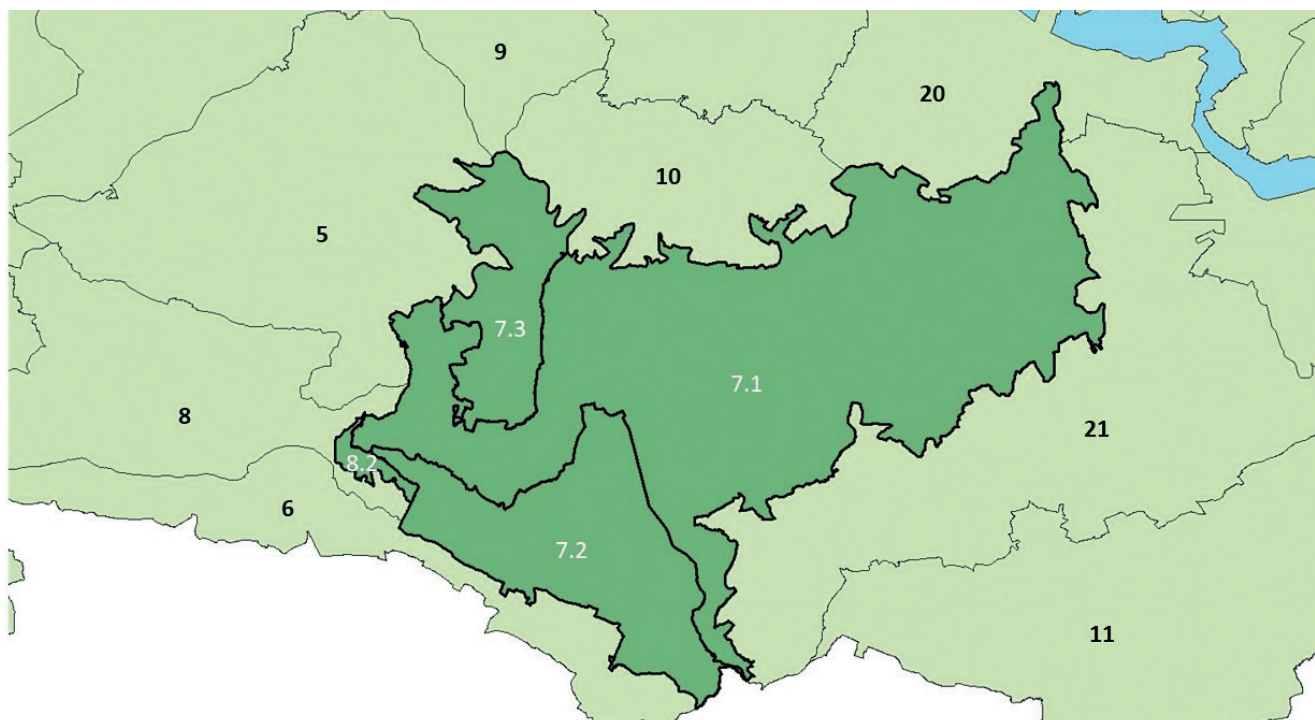


5.7 Chew Valley

Forest of Avon and Mendip Hills AONB



Map Ref: 7.1
Chew Valley (B&NES5)

- a. Ensure all woodlands have a current Forestry Commission management plan (or equivalent), addressing broad objectives, supporting their preparation and delivery. Focus on significant number of ASNW first.
- b. Buffer ASNW by establishing fringing areas for natural regeneration.
- c. Establish new woodlands linking and consolidating the complex of established and more recent woodlands in the area east of Pensford, reflecting catchment management priorities identified by BART and partners, avoiding small areas of Grade 1 agricultural land and conserving priority habitats, historic monuments such as the Wansdyke, access opportunities and viewpoints.
- d. Establish woodlands in the valley west of Chew Magna of a scale, pattern and species mix appropriate to landscape character. Reflect catchment management priorities identified by BART and partners, avoiding small areas of Grade 1 agricultural land and conserving priority habitats, historic monuments and viewpoints.
- e. Establish new woodlands reflecting catchment management priorities identified by BART and partners, and other priority habitats, which with those in 7.2 below, providing a corridor between the woodland in b. above to the woodland on the northern slopes of Mendip Hills.
- f. Ensure any new development requires the conservation and planting of trees within the site and as determined by scale and impact, includes off-site tree and woodland planting.
- g. Conserve and enhance small orchards, prioritising those not covered by grant schemes, working to maintain locally distinctive varieties and extending these whilst conserving priority habitats, historic monuments and viewpoints.
- h. Conserve and regenerate generally well-managed hedgerow boundaries with an initial focus on those outside Grant Schemes, which are not low cut and/or where hedgerow trees are present.
- i. Conserve hedgerow and other field trees and plant new ones at irregular spacings where absent within hedged boundaries.
- j. Ensure that public access routes are easy to use and follow.

**Map Ref: 7.2****Upper Chew and Yeo Valleys (B&NES3)**

- a. Ensure all woodlands have a current Forestry Commission management plan (or equivalent), addressing broad objectives, supporting their preparation and delivery.
- b. Establish new woodlands of a scale, pattern and species mix appropriate to landscape character. Reflect catchment management priorities identified by BART and partners, avoiding areas of Grade 1 agricultural land between Chew Magna and Bishop Sutton and conserving priority habitats, historic monuments, access opportunities and viewpoints, which with those in 7.1 above, create a woodland corridor from east of Pensford to the northern slopes of the Mendip Hills,
- c. In the context of AONB guidance, ensure any permitted development conserves and enhances the natural beauty of the Mendip Hills AONB by the conservation and planting of trees within the site and as determined by scale and impact, includes off-site tree and woodland planting of appropriate species, in accordance with the **Mendip Hills AONB's Tree Planting Guide** and relevant Nature Recovery plans.
- d. Conserve and enhance orchards, prioritising those not covered by grant schemes, working to maintain locally distinctive varieties and extending these whilst conserving bat corridors, priority habitats, historic monuments and viewpoints.
- e. Conserve and regenerate generally well-managed hedgerow boundaries with an initial focus on those outside Grant Schemes, which are not low cut and/or where hedgerow trees are present.
- f. Conserve hedgerow and other field trees and plant new ones at irregular spacings where absent within hedged boundaries.
- g. Ensure that public access routes are easy to use and follow.

**Map Ref: 7.3****Chew Rolling Valley Farmland (NSC J3)**

- a. Ensure all woodlands have a current Forestry Commission management plan (or equivalent), addressing broad objectives, supporting their preparation and delivery.
- b. Ensure any new development requires the conservation and planting of trees within the site and as determined by scale and impact, includes off-site tree and woodland planting.
- c. Conserve and enhance orchards, prioritising those not covered by grant schemes, working to maintain locally distinctive varieties and extending these whilst conserving priority habitats, historic monuments and viewpoints.
- d. Conserve and regenerate generally well-managed hedgerow boundaries with an initial focus on those outside Grant Schemes, which are not low cut and/or where hedgerow trees are present.
- e. Conserve hedgerow and other field trees and plant new ones at irregular spacings where absent within hedged boundaries.
- f. Ensure that public access routes are easy to use and follow.