



**ADAPTING
THE LEVELS**

Life on the Wild Side: Nature on the Levels and Moors

Alongside their important role in local agriculture, the Levels and Moors are a unique and bio-diverse habitat. The area enjoys national and international recognition as an area of special scientific and ecological importance.

The varied landscapes of the Levels are unique within the United Kingdom; hay meadows, reed beds, heaths, open water, rivers and rich black peat are all found here.

The moors provide the perfect home to many species of plants, insects, mammals, reptiles and amphibians. Water vole, otter and brown hare are found here and all enjoy special legal protection.

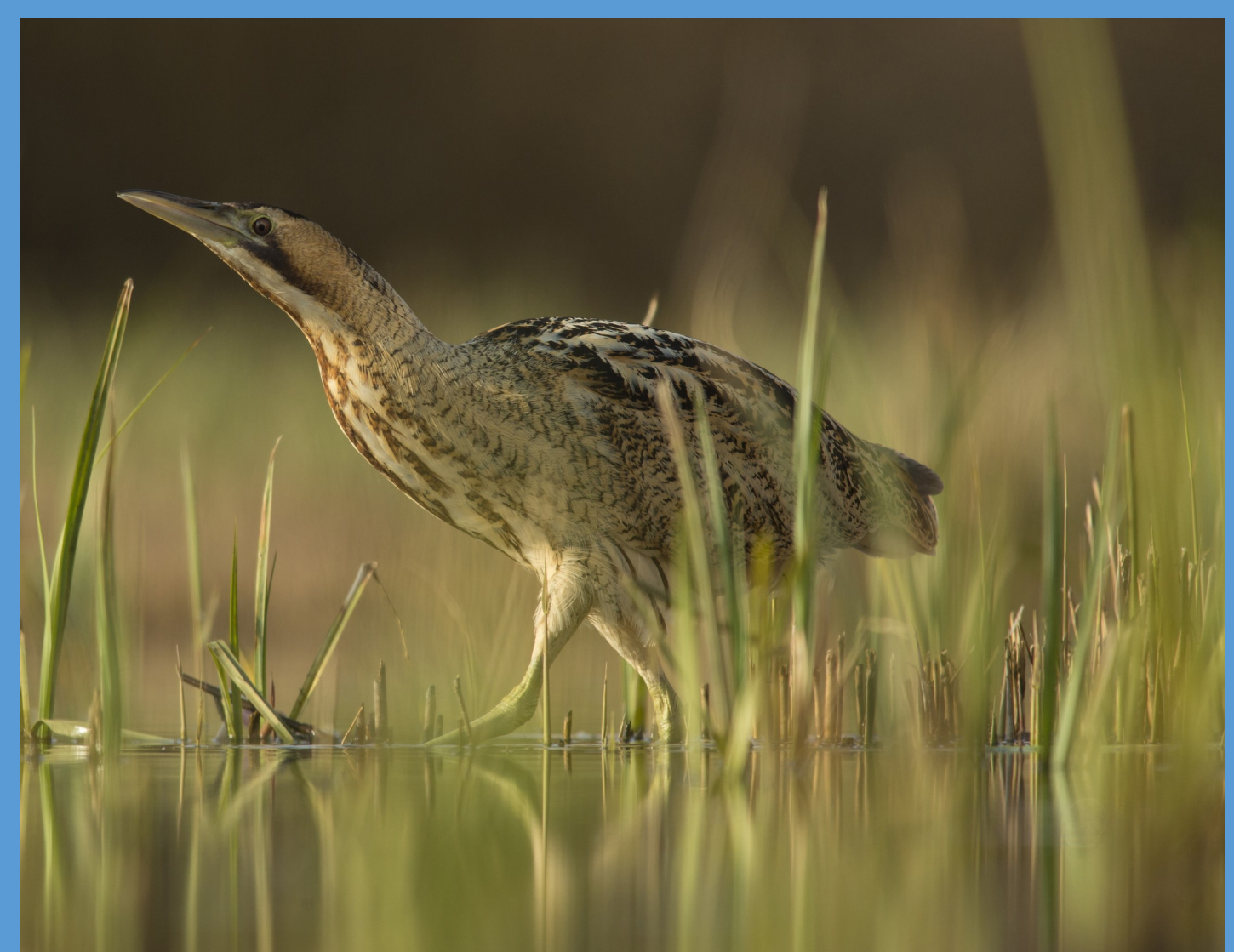


The large wetland areas and agricultural fields play host to migratory ducks and waders over the winter. Tourists also flock to the area to the incredible display of the starling murmurations.

The area is also a key summer breeding ground for species such as lapwing, bittern and the re-introduced cranes.

Despite the changing climate there are still many nature success stories on the Somerset Levels. For example Bittern numbers are continuing to grow, with 50 booming males recorded in 2018 across the Avalon Marshes after facing near extinction twice in the past 60 years.

With climate action and careful planning we can ensure the Levels remain a place where nature and people live side by side.



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