

Notes for editors:

1. The Conservation Board for the [Chilterns National Landscape](#) is an independent public body set up following the passing of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 to conserve and enhance the natural beauty, and increase awareness and understanding, of the Chilterns National Landscape. The Board, which also aims to foster the social and economic wellbeing of local communities, employs a staff team of 30 individuals who work in partnership with local authorities, voluntary organisations, businesses, local communities, and others who live and work in the Chilterns.
2. The Chilterns National Landscape was designated as an area of outstanding natural beauty in 1965 and covers 833 sq km (326 sq miles) stretching from Goring, in Oxfordshire, to near Hitchin, in Hertfordshire. A home and workplace for over 80,000 people, the Chilterns National Landscape is one of the finest landscapes in the country.
3. Some 10 million people live within one hour of the Chilterns National Landscape, and it is the only National Landscape directly accessible via tube from central London – in fact, it is only 35 miles from Trafalgar Square. Leisure visits to the Chilterns generate around £500 million for the local economy each year.
4. The Chilterns National Landscape is home to England's largest population of red kites, as well as a stronghold of rare flowers such as the Chiltern gentian, military orchid, lady orchid, monkey orchid and pasqueflower. Chilterns National Landscape has about 700 ha of chalk grassland which can have up to 40 different species per square metre and supports a diverse range of plant and animal species, including nine colonies of the threatened Duke of Burgundy butterfly. There are nine rare chalk streams in the National Landscape, one of which, the Chess, hosts the only known remaining population of water vole in the Chilterns.

Further information

For further information, images and interviews please contact Vicki Pearce, communications manager (vpearce@chilterns.org.uk).

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