

Biodiversity

The variety of species in a particular habitat

Common

A piece of open land for common use

Commoners

People who have rights over a Common eg pasturage

Conservation

Preservation, protection or restoration of the natural environment

Conservation grazing

The use of livestock to maintain and/or increase the biodiversity of a habitat

Designated species

Legally protected species

Erosion

The process of wearing away of soil and rocks by natural or human agents

Ecosystem

A biological community of interacting organisms

Exoskeleton

A rigid external covering for the body of some invertebrates

Heath/heathland

Shrubland habitat with low fertility soil and mostly low shrubby vegetation that was originally man made

Heathland management

Actions that maintain the diversity of the heathland

Moor

A tract of open uncultivated upland

Mire/wet heath

A stretch of swampy or boggy ground

Nature reserve

Protected area of importance for flora, fauna or feature of geological or other importance

Nutrient enrichment

When an area becomes overly enriched with an excess of a nutrient

Ovipositor

Tubular organ through which a female insect or fish deposits eggs

Pebblebed

Underlying bed of sandstone pebbles dating back to the Triassic era

Succession

Process of change in the species structure of an ecological community

Scrub

Mainly shrubby vegetation with grasses, herbs, bulbs and corms etc

Swaling swailing (controlled burning)

Traditional term for controlled burning of the moor to encourage

Triassic

Geological era dating back 240 million years ago