



Thames Valley
Environmental
Records Centre

Welcome to the TVERC Autumn Recorders' Conference 2024

19th October 2024



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TVERC in action

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4.86 million species records

4,861,383 Total number of
species records in the
TVERC database



Protected & Notable 1,152,183



Total number of records
of protected & Notable
species



251,530

Total records added to the
database in 2024

Records added to the database



P&N records added to the database



90,207

Total protected & notable
records added to the
database in 2024

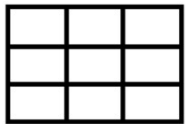


There are several ways you can share your records with us:



- **TVERC online form for single sightings**

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/Tverc/SimpleRecordingForm>



- **Excel spreadsheet**

Regular recorders can compile data using our provided template. This helps us easily integrate your data into our database and ensures we have all the necessary information to validate and verify your records.

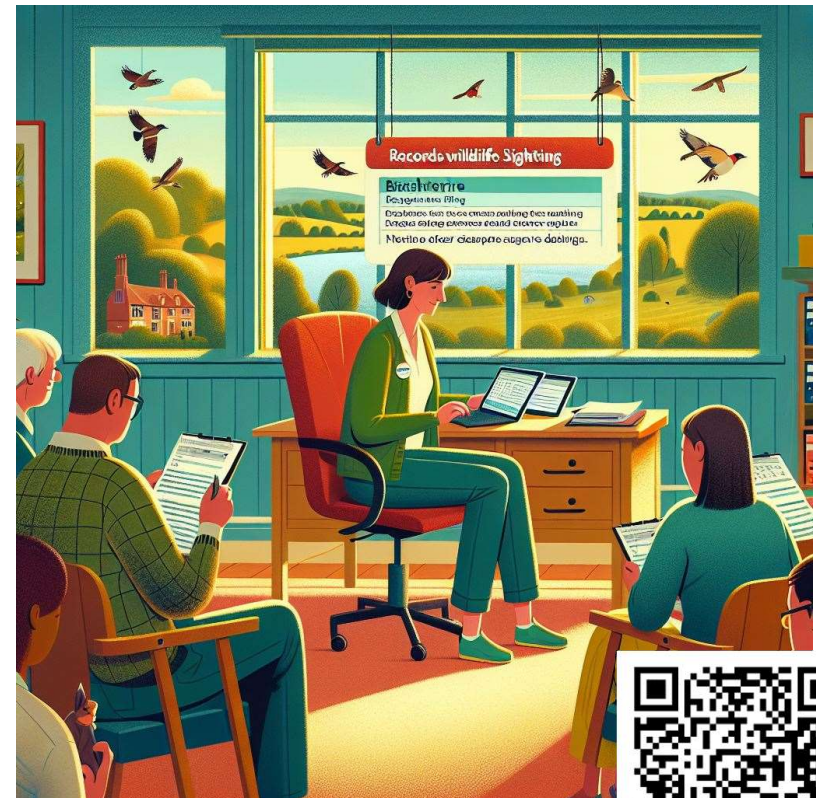


- **iRecord**

Record sightings in real-time with GPS location tracking.

- **Other formats**

Download records from other platforms in .csv or .xls format and email them, or share details via email or social media.









How to get involved



Species Volunteer

Ellen is looking for another volunteer to help with species records

typical tasks include:

- validating data to ensure accuracy    
- creating digital maps using GIS tools
- preparing datasets for import into our Recorder 6 database 
- sourcing ecological reports from local authority planning portals 



GIS Volunteers

Miguel is looking for two volunteers to help with GIS tasks



Field Volunteers

Conduct standard habitat and botanical surveys

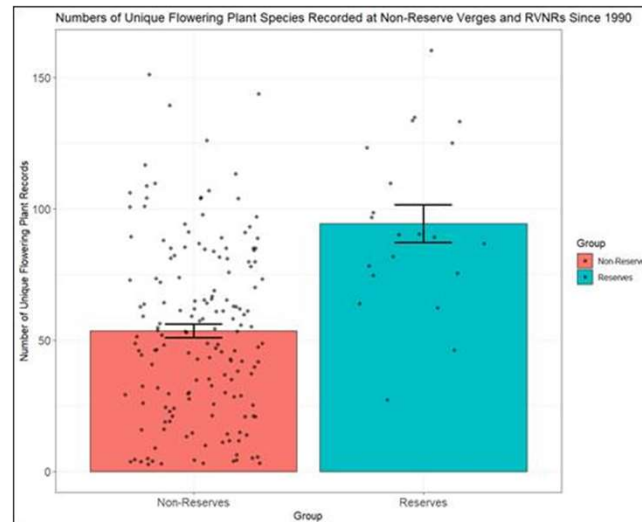
Participate in surveys focused on specific species or taxonomic groups

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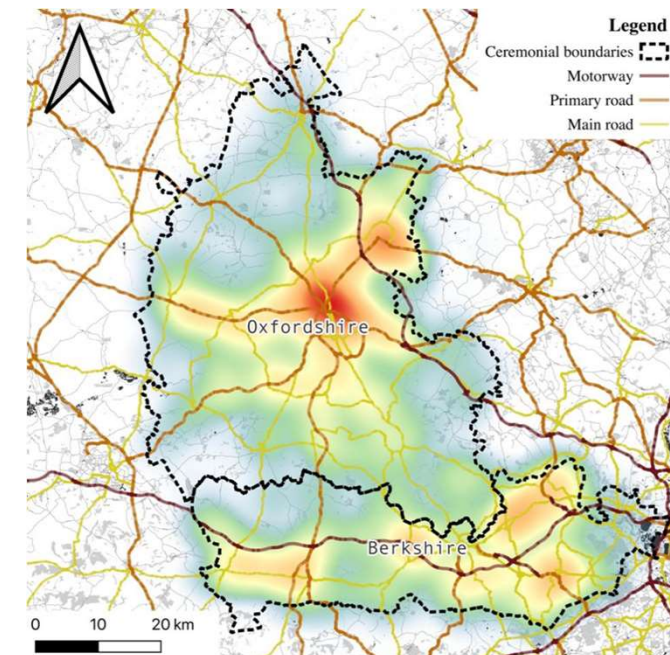
Micro-Internships

- TVERC hosts up to 4 student micro-interns 3 times annually through the University of Oxford's micro-internship programme.
- Week-long student projects
- Vary in scope and subject and have included various research themes from literature analysis to species mapping.
- Currently an active posting on the University of Oxford's career services website for a bat records analysis project – applications are open until November 3

Chart from Will Withers' report on plants in Road Verge Nature Reserves



Map from Hanzhu Chen's report on roadkill hotspots in Oxfordshire & Berkshire



How can we help you?

- Help with wildlife recording
- Training courses
- Data sharing agreements
- Talks
- Events
- Publicity – newsletters, social media, website
- Book and equipment loans
- Recorders' Conferences
- Small grants



TVERC x Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment Recorder Grant



TVERC supports TOE with funding to provide small grants for improving the quality, quantity or coverage of voluntary recording in Berkshire and in Oxfordshire.

Most grants from TVERC are up to £500, but applications up to £2,000 can be considered, depending on the nature of the project and the level of funds available.



Application Deadlines:

6th January 2025

7th April 2025

7th July 2025

6th October 2025

5th January 2026



Full details, guidance notes and the application form can be downloaded from TOE's website:

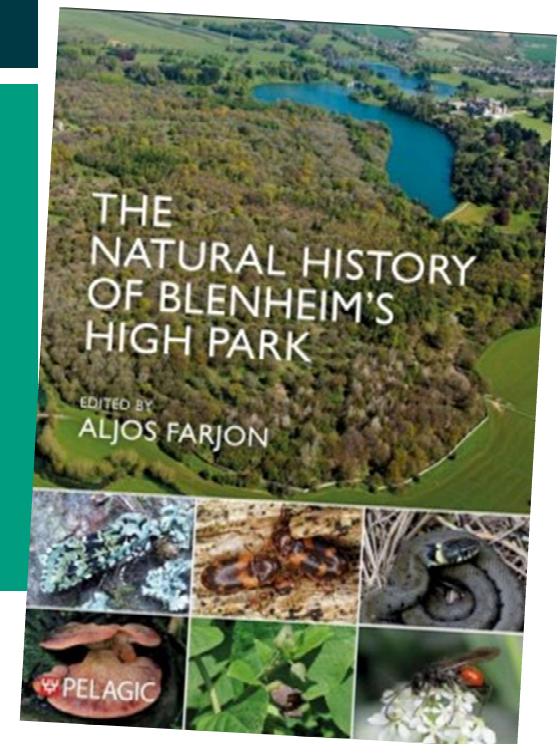
<https://www.trustforoxfordshire.org.uk/local-environment-fund>

How can the TVERC x TOE Recorder Grant help?



Funding worth over £3,000 was awarded to:

- Biodiversity and Natural History of Blenheim's High Park book publication
- Andy Byfield Plants & Gardens botanical surveys in Cothill – Frilford
- Central Oxford Ringing Group for bird rings, mist nets, and poles
- West Oxfordshire Farmland Bird Project for mist nets and poles



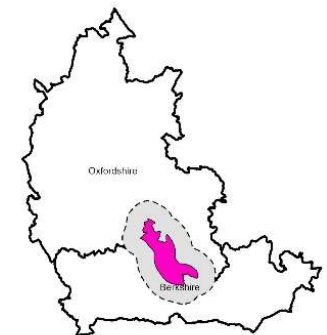
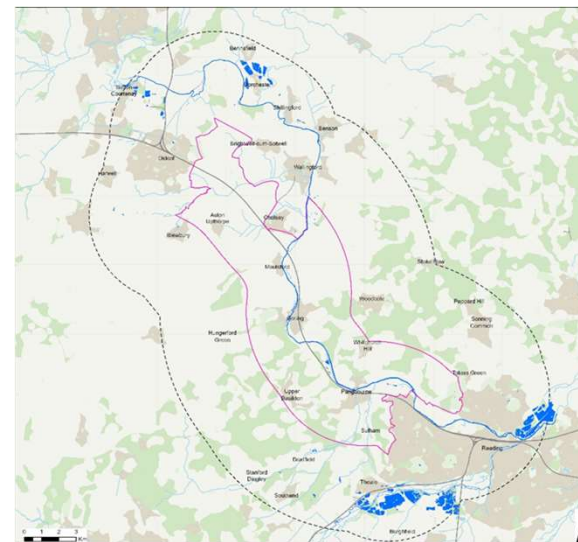
Projects – Mend the Gap



This project is funded by the Mend the Gap (MTG) programme, a joint programme of the Chilterns and North Wessex Downs National Landscapes, and the Railway Action Group.

- **Species Analysis**
 - key indicator and iconic species in MTG programme area
 - 35 species selected
 - Includes 9 Taxonomic groups: reptiles, bird, bony fish, higher flowering plants (including trees), butterfly, dragonfly, moths, mammals, mollusc.
- **Wildlife Sightings Survey**
 - learning more about those that are observing wildlife
 - 69 responses – thank you to everyone who responded

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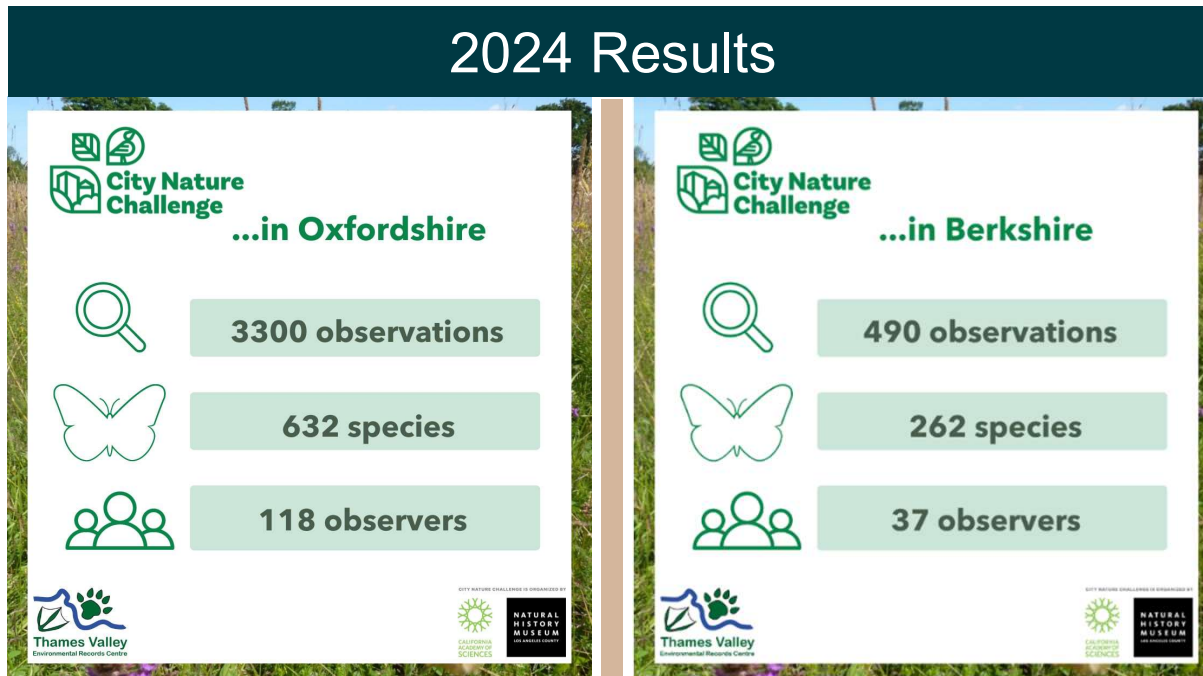


North Wessex
Downs
National
Landscape



Chilterns
National
Landscape

Projects – City Nature Challenge




25th-28th April City Nature Challenge 2025



Taking part is easy



Find Wildlife

It can be any plant, animal, or any evidence of life found in your city.



Take picture

Take a picture of what you find. Be sure to note the location of the critter or plant.



Share!

Share your observations through iNaturalist or your city's chosen platform.

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