

So what do nature conservation groups do, exactly?



Woodlands

In woods we continue the age old management system called coppicing to ensure the wide range of habitats are there for insects and birds. We check bird boxes and nesting data.

Meadows and Wild flower areas

We collect and sow wildflower seed to restore meadows and enrich hedgerows with the wildflowers lost over the last 75 years.



Ponds and Streams

Periodically clearing and protecting banks and stream beds, we check that water fauna and amphibians are healthy.

So, restoring and maintaining these green spaces we get to know the wildlife in each place so that we can be sure it is thriving and we can share our enjoyment and understanding of nature with young and old alike.

What is so special about local wildlife friendly green spaces?

There are lots of spaces to stroll, walk the dog, kick a ball or have a picnic...

... but there is a whole world of trees, flowers, insects, and birds to be enjoyed as well.

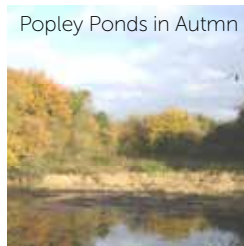


Cow Down Copse, Oakley in May

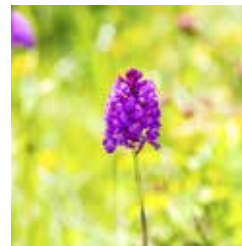


Nature likes things not too tidy and not too clipped with lots of places to hide, feed and nest...

... woodland with mature trees, fallen timber and lots of undergrowth...



Popley Ponds in Autumn



... meadows with both short and longer grass and lots of wild flowers...

... ponds and streams with shady edges and shallow soggy banks.

Looking after the wildlife on the doorstep



Basingstoke and Deane is a green borough with lots of woods, streams and meadows and places for wildlife to live and thrive alongside people...

... but as it grows and changes the wildlife needs just a little help from us to thrive as well.



That's where the community's nature conservation activities come in.

Working with the council, not just in the big public parks and nature reserves but in lots of smaller spaces right on your doorstep.

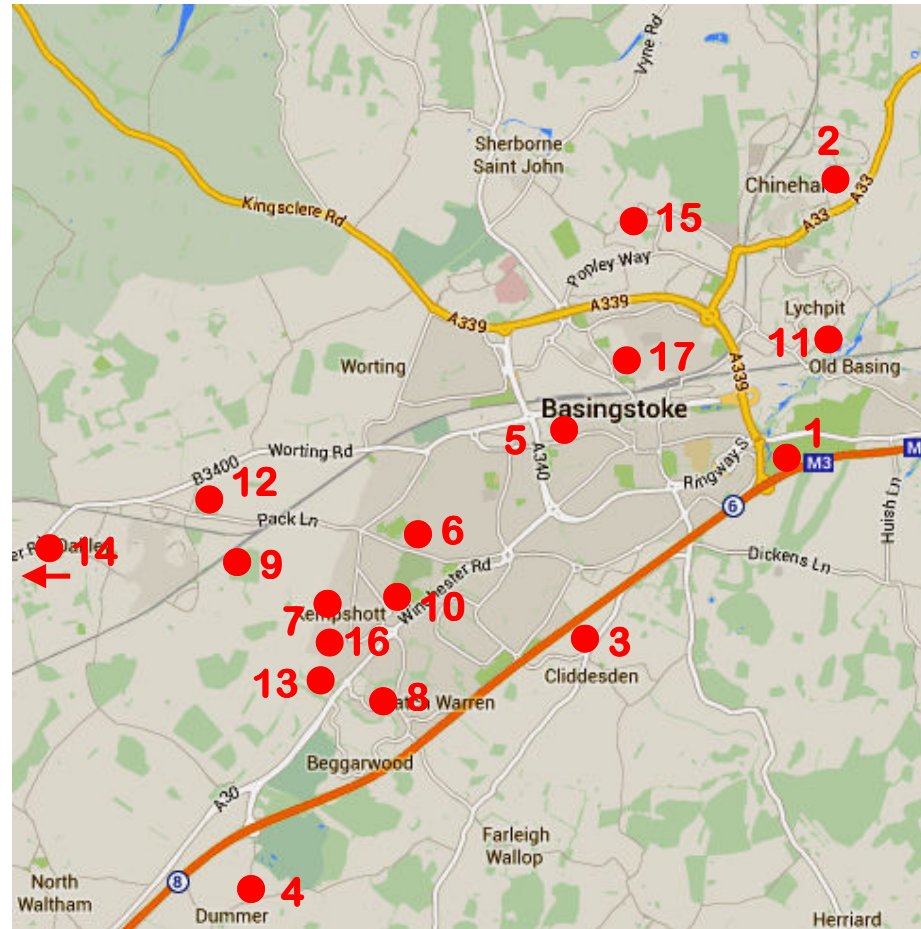
Providing a network of nature friendly spaces between you and the great outdoors.

You can always check us out on www.naturalbasingstoke.org.uk or via the council website at www.basingstoke.gov.uk/go/conservation/



Who is looking after the wildlife in your neighbourhood green spaces?

- 1 Black Dam and Crabtree team** — working on Black Dam ponds, Crabtree Plantation and the adjacent meadow
- 2 Chineham Conservation Group** — look after the parish green spaces including woodland, a water meadow and stretches of Pettys Brook
- 3 Cliddesden Community Conservation Group** — a parish group with a new wildflower meadow
- 4 Dummer Nature Group** — the parish features include a pond and wild flower meadow
- 5 Friends of Loddon Vale Parks** — look after the neighbourhood parks and other green spaces in Brookvale
- 6 Friends of Stratton Park** — based in the neighbourhood park between Kempshott and Buckskin
- 7 Fuzzy Drove Group** — working on the old drove road leading west from Kempshott
- 8 Hatch Warren Nature Group** — working on the new wildflower meadow by the school
- 9 Jubilocks** — a woodland group working on the multi-use path from Oakley to Kempshott



- 10 Kempshott Conservation Group** — looking after green spaces in Down Grange and a community orchard
- 11 Millfield Conservation Group** — manage the Local Nature Reserve of water meadow beside the Loddon
- 12 Oakley Woodland Group** — manage two woodland sites using traditional methods
- 13 Old Down and Beggarwood Wildlife Group** — manage Kempshott's Old Down chalk grassland park and Beggarwood neighbourhood park
- 14 Overton Biodiversity Society** — looking after wild life and several green spaces in the parish
- 15 Popley Ponds Group** — manage the unique nature reserve around the newt ponds
- 16 Silvermead Hedgerow Group** — are restoring the hedgerow leading to the Roman trackway
- 17 South View Cemetery Group** — looking after the historic cemetery around the Holy Ghost Chapel and adjacent green spaces