



## **Shropshire Hills AONB - Farming in Protected Landscapes programme**

**Are you looking for ideas of what to apply for?**

**The labelled illustrations in these pages support the Shropshire Hills local priorities guidance, and show some potential actions which would meet the programme priorities of Nature, Climate, People and Place.**

The images and captions are intended as a starter to stimulate ideas for potential applicants. To progress a project idea you would need to refer also to the detailed guidance on the programme priorities and discuss your proposal with our adviser. Do bear in mind that the value of most of these actions depends on them being appropriate to the proposed location.

There are different drawings for upland parts of the AONB and for lowlands, but many of the ideas are in common and interchangeable, so you may want to look at both. For each, there is an image labelled with actions for 'Nature' and for 'Climate', and a second (identical) image with actions to support the 'People' and 'Place' themes. Applicants are encouraged where possible to combine elements of more than one of the four themes in projects.

# Upland areas - with Nature and Climate actions

Heathland restoration on suitable hill tops

Rewetting of upland peatlands

Improved systems for manure handling and use

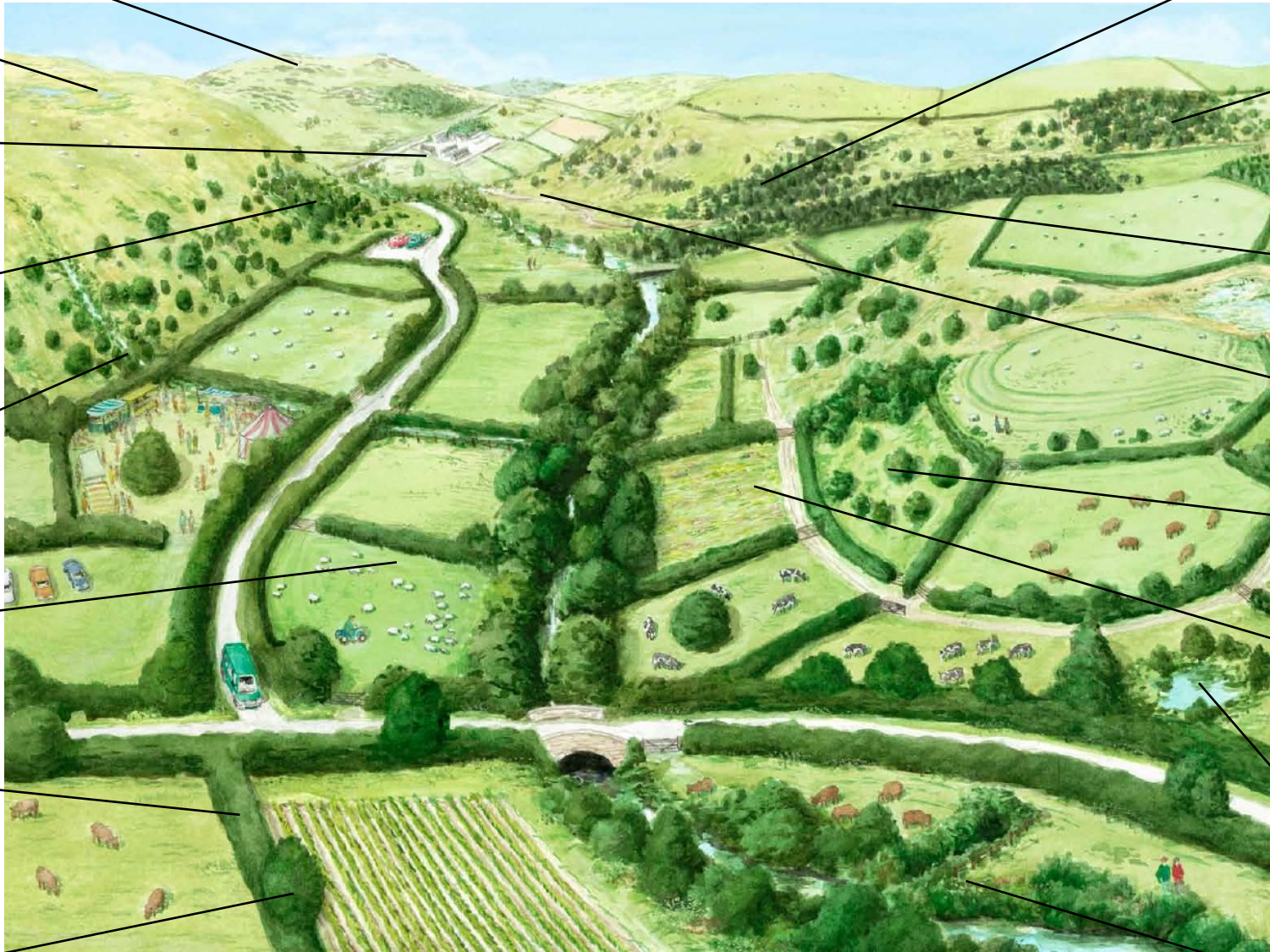
Protection of native woodlands from grazing to allow tree regeneration

Leaky dams on small streams (natural flood management)

Field restructuring and water provision for regenerative grazing

Hedge laying and restoration, hedges allowed to grow to larger volume and managed in rotation

Planting and maintenance of hedgerow trees



Planting more trees in dingles and on rough banks (ffridd)

Restoration of conifer plantations to broadleaved woodland

Creating, expanding and connecting native woodlands

Carbon and natural capital assessments

Wood pasture creation as part of habitat networks

Creation of species-rich hay meadows

Enhancing an existing pond for wildlife, and possible farm use of stored water

Creation of wooded buffer zone along stream corridor

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# Upland areas - with People and Place actions

Facilities for walkers and cyclists in suitable locations

Creation of small new parking area for walkers

Creation of waymarked and interpreted all-ability trail

Cultural or arts events linked to land management, nature and heritage

Programmes of countryside visits for under-represented groups

Interpretation of natural and cultural features of landscape



Geological site maintained and made available with trail and educational use

Community woodland management, including woodfuel supply

Hillfort maintained as open grassland and with enhanced public access and interpretation

Wildlife watching events

Educational use of pond and wetland area

Volunteers involved in wildlife monitoring

Improved public access along river corridor

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# Lowland areas - with Nature and Climate actions

New hedges, field division and water supply for regenerative grazing

Hedge laying and restoration, hedges allowed to grow to larger volume and managed in a rotation

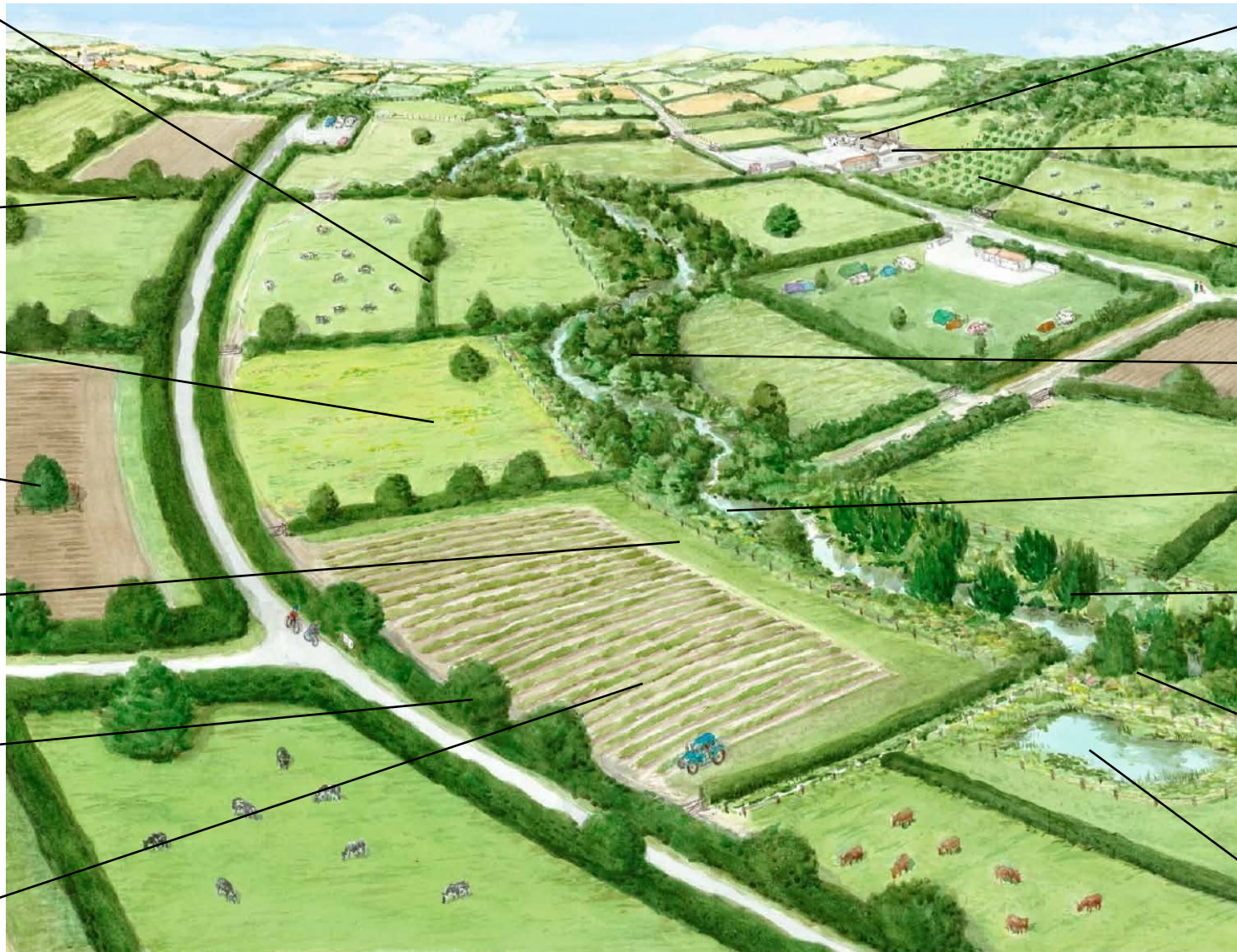
Creation of species-rich hay meadows

Planting of new in-field trees

Creating wider grass margins on arable fields by river

Planting and maintenance of hedgerow trees

Shift to regenerative arable farming practices such as min-till/ no-till, to improve soil condition



Improved systems for manure handling and use

Carbon and natural capital assessments

Agroforestry or new orchards

Creation of floodplain woodland

Meanders reinstated in straightened river

Bankside willows re-pollarded

Creation of woodland/ scrub corridor on riverbank

Creation of new pond and wetland in suitable low-lying place, possible farm use of stored water

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# Lowland areas - with People and Place actions

Orchard created or restored, with community involvement

Facilities for walkers and cyclists in suitable locations

Creation of off-road cycle route

Care farming and social forestry to benefit wellbeing of vulnerable people

Cultural or arts events linked to land management, nature and heritage

Demonstration events in agro-ecological and regenerative farming



Direct selling of environmentally sustainable locally produced food

Restoration of historic farm building for visitor centre or educational use

Farm open days or educational visits

Creation of small campsite in suitable location

Public engagement on low carbon and nature friendly land management

Skills courses in practical conservation

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