

# 10 things the new Shropshire Hills AONB Management Plan is calling for...





1. Greater consideration of the valuable AONB landscape in planning decisions, especially about major developments





## 2. Collaboration to find a sustainable future for farming especially in the uplands, and to develop the new Environmental Land Management scheme



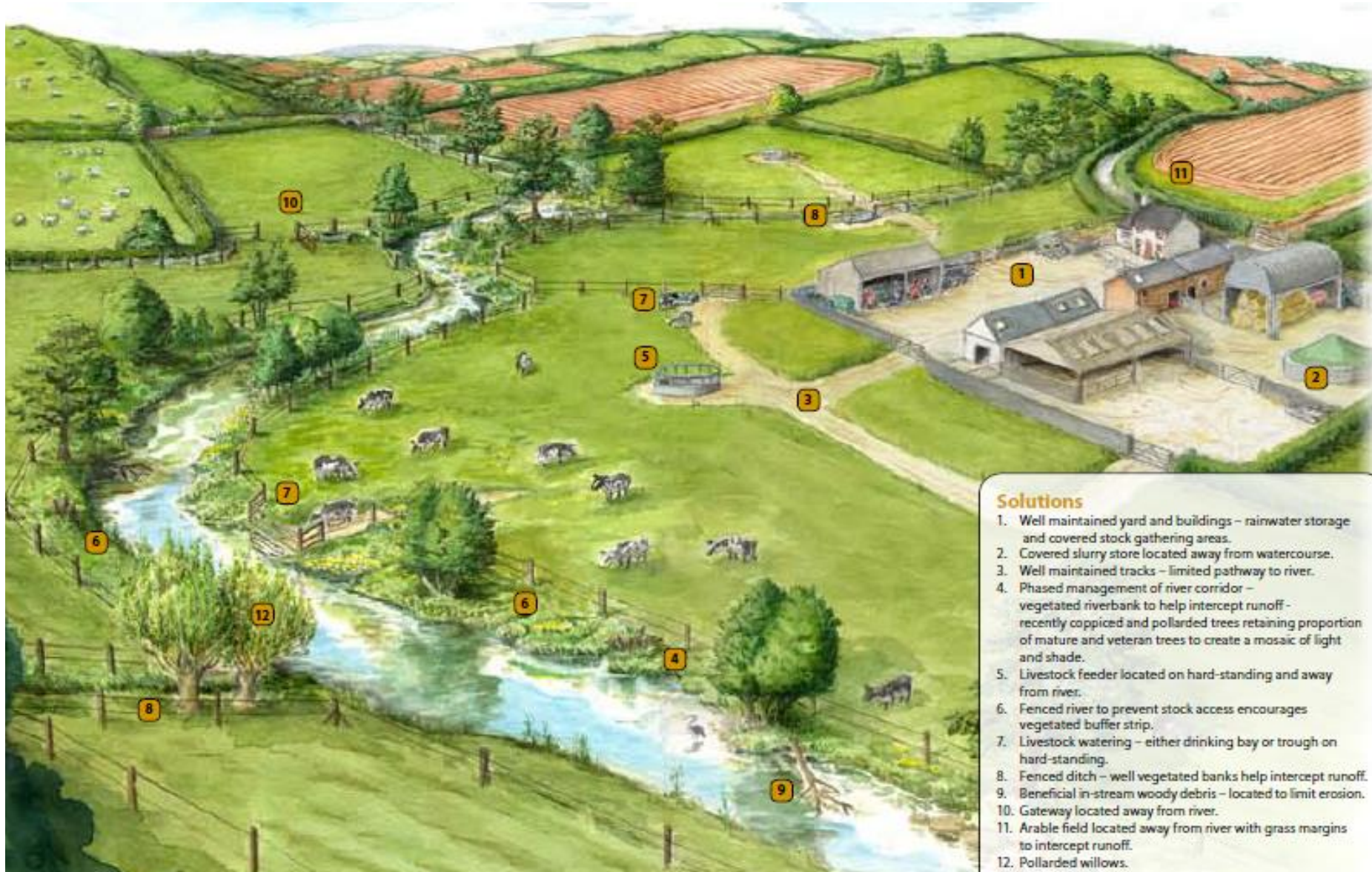


### 3. Establishing a large programme of planting trees to benefit the landscape, wildlife, farming and water, and to offset losses from tree diseases





#### 4. Improving the quality of our rivers and water, and looking after river catchments in an integrated way to benefit wildlife, protect soils and improve flood management

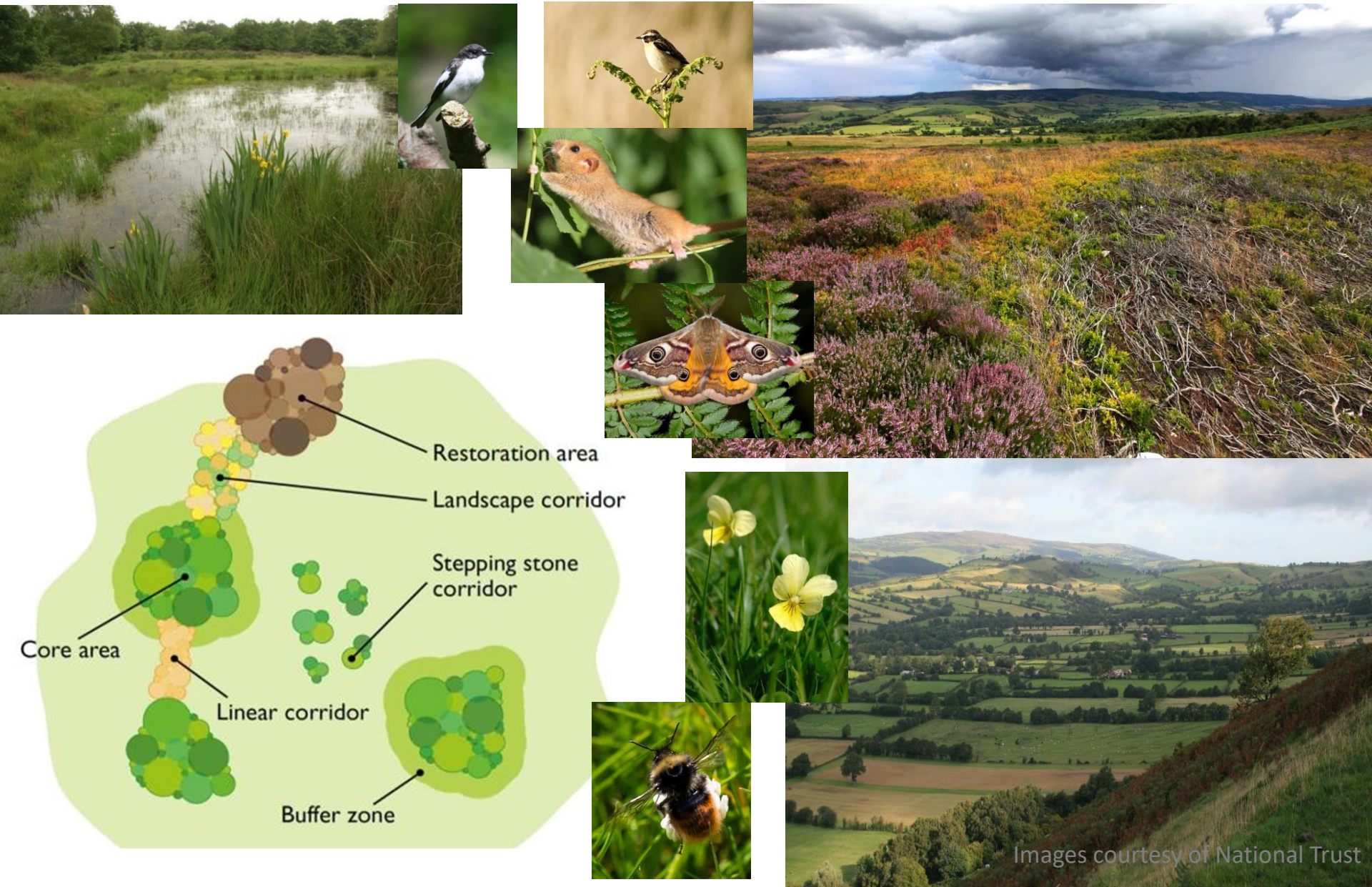


##### Solutions

1. Well maintained yard and buildings – rainwater storage and covered stock gathering areas.
2. Covered slurry store located away from watercourse.
3. Well maintained tracks – limited pathway to river.
4. Phased management of river corridor – vegetated riverbank to help intercept runoff – recently coppiced and pollarded trees retaining proportion of mature and veteran trees to create a mosaic of light and shade.
5. Livestock feeder located on hard-standing and away from river.
6. Fenced river to prevent stock access encourages vegetated buffer strip.
7. Livestock watering – either drinking bay or trough on hard-standing.
8. Fenced ditch – well vegetated banks help intercept runoff.
9. Beneficial in-stream woody debris – located to limit erosion.
10. Gateway located away from river.
11. Arable field located away from river with grass margins to intercept runoff.
12. Pollarded willows.



## 5. Building resilient networks of good quality wildlife habitat across the landscape to reverse the decline of key plants and animals





## 6. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions through energy efficiency and appropriate renewables, and through sustainable transport and agriculture





7. Supporting strong communities looking after their landscape, including more opportunities for young people to get involved in outdoor and conservation activities





8. Promoting an ethos of environmental care in tourism, so that this important economic sector does not undermine the qualities on which it is based

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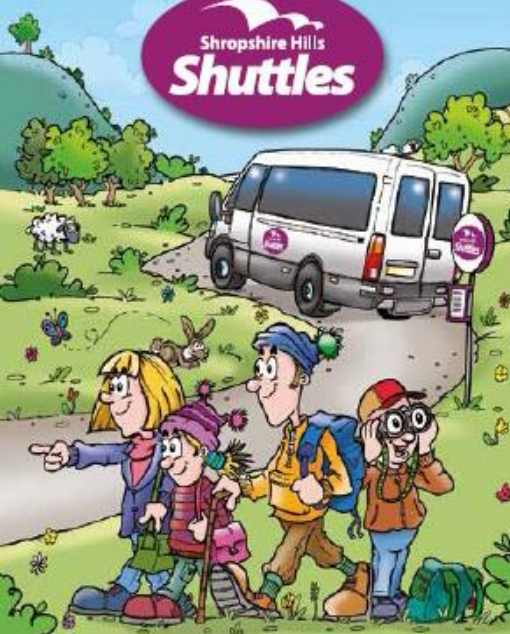
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## 9. Promoting enjoyment of the landscape, nature and heritage as a vital aid to people's wellbeing, including recreation and volunteering





## 10. Stronger status for the AONB organisation as part of national and international networks, along with more charitable fund-raising to support conservation projects



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