

IMPACT

REPORT 2023

Thank you! Your support helped us achieve all this.....

Countryside Improvement

Oxford Green Belt Way

Via our 'Gates for Stiles' project we have replaced 10 stiles with accessible gates. With thanks to a grant from the Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment, with funding from Grundon and delivered in partnership with Oxfordshire County Council.

Hedgerow Heroes

£50,000 funding for Hedgerow Heroes used on hedgerow creation and restoration. Delivered in partnership with Wild Oxfordshire, working with 6 local communities.



Protection & Enhancement of the Countryside via Planning

- We contributed to National CPRE's response to Government planning reforms, leading to significant changes in the Five Year Housing Land Supply rules, and reducing opportunities for speculative development.
- We responded to 3 major Local Plan consultations, challenging Oxford City & Cherwell's push for aggressive growth figures.
- Our Planning & the Green Belt seminar was attended by 50 local councillors & officers.
- District Committees have monitored and responded to local planning applications across Oxfordshire. e.g. We managed to get external lighting conditions included on a range of planning applications, protecting our dark skies.
- CPRE Cherwell successfully challenged speculative housing developments at Chesterton & Ambroseden.
- We launched our Student Planning Ambassadors Programme, a new initiative with Oxford Brookes University. The first 3 young recruits are now on board.



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Campaigning for the Countryside

- Campaigned county-wide for a spatial strategy for renewable energy.
- Our petition signed by 600 people led to local councils agreeing to develop a Local Area Energy Plan.
- Botley West - Partnered with Stop Botley West Campaign group to challenge this monstrously large solar farm proposal.
- Abingdon Reservoir - Continued to challenge Thames Water's case for this mega-reservoir, and have joined campaign group GARD in calling for a Public Inquiry.
- Supported other local campaign groups including Friends of Stratfield Brake and those opposing the HIF1 Didcot to Berinsfield road scheme.

Supporting Networks



- Need Not Greed Oxfordshire - we provided the secretariat for this coalition of 36 local groups working to put community and environment at the heart of planning.
- Environment and Nature - we are an active member of the Oxfordshire Environment Board and have a seat on the Policy Group of the Oxfordshire Local Nature Partnership.
- Nature 2030 - we have joined with other local environmental charities to call on all political parties to adopt five landmark policies for nature's recovery ahead of the 2024 General Election.

Community Engagement

- Over 40 volunteers gave a total of over 4,368 hours.
- Engaged with over 100 delegates from parish councils and local community groups.
- Supported National CPRE's Star Count event.
- Attended & hosted events including Wychwood Forest Fair, the Oxford Green Fair & local talks, walks & visits.

