

Thames Valley Environmental Records Centre

## Biodiversity Annual Monitoring Report 2024 Vale of White Horse Council





### Highlights

- There are 78 Local Wildlife Sites in Vale of White Horse totalling 1802.12 hectares. The area of these LWS has increased by 9.63ha since 2023.
- There are 11 Local Geological Sites in Vale of White Horse, totalling 69.25ha.
- There are 3105.87ha of NERC S41 habitats in Vale of White Horse. This has increased by 55.39ha since 2023.
- There were 163 surveys for water voles for water voles in 2023, with 82 positive sighting
- There have been records of 168 priority species in Vale of White Horse within the last 10 years. We have not received records from 5 priority species in the last 10 years.
- The farmland bird index for Vale of White Horse is 0.9 which shows the index decreased by 0.13 from 2022.

## Introduction

This document provides biodiversity information to be used by Vale of White Horse Council in the production of its Annual Monitoring Report. The biodiversity information in this report is based on figures from the 2023-2024 business year unless otherwise indicated. The approach of this report is to set Vale of White Horse data in a unitary context, with further national or regional perspectives where appropriate. The biodiversity information associated with each indicator is accompanied by a brief commentary, containing guidance on the interpretation of the information, issues of data quality and the sources of the data.

Whilst a large proportion of the information contained within the report is derived from TVERC sources, the report acknowledges the assistance provided by various individuals and recording groups in the updating and interpretation of the biodiversity information.

#### The information provided in this report is as follows:

- Changes in the area of biodiversity importance (LWS/LGS)
- Changes in the area of UK S41 priority habitats
- Changes in the number of water voles
- Changes in the number of UK S41 priority species
- Distribution and status of farmland birds

This indicator analyses the changes in the areas of sites which are recognised for their intrinsic environmental value, specifically those sites designated for their local significance.

The calculation of the percentage of designated sites within Vale of White Horse are based on GIS determination of the area that the Local Authority cover. For Vale of White Horse this is 57869.68.

#### **INFORMATION SOURCES**

#### Local Wildlife Sites

TVERC maintains the Local Wildlife Site boundaries on GIS. Alterations are made to these boundaries as decisions are made by the site selection panel during the course of the year, or boundary errors are corrected. Figures for changes in area are derived from an analysis of digitised site boundary files following the site selection panel meeting of the year of analysis. Some sites are made up of multiple polygons which have previously been counted as separate sites. Counts in this report are based on the number of sites, rather than polygons, thus counts may differ from previous reports aside from any changes arising from panel decisions. Multiple polygons still contribute to the total area calculations. The total count of local wildlife sites includes sites that are mostly in a neighbouring district, but slightly overlap Vale of White Horse.

#### **Local Geological Sites**

Formerly known as Regionally Important Geological and Geomorphological Sites. Site information was digitised in GIS using site documentation provided by Berkshire Geoconservation and the Oxford Geology Trust.

### Changes in areas of biodiversity importance

#### AREAS OF BIODIVERSITY IMPORTANCE

There are 78 Local Wildlife Sites in Vale of White Horse.

The area of Local Wildlife Sites has changed by 9.63 hectares since last year.

There are 11 Local Geological sites in Vale of White Horse. The area of Local Geological sites has not changed since last year.

#### Table 1. Areas of Sites Designated for Intrinsic Environmental Value

Designation	2023	2024
Local Geological Site	69.25	69.25
Local Wildlife Site	1793.49	1803.12



This indicator identifies the UK NERC Act section 41 habitats of principal importance (priority habitats) within Vale of White Horse, as maintained on the TVERC digital mapping system.

Table 2 provides details of the UK priority habitats which have been identified within Vale of White Horse. Please note that change in habitat area that has been reported within the past year may have actually occurred earlier, but did not make their way into our habitat database due to long gaps between habitat surveys or external data being sent to us.

Over the past year, TVERC has made substantial efforts to enhance the quality of our habitat data, ensuring it aligns with the OS Master Map across all areas and is free from topological errors.



### Changes in area of UK priority habitat

#### **UK PRIORITY HABITAT**

The changes largely represent an improved understanding of the habitat resource in Vale of White Horse, rather than the creation or loss of habitat.

#### Table 2. UK Priority Habitat Resource

S41 HABITAT	2023(area in ha)	2024(area in ha)
Arable Field Margins	0.04	0.04
Coastal And Floodplain Grazing Marsh	711.98	722.46
Eutrophic Standing Waters	350.53	350.34
Hedgerow (Priority Habitat)	2.06	2.06
Lowland Beech And Yew Woodland	2.95	2.95
Lowland Calcareous Grassland	207.96	222.86
Lowland Dry Acid Grassland	23.11	23.11
Lowland Fens	31.63	31.63
Lowland Meadows	102.40	102.40
Lowland Mixed Deciduous Wood- land	991.67	998.70
Lowland Wood Pasture And Parkland	348.62	348.62
Open Mosaic Habitats On Previously Developed Land	113.04	113.06
Reedbeds	9.15	9.15
Rivers	4.86	24.21
Traditional Orchards	98.81	98.81
Wet Woodland	51.67	55.47
Total	3050.48	3105.87

Information for this indicator is entirely from survey work carried out by trained volunteer surveyors and co ordinated by the Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust (BBOWT) as part of a wider water vole project. The survey method records presence or absence of water voles within 500m stretch of water course, not population size.

#### FUTURE DATA NEEDS

The BBOWT water vole project remains dependent on funds being available for long term monitoring of sites and more resource investment is needed to increase survey effort to improve accuracy of this indicator

# Distribution and status of water voles

The number of sites surveyed and the number of positive signs are given in table 3.

#### Table 3. Number of positive sightings of water voles

Year	No of surveys	Positive Surveys	% positive
2013	51	19	37
2014	209	140	67
2015	52	13	25
2016	77	37	48
2017	77	35	45
2018	48	6	13
2019	77	50	65
2020	59	40	68
2021	68	28	41
2022	117	39	33
2023	163	82	50



This indicator uses records of UK NERC Act Section 41 species of principle importance (priority species) which have been reported in Vale of White Horse Council during the period year to year.

#### QUALITY OF INFORMATION

The list of priority species is a reflection of recording effort and the speed at which records are added to the TVERC database. A priority species may have been seen a number of years ago, but these records might only have been shared with TVERC and added to the database since the production of the last report.

The absence of a species from the list does not necessarily indicate that it is definitely not present, rather that it may not yet have been found. Equally, the absence of a species since last year might not point to a genuine extinction, rather no recorders are surveying for these species.

#### **INFORMATION SOURCES**

The sources of information used for this indicator are: National list of UK priority species, maintained by the JNCC and Species database of verified and validated records held by TVERC.

### Changes in number of UK priority species

#### NUMBER OF UK PRIORITY SPECIES

The number of priority species in Vale of White Horse Council is 168. Five species have been removed from the list, as no new records have been made within the last ten years. A list of these species can be found in Appendix 1. Table 4 shows the change in the number of UK priority species recorded since last year. A list of priority species recording in Vale of White Horse can be found in Appendix 2.

#### Table 4. UK Priority species recorded in Vale of White Horse Council

Data	2013-2023	2014-2024
Number of UK Priority species	168	168



# Distribution and status of farmland birds

Farmland bird density and the index are given in Table 5 There was a change in the index compared with 2022. Survey effort was changed compared to last year. Total numbers of farmland birds are reported in **Appendix 3**. The data provided this year includes new data for previous years, based on new survey information. Therefore, the index values reported this year are slightly different to those reported last year.

#### Table 5. Farmland bird index

COMMON NAME	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Corn Bunting	1.00	1.13	1.28	2.63	2.32	3.56	1.12	2.05	2.80	2.16
Goldfinch	5.12	5.93	7.39	5.74	6.84	8.83	3.44	5.00	6.25	6.68
Greenfinch	2.19	2.67	2.06	0.74	1.05	1.22	0.44	0.55	0.80	0.74
Grey Partridge	0.38	0.47	0.22	0.26	0.42	0.11	0.12	0.45	0.30	0.26
Jackdaw	12.81	26.53	17.39	15.32	17.47	18.72	15.69	23.15	19.25	15.37
Kestrel	0.38	0.60	0.39	0.37	0.37	0.22	0.25	0.15	0.25	0.21
Lapwing	1.00	1.00	0.50	1.63	0.21	0.61	0.06	1.15	0.45	0.21
Linnet	2.62	8.00	5.94	4.58	5.95	3.44	1.62	1.85	2.85	3.05
Reed Bunting	0.50	0.40	0.83	0.63	0.58	0.44	0.25	0.45	0.25	0.32
Rook	61.31	52.80	30.89	32.47	46.53	38.44	30.81	35.70	38.60	42.58
Skylark	7.94	8.33	7.28	7.63	9.68	10.33	5.88	9.80	9.85	10.11
Starling	3.44	2.80	5.33	2.89	2.42	8.89	1.69	5.80	3.40	3.00
Stock Dove	1.69	1.80	2.00	1.79	2.21	2.28	3.75	2.10	3.05	2.53
Tree Sparrow	0.12	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Turtle Dove	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Whitethroat	4.62	3.00	3.22	3.21	3.32	4.72	3.00	3.75	3.80	3.84
Woodpigeon	44.25	41.67	50.33	53.00	58.58	53.06	27.81	48.75	63.75	45.00
Yellow Wagtail	0.19	0.00	0.17	0.05	0.11	0.17	0.00	0.10	0.05	0.00
Yellowhammer	3.75	2.80	2.94	4.37	4.32	4.06	1.44	5.15	2.50	2.58
Total Density	153.37	160.06	138.16	137.31	162.38	159.10	97.37	145.95	158.20	138.64
Index	1.00	1.04	0.90	0.90	1.06	1.04	0.63	0.95	1.03	0.90

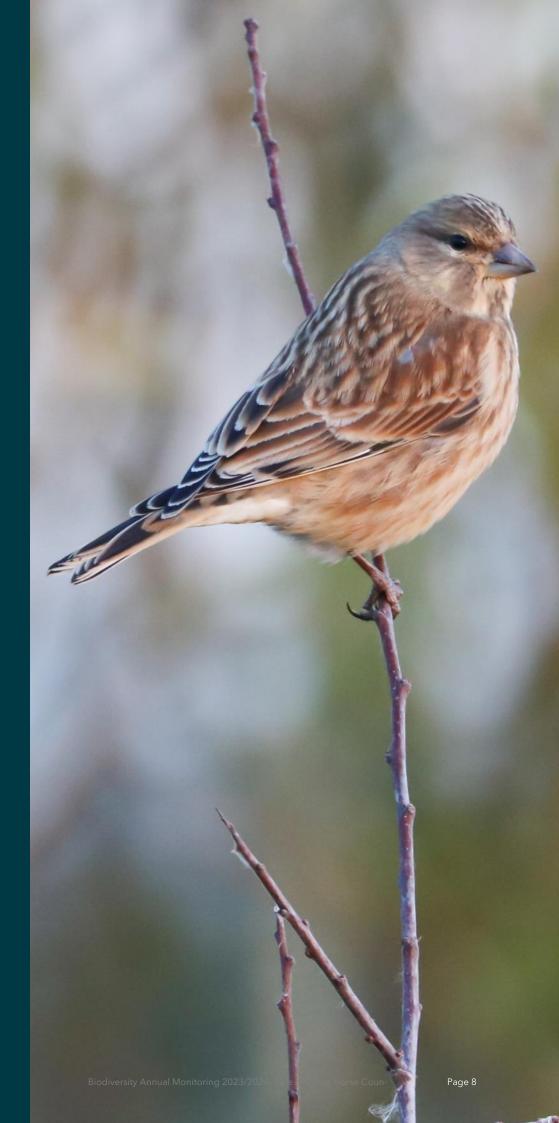
This indicator uses an established list of 19 species, identifiable as farmland birds, compiled by the RSPB.

Survey data were obtained from the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO)/ JNCC/RSPB Breeding Bird Survey, Data from specific 1km by 1km squares were used to determine a farmland bird index. The index was calculated using a method established by RSPB Central England Office staff, and is used in the national State of Nature Report.

To establish a timeframe from which any kind of meaningful trend can be identified, a shifting baseline has been used. Changes in bird population in subsequent years (over a 10 year period) are the stated relative to that baseline. The latest assessment of the farmland bird index uses a baseline of 2014.

#### QUALITY OF DATA

The reliability of the species records is dependent on the number of 1km squares surveyed each year. This varies from year to year. As such, the reliability of bird density data is open to debate, but the approach has been used in the national State of Nature report and therefore is considered robust.



## Appendix 1

Priority species removed from the list—no new records since 2014. This does not mean that they are not present, only that no records have been added to the TVERC database since 2014.

Common Name	Taxon Name
A Lichen	Lecanora Sublivescens
Song Thrush	Turdus Philomelos Clarkei
Tree Sparrow	Passer Montanus
Willow Tit	Poecile Montanus
Wood Warbler	Phylloscopus Sibilatrix

### Appendix 2

List of priority species recorded in Vale of White Horse Council since 2014.

Common Name	Taxon Name	MaxYear
A Beetle	Ophonus Puncticol- lis	2014
Armed Nomad Be	e Nomada Armata	2020
August Thorn	Ennomos Quercinar- ia	2019
Autumnal Rustic	Eugnorisma Glare- osa	2014
Barbastelle Bat Species	Barbastella	2020
Basil Thyme	Clinopodium Acinos	2021
Beaded Chestnut	Agrochola Lychnidis	2021
Bittern	Botaurus Stellaris	2019
Black Oil-Beetle	Meloe Proscarabae- us	2022
Black-Tailed God- wit	Limosa Limosa	2019
Blood-Vein	Timandra Comae	2023
Brindled Beauty	Lycia Hirtaria	2021
Broad-Leaved Cudweed	Filago Pyramidata	2023
Brown Hairstreak	Thecla Betulae	2021

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### Appendix 2(continued)

Common Name	Taxon Name	Max Year
Brown Hare	Lepus Europaeus	2023
Brown Long-Eared Bat	Plecotus Auritus	2023
Brown Trout	Salmo Trutta Subsp. Fario	2023
Brown-Banded Carder Bee	Bombus Humilis	2018
Brown-Spot Pinion	Anchoscelis Litura	2021
Brown/Sea Trout	Salmo Trutta	2023
Buff Ermine	Spilosoma Lutea	2022
Bullfinch	Pyrrhula Pyrrhula	2023
Centre-Barred Sallow	Atethmia Centrago	2019
Chalk Carpet	Scotopteryx Bipunctaria	2019
Cigarillo Gall-Fly	Lipara Similis	2022
Cinnabar	Tyria Jacobaeae	2023
Common Lizard	Zootoca Vivipara	2023
Common Scoter	Melanitta Nigra	2020
Common Toad	Bufo Bufo	2023
Copse-Bindweed	Fallopia Dumeto- rum	2022
Corn Bunting	Emberiza Calandra	2022
Corn Cleavers	Galium Tricornu- tum	2023
Cornflower	Centaurea Cyanus	2023
Cuckoo	Cuculus Canorus	2023
Curlew	Numenius Arquata	2023
Dark Crimson Un- derwing	Catocala Sponsa	2019
Dark Spinach	Pelurga Comitata	2015
Dark-Barred Twin-	Xanthorhoe Ferru-	2016
Deep-Brown Dart	Aporophyla Lutu- lenta	2021
Dingy Skipper	Erynnis Tages	2022
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Dot Moth	Melanchra Persi- cariae	2018
Double Dart	Graphiphora Au- gur	2017
Duke Of Burgundy		2022

Common Name	Taxon Name	Max Year
Dunnock	Prunella Modularis	2023
Dusky Brocade	Apamea Remissa	2018
Dusky Thorn	Ennomos Fuscan- taria	2020
Dusky-Lemon Sallow	Cirrhia Gilvago	2018
Ear Moth	Amphipoea Oculea	2015
Early Gentian	Gentianella Angli- ca	2023
Eurasian Otter	Lutra Lutra	2024
European Eel	Anguilla Anguilla	2020
European Water Vole	Arvicola Amphibi- us	2023
False Mocha	Cyclophora Porata	2015
Feathered Gothic	Tholera Decimalis	2021
Fen Violet	Viola Persicifolia	2015
Feral Ferret	Mustela Putorius Subsp. Furo	2023
Figure Of Eight	Diloba Caeruleo- cephala	2020
Fine-Lined Pea Mussel	Odhneripisidium Tenuilineatum	2017
Five-Banded Weevil-Wasp	Cerceris Quinque- fasciata	2021
Flat-Sedge	Blysmus Compres- sus	2021
Frog Orchid	Coeloglossum Viride	2023
Garden Dart	Euxoa Nigricans	2018
Garden Tiger	Arctia Caja	2020
Ghost Moth	Hepialus Humuli	2021
Grape-Hyacinth	Muscari Neglec- tum	2014
Grass Rivulet	Perizoma Albulata Albulata	2014
Grass Snake	Natrix Helvetica	2023
Grasshopper War bler	Locustella Naevia	2022
Great Crested Newt	Triturus Cristatus	2024
Greater Water- Parsnip	Sium Latifolium	2023
Green-Brindled Crescent	Allophyes Oxy- acanthae	2019
Grey Dagger	Acronicta Psi	2018
Grey Partridge	Perdix Perdix	2023
Grizzled Skipper	Pyrgus Malvae	2021

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Natterjack Toad	Epidalea Calamita	2023
Noctule Bat	Nyctalus Noctula	2023
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Oak Hook-Tip	Watsonalla Binaria	2019
Oak Lutestring	Cymatophorina Diluta	2019
Pale Eggar	Trichiura Crataegi	2019
Picture-Winged	Dorycera Grami-	2017
Pipistrelle Bat Species	Pipistrellus	2023
Polecat	Mustela Putorius	2022
Pondweed Leaf- hopper	Erotettix Cyane	2021
	r Orthosia Gracilis	2019
Pretty Chalk Car- pet	Melanthia Procella- ta	2017
Purple Ramping- Fumitory	Fumaria Purpurea	2022
Red Hemp-Nettle	Galeopsis Angusti- folia	2015
Red-Shanked Carder Bee	Bombus Ruderari- us	2015
Reed Bunting	Emberiza Schoeni- clus	2023
Ring Ouzel	Turdus Torquatus	2017
Rosy Minor	Litoligia Literosa	2017
Rosy Rustic	Hydraecia Micacea	2020
Rugged Oil- Beetle	Meloe Rugosus	2021
Rustic	Hoplodrina Blanda	2021
Sallow	Cirrhia Icteritia	2019
Sausage Beard- Moss	Didymodon Tomaculosus	2022
Scaup	Aythya Marila	2019
Sedge Jumper	Attulus Caricis	2016
September Thorn	Ennomos Erosaria	2020
Shaded Broad-Ba	r Scotopteryx Che- nopodiata	2022
Shoulder-Striped Wainscot	Leucania Comma	2021
Skylark	Alauda Arvensis	2023
Slender Bedstraw	Galium Pumilum	2023
Slow-Worm	Anguis Fragilis	2023

## Appendix 2

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### Appendix 3

Breeding bird survey results from BTO (2014 to 2023). Total number of farmland birds recorded in Vale of White Horse from 2014 to 2023.

COMMON NAME	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Corn Bunting	16	17	23	50	44	64	18	41	56	41
Goldfinch	82	89	133	109	130	159	55	100	125	127
Greenfinch	35	40	37	14	20	22	7	11	16	14
Grey Partridge	6	7	4	5	8	2	2	9	6	5
Jackdaw	205	398	313	291	332	337	251	463	385	292
Kestrel	6	9	7	7	7	4	4	3	5	4
Lapwing	16	15	9	31	4	11	1	23	9	4
Linnet	42	120	107	87	113	62	26	37	57	58
Reed Bunting	8	6	15	12	11	8	4	9	5	6
Rook	981	792	556	617	884	692	493	714	772	809
Skylark	127	125	131	145	184	186	94	196	197	192
Starling	55	42	96	55	46	160	27	116	68	57
Stock Dove	27	27	36	34	42	41	60	42	61	48
Tree Sparrow	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Turtle Dove	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whitethroat	74	45	58	61	63	85	48	75	76	73
Woodpigeon	708	625	906	1007	1113	955	445	975	1275	855
Yellow Wagtail	3	0	3	1	2	3	0	2	1	0
Yellowhammer	60	42	53	83	82	73	23	103	50	49

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# About TVERC

Enabling data-driven decisions to better enhance and protect our natural environment.

Thames Valley Environmental Records Centre (TVERC) are a not-for-profit organisation covering Berkshire and Oxfordshire. We are run by a partnership and are one of a national network of local records centres. We are a member of the Association of Local Records Centres (ALERC) and the National Biodiversity Network (NBN). Our funding partners include all the local authorities in Oxfordshire & Berkshire plus the Environment Agency. We also work closely with the Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust.

#### WHAT WE DO

We provide our funding partners with annually updated species and sites information and undertake surveys of local wildlife sites. We also carry out data analysis for the monitoring of local authority Local Plans. We provide information to parish councils, local people, conservation bodies, land-owners, students and commercial organisations such as ecological consultants and utilities companies via data searches, data licensing and data exchanges. We provide other services such as ecological surveys, data analysis & presentation and training.

### Get involved!

Please continue (or begin) to submit your records to TVERC. The more data we have, the better we are able to help protect our local wildlife. Thank you!

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### Our Records

We hold over 4.8 million records of flora and fauna in Berkshire and Oxfordshire plus information about Local Wildlife Sites and Geological Sites, NERC Act S41 Habitats of Principal Importance and Ecological Networks. We collect this data from the general public, skilled volunteer/amateur recorders, professionals working for wildlife charities and for government agencies and ecological consultants.

#### WHAT THE INFORMATION IS USED FOR

- By planning authorities and developers to make informed decision on the design and location of sustainable development
- To help farmers, land-owners and conservation organisations manage land in the best way to enhance biodiversity
- By nature partnerships to direct wildlife conservation work
- By teachers, students and scientists for education and scientific research.

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