to see what you can do.