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Unlock the Hidden Potential of Your Land

Biodiversity Net Gain Webinar

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Unlock the Hidden Potential of Your Land: Biodiversity Net Gain (Webinar)

Join Somerset Wildlife Trust for a new webinar and Q&A to find out how you can get paid to help nature recover through Biodiversity Net Gain

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- Are you a landowner based in Somerset?
- Do you own land that is currently either not in use or not as productive as you'd like it to be?
- Were you aware that new legislation around Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) coming into force early next year means your land could be helping you earn up to £1,800 per hectare per year... AND help put nature back into some of our best-loved landscapes at the same time?

Want to know more? Not sure where to start? With this new introductory webinar, let Somerset Wildlife Trust and partner, First Ecology, make sense of the technical talk around Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG), and put you on a path to maximising the opportunities this new, emerging land management approach can offer.

For those of you not aware, BNG is an approach to development that aims to leave the natural environment in a measurably better state than it was beforehand. Although the date has yet to be confirmed, legislation surrounding BNG will become mandatory in the UK in early 2024.

After this date, developers will be required to achieve at least 10% Biodiversity Net Gain on all new developments - so by law their development must deliver a net positive for the local environment, for example by creating new habitats and green spaces. Whilst some developers will find this on-site, others will need to find external sites to deliver these requirements.

YOUR land could be what they are looking for. This could help fund the ongoing management of a site to the tune of £1,800 per hectare per year for 30 years – helping to replace the loss of the existing Basic Payment Scheme (BPS). In England alone, it's estimated that the new scheme could generate £200m a year for offsite habitat creation.

In this new Introductory webinar, we'll be helping you break through the jargon, explaining what BNG is, how it might affect you, and how supporting wildlife on your land can actually boost your income.

With decades of experience in managing land to improve biodiversity, and our unparalleled knowledge of Somerset's habitats, our qualified staff are ideally placed to support landowners in understanding the changes in legislation and how best to take advantage of the opportunities they offer.

Added to this, we have more recently expanded our knowledge-base and skills in green finance mechanisms, and have a track record in delivering pioneering projects channeling private finance for ecosystem service delivery. Our consultancy arm, First Ecology, has experienced ecologists trained in delivering BNG assessments, developing management and monitoring plans, and are able to deliver ongoing monitoring.

We've assembled a panel of experts poised to lead you through the essential information you need:


- **Simon Clarke, Head of Nature Recovery, Somerset Wildlife Trust:** our approach to BNG and what we've learnt so far
- **Trevor Ward, Green Finance Specialist, Somerset Wildlife Trust:** the financial

Don't miss your chance to find out more about how you can help nature recover on your land and get paid for doing it through Biodiversity Net Gain!

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