



Three Harbours

Stakeholder Overview

Who are we?

We are a partnership of organisations working together to restore nature across the landscape covering the Three Harbours of Langstone, Chichester and Pagham.

We know urgent action is required to do this. One of the key challenges we face is that the landscape is managed by a multitude of regulators and stakeholders, and therefore, agreeing an integrated plan for recovery has historically proved very difficult.

The Three Harbours has been appointed by a summit of senior leaders to deliver a collaborative landscape strategy targeting three areas; **water quality, biodiversity and carbon capture**.

Our partnership includes regulators, local and regional government, water companies, harbour authorities, farmers, landowners and NGOs. We aim to build a lasting partnership that can do far more together than we can do separately.

"If you want to go quickly, go alone. If you want to go far, go together"

What are we doing?

We are developing a strategy that brings all our partners onto the same page, giving us focussed direction for the intermediate future (2028) whilst providing a longer-term adaptable approach to 2050. We expect to consult on the draft strategy early in the New Year.

Having a solid ambitious strategy that unites all partners is essential if we are to ensure this partnership lasts and delivers the mission. So this work is not being rushed, but alongside this we are finding opportunities where the partnership can already begin to make a difference. Such as better coordinating efforts to increase nature friendly farming and helping partners to deliver or upscale their initiatives.

2050

Vision

We envisage a healthy and thriving water environment where restored and connected sea and landscapes are resilient to a new climate reality, enabling people and nature to adapt and flourish - together.

Mission

Reverse the decline and help nature thrive across Chichester, Langstone and Pagham harbours, through the expertise, network and resource of the Partnership.

What will the Three Harbours focus on?

The strategy will identify how we work together, delivering a mechanism for full partnership working across all stakeholders;

- streamlining ways of working, 'doing it once' using existing resources and methods
- solidifying our evidence base
- exploiting funding opportunities and maximising policy outcomes
- developing collaborative methods of engagement.

And it will focus on what we will do by;

- placing water quality at the centre of the strategy
- prioritising resources on points of leverage
- identifying and mapping opportunities where the benefits stack up.

Based on the strategy, we will build a programme of work until 2028 with a pipeline of projects. The areas of focus are usually mutually beneficial as can be seen from these examples of solutions.

Water quality

Catchment and nature based solutions to reduce nutrients and other pollutants from entering the harbours.

Green and blue infrastructure to rewet and slow the flow of water off the land in urban and rural locations.

Biodiversity

Expanding and connecting landscapes that are high in biodiversity

Enabling coastal change (through policy and landscape management) to respond to climate change threats and pressures.

Carbon Capture

Restoring species to regenerate ecosystems, capture carbon and nutrients and continue to thrive on their own

Evaluating and optimising carbon stores with multiple benefits for the environment



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Our partners



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