

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

### STATEMENT REGARDING DATA COVERAGE

For a variety of reasons, TVERC does not hold all existing biodiversity records for Berkshire & Oxfordshire. Such absence of records should not be taken as confirmation of the absence of a species in the area. TVERC is constantly striving to improve data coverage; we hold data on all species groups, and annually we add over 200,000 records to our database of nearly 3.4 million records. TVERC holds data on all species groups. However, we suggest that you contact the following local recording groups who may hold extra records that we do not have in our database, or that we do not have permission to share with full location information.

#### BIRDS RECORDS FOR BERKSHIRE

TVERC does have a data exchange agreement with the Berkshire Ornithological Club but cannot supply data in commercial data searches. To obtain this data please use the following contact:

Berkshire Ornithological Club

Richard Burness, Recorder: [records@berksoc.org.uk](mailto:records@berksoc.org.uk)

Website: <http://berksoc.org.uk/>

#### BAT AND BADGER RECORDS FOR BERKSHIRE

TVERC has data sharing agreements with both the Berks and South Bucks Bat Group and the Binfield Badger Group. TVERC holds data from both groups and they each hold relevant TVERC data. However, although TVERC can provide their records for data searches, we have not been permitted to provide full location information. Similarly, these groups can provide TVERC records, but without full location information. In addition, because data exchange only happens annually, each organization will hold records not held by the other, so we strongly recommend that you request data from both organizations. For full information on their records, please contact these groups direct.

The Berkshire and South Buckinghamshire Bat Group

Email: [records@berksbats.org.uk](mailto:records@berksbats.org.uk)

Data searches may be submitted via their website: [www.berksbats.org.uk](http://www.berksbats.org.uk)

Binfield Badger Group  
PO Box 3805  
Binfield  
Berks  
RG42 1HH

Email: [badgers@binfieldbadgers.org.uk](mailto:badgers@binfieldbadgers.org.uk)

## BIRD RECORDS FOR OXFORDSHIRE

For bird information in North Oxfordshire (SP32-52, SP33-53, SP34-54, SP45) contact:

Banbury Ornithological Society  
Mike Curnow, Bird Recorder and Data Manager  
Email: [bosdata@outlook.com](mailto:bosdata@outlook.com)  
Website: <http://www.banburyornithologicalsociety.org.uk>

## BAT RECORDS FOR OXFORDSHIRE

TVERC has a data sharing agreement with the Oxfordshire Bat Group, so both parties hold data belonging to the other. However, neither can provide full location information for records belonging to the other. Also, because data exchange only happens annually, each organization will hold records not held by the other so we strongly recommend that you request data from both organizations.

For records held by the Oxfordshire Bat Group please contact: David Endacott  
27 Hedge Hill Road  
East Challow  
Wantage  
OX12 9SD  
davidendacott@hotmail.com

For North Oxfordshire it is best to contact:  
Reg Tipping  
1 Freemans Rd  
Bodicote  
Banbury  
OX15 4DT

## BADGER RECORDS FOR OXFORDSHIRE

Oxfordshire Badger Group:

For sett records: [settrecords.oxonbadgergroup@gmail.com](mailto:settrecords.oxonbadgergroup@gmail.com)

For road traffic accident records: [rtas.oxonbadgergroup@gmail.com](mailto:rtas.oxonbadgergroup@gmail.com)

## USE OF NBN ATLAS DATA

Commercial organisations and members of the public may refer to the National Biodiversity Network (NBN) Atlas for wildlife records and habitat and designated site information for their own private use.

Paragraph 165 of the National Planning Policy Framework states that 'planning policies and decisions should be based on up-to-date information about the natural environment and other characteristics of the area'. The NBN Atlas does not hold information on Local Wildlife Sites or priority habitats in this area and there are

restrictions on public access to the majority of species records available via the NBN, so ecology reports without a data search from TVERC are at risk of non-compliance with the NPPF.

TVERC have advised planning authorities in Berkshire and Oxfordshire that ecology reports using only NBN data should not usually be validated and the NBN has requested that suspected breaches of NBN terms and conditions are reported to the NBN Data Access Officer, who will take appropriate action. Further detail is available on our website:

<http://www.tverc.org/cms/content/ecological-survey-reports-planning-applications>.

## STATEMENT ON GRID REFERENCES

The following types of grid references are provided:

- Six figure grid references. Many of these will be an assigned relatively central grid reference for a site though with small sites the assigned grid reference for a site could be close to the edge. The record may have come from anywhere within the site. Where additional location information is provided the reference may be more accurate or central to a subsite within the larger site. Where the location is not site based, the grid reference should be within 100 metres of the location.
- Four figure grid references. Generally these are 1km square records often with some location information to give an idea of which part of the 1km square the record was found. Sometime this information can be quite accurate. Where a large site is referred to the location should be in that part of the 1km square that is within the site. In some case these may be tetrad records with grid reference referring to a 2km x 2km square. This includes some confidential records from Oxford Ornithological Society. Other tetrad data is rarely included.
- Eight and ten figure grid references: These are generally accurately worked out to the location where the species was found. However for small and narrow sites eight figure grid references may be used as a central grid reference for a site.
- TVERC intends to start tagging data to qualify these grid references but at present only a limited amount of qualification is provided. 1km square records are tagged as 1km record and 2km square records are tagged as 2km record.