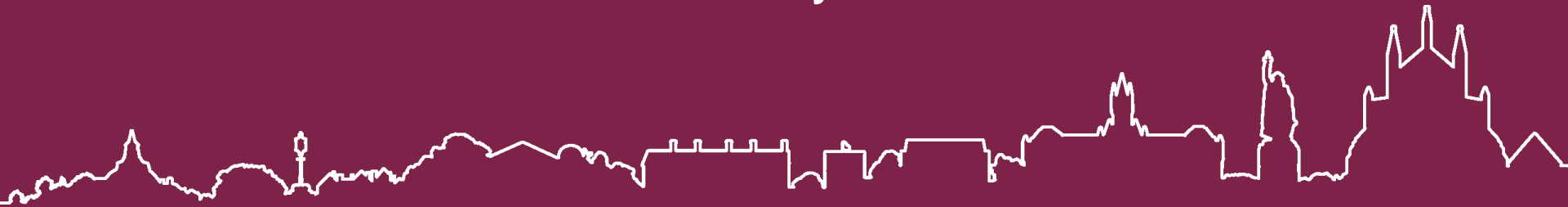


HEP 036
“Ecological Sites”

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OUTLINE

Types of “ecological site”

- SAC/SPA

- SSSI

- SINC

- FIT

- Road verge

Management & Maintenance

- Environment Act (BNG & LNRS)

- Nature Improvement Plan



TYPES OF SITE

Site name	Designation /classification	Statutory / Non-statutory	Site classification	Classification Level
<i>River Itchen</i>	SAC	Statutory	<i>Chalk River</i>	<i>International</i>
<i>Hamble Estuary</i>	SPA	Statutory	<i>Estuary</i>	<i>International</i>
Abbots Barton	None	None	Species-rich grassland	N/A
Bar End roundabout	None	None	Species-rich grassland	N/A
Chilcomb Rec	None	None	Species-rich grassland	N/A
Garrison Ground	None	None	Species-rich grassland	N/A
Gordon Avenue	None	None	Species-rich grassland	N/A
Greenacres	None	None	Pond / scrub	N/A
Hilliers Haven	None	None	Woodland	N/A
Ivy Close	None	None	Species-rich grassland	N/A
Joyce Gardens	None	None	Species-rich grassland	N/A
Land opposite Stanmore Rec	None	None	Species-rich grassland	N/A
Magdalen Hill Cemetery	None	None	Chalk grassland	N/A
Otterbourne Common	None	None	Species-rich grassland	N/A
Pitt roundabout	None	None	Species-rich grassland	N/A
Sainsbury roundabout	None	None	Species-rich grassland	N/A
St Cross roundabout	None	None	Species-rich grassland	N/A
St Faith's Meadow	SSSI	Statutory	Lowland meadow	National
St Giles Hill	None	None	Grassland / woodland	N/A
St Matthews Field	None	None	Species-rich grassland	N/A
Thurmond Crescent	None	None	Species-rich grassland	N/A
Topfield	FIT (tbc)	None	Grassland / woodland	National
Water Lane	None	None	Species-rich grassland	N/A
West Hill Cemetery	SINC	Non-statutory	Chalk grassland	County
Whiteshute Ridge	SINC	Non-statutory	Chalk grassland	County
Winnall Moors	SSSI	Statutory	Wetland	National
Winton close	None	None	Species-rich grassland	N/A

SPECIAL AREAS OF CONSERVATION (SAC)



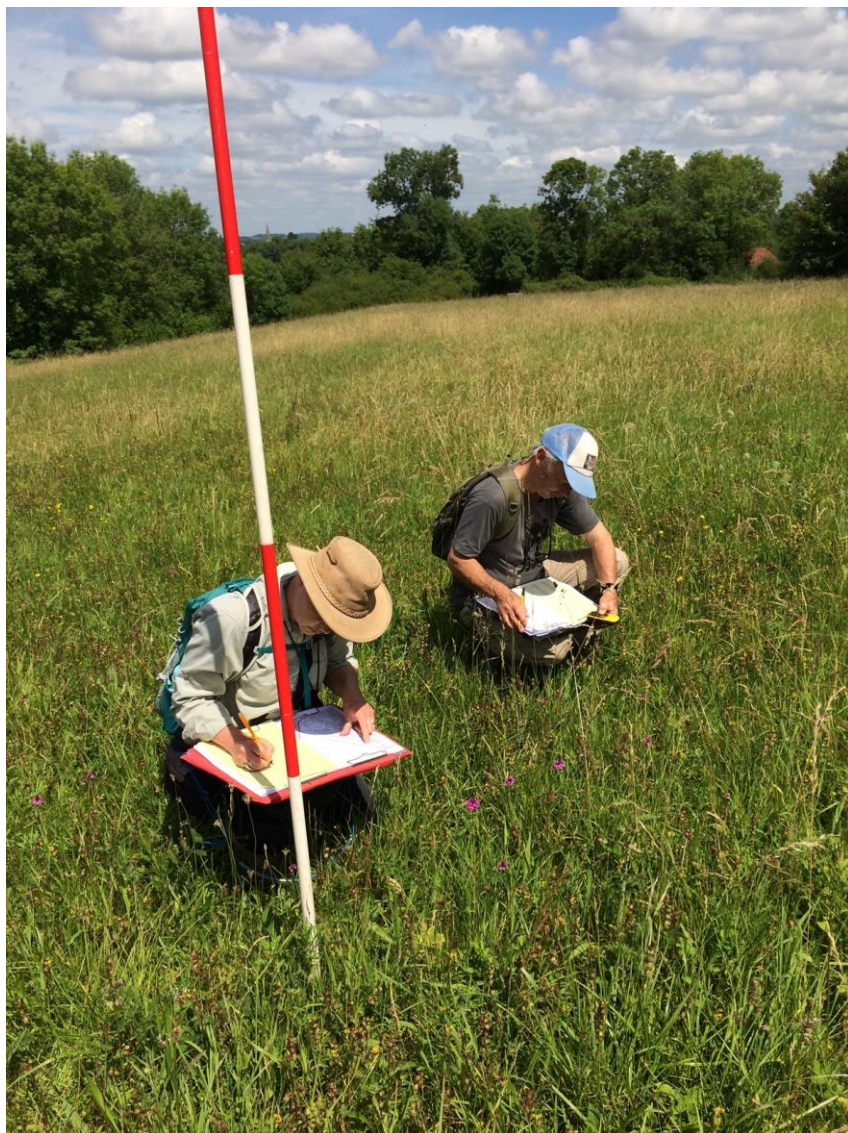
E.g. River Itchen

SITES OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST (SSSI)



E.g. Winnall
Moors

SITES OF IMPORTANCE FOR NATURE CONSERVATION (SINC)



 E.g. Whiteshute Ridge,
Badger farm

FIELDS IN TRUST DEDICATION (FIT)



 E.g. Topfield,
Kingsworthy

ROAD VERGE

E.g. Winton Close

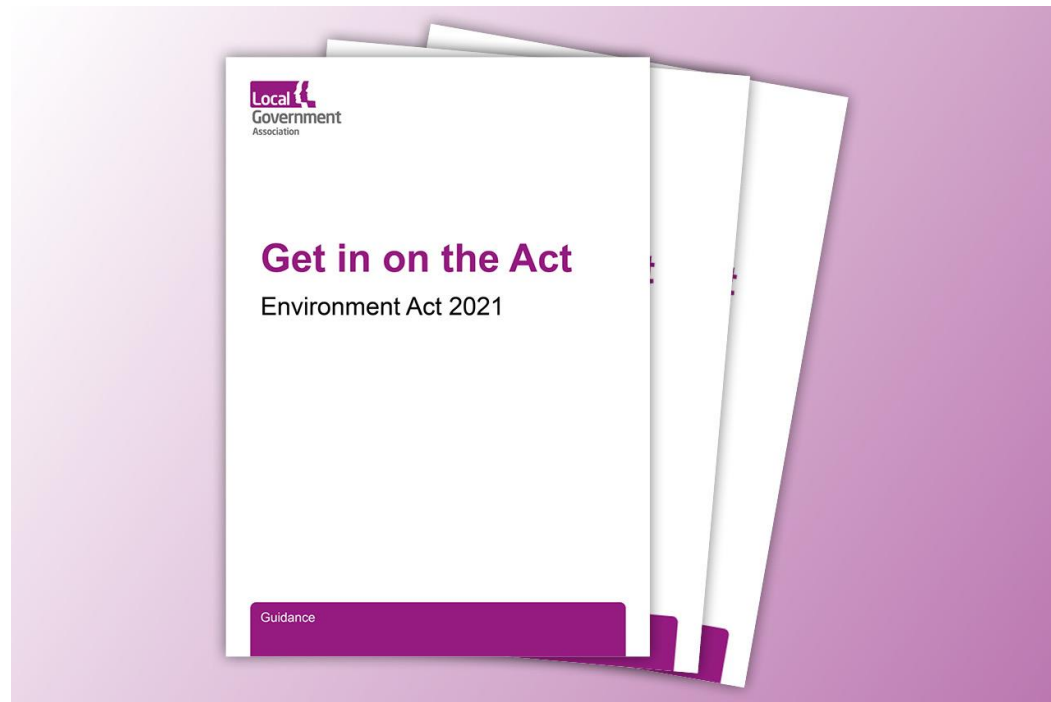


MANAGEMENT & MAINTENANCE



ENVIRONMENT ACT 2021

-  1. Biodiversity Net Gain
-  2. Local Nature Recovery Strategies
-  3. Enhanced Biodiversity Duty



NATURE IMPROVEMENT PLAN (NIP)

- Update / renewal of WCC BAP
- Inclusion of elements coming out of Environment Act 2021
 - BNG
 - LNRS
- Set measurable targets
- Utilise nature-based solutions
- Combine with health & wellbeing
- Combine with carbon neutrality
- Combine with flood alleviation



Any Questions?



Westhill Cemetery SINC