

Red kites were re-introduced to the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in the early 1990s.

There are now over 200 pairs of these magnificent birds of prey breeding in the Chilterns and the population has spread far beyond the boundary of the AONB.

With their distinctive forked tail and wingspan of over five feet they are now a common and much loved sight.

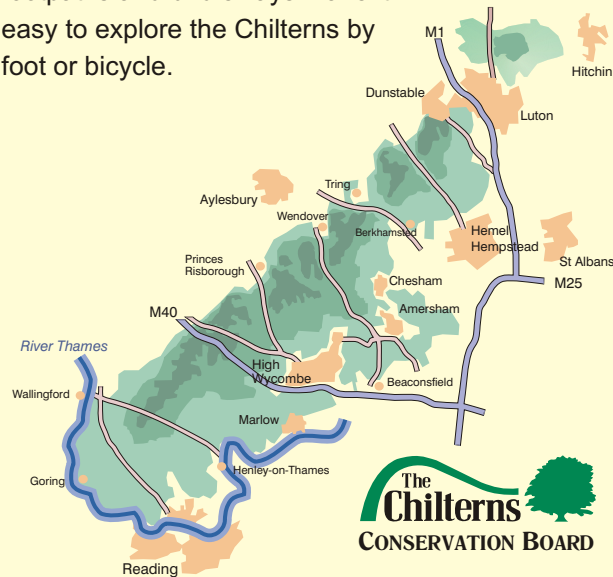
Many other species such as badgers, deer, dormice and water voles can also be found in the Chilterns. The area's rivers, streams, woodland and farmland are full of wildlife just waiting to be discovered.



Bird watching on the Ridgeway



The Chilterns is designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), which recognises that its countryside is amongst the finest in the UK. The dramatic chalk ridge, magnificent beechwoods and wildflower-rich hills are some of the special features of this beautiful area which are enjoyed by local people and visitors alike. The many miles of well-signposted footpaths and bridleways make it easy to explore the Chilterns by foot or bicycle.



The Chilterns Conservation Board is the public body with responsibility for protecting and enhancing the Chilterns AONB. It was established by Parliamentary Order in 2004, following national legislation to improve the protection and management of AONBs.

Public donations allow the Board to undertake projects that would otherwise not be possible.

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Become a Friend of Red Kites in the Chilterns

**...and help everyone enjoy the
wildlife of this special area**





Red kite CCTV Nest Watch



Fun day at Buckinghamshire County Museum

The Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) is a fantastic place for wildlife and is home to the magnificent red kite, which was re-introduced here over 15 years ago. The Chilterns Conservation Board is the body responsible for protecting and enhancing the AONB and we are keen to help as many people as possible understand and enjoy this special area.

You can help us promote the Chilterns AONB and its wonderful wildlife by making a donation and becoming a **Friend of Red Kites in the Chilterns**.

Your donation will help promote awareness of red kites and other Chilterns wildlife through:

- 'Nest Watch' and other wildlife watching initiatives
- Walks and talks programmes
- Family fun days and festivals
- Education work in local schools
- Production of literature

In return for your donation of £15 or over, you will become a Friend of Red Kites in the Chilterns and receive

- A car sticker and lapel badge
- A copy of the booklet 'Red Kites in the Chilterns'
- A red kite postcard
- Regular copies of 'Chalk & Trees' newsletter and 'What's On in the Chilterns' events programme
- Updates on the projects that your donation supports
- The opportunity to decide which projects your money is spent on

i For more information, please call 01844 355 506 or e-mail crose@chilternsaonb.org



Friends of Red Kites in the Chilterns APPLICATION FORM

Name:

Address:

Telephone no:

E-mail:

Your donation (please circle):

£15 £20 £25 other £

Your details will be kept on an electronic database and you will be sent periodic updates on the work of the Chilterns Conservation Board. We will not pass your details on to any third party.

Please send your donation (*cheques payable to The Chilterns Conservation Board*) to:

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