

# Wild Oxfordshire

A more natural,  
resilient, and biodiverse Oxfordshire  
for the benefit of all.

# TVERC Autumn Recorders' Conference 2024

## *Wild Oxfordshire Community Ecology Programme Update*



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# Community Ecology – enabling every Oxfordshire community to deliver Nature’s Recovery on their patch

With growing pressure from development, and biodiversity and climate emergencies, it’s crucial that local communities are given the skills and resources to influence their changing countryside



## what we do

Offer parish councils and community groups **bespoke advice** to improve their work for Oxfordshire’s habitats and species

Provide monthly **information on training, advice and funding** through our Environmental Email Bulletin and social media channels

Run **events and conferences** for local environment groups

Offer **Neighbourhood Plan teams** advice on ecology

- ★ Provided on-site advice for 13 community groups resulting in the improved management of green spaces and community areas
- ★ Worked directly with 21 parish councils, providing advice on identifying, protecting and then enhancing biodiversity of their land
- ★ Attended 17 events promoting engagement with nature

# Community Ecology - Hedgerows



**Volunteers in Ewelme**

2023/24 Hedgerow Heroes completed!

500m of hedgerow rejuvenated and over 2.5km of new hedgerow planted.



**Site visit: Nuneham Courtenay Estate**

Hedgerow Walk and Talks for farmer clusters and Hedgerow Management Plans for Oxfordshire landowners.

# Community Ecology – Wild Kidlington



Kidlington  
Eco  
Group

KIDLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

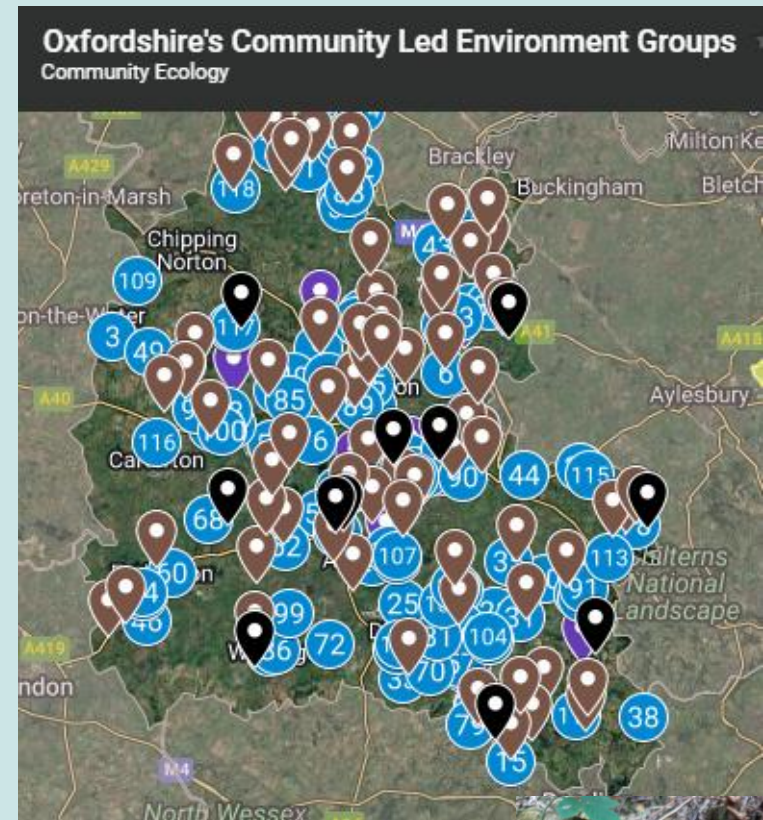
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# Community Ecology – Resources & Guidance

- Sign up to monthly Bulletin
- Online newsletters and monthly blogs
- YouTube Channel
- Collated habitats and species guidance on our website
- Community Town and Parish Guide to Nature Recovery
- Annual Local Environment Groups Conference: 9<sup>th</sup> November

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/wild-oxfordshires-local-environment-groups-conference-tickets-1028731643037>



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