

South Western Commons Biodiversity Opportunity Area Statement



Area Coverage	360 ha
Number of Designated Sites	Local wildlife sites 2 SSSI 3
BAP Habitat	Lowland Dry Acid Grassland 1 ha Lowland Mixed Deciduous Woodland 9 ha Lowland Beech & Yew Woodland 35.5 ha Lowland Meadow 2.5 ha

An area with a diverse geology, topography and biodiversity. The higher ground, acid grassland and heaths of Lane End and the lower areas of chalk.

This BOA connects with Hambleton & Wormsley Valleys BOA

Joint Character Area	Chilterns
Landscape Types	Wooded agricultural land
Geology	Mudstone (including London Clay). Moorend Copse contains swallow holes where streams drop through the clay into the chalk beneath.
Topography	The land generally drops away gently to the south. There are two adjacent valleys with much steeper sides – to the south east near Marlow and the Hambleton Valley to the west.
Biodiversity	Acid Grassland – There are 2 areas of lowland dry acid grassland at Moorend Common SSSI Lowland Meadows – There is an area of lowland meadow at Frieth Meadows SSSI Heathland – There are areas of heathland on Moorend Common SSSI Woodland - including areas of Beech High Forest and Wet Woodland (wet woodland at Widdenton Park Wood SSSI).
Access	Lane End Parish Council own Moor End Common. There are numerous footpaths across the area
Archaeology	
Targets	Lowland Dry Acid Grassland – Management, Restoration, Creation Lowland Meadows - Management, Restoration, Creation Lowland Heathland - Management, Restoration, Creation Woodland - Management, Restoration Hedgerows – Management, Restoration Arable Field Margins – Management, Creation

Area of BAP habitat present in BOA (from BCC Integrated Habitat System Mapping 2010) and 2015 Habitat Targets for this BOA				
South Western Commons BOA	Lowland Meadows	Lowland Dry Acid Grassland	Lowland Beech & Yew Woodland	Lowland Mixed Deciduous Woodland
Area of Habitat in BOA (ha)	2.6	0.9	35.5	8.9
% of BOA Area	0.7	0.2	9.9	2.5
% of County Resource	0.7	2.6	3	0.6
2015 BAP Targets	Lowland Meadows	Lowland Dry Acid Grassland	Native Woodland	
Maintenance (ha)	2.6	0.9	44.4	
Achieving Condition (ha)	2.6	0.9	41.7	
Restoration (ha)	0.2	4.4	1.2	
Creation (ha)	0	0	4.4	

Info on resource for other BAP habitats

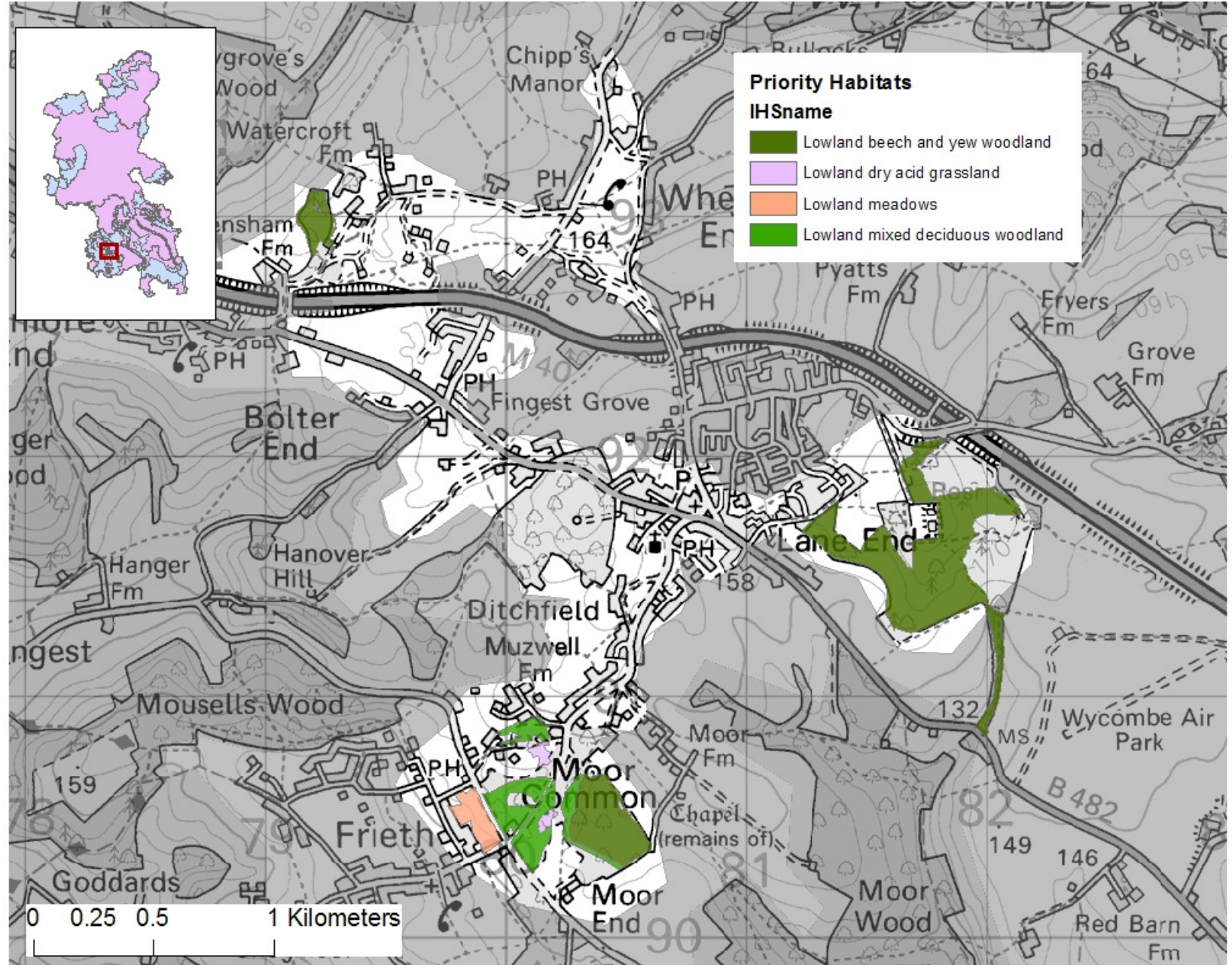
Arable Field Margins		Traditional Orchards		Ponds		Hedgerows	
Area of Arable (ha)	33	No of Orchards	0	No of BAP Priority Ponds	1	% of BOA with potential for hedgerows of high-med biodiversity value	25
% of BOA in arable	9	Area of Orchards (ha)	0	Creation Target	tbc	% of BOA with potential for hedgerows of med-low biodiversity value	35
Area of arable in ES (ELS / HLS)	4 (0)	<i>Data from PTES Traditional Orchards Aerial Photo Survey</i>				<i>Data from BCC Historic Landscape Assessment</i>	
% of arable in ES	12						

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.

The Biodiversity Opportunity Areas Map is the property of the members of the South East England Biodiversity Forum. For more information please see www.sebiodiversity.org.uk

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