

To work as a partnership



in the
Lower Windrush Valley
to create,

within this changing landscape



a sustainable environment
that supports both
the

interests of a broad
spectrum of people



and a

rich diversity of wildlife,



thereby respecting the past
and embracing the future
of our countryside.

The Lower Windrush Valley Forum

Working as a partnership the project can secure significant benefits for our countryside. A key element of this partnership approach is the Lower Windrush Valley Forum which will encourage the participation of local organisations and individuals at all levels. Whatever your level of interest or expertise we would welcome your input and look forward to hearing from you.

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The Lower Windrush Valley Project area covers 28km² of West Oxfordshire incorporating the floodplain of the River Windrush from Witney to its confluence with the River Thames at Newbridge.

Over the last 50 years the landscape character of the valley has been extensively modified by mineral extraction with large areas of the riverside pasture transformed into a mosaic of open water.

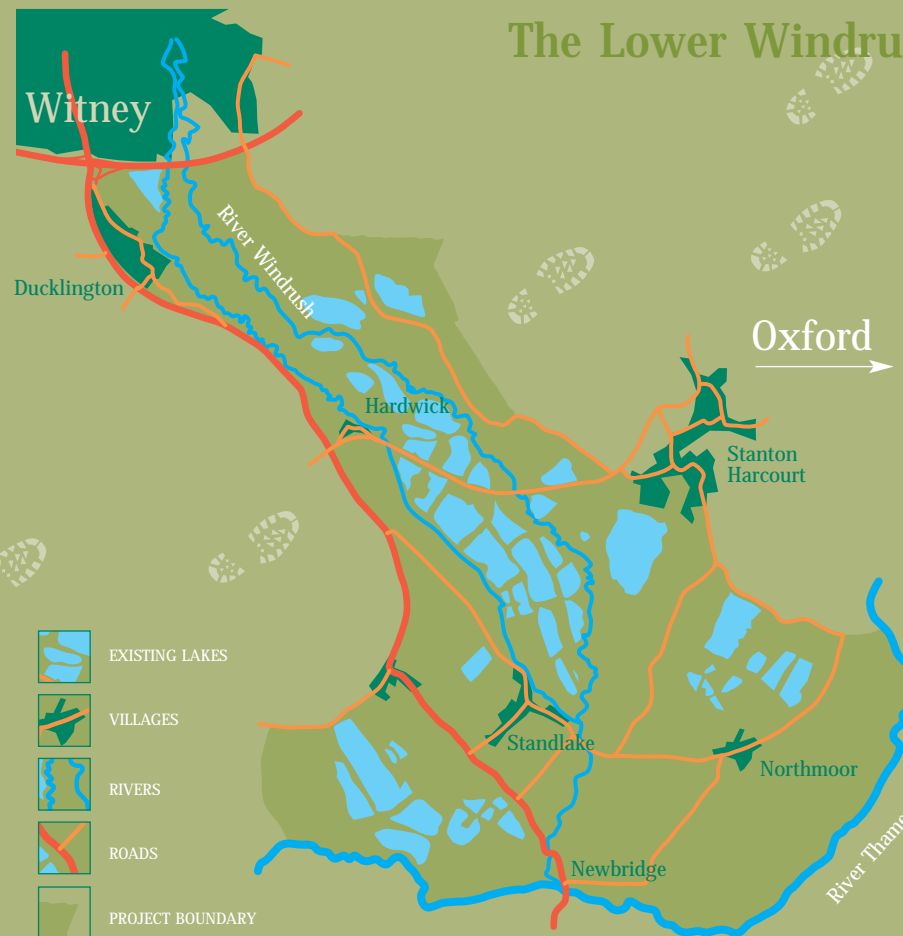
Whilst we continue to demand sand and gravel for housing, roads and other construction work, the Lower Windrush Valley will go on being worked for many years to come, bringing even greater changes to the landscape and wildlife.

Since 1990 there has been a concerted effort to develop a co-ordinated after-use strategy for the Lower Windrush ensuring that this evolving landscape meets the needs of all who live and work in the valley.

Working closely with mineral operators, landowners, environmental organisations and the community the Lower Windrush Valley Project works to co-ordinate, implement and help manage projects to improve the landscape, biodiversity and public access of this special piece of countryside.

The Lower Windrush Valley Project aims:

- To protect and enhance the biodiversity of the Lower Windrush Valley.
- To strengthen and develop the evolving landscape character of the Lower Windrush Valley.
- To maintain, improve and extend the existing public rights of way network and encourage informal recreation for all.
- To raise public awareness, understanding and involvement in the diverse issues that influence the environment of the Lower Windrush Valley through education and interpretation.
- To provide a central focus for environmental initiatives undertaken by all organisations, statutory bodies and individuals who live, work or have an interest in the environment of the Lower Windrush Valley.



Introduction



Map

Aims