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“Stepping Stones Project”

Stepping Stones is a landscape scale (200 km²) nature conservation project in the Shropshire Hills with a 50-year vision. The area it covers spans the Stretton Hills, over the Long Mynd and across the Onny Valley to the Stiperstones ridge and beyond. It is all about connectivity – habitat connectivity for wildlife, but also connecting people with the landscape, with nature, and with each other. The project works with local farmers, community groups, volunteers and partner organisations to restore and link areas of heathland, flower-rich grassland, woodland and wetland. Charlie will talk about how the project has come about, what it has achieved to date, and the key habitats and species it focuses on.