

INTRODUCTION

Scaling nature-based solutions for vital action In UK National Parks



Cairngorms National Park.

A collaboration between





About us

Revere is an award-winning collaboration between the UK National Parks and nature-finance experts Palladium, that aims to drive the scale and pace of privately financed nature restoration across the UK National Parks.

The Revere collaboration enables the development of nature restoration projects and investment opportunities in National Parks, and the co-development of innovative natural capital ideas. With a shared focus on working with landowners rather than facilitating land acquisition, the Revere collaboration supports the development of a flourishing and ethical UK nature market.

National Parks Partnerships represents UK National Parks in the collaboration at the national level, and each project is developed hand-in-hand with the National Park where it is located.



We're in this together



National Parks Partnerships (NPP) acts on behalf of UK National Parks to bring together companies, investors, and environmental funders with all fifteen National Parks to inspire positive change for communities, nature, and the climate.

The National Parks cover c.10% of Great Britain and attract over 90 million visitors a year. These protected landscapes are a national treasure and a vital natural resource. But like many natural habitats and species that rely on them, it is threatened.

By aligning with both global and UK-based brands, NPP creates tailor-made partnerships that deliver meaningful, lasting impact in our National Parks.

Palladium is a global impact-led company, operating in over 90 countries to solve the world's most pressing challenges. Palladium brings extensive experience of tropical and temperate nature restoration projects and natural capital finance.

The UK Natural Capital team is at the forefront of scaling nature restoration across the UK. Our mission is clear: to catalyse private finance into nature restoration, bridging the gap between ambition and action.

Palladium acts as the connector; bringing together landowners, government agencies, investors, and ethically aligned off takers to build a robust pipeline of investable projects.



PROJECT PROFILE

South Downs Woodland Carbon Project

The South Downs National Park stretches across 1,648 sq. km of rolling chalk grassland and lowland heath in the South East of England, receiving nearly 40 million visitors a year. The South Downs National Park has set an ambitious target for 33% of its area to be managed for nature by 2030 through its ReNature initiative. This includes the planting of hundreds of thousands of new trees, creating connected corridors of biodiverse woodland across the landscape.

With ambitious targets in place, the South Downs National Park team wanted to find a way to accelerate and deliver a landscape-scale woodland planting initiative in line with their local vision, that was suitable for private finance. This meant creating a model that would not only deliver landscape changes that meet the highest ecological standards, but also one that can offer a competitive, verified and secure livelihood opportunity for National Park land managers and farmers. Retaining existing landownership is central to the Revere approach.

After several years of collaboration between the South Downs, the Revere team and local farmers and land managers, the first phase of the South Downs Woodland Project is now ready to enter the delivery phase.

The project will enhance the landscape by gradually creating new broadleaf woodland habitat at scale on marginal agricultural land, whilst providing a new income stream for local landowners, improving soil health and mitigating flood and drought risks in the face of growing extreme weather conditions.



Phase one of the South Downs Woodland Carbon Project covers 1,000 hectares of new woodland and will connect existing isolated blocks, creating thriving habitat corridors and supporting iconic local flora and fauna such as the green woodpecker and barbastelle bat. Woodland plans adhere to the 'right tree, right place' principle, and prioritise native locally suitable tree species such as oak, beech, small leaved lime, wild cherry, yew and alder.

To get to investable scale, the project brings together multiple local farmers and land managers from across the National Park, each of whom offers areas of land for new woodland creation. Participating land managers/farmers receive an income per hectare, with no need for change of land ownership or stewardship.

The project will remove 200,000 tonnes of CO₂ and provide high-integrity carbon credits verified by the UK Woodland Carbon Code. Monitoring and evaluation are built into the project and include assessments of the co-benefits beyond carbon sequestration.

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South Downs National Park. Small copper butterfly photo by Sarah Womersley.





PROJECT PROFILE

Cairngorms Peatland Restoration Project

Scotland's peat soils cover more than 20% of the country and store around 1.6 billion tonnes of carbon. But, it is estimated that over 80% of these peatlands are degraded. In fact, 3.5% of the UK's total greenhouse gas footprint comes from degraded peatland. The Cairngorms Peatland Restoration Project is addressing this by enabling the avoidance of 45,000 tonnes of CO₂ emissions.

The project is located in the heart of the majestic Cairngorms National Park in the central Highlands of Scotland, which stretches 4,528 sq. km. It is renowned for its rugged natural beauty, mountains, rivers, lochs, wildlife and cultural heritage. Not only is the project restoring peatland to provide a vital climate solution; it is enhancing natural habitats and conserving species such as golden plover, red grouse, and curlew. Healthy peatlands also naturally filter water, reducing pollutant and nutrient levels.

In addition to the environmental benefits, the project is creating jobs for the local community. Multi-year contracts are awarded to skilled professionals, allowing them to scale up their operations in the national park and beyond.

The Cairngorms Peatland Restoration Project is a collaboration between the landowner, the National Park, and the Revere team. The landowner proposed changes to land use practices to conserve and protect the restored areas of peatland over the long term. The National Park contributed to the design of the peatland restoration plans and grant funding for delivery, and Revere's role is to secure additional finance and manage the project delivery.



This collaborative project aims to demonstrate how private financing can shoulder a greater share of the costs of peatland restoration, with less reliance on public funding.

Together, the three parties will allocate 10% of any project profits to a local community trust over the 30-year project life-time, in line with Scottish Land Commission Guidance.

The peatland restoration begins with on-the-ground surveys to assess peat depth and degradation quantifiers known as condition categories in the Peatland Code. The extent to which raising the water table – a key aim of peatland restoration – will impact the storage of CO₂ is then calculated. Design plans are drawn up by expert ecologists that shape the restoration approach, before a team of groundworks contractors deploy techniques such as blocking drainage ditches with peat dams and bunding.

The Cairngorms Peatland Restoration Project blends public funding (Peatland ACTION grants from Cairngorms National Park) with private investment to restore the peatland for this ambitious project of over 700 hectares.

The project is verified by the Peatland Code, which assesses the pre- and post-restoration state of a peatland site. This assessment is then used to calculate the carbon emissions avoided over time as a result of the restoration.

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Cairngorms National Park. Photos by Ed Smith.





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*Swaledale in the Yorkshire Dales National Park.
Photo by Stephen Garnett.*

