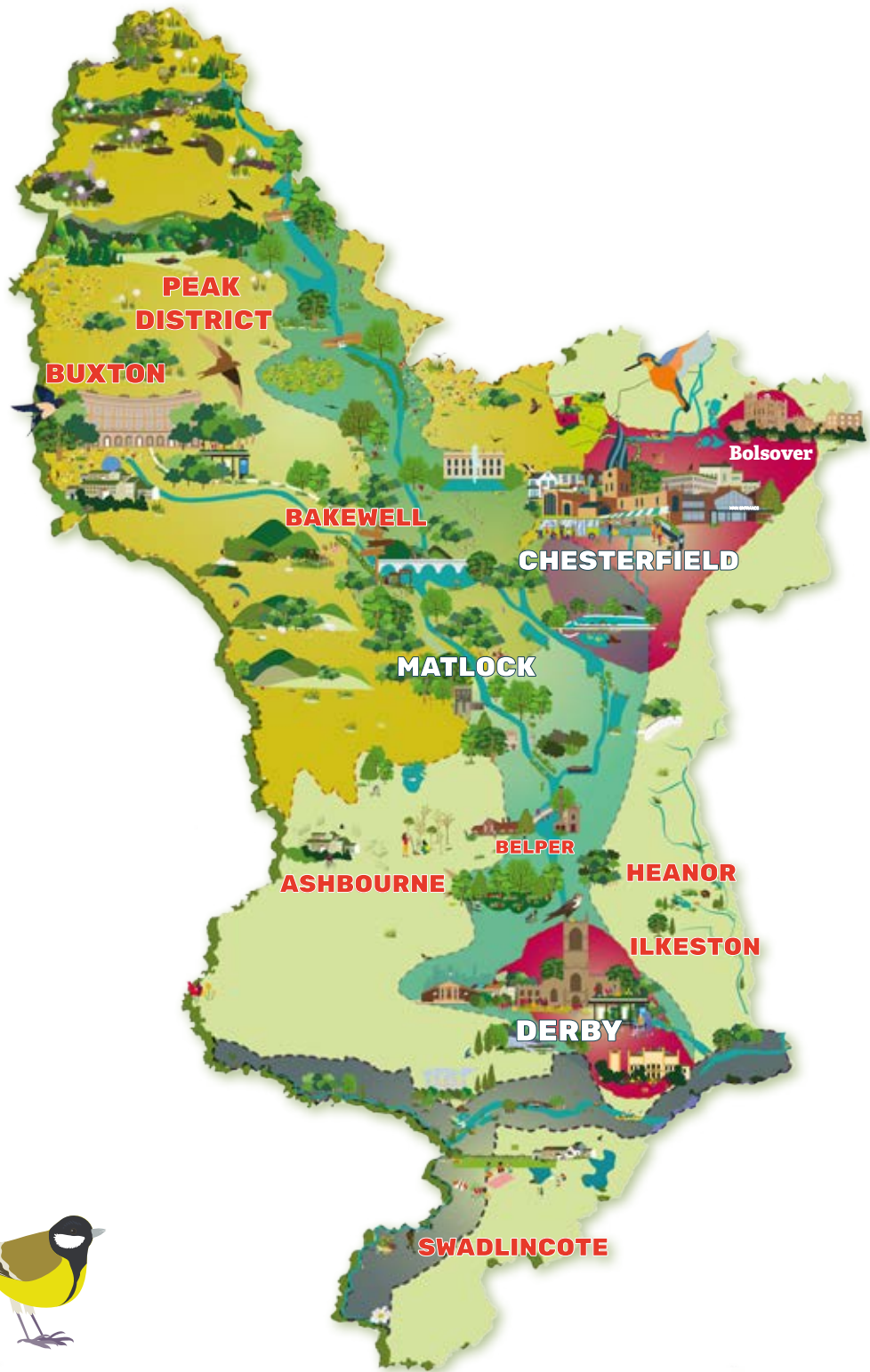




Derbyshire
Wildlife Trust

WILDER FUTURE

2023 - 2027 – pledges for a wilder derbyshire



WILDER DERBYSHIRE



WILD PEAK



WILDER CITIES



DERWENT LIVING FOREST



WILDER TRENT



EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO A HEALTHY, NATURAL ENVIRONMENT.

To achieve this, we must bring nature back to the heart of our communities. Imagine a Derbyshire teeming with wildlife, rivers restored, carbon captured, birdsong and wildflowers providing a backdrop to our everyday.

It is more important now, than ever before. We are in the middle of a climate and nature emergency, and the two are linked. Climate change is driving nature's decline, and the loss of wildlife and wild spaces leave us ill-equipped to reduce carbon emissions and adapt to change.

The lack of wild spaces also comes at a great cost to our physical and mental health, which puts more pressure on already stretched services such as the NHS. [1]

Research by Wildlife and Countryside Link last year showed that there is strong public support for the Government to improve access to local nature. The findings revealed that:

1. 83% of Brits want greater protections to stop nature loss to development, and 85% say accessible natural spaces should be a much higher priority in new developments
2. 80% of Brits want a 'legal right to local nature', with 83% saying having access to local natural spaces is more important post-pandemic
3. 85% of people in nature-deprived areas say more natural spaces would improve their quality of life

We can start to solve some of the hardest issues we face, right here in Derbyshire, if we let nature help.

So, together, let's create a wilder Derbyshire.



WE ARE CALLING ON YOU TO:

NO.1

Commit to making sure everyone who lives in Derbyshire is within 15 minutes of a high-quality green space

NO.2

Invest in natural flood management along the River Derwent and River Trent

NO.3

Support farmers across the county to create more space for wildlife

NO.4

Commit to improving greener and active travel options for people right across the county

LET US KNOW YOU PLEDGE YOUR SUPPORT NOW

[1] £2.1 billion per year could be saved in health costs if everyone in England had good access to greenspace, due to increased physical activity in those spaces. Public Health England, improving access to greenspace review 2020.