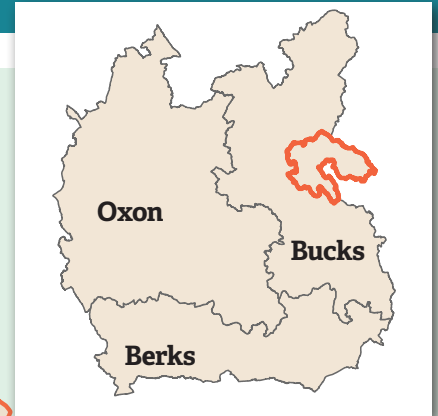
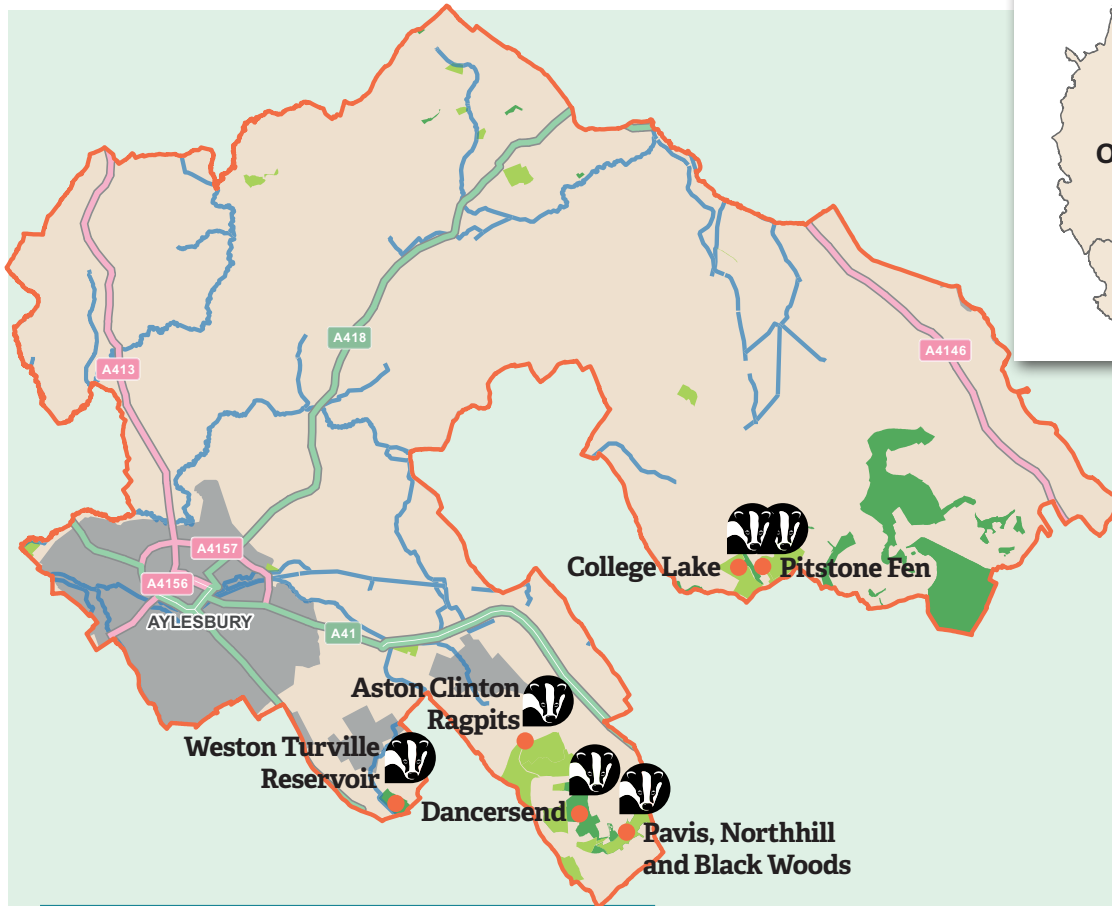


Aylesbury Constituency



**Berkshire
Buckinghamshire
& Oxfordshire
Wildlife Trust**



In this constituency, there are:

- over 3,300 BBOWT members
- 6 BBOWT nature reserves
- 23 Local Wildlife Sites (371 Ha)

KEY	
	Wildlife Trust Nature Reserve
	Nationally designated wildlife sites
	Rivers and streams
	Local Wildlife Site (LWS)

Nature in the constituency

College Lake

At the foot of the Chiltern Hills, College Lake is a wonderful example of what people who are passionate about wildlife can achieve through shared vision and determination. Once a chalk quarry, this BBOWT nature reserve now supports more than 1,000 species.

Chalk Streams

Chalk streams are a precious habitat which support a huge range of wildlife, including some of our rarest species. Within this area these streams are fed from groundwater

held in the chalk that makes up the Chiltern Hills.

The Trust is a partner in the Chilterns Chalk Streams project. Many chalk streams across the three counties are subject to dangerous levels of pollution, which is why BBOWT is calling for them to receive special legal protection.

Pavis, Northhill and Black Woods

In 2015, the Trust took on the long-term management of Pavis, Northhill and Black Woods, collectively known as Pavis

Woods. It is 35 hectares of mature beech woodland, scrub and, more recently, planted woodland, lying on the steep scarp facing Dancersend.

Rich in archaeology, in Pavis Woods you can find sunken tracks leading up from the valley onto the higher ground at the top of the site. There are many marl and saw pits showing that humans were constantly working this landscape in the past. The Ridgeway National Trail passes through this part of the reserve.



There are 46 Wildlife Trusts across the UK working towards nature's recovery. The Wildlife Trusts are a grassroots movement of people from a wide range of backgrounds and all walks of life, who believe that we need nature and nature needs us.

Working for wildlife



College Lake nature reserve © Claire Williams

Local Nature Recovery Strategies (LNRS)

LNRS will set out and map priorities for nature's recovery in each of 48 areas in England. BBOWT is working with local authorities and other organisations on preparing LNRS across our three counties.

College Lake Visitor and Environmental Education Centre

An eco visitor centre with stunning views of the lakes opened to the public in 2010. More than 80,000 visitors a year now watch wildlife here, take part in exciting family events and attend educational programmes for all ages.

An unusual feature of College Lake is the arable weeds project that started in the 1980s. College Lake was one of the first places in the country to actively conserve these rare and beautiful flowers, and the reserve now produces a glorious show of colour every year during June and July.

College Lake Environmental Education Centre provides schoolchildren with exciting opportunities to experience nature at first hand, learn about local wildlife, and take home truly inspiring and memorable experiences that only a trip outside the classroom can do.

The centre hosts activities to suit children from all age ranges, from Teddy Bears' Picnics to A and AS Level Biology and Environmental Science fieldwork.

“ Volunteering with BBOWT nourishes the soul and helps maintain a balance in my life **”**
BBOWT volunteer

About BBOWT

BBOWT has a vision of a wilder Berks, Bucks and Oxon, with more nature everywhere, for everyone. Our aim is to create bigger, wilder, connected landscapes, where wildlife can thrive. We want to put nature into recovery, with 30% of land in our three counties well managed for wildlife by 2030.

Our mission is to bring about nature's recovery through local action, empowering more people to connect with their local wildlife and take action to save it.

We work to manage habitats to tackle the nature and climate crisis locally. We also help give nature a voice in major planning or policy decisions that threaten nature's recovery.



Our five priorities for the next government

- 1. Bring back the UK's lost wildlife** – BBOWT's Water Vole Recovery Project has already helped to increase the local range of water voles by more than 50 per cent over the past 15 years.
- 2. End river pollution and water scarcity** – BBOWT has joined a Wildlife Trusts' campaign calling on Government to create new bespoke legal protections for these habitats.
- 3. Fund wildlife-friendly farming** – BBOWT works with farmers across the three counties who prove that wildlife-friendly farming is possible and profitable.
- 4. Enable healthy communities** – BBOWT works with urban communities in Bicester, Banbury, Slough and Reading to help people and nature thrive together.
- 5. Tackle the climate emergency** – BBOWT's Chimney Meadows nature reserve project will help store more carbon than other habitats.



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