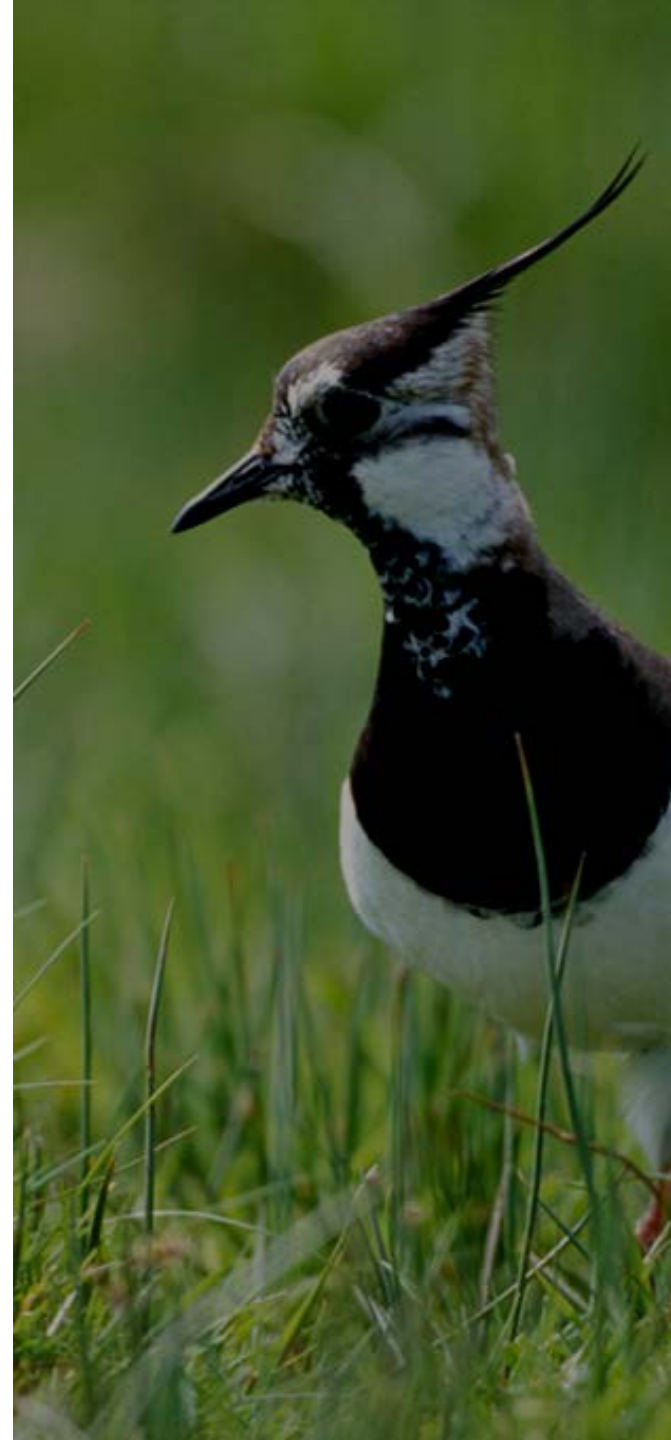


Farming for people and nature

Which way forward for UK
agriculture now?

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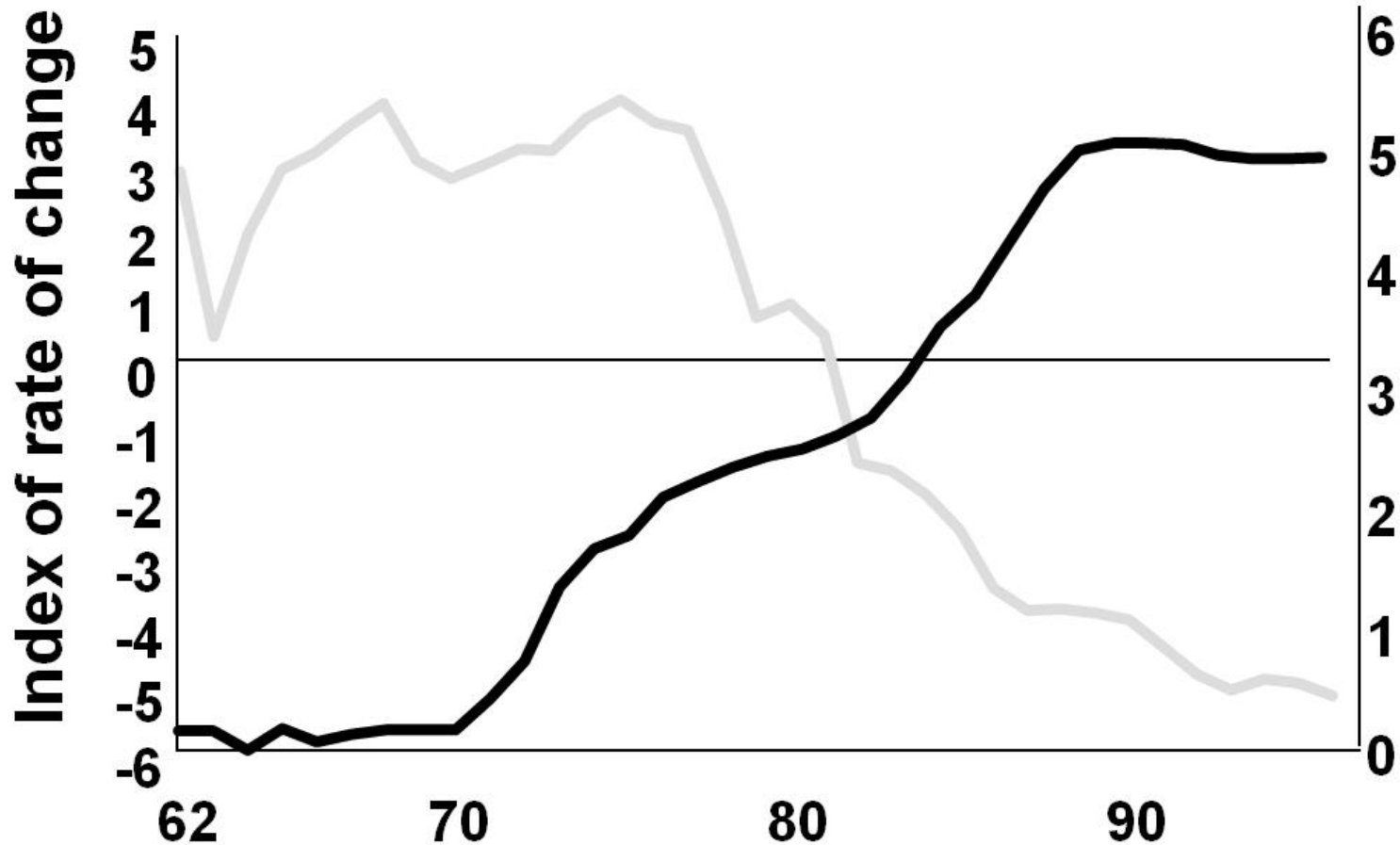
Our vision for farming

The challenge? How to create a food and farming system that is good for people and nature

Sustainable systems of farming across the UK that:

sustain and restore farmland biodiversity as well as producing safe, healthy food;
protect natural resources of soil, air and water;
provides income and employment for farmers and other workers in rural areas; and,
contributes to a diverse rural economy.

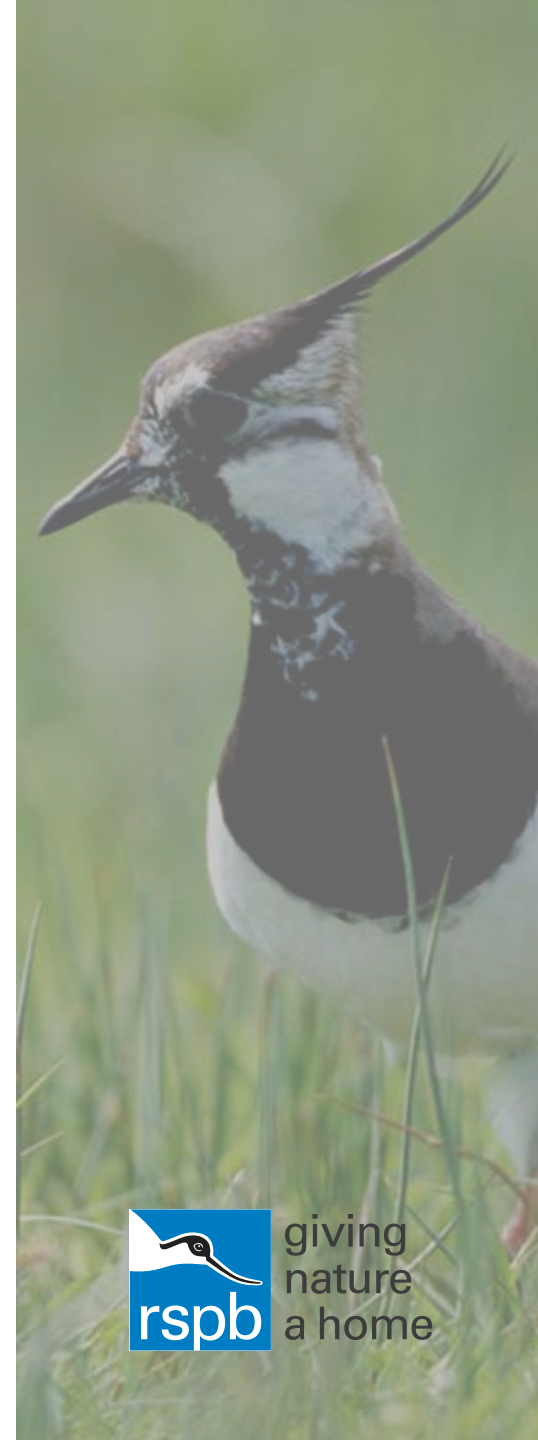
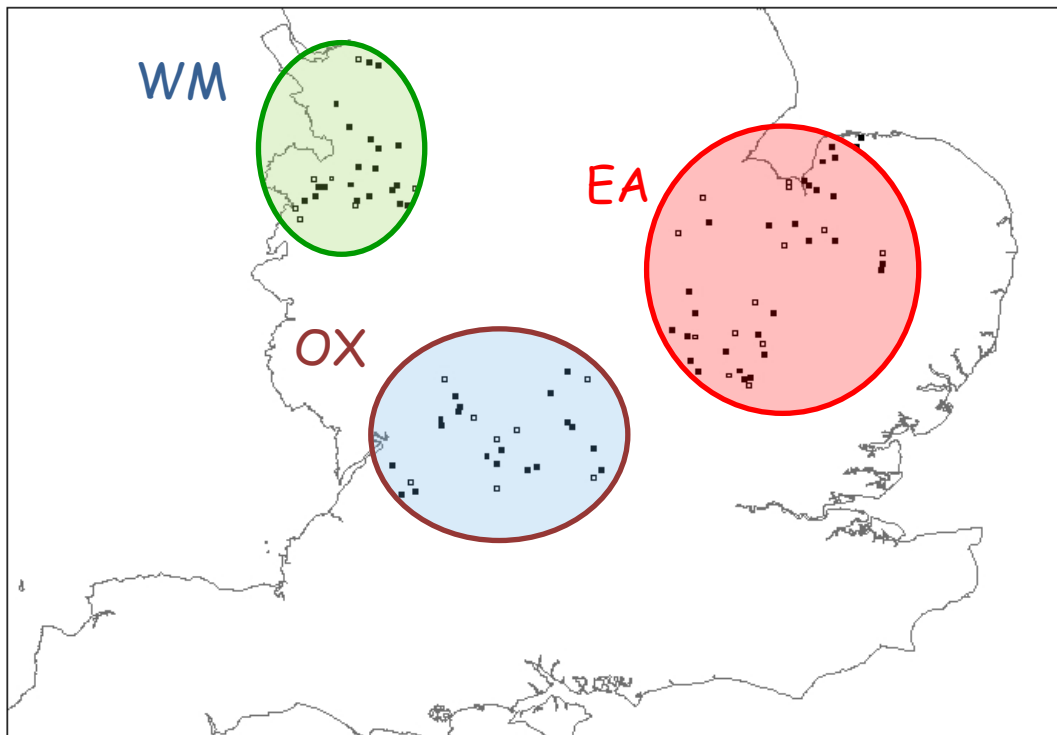
Agricultural change and nature



Agri-environment and the CAP

The main tool we have worked to influence

Emerging signs of success

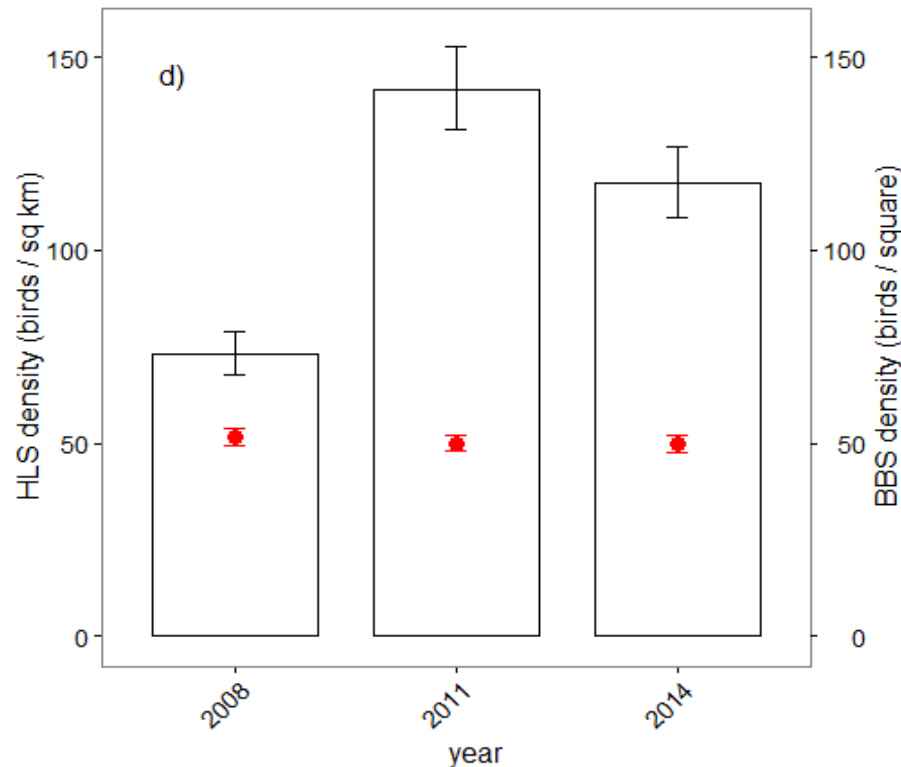


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Done right, it works

HLS farms – FBI birds up 61%

Control squares – FBI birds down 4%



Brexit

Golden opportunity or existential crisis?



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The CAP comfort blanket?

CAP set art of the possible – so what now?



Early thoughts on policy

Back to first principles – what is public policy for, and how can we build on successes of the past?

1. A countryside for food, wildlife and people
2. Nature should be abundant everywhere
3. Public payments and new markets working hand-in-hand
4. Unacceptable to harm nature, and easy to help it
5. Coherence with wider policy and delivery



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Farming at a crossroads

Trade policy will have a significant impact on the effectiveness of other policy levers

The range of tools at our disposal is unconstrained – markets, regulation, fiscal policy, incentives

Divergent policies across the UK?

Importance of transition – but we need to know where we're going first

