



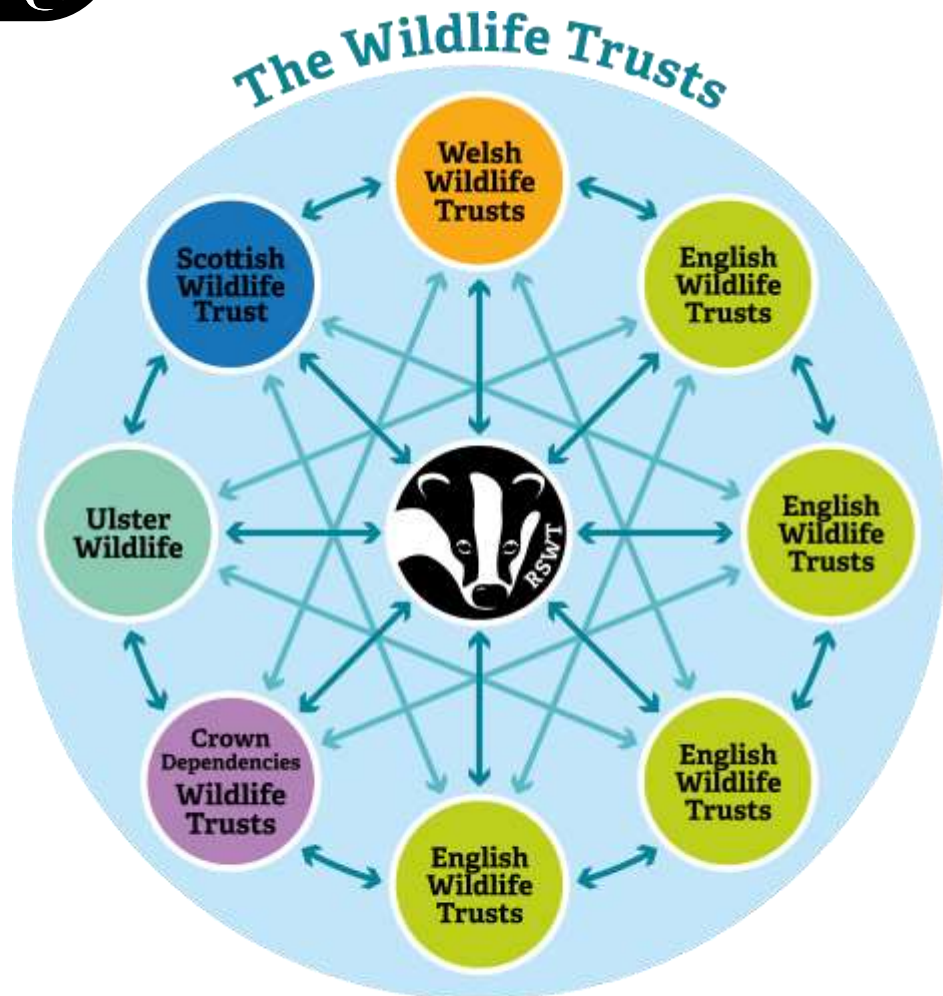
# UK Peatland Strategy

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Efforts by The Wildlife Trusts

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There are 37 Wildlife Trusts in England, 5 in Wales, a Wildlife Trust for Scotland and another for Northern Ireland. There are also Wildlife Trusts in Alderney and the Isle of Man. Each Wildlife Trust is an independent charity, but all 46 come together as The Wildlife Trusts.

## Our Strategic Goals

- 1 Nature is in recovery with abundant, diverse wildlife and natural processes creating wilder land and seascapes where people and nature thrive.
- 2 People are taking meaningful action for nature and the climate, resulting in better decision making for the environment at both the local level and across the four nations of the UK.
- 3 Nature is playing a central and valued role in helping to address local and global problems.

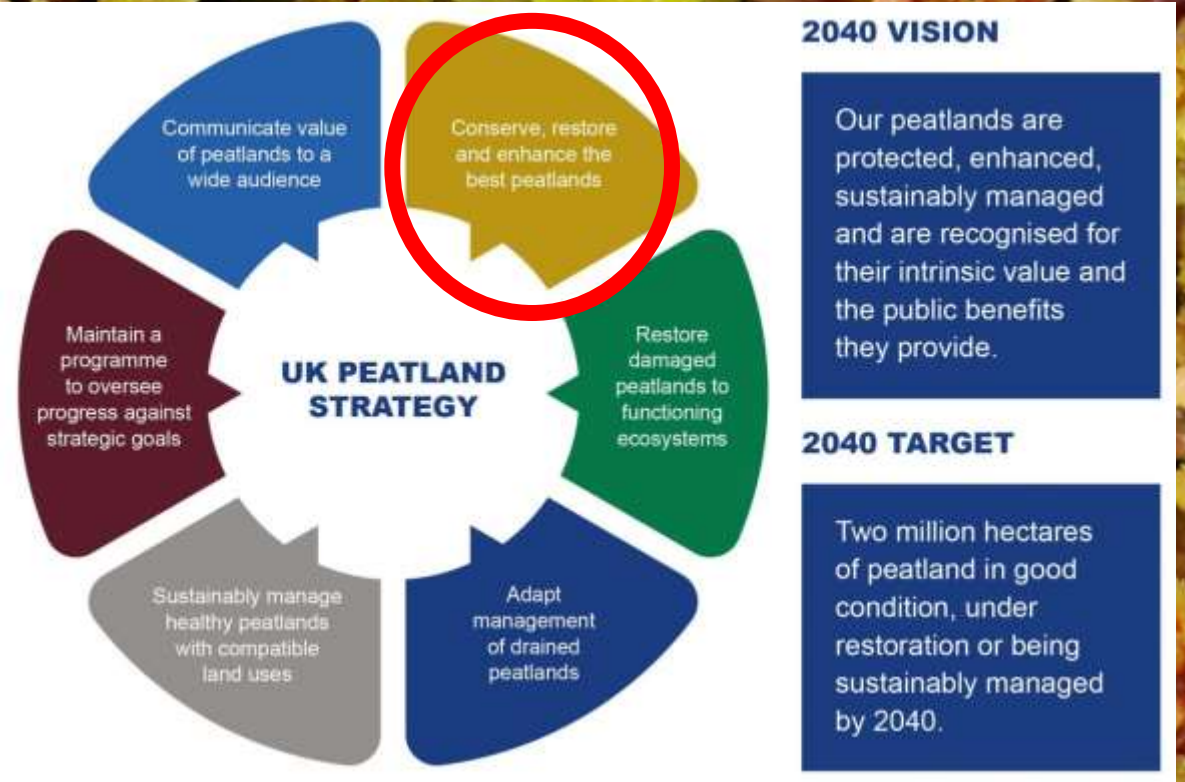
## Our Strategic Transformations

- 1 Supporting and developing Wildlife Trusts as strong and effective independent actors.
- 2 Working effectively as a distributed network and collective movement.
- 3 Inspiring community, organising and mobilising, especially amongst young people.
- 4 Undergoing a 'root and branch' digital transformation.
- 5 Delivering a step-change in the scale and diversity of funding for nature's recovery.

## Our Enabling Priorities

- 1 Getting our own house in order.
- 2 Ensuring our nature reserves and land assets are the foundation for nature's recovery.
- 3 Develop clear and consistent evidence-based policies.
- 4 Invest in a high-skilled and diverse staff and volunteer network, and build a movement-wide learning culture.
- 5 Speak with a bold and confident voice, further increasing our impact and influence.





















# Nature reserves: arcs (not prisons) for nature

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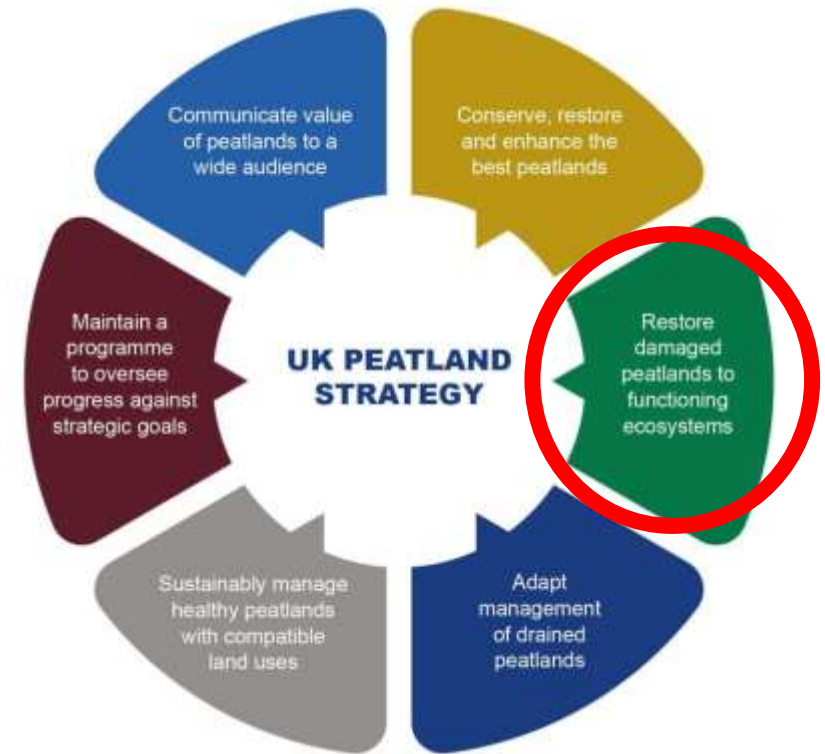






# Restoring damaged peatlands

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# Adaptive management of drained peatlands







# Communicating the value of peatlands



*“Leaving peat in the ground is the best form of carbon capture there is.”*

*“The peatlands are in trouble. If consumers keep buying peat compost, then we are in danger of totally destroying our wonderful peatlands. The peatlands help stop flooding and are home to lots of wildlife.”*

*“Taking peat is destroying the environment and precious habitat and I want to save our lovely world!”*

*“We must stop destroying the natural resources in our world. Balance must be found or we will destroy the future world for children, including my girls who are 4 and 6.”*

*“Peat is a wonder of nature, it needs to stay in the ground.”*



