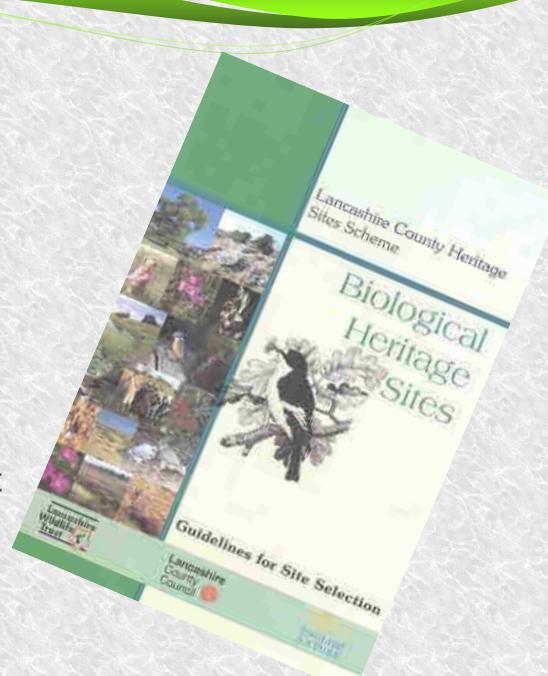
# Biological Heritage Sites in Lancashire

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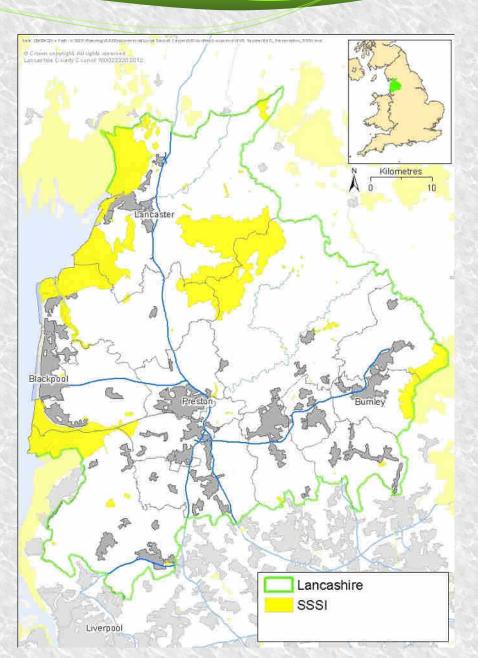




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- The majority of good wildlife habitat does not occur within SSSI.

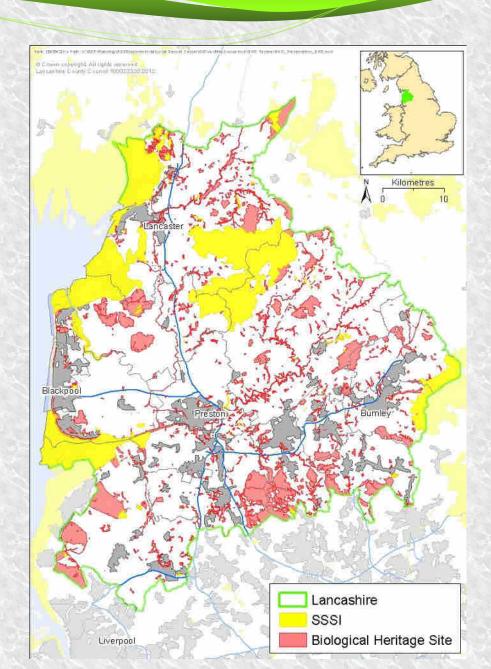


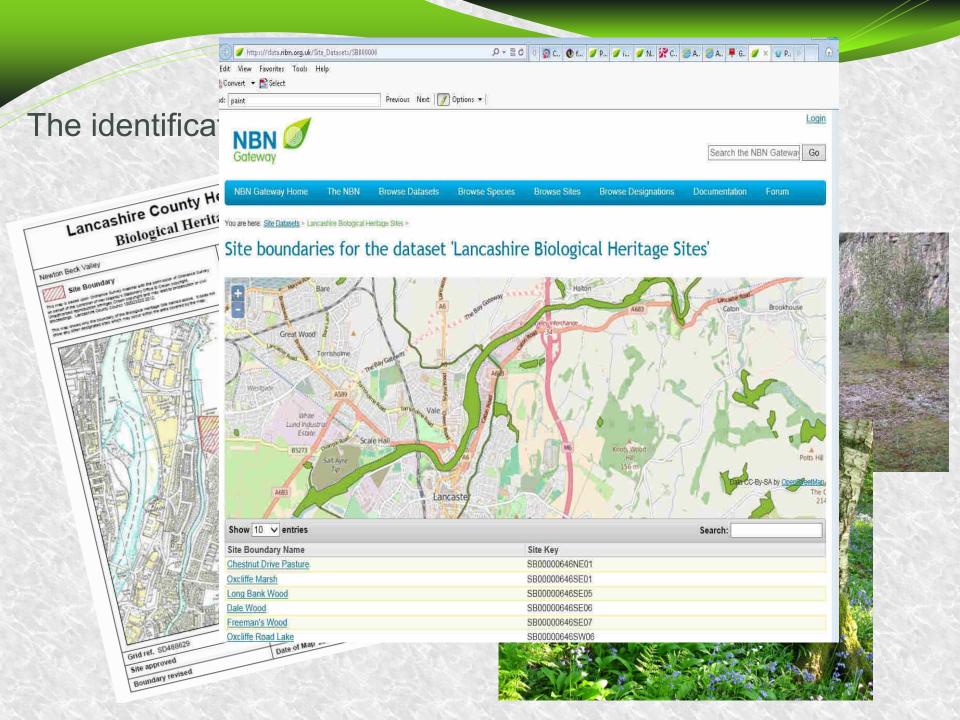


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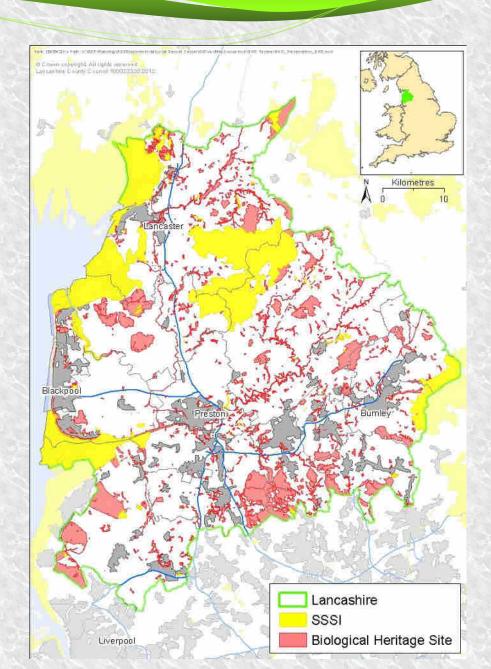




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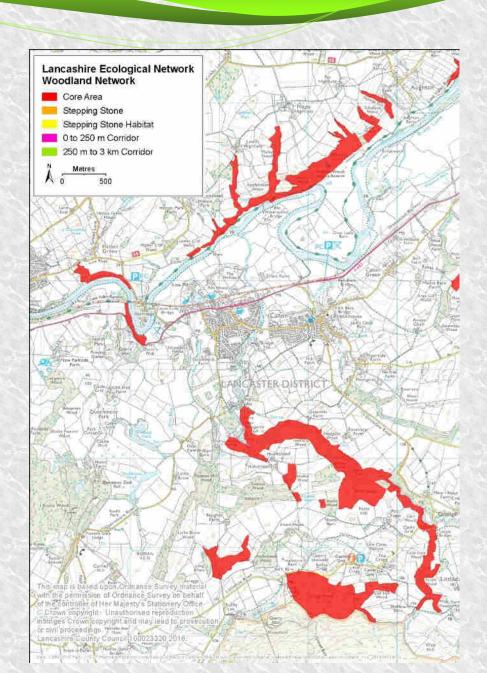
- Local Plans identify and protect Local Sites.
- Local Sites protected and enhanced through development management.
- Biodiversity Duty (NERC Act).
- Grant Applications and project work.



## Ecological Networks

- Sites cannot survive in isolation.
- Biodiversity 2020
   (England's wildlife strategy)
   aims to establish nation-wide
   ecological networks.
- Wildlife Sites are the cores the network seeks to connect.





### **Ecological Networks**

"The essence of what needs to be done to enhance the resilience and coherence of England's ecological network can be summarised in four words:

## "more, bigger, better and joined."

Prof. Sir John Lawton,

Making Space for Nature 2010

