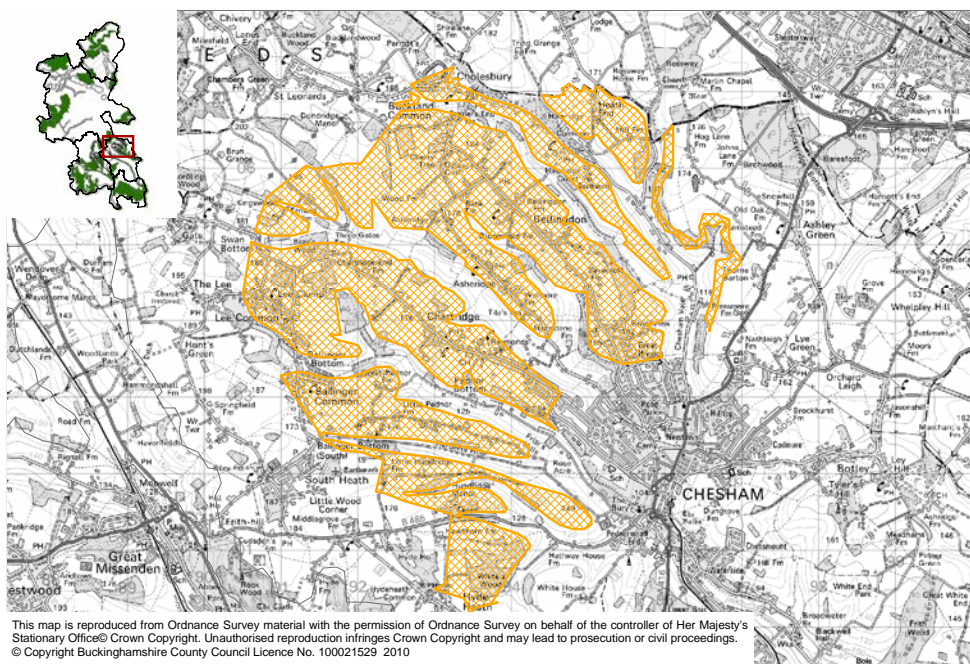


# Chess Valley Headlands Local Biodiversity Opportunity Area Statement



<b>Area Coverage</b>	1654 ha
<b>Number of Designated Sites</b>	Local wildlife sites 1
<b>BAP Habitat</b>	

*The River Chess flows through Chesham towards the Hertfordshire Border. The BOA also includes the headwaters of the Chess.*

*The area is adjacent to the Chess Valley Key Biodiversity Area in Hertfordshire*

**Joint Character Area** Chilterns

**Landscape Types** Wooded agricultural land on low hills

**Geology** Chalk bedrock overlain by clay with flints.

**Topography** The headlands between the heads of a steeply sloping valley with protruding spurs.

**Biodiversity** Hedgerows – The valleys around Chartridge have a concentration of ancient species rich hedges, while the area around Bellingdon, Cholesbury and Hawridge is predominantly pre 18<sup>th</sup> Century enclosures. There are several green lanes designated as LWSs.

Arable Field Margins – There are many arable fields in the area and the Chilterns is a Plantlife priority area for rare arable plants

Traditional Orchards – There are several potential BAP orchards in the

area

**Access** There is a network of footpaths throughout the area

**Archaeology**

**Targets** Hedgerows – Management, Restoration, Creation

Arable Field Margins – Management, Creation

Traditional Orchards - Management, Restoration



The Biodiversity Opportunity Areas (BOAs) map depicts the regional priority areas of opportunity for restoration and creation of Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) habitats. This is a spatial representation of the BAP targets and the BOAs are areas of opportunity, not constraint. The BOAs shown in the map do not include all the BAP habitat in the region, nor do they include all the areas where BAP habitat could exist. In particular, more work is needed to develop approaches in urban and in marine environments.

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