

NATURE VOTERS NORTH EAST



Northumberland
Wildlife Trust

QUESTIONS FOR POLITICIANS 1/4: **LAND AND WILDLIFE**

How will you meet the '30by30' target?

The government has committed to protecting 30% of our land and sea for nature by 2030, but right now only 3% of our land and 8% of sea is protected.



1 in 6 UK species face extinction. What will you do to help save our wildlife?



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OUR PRIORITIES



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-  **The next Government should launch a cross-party delivery project to restore at least 30% of land and sea for nature.**
-  **Expand native woodlands like Hareshaw Linn in Northumberland National Park to meet this goal.**
-  **Join-up wild places with a 'Nature Recovery Network'.**
-  **Tackle invasive species like Himalayan balsam and stop planting non-native forests.**
-  **Speed up the publishing a new Land Use Framework, Nature Recovery Green Paper and Chemicals Strategy.**
-  **Halve pesticide use by 2030.**
-  **Ban the highly toxic neonicotinoid pesticide. One teaspoon is enough to kill 1.25 billion honeybees [3].**
-  **Reintroduce beavers. They improve water quality, expand habitats for wildlife, and boost flood and drought resilience [4].**
-  **End the badger cull by 2025. The scientific evidence tells us that it is ineffective and costs the taxpayer £5,000 per animal [5].**

[1] Wildlife and Countryside Link Progress Report, 2022.

[2] State of Nature Report, 2023.

[3] Professor Dave Goulson, University of Sussex, 2024.

[4] The Wildlife Trusts' Beaver Reintroductions Report, 2018.

[5] Ecologists and Veterinarians Tom Langton, Mark Jones, and Iain McGill, Analysis of the Impact of badger culling Report, 2021.