



South Yorkshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy

Self-Facilitated Workshop Guide

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Thank you for supporting the South Yorkshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) consultation.

This guide has been developed to help community groups, organisations, schools, parish councils, businesses and local networks run their own discussion about nature recovery in South Yorkshire. The consultation is an opportunity for people across Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield to help shape the final strategy before it is adopted.

You do not need any specialist knowledge to run a workshop. This guide provides everything needed to facilitate a simple discussion and submit feedback.

About the Local Nature Recovery Strategy

The South Yorkshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) is a long-term plan to help restore nature, improve biodiversity, strengthen climate resilience and connect more people with nature across South Yorkshire.

The strategy identifies:

- priorities for nature recovery
- important habitats and species
- opportunities for action
- ways organisations, communities and individuals can help deliver nature recovery.

The consultation seeks feedback on the draft strategy and will help inform the final version.



Choosing the right engagement option

	Option 1: Watch and Respond (10 - 15 mins)	Option 2: Watch Discuss and Respond Workshop (30 - 45 mins)
Best for	- Existing meetings - Community groups - Volunteer groups - Partner organisations - Events with limited time available	- Community organisations - Environmental groups - Resident groups - Schools and colleges - Parish councils - Local networks - Stakeholder groups
Activity	- Welcome and introduction (2 minutes) - Watch the LNRS consultation film (5 minutes) - Scan the QR code and complete the online survey individually (5–10 minutes)	- Welcome and introduction (2 minutes) - Watch the LNRS consultation film (5 minutes) - Review the presentation slides (10 minutes) - Small group discussions (20 minutes) - Submit feedback (5-10 minutes)
Materials Required	- LNRS consultation film - Survey QR code - Introductory slide	- LNRS consultation film - Workshop presentation slides - Discussion worksheet - Feedback form - Survey QR code
Output	Individual survey responses submitted directly through the consultation website.	Group feedback form and optional survey responses
Benefits	- Quick and easy to deliver - No facilitation experience required - Generates the highest volume of responses - Suitable for existing meetings	- Allows time for group discussion - Generates in depth answers - Allows more time to engage in the strategy



Preparing for your workshop

- Download the workshop materials
- Test the film link
- Review the presentation slides
- Print discussion worksheets
- Print feedback forms
- Have pens, paper and flipcharts as required

Suggested Agenda

Activity	Time
Welcome and introduction	2 mins
Watch consultation film	5 mins
Presentation slides	10 mins
Small group discussion	20 mins
Feedback and next steps	5–10 mins
Total	30–45 mins

Facilitator Notes

Your role is to:

- encourage participation
- ensure everyone has a chance to contribute
- keep discussions focused
- record key messages
- submit feedback after the session

There are no right or wrong answers.

The purpose is to understand views, experiences, opportunities and concerns relating to nature recovery in South Yorkshire.

Collecting Feedback

There are three ways participants can contribute.

Option A: Complete and return the group feedback form.

Option B: Complete the group feedback form and encourage participants to complete the online survey individually.

Option C: Encourage participants to complete the online survey only

Staying Involved

The consultation is only the beginning. Nature recovery will require long-term collaboration between communities, land managers, businesses, public bodies and environmental organisations.

Participants are encouraged to:

- sign up for future updates
- take part in future engagement opportunities
- support local nature recovery initiatives
- share the consultation with others

Submitting Your Feedback

Please photograph and email completed workshop feedback forms and any discussion notes to: lnrs@southyorkshire-ca.gov.uk

Add: Name of your group, date of event and location.

Consultation closes: Friday July 31st

To complete the online survey visit: <https://southyorkshirenaturerecovery.co.uk/>

Or scan the QR code provided.

Thank you for helping shape the future of nature recovery in South Yorkshire. Your feedback will help inform the final Local Nature Recovery Strategy and support future action for nature across Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield.