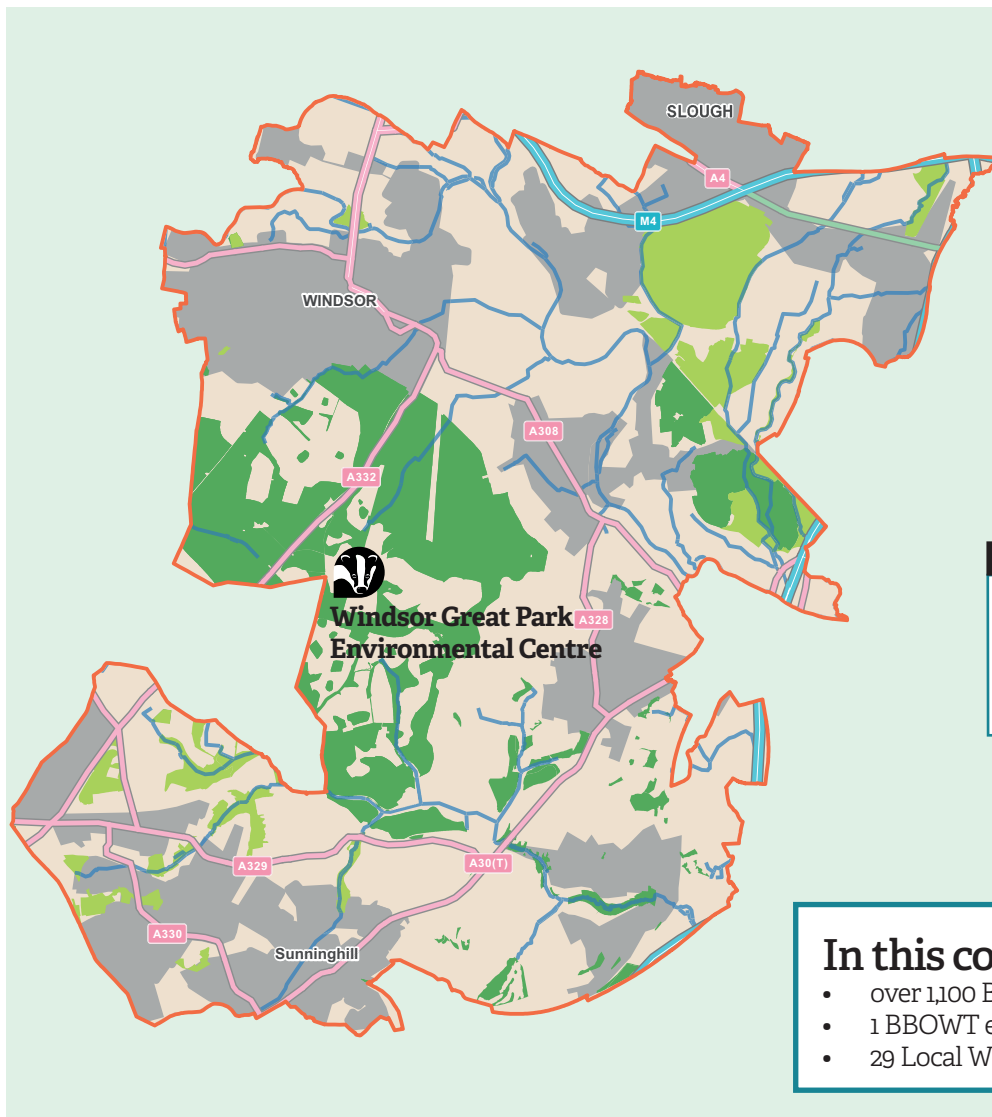






Windsor Constituency



**Berkshire
Buckinghamshire
& Oxfordshire
Wildlife Trust**



KEY	
	Wildlife Trust Environmental Centre
	Nationally designated wildlife sites
	Local Wildlife Site (LWS)
	Rivers and streams

In this constituency, there are:

- over 1,100 BBOWT members
- 1 BBOWT environmental centre
- 29 Local Wildlife Sites (664 Ha)

Nature in the constituency

Windsor constituency includes a number of highly important wildlife sites, many of which are protected at an international level. According to the Rivers Trust, the stretch of the River Thames that runs through this constituency is not in good ecological health.

Windsor Forest and Great Park

This is an internationally important area of ancient woodland, with many significant trees and rare invertebrates that only live on dead wood. Renowned for its ancient and veteran oak trees, the Park is home to

many rare species of insects and fungi, and as such Windsor Forest and Great Park is designated as a Special Area of Conservation (SAC).

BBOWT and the Crown Estate have partnered to create Windsor Great Park Environmental Centre, a prestigious facility for all visitors to appreciate and enjoy the wildlife. Situated right in the heart of the park, it allows visitors to experience the wonderful wildlife and amazing natural heritage in this unique setting.

Wintering ducks

Former gravel pits are becoming important wildlife habitats within the constituency. The South West London Waterbodies, a network of open water in the east of the constituency, are designated a Special Protection Area (SPA) due to the significant numbers of gadwall and shoveller ducks wintering there.



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



Building a bird nest box © Evie and Tom photography

Local Nature Recovery Strategies (LNRS)

LNRS will set out priorities for nature's recovery, map the most valuable existing areas for nature and map specific proposals for creating or improving habitat for nature and wider environmental goals in each of 48 areas in England. BBOWT is working with local authorities and other organisations on preparing LNRS across our three counties.

Engaging With Nature

Based on a successful project in West Berkshire, Engaging with Nature has been launched in the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead. The project seeks to help people connect with nature for a positive impact on health and wellbeing and to empower communities to create and improve space for wildlife. Sessions involve activities such as planting pollinator beds and areas of wetland, building and siting hedgehog houses, bird and bat boxes, and making feeders for birds and butterflies.

Sessions also encourage awareness of local flora and fauna through bug hunts, nature walks, pond dipping, and bird, tree or wildflower identification.

#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.

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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