

## Malvern Hills National Landscape data (incorporating national target indicators)

Theme	Indicator or data (A number prefix denotes a national target)	Data Source	Headline (and date of data/data provided) Gaps indicate that data is currently unavailable.	Condition trend (where available)	Link to data and definitions/notes
Nature	1. Extent of wildlife rich habitat created or restored within MHNL, outside of protected sites	Natural England.  This Indicator is still in development. Expected to be finalised by July 2025.			Definitions are as per the statutory target set in Environment Act 2021. See Schedule 1, Regulation 10 <a href="https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uk/si/2023/91/made">https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uk/si/2023/91/made</a>
Nature	2. Percentage of SSSIs within Protected Landscapes in favourable condition	Natural England	51.4% (2023)	Not available (not comparable with previously recorded data)	<a href="#">TIN216 Edition 1 Environment Act Interim Target for protected sites - TIN216 (naturalengland.org.uk)</a> (Annex 3 defines what the different feature conditions mean)
Nature	3. Percentage of SSSIs within MHNL assessed as having 'actions on track' to achieve favourable condition	Natural England	16.2% (2023)	Not available (not comparable with previously recorded data)	<a href="#">TIN216 Edition 1 Environment Act Interim Target for protected sites - TIN216 (naturalengland.org.uk)</a> (Pages 16-17 explain what 'actions on track' means.)

Nature	4. Extent of priority habitat within MHNL, outside of protected sites, in favourable management through agri-environment schemes	Natural England  Data to be provided by Defra Farming and Countryside Programme			Indicator designed to measure how much priority habitat outside SSSIs is being managed for nature via agri-environment schemes.
Nature	Total area of land managed under agri-environment schemes and total value of agri-environment schemes		2,300 ha (July 2024)	Declining (3,040ha in 2018, 5,923 in 2013)	
Nature	5. Percentage of land managers adopting nature-friendly farming on a percentage of their land	Natural England,  Data to be provided by Defra Farming and Countryside Programme			'Nature friendly farming' (NFF) is defined as 'to farm in a way that is better for nature, but is also a productive and sustainable way of producing food' – i.e. the type of actions that are beneficial for nature but can also be incorporated into typical farming systems and farming business practices. NFF includes active measures that farmers can take to deliver more/better habitats or specific year-round resources, to support farmland wildlife.

					<p>In this context, it means that farms will adopt actions that are roughly equivalent to options under Higher Level Stewardship or Mid/Higher Tier options in the existing Countryside Stewardship scheme that support farmland wildlife.</p> <p>This will include specific measures to benefit farmland wildlife, by providing the year-round critical resources that are known to limit populations on farmland (e.g. provision of food supplies and places to nest, shelter and hibernate). This can include features that are ephemeral and rotational (e.g. flower rich field margins). Creation, restoration, and maintenance of field boundaries and 'interstitial' habitats within farmland (e.g. hedgerows, ditches, orchards).</p>
Nature	Extent of priority habitat and other habitats and as a % of the NL		3,084ha / 29% (12/2023)		
Nature	Area of land designated at international, national and local level for		11.02% (2023)		

	nature conservation				
Nature	Area of woodland within Protected Landscapes under 'sustainable management'		2,485ha (53.8%)		
Nature	Extent of ancient woodland		6,084 ha ASNW (3%) <u>3,268 ha PAWS (1.6%)</u> 9,353 ha (4.6%)		
Nature	Ecological status of watercourses and water bodies		<b>Length of water bodies</b> High – 0m Good – 0m Moderate – 21,718m Poor – 840m Bad – 2,980m  Total length 25,500m		
Nature	Area of land under different agricultural land uses and number of livestock				

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Climate	6. Level of greenhouse gas emissions within Protected Landscapes	Natural England			<a href="#">UK local and regional greenhouse gas emissions estimates for 2005-2021: Technical Report (publishing.service.gov.uk)</a>
Climate	7. Extent of peat under restoration in MHNL	NE to collate and make available to PLs  The dataset used for this indicator will be the Nature for Climate Peatland Grant Scheme	Not applicable to the Malvern Hills National Landscape (no peat here).	N/A	N/A
Climate	8. Extent of tree canopy and woodland cover in MHNL	Natural England  This Indicator is still in development. Expected to be finalised by July 2025.			The Environmental Targets (Woodland and Trees Outside Woodland) (England) Regulations 2023 – Regulation 2 <a href="https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uk/si/2023/90/regulation/2/made">https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uk/si/2023/90/regulation/2/made</a>
Climate	Estimate of the amount of carbon stored and				

	sequestered by habitats				
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People	9. Improve and promote accessibility to and engagement with Protected Landscapes for all using existing metrics in our Access for All programme	Malvern Hills NL Team  No data compiled at present.			Metres of accessible path as a % of total path Number of accessible toilets and rest stops Number of disability accessible parking spaces Number of accessible gates and gaps Number of visits and volunteer days facilitated by new equipment Number of schools engaged (primary and secondary) both inside and outside the PL boundary Number of volunteer days Number of accessible or easy access routes for which wayfinding has been created or improved Policies in place to ensure Protected Landscapes are taking positive action to widen the diversity of their staff, boards and volunteers

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People	% Public Rights of Way in good condition	Malvern Hills NL Team	77.8% (2023)	Stable (77% in 2018)	
People	Length of National Trails within Protected Landscapes				
People	Population estimate		11,400 (2023)		
People	Average age		49 (2023)		
People	Ethnic group		97% white 1% Asian 1% Mixed ethnic group 1% Other ethnic group		
People	Median earnings		£2,200pcm (July 2024)		
People	House purchase affordability ratio		9		
People	Registered businesses by size and type		770 local units		
People	Proportion of population living in deprivation (by decile)		Average Index - 8		
People	No.s of pupils on school roll		87% (July 2024)		

	(against capacity)				
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Place	10. Number and percentage of nationally designated heritage assets in MHNL be deemed at risk	Natural England	0 (0%)	Stable	To separately cover the categories of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• scheduled monuments</li> <li>• registered parks and gardens</li> <li>• registered battlefields</li> <li>• listed buildings (grade I or II*)</li> </ul> protected wreck sites
Place	Condition of Scheduled Ancient Monuments	Malvern Hills NL Team	4 sites (50%) satisfactory with minor localised issues 4 sites (50%) satisfactory with major localised issues	Stable (compared with 2018 data)	Data based on knowledge of local Historic England staff
Place	Condition of registered Parks and Gardens	Malvern Hills NL Team	1 site (50%) stable and at low risk 1 site (50%) improving and at medium risk	Stable (compared with 2018 data)  Improving (compared with 2018 data)	Data based on knowledge of local Historic England staff
Place	Condition of Local Geological Sites in	Malvern Hills NL Team	75% (2023)	Declining (83.3% in 2018)	



	desirable condition				
Place	The number of and percent of geological and geomorphological heritage features in SSSIs in favourable or recovering condition				
Place	Landscape change visible in fixed point photography locations	Malvern Hills NL Team	Change by LDU (out of 31 LDUs) Major positive – 1 (3.2%) Minor positive – 8 (25.8%) No change – 16 (51.6%) Minor negative – 4 (12.9%) Major negative – 2 (6.5%)		Based on analysis of fixed point photography images
Place	Extent of tranquillity	Malvern Hills NL Team	See data	Stable	Based on traffic data from 5 monitoring points
Place	Number of nationally designated heritage assets				
Place	National Character Areas which contain				

	Protected Landscape(s), where changes to landscape and waterscape character is assessed as improving/no change/declining				
Place	Length of hedgerows and other traditional field boundaries (drystone walls)		600kms (2023)		
Place	Extent of agricultural businesses (number and size of holdings, number of agricultural workers)				For latest statistics, see <a href="#">Structure of the agricultural industry in England and the UK at June - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</a>