



Sherborne Park – Big Nature, Big Access Cotswold District Council

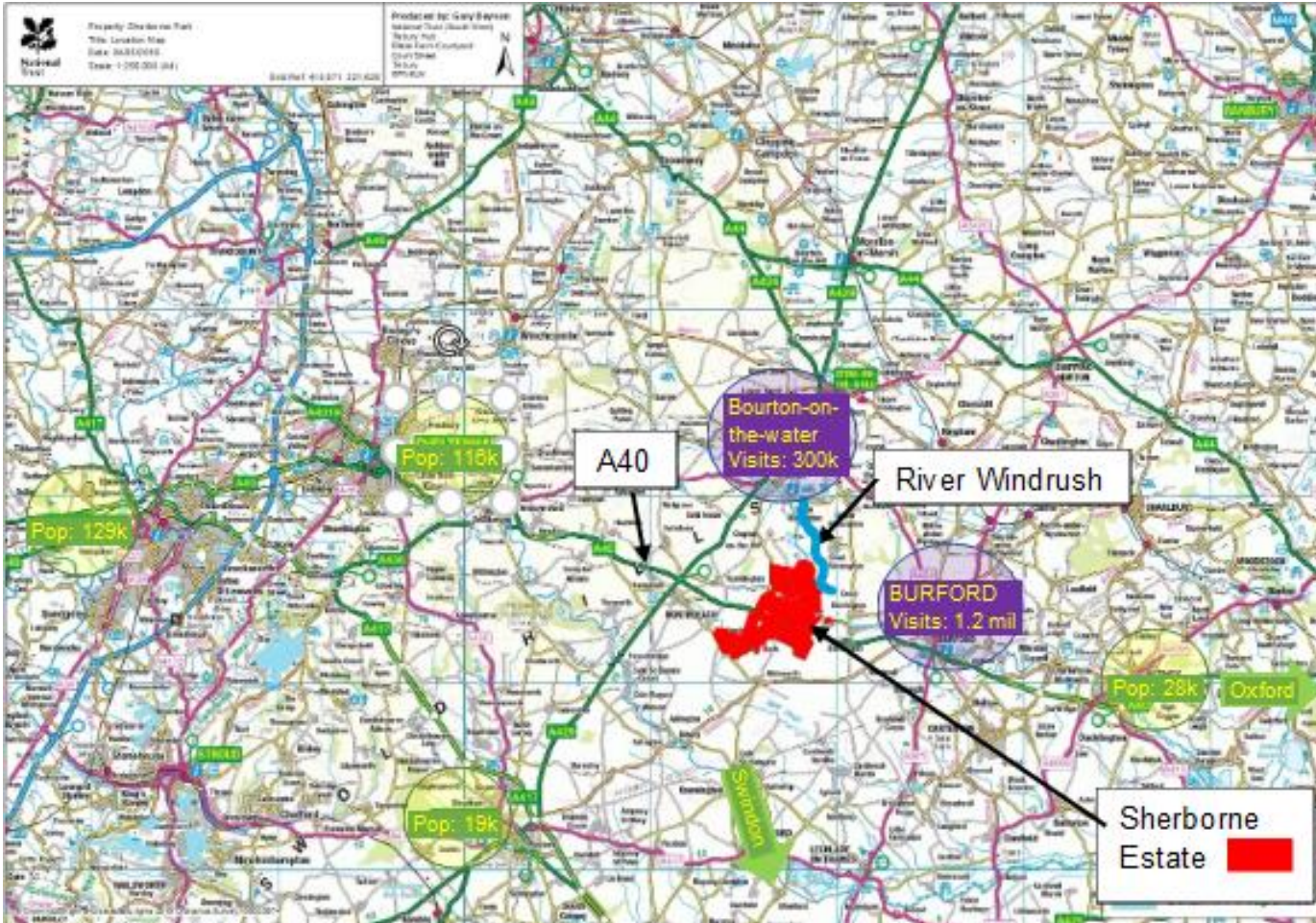
Please note the National Trust now refer to the project as Sherborne Big Nature, Better Access





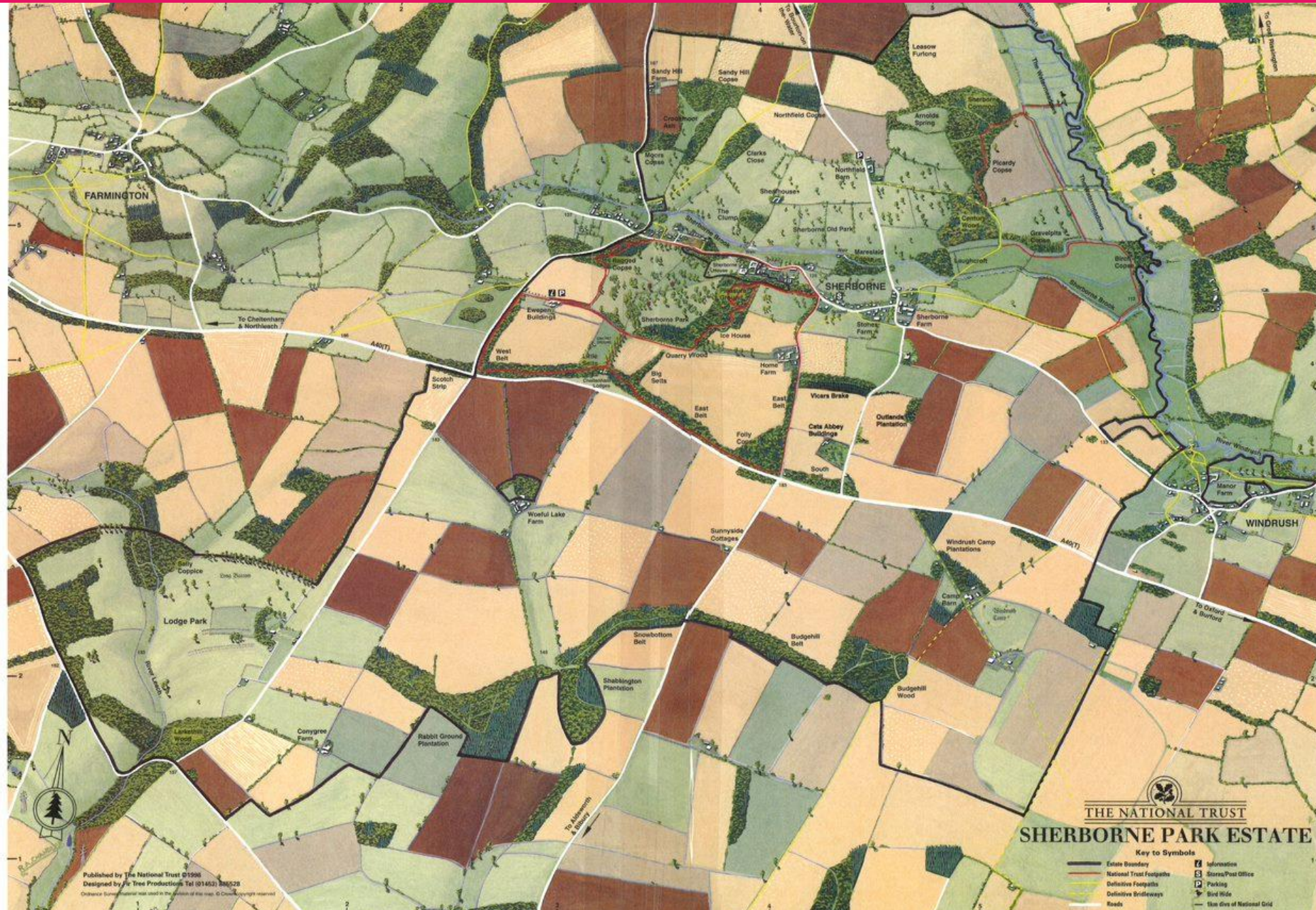
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Estate Map



Key facts:

- Sherborne Estate covers 1672 ha (4100 acres) of the Cotswolds, near Northleach and is divided by the River Windrush and its tributary of Sherborne Broadwater.
- Located within the Cotswold National Landscape AONB - the largest AONB within England and Wales, attracting 38 million day visitors annually.
- The estate is well-sited on the busy A40, surrounded by sizeable populations. Within 30 minutes drive is a population of 208,000, including the towns of Cheltenham, Cirencester and Witney. There are extensive areas of parkland, both at Sherborne (258ha) and Lodge Park (153ha)
- The estate has 3 carparks and 25km of paths and tracks.
- There are 80 let residential properties in Sherborne village, and 2 holiday cottages.
- There is a grade 1 listed grandstand, grade 1 listed parkland, and 5 scheduled ancient monuments including a long barrow and iron age hill fort.



Sherborne within the National Trust

Sherborne can help deliver the wider NT strategy through the Big Nature Big Access Project



Our strategy 2020–2025

Delivery Plan 2022-2025

Our belief:
Nature, beauty, history.
For everyone, for ever.

Our public benefit:
We protect and care for places so people and nature can thrive, ensuring everyone benefits. We offer access, enjoyment and a chance to help out.

Our values:
Love people and places
Welcome everyone
Think now and forever
Make it happen

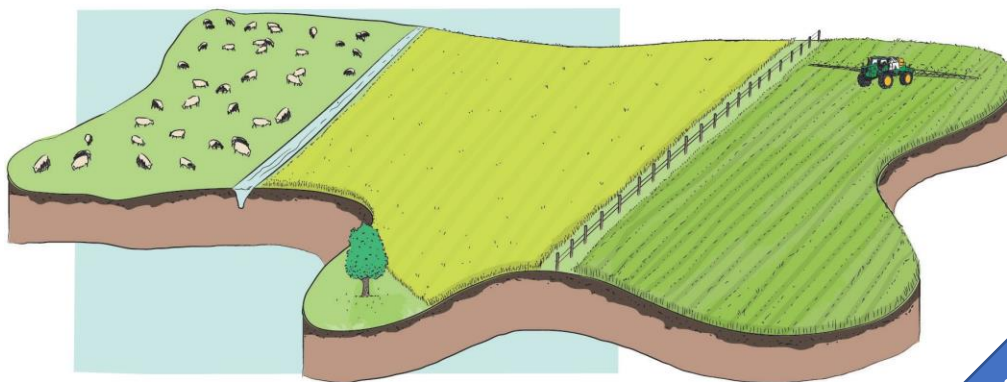
Ambitions	<p>Looking after We will care for places and give them a sustainable future.</p>	<p>Land and nature We will improve the state of nature in the UK.</p>	<p>Curation and experiences We will make sure our places keep evolving, attracting people and inspiring them.</p>	<p>Urban places We will address unequal access to nature, beauty and history.</p>	<p>Growing support We will give people more opportunities to get involved and support our work.</p>	<p>People and resources We will be an inclusive, welcoming and sustainable organisation.</p>		
Essentials	Compliance	Conservation excellence	Environmental management	High-quality service and experiences	Growing public trust and relevance	Loyal and growing member and donor base	Financial sustainability	Engaged staff and volunteers
Objectives	<p style="text-align: center;">Priority 1: Everyone Welcome By 2030 better reflect the changing communities we serve.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Involve more people in maintaining and actively improving our places and collections • Increase access to the outdoors, focusing on opportunities for people and nature to connect • Use history and culture to bring people together, increasing the number and diversity of visitors • Enhance urban green spaces and link access to countryside to create 20 green corridors (by 2030) • Increase engagement opportunities for children and young people at our places and beyond • Embed an inclusive culture and diversify our staff and volunteer workforce 							
	<p style="text-align: center;">Priority 2: Climate Action By 2030 be net zero carbon as an organisation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the ability of our places to adapt to the impacts of climate change • Restore and establish carbon-rich habitats, including 20 million trees (by 2030) • Minimise the environmental impact of our business, and transition to lower carbon • Grow fundraising income, inspiring support through stories of climate change solutions • Support and enable our people to make day to day choices that are lower carbon 							

What do we want to achieve?

- More people experience and enjoy Sherborne
- Cotswold wildlife and habitats restored.
- Sherborne plays its part in the climate response
- A historic landscape restored
- Collaboration and partnership support design and delivery

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A landscape-scale shift is required



Shift



Every place is unique but our principles are the same.

Sherborne presents opportunities that we must realise and deliver at scale.

Estate Images – Work in Progress



3 Things we will show you today

1. **Bridgeman Landscape Restoration at Lodge Park** – Grade 1 listed designed landscape restoration, through significant tree-planting. We have confirmed £200k of external funding from the Landscape Enhancement Initiative for planting of 15k trees this winter (2022). Part of the landscape restoration will include public access improvements and increased availability of the facilities at Lodge Park.
2. **Sherborne Farm** – Priority Habitat creation and improved access. The current tenancy ends in Nov 2023, and we have completed habitat visioning work for the whole farm : 325 ha. We have applied for feasibility and design grants of £120,000 with expected delivery costs of £500,000 from National Highways for delivery of 167ha of priority habitat, with a series of butterfly banks and ponds, by 2025. We will further apply to Community Forest for feasibility, design and delivery grants for woodland creation. These together will deliver in total 190 hectares of new Priority Habitat. Visitors will be able to enjoy a wilder landscape with improved facilities at the Water meadows car park.
3. **Broadwaters and Old Park**– delivering new public access, restoration of heritage features, and management of the watercourse. We are currently conducting feasibility studies to understand how the Brook can be managed sustainably to deliver for nature and carbon, whilst taking into account it's cultural and historical significance. There is a planned schedule of works to repair many of the built features and to create new circular access along and across the river.