

# How the Fairfield Nature Reserve is Managed for Biodiversity?



# Natural England



**·Government's advisor on the natural environment.**

·Ensure sustainable stewardship of the land and sea so that people and nature can thrive.

·Responsibility to ensure England's rich natural environment can adapt and survive intact for future generations

·Run the agri-environment scheme = Environmental Stewardship

·[Increasing opportunities for everyone to enjoy the wonders of the natural world](#)

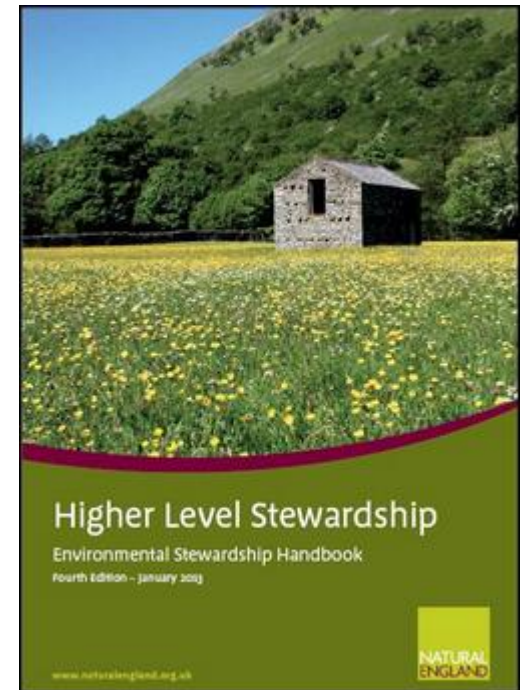
·[Reducing the decline of biodiversity](#)

# Environmental Stewardship

Environmental Stewardship is an agri-environment scheme that provides funding to farmers and other land managers in England to deliver effective environmental management.

There are four strands

- Entry Level Stewardship
- Organic Entry Level Stewardship
- Uplands Entry Level Stewardship
- Higher Level Stewardship



# Fairfield Association - Environmental Stewardship Agreement

- Situated within an Urban Population
- Position of land between the Fylde and Silverdale/Lyth Valley
- Many different habitats with potential to increase biodiversity
- Amount of innovation
- Support of the RSPB

# What is in the agreement – How it works

- .Richard Storton from the RSPB completed a Farm Environment Plan
- .The Farm Environment Plan is then used to put together an application
- .Natural England agrees then the management of the land and the indicators of success - 10 year agreement
- .Within the Fairfield agreement there are a number of habitats being managed through the scheme including

Species rich meadows

Fen

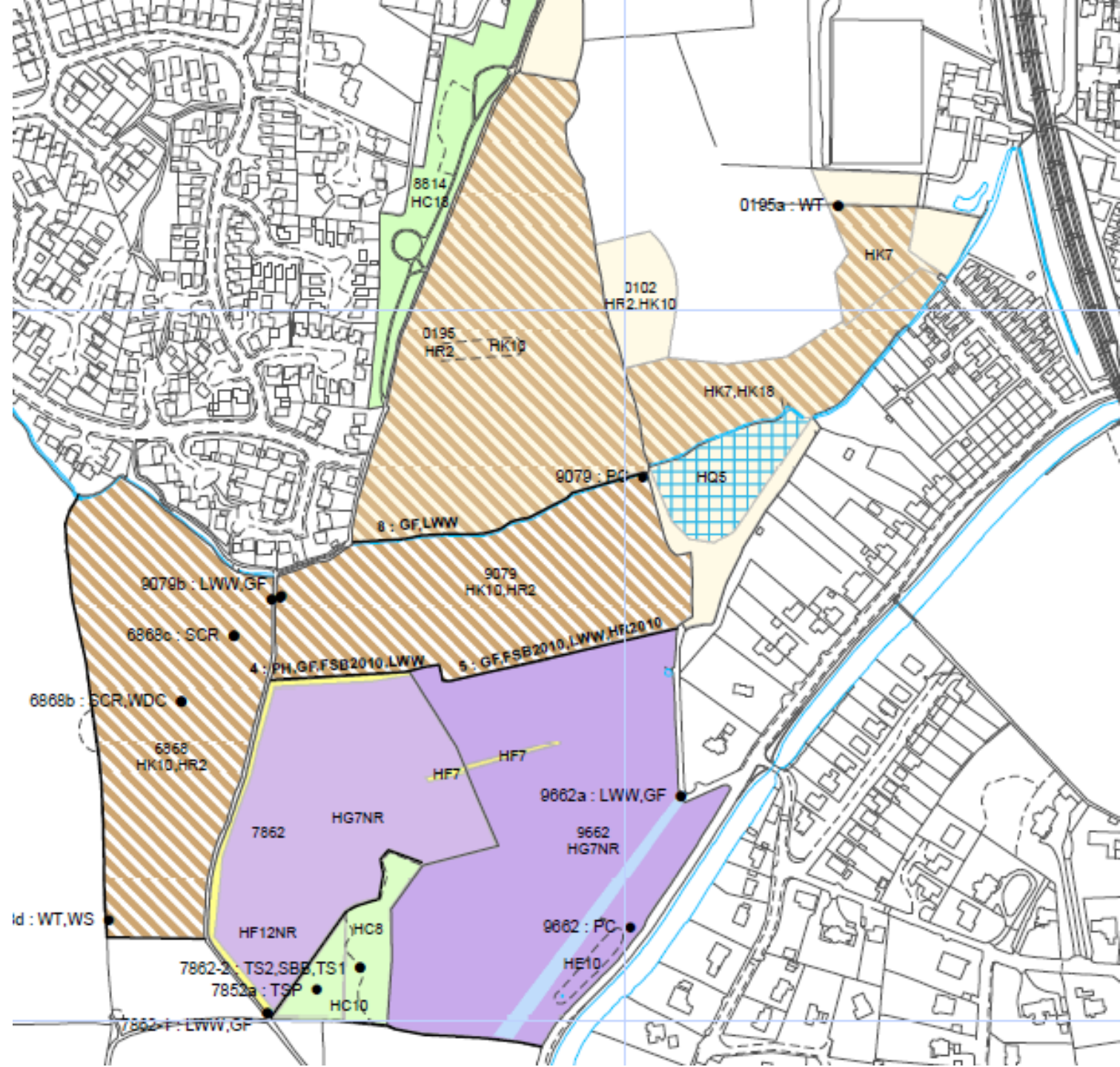
Wetland for breeding/wintering waders

Hedges

Arable

Orchard

Woodland



# Restoration of Species Rich Meadows



# Maintenance of Wet Grassland for wintering waders and wildfowl





# Low input spring cereal and Overwinter stubble



# Beetle banks



# Enhanced wild bird seed mix



# Floristically enhanced grass margin



# Restoration and Creation of woodland – Pony wood

