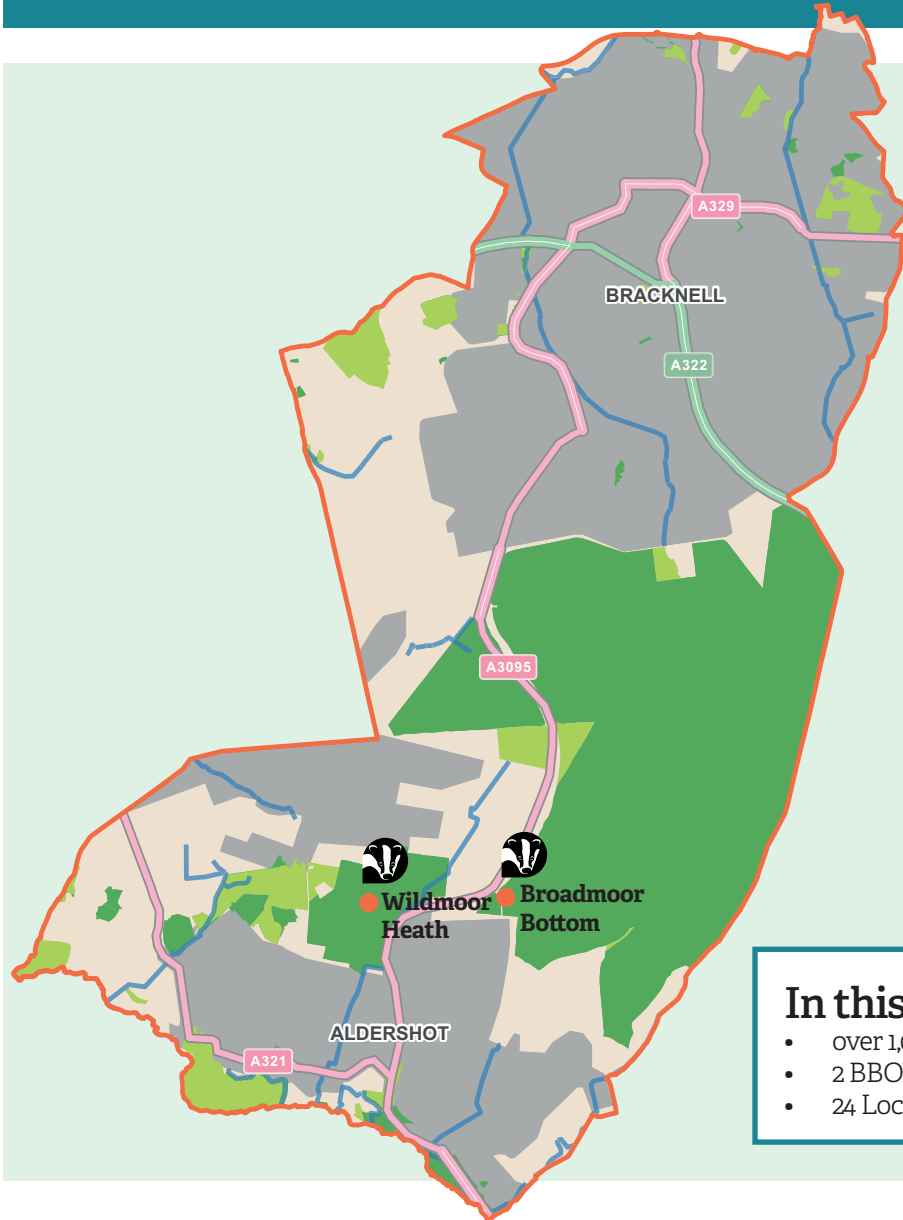


Bracknell Constituency



**Berkshire
Buckinghamshire
& Oxfordshire
Wildlife Trust**



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

In this constituency, there are:

- over 1,000 BBOWT members
- 2 BBOWT nature reserves
- 24 Local Wildlife Sites (204 Ha)

Nature in the constituency

There are many valuable wildlife habitats in Bracknell constituency, including heathland, ancient woodlands, bogs, grasslands and farmland. Since 1800, we have lost 98% of lowland heathland in Berkshire, mainly due to development. According to the State of Our Rivers 2024 report, Bracknell's waterways, including the Bull Brook, are not considered to be in good ecological health.

Thames Basin Heaths

The Thames Basin Heaths are protected by international law as a Special Protection Area (SPA) and are home to three important

bird species: the Dartford warbler, nightjar and woodlark.

Our Wildmoor Heath nature reserve in Sandhurst is home to a rich but fragile community of fungi, mosses, flowering plants, insects, reptiles and birds. Unlike many other flat heaths, Wildmoor Heath is situated on a slope and offers visitors a wonderful range of habitats and views, from wet and dry lowland heath and valley bog, to mature pine and broadleaved woodland.

At Broadmoor Bottom nature reserve, the rare silver-studded blue butterfly has returned, thanks to our expert management. Grazing by our small herd of Dexter cattle has recreated precious bogland habitats which are ideal for dragonflies and damselflies.

Blooming Biodiversity

Bracknell Forest Council has made positive steps for wildlife within Bracknell town centre by creating roadside nature reserves that are being managed in a wildlife-friendly way.



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



#teamWILDER

Team Wilder is a rapidly growing movement of people who care about our environment and want to help wildlife thrive. Through Team Wilder we are empowering communities to act for a wilder future. If 1 in 4 people takes visible action for nature, we will create the social tipping point required to reverse nature's devastating decline.

People are stepping forward from every sector of society to lead change in their fields and we welcome farmers, businesses, schools, politicians, and individuals as part of Team Wilder.



Volunteering

Bracknell is covered by the East Berkshire regional group of volunteers, which plays a key role in raising the profile of BBOWT in the area. The group helps to raise vital funds primarily through the selling of BBOWT goods at local fairs held throughout the year, street collections, and sales of Christmas trees. It also seeks to increase the membership by organising local events and volunteer work parties. Walks, talks and training courses are organised at various times, some of which are run in conjunction with other charitable organisations.

“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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