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The background of the slide is a scenic photograph of the Oxfordshire countryside. It features rolling green hills, scattered trees, and a distant horizon under a bright blue sky with soft, white clouds. The 'United for Nature' logo is overlaid at the top, with 'United' in a green box, 'for' in a blue box, and 'Nature' in a white box.

# United for Nature

## How You Can Achieve Nature's Recovery in Oxfordshire

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A more natural,  
resilient, and biodiverse Oxfordshire  
for the benefit of all.



Inspiring



Informing



Collaborating



Engaging



# WILDER



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## Our Vision: *More Nature Everywhere*

We want to see 30% of land well-managed for nature by 2030







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# **WILDER** *More Nature Everywhere*

**Our mission**

Bring about nature's recovery through local action

**Our goals**

Put nature  
into  
recovery

Empower  
people to act  
for nature

Secure our  
future



## Why is action needed?

- Widespread recent historical loss of species-rich semi-natural grasslands
- There is a continued fragmentation and loss of connectivity across the county's landscapes, affecting the future viability of habitats and species.

### Key Action

- Urgently create larger and more connected areas of high-quality habitats



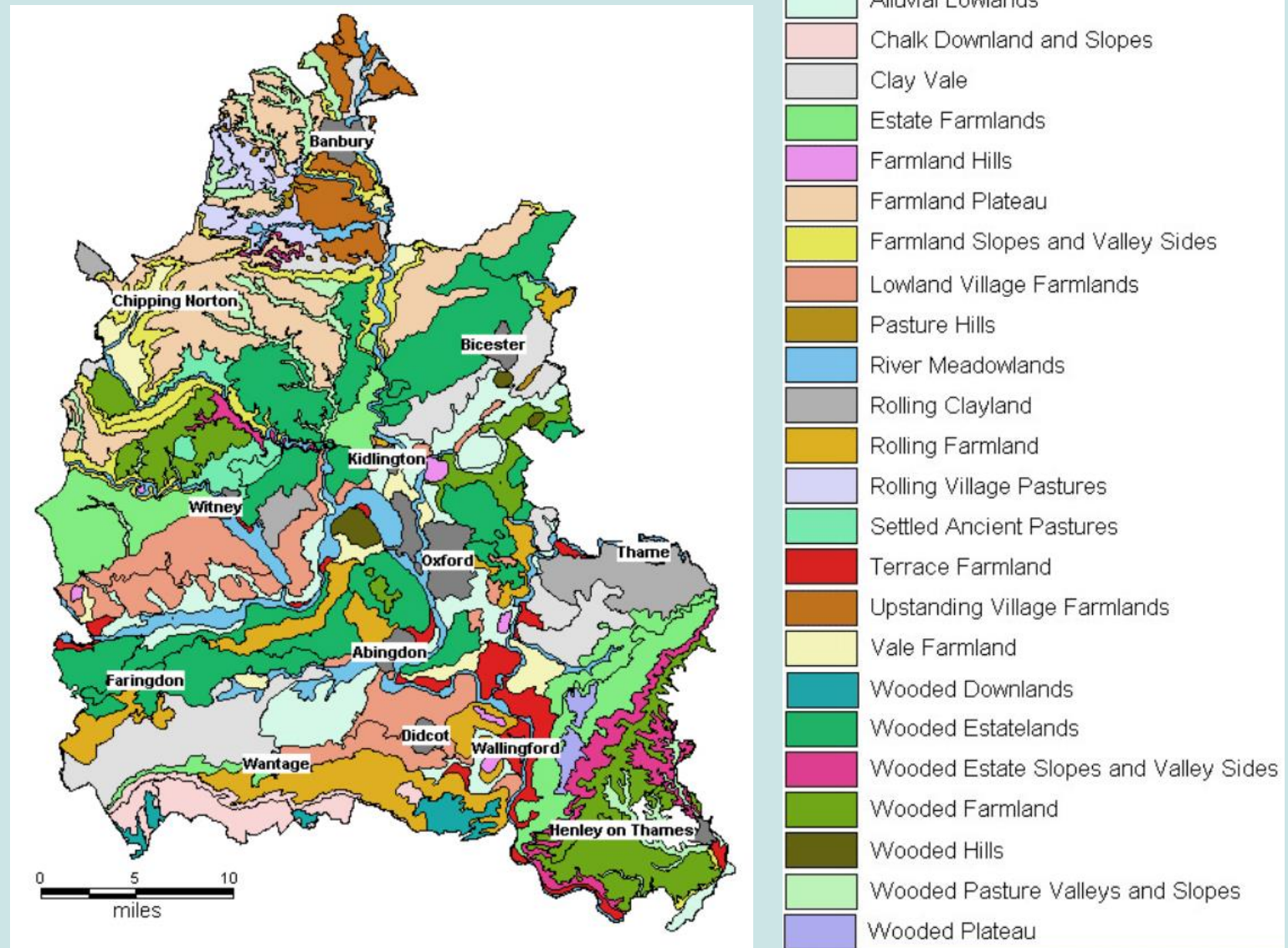


# Our environment

- Diverse geology crossed by eight river systems
- Wide variety of habitats, including chalk grasslands, beech woodlands, fen, acid grassland and marshy meadows.
- Many rare and threatened plants and animals
- Locally, nationally and internationally important sites;
  - 38 Conservation Target Areas (CTAs)
  - 7 Special Areas of Conservation (SACs)
  - 111 Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)
  - 463 Local Wildlife Sites



# Our Landscape



# How can we achieve Nature's Recovery?

1. **Oxfordshire Nature Recovery Strategy**
2. **Campaigning**
3. **Create space for nature**
4. **Nature-First approach**
5. **Working Together**





# 1. Nature Recovery Strategy

Places for nature to flourish must be

- Bigger
- Better
- More Joined-Up



Oxfordshire Nature Recovery Strategy will be:

- evidence-based
- co-designed by people
- cognisant of delivery



<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/environment-and-planning/local-nature-recovery-strategy>

## 2. Campaigning



Join our community of more than 700 **Wildlife Ambassadors** who take action for wildlife



Visit our website for more info on our campaigns:  
<https://www.bbowt.org.uk/get-involved/campaigning-wildlife>



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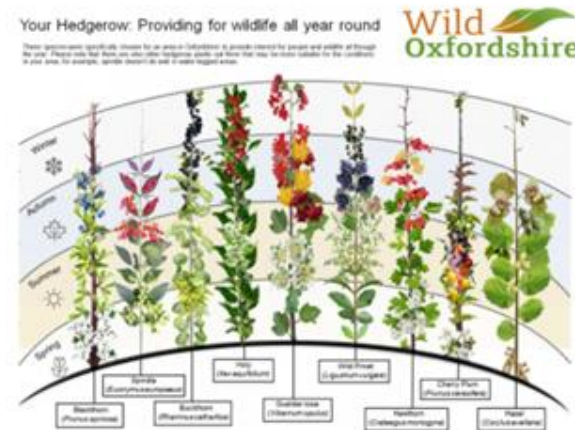
### 3. Create space for nature

You can create space for nature in your own land, garden, patio, or windowsill.

- Wild Oxfordshire guidance
- Wild Oxfordshire Community Ecology
- BBOWT community engagement
- BBOWT consultancy service



Planting a Hedge? Take a look at our species advice graphics



[Click here to see our guidance on caring for your new hedge](#)



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## COMMUNITY ECOLOGY

*enabling every Oxfordshire community to  
deliver Nature's Recovery on their patch*

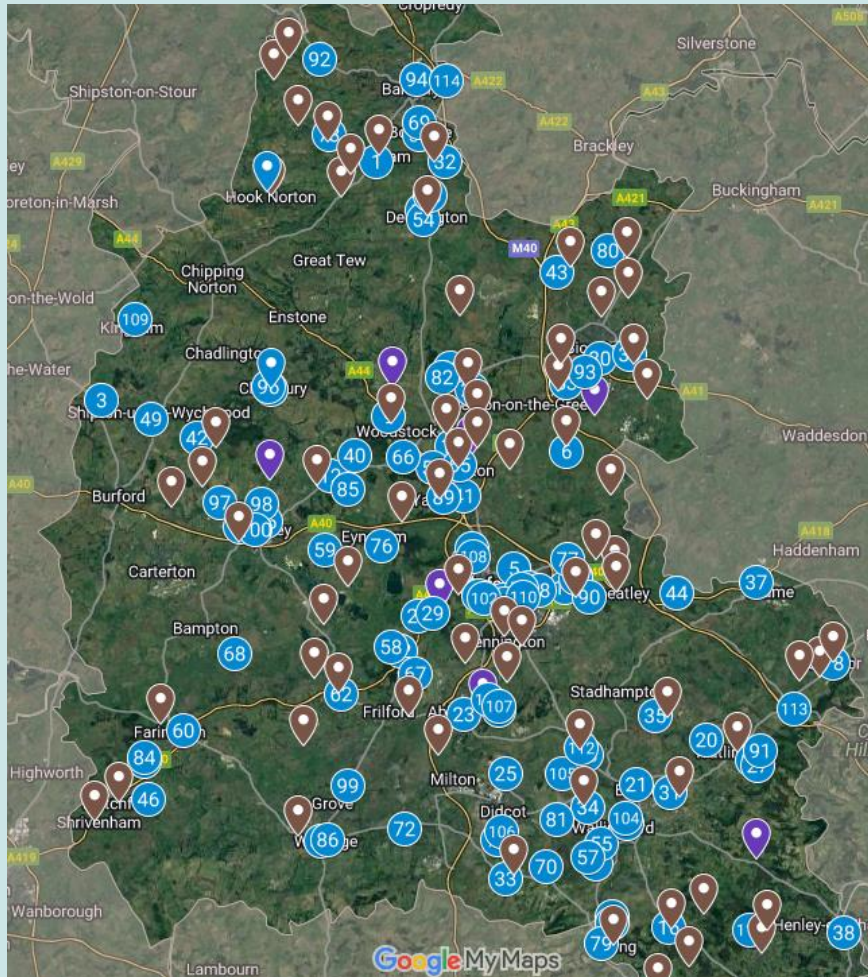


“Community groups play  
an enormous role in  
delivering conservation”

**WITH GROWING PRESSURE FROM DEVELOPMENT, AND BIODIVERSITY AND  
CLIMATE EMERGENCIES, IT IS CRUCIAL THAT LOCAL COMMUNITIES ARE GIVEN  
THE SKILLS AND RESOURCES TO INFLUENCE THEIR CHANGING COUNTRYSIDE**



# Community Groups



- One of the best things you can do for Nature is to join your local community group..
- There are over 100 Community Groups working across Oxfordshire
- Use our map to see if there is one near you!
- If there isn't one why not start one?



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*Be part of*





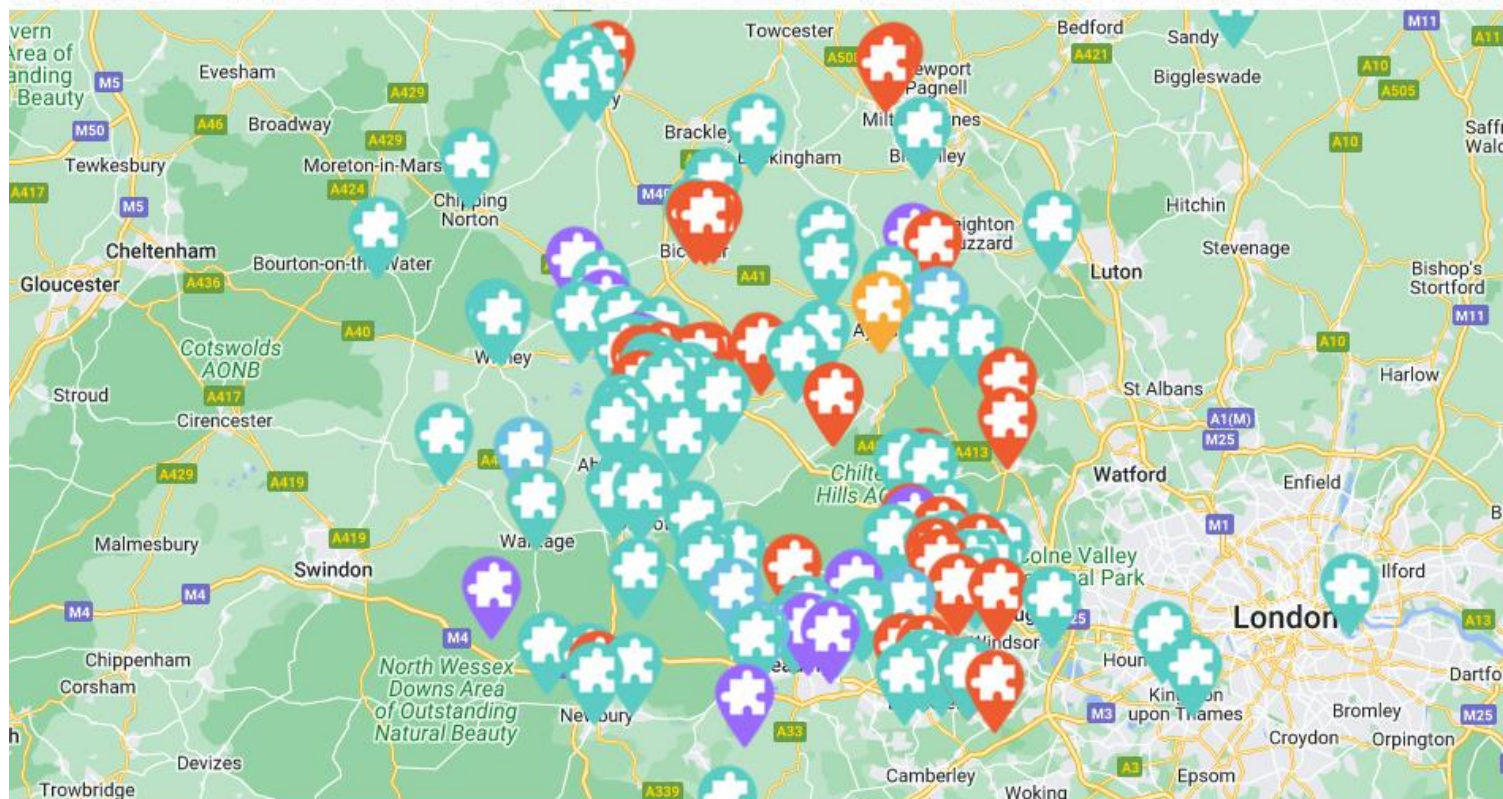
## Team Wilder map

Our interactive map shows all the things people in our area have been doing for nature.

Click on the pins to find out more.



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### Key



Individual



Community group



Business



Other



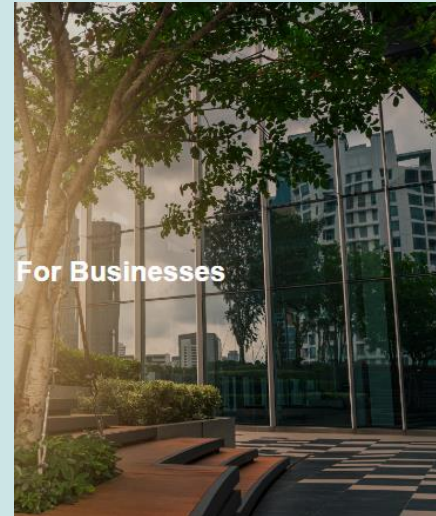
Church

**Add your activity today to help inspire others**

<https://www.bbowt.org.uk/team-wilder>

## 4. Nature-First Approach

- Early consideration for nature
- Access expertise & guidance
  - Businesses
  - Farmers
  - Communities
  - Town & Parish Councils







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### **Giving nature a voice, through advice for you to:**

- Object to planning applications & comment on Local Plans
- Lobbying your local counsellor and MP

<https://www.bbowt.org.uk/get-involved/campaigning-wildlife>



### **Building nature into developments and land use change:**

- Ecological consultancy services
- Biodiversity benchmark & Building with Nature accreditation
- Wildlife garden and Green Infrastructure
- Land & Farming Advice

<https://www.bbowt.org.uk/what-we-do/future-nature-wtc>



## 5. Working Together

- Oxfordshire Nature Partnership

“To radically enhance nature, its positive impact on our climate and the priority it is given, helping to make Oxfordshire an exemplar county for people and nature to thrive”.
- Conservation Target Areas
- River Catchment Partnerships
- Farmer Clusters
- Business Network
- Community Groups
- Parish / Town Councils



## 5. Working Together



## What can you do?

- ✓ **Oxfordshire Nature Recovery Strategy**
- ✓ **Campaign**
- ✓ **Create space for nature**
- ✓ **Nature-First approach**
- ✓ **Working Together**





## Let's keep in touch

- Stay up to date with Wild Oxfordshire:

- Website: [www.wildoxfordshire.org.uk](http://www.wildoxfordshire.org.uk)
- Twitter: [@WildOxfordshire](https://twitter.com/WildOxfordshire)
- Facebook: [@wildoxfordshire](https://www.facebook.com/wildoxfordshire)
- Instagram: [@wild\\_oxfordshire](https://www.instagram.com/wild_oxfordshire)
- Sign up for our **monthly email Bulletin** via our website or scan the QR code.



- Support our work:

- **Donate** anytime on our website
- Sign up to **Give as You Life** to raise funds whilst you shop
- **Spread the word** of our work
- For other ways to support us, visit our website.





# Nature is sending an SOS



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**Will you answer the call?  
for nature  
for climate  
for people**



**£3m APPEAL**

Photo: Luke Massey/2020Vision

**[bbowt.org.uk/sos](http://bbowt.org.uk/sos)**

## **What is the Nature Recovery Fund?**

- The biggest fundraising appeal in our history, aiming to raise £3 million in three years
- For nature: to help bring nature back before it's gone forever, before it's too late
- For climate: to help manage habitats to make them more resilient to climate change
- For people: to help work with local communities to create more nature everywhere

**To learn more, please visit: [bbowt.org.uk/sos](http://bbowt.org.uk/sos)**