

## **Tusmore and Shelswell Parks CTA (Conservation Target Area)**

This area encompasses the parks and woodlands at Tusmore and Shelswell Parks and a number of ancient woodlands near Stoke Lyne.

**Joint Character Area:** Cotswolds and West Anglian Plain.

**Landscape Types:** Wooded Estate land plus a small area of Farmland Plateau (though this area includes a large wood).

**Geology:** Limestone with some mudstone and limestone mixtures to the south. Extensive glacial sand and gravel deposits in the parklands with alluvium along streams.

**Topography:** largely flat plateau land intersected by shallow valleys.

**Area of CTA:** 844 hectares

### **Biodiversity:**

- Parkland: Large parks at Tusmore and Shelswell, though the importance of these have not been assessed, with large areas of woodland.
- Lowland Mixed Deciduous Woodland: Besides the Park woodlands there are a number of ancient woodland sites near Stoke Lyne.
- Other habitats: the parks have lakes. On the northern side of Shelswell Park, Cottisford Pond is a Local Wildlife Site along with the adjacent wet woodland.

**Access:** Stoke Wood is a Woodland Trust nature reserve. Otherwise access is restricted to bridleways and footpaths.

### **Archaeology:**

#### **Oxfordshire Biodiversity Action Plan Targets associated with this CTA:**

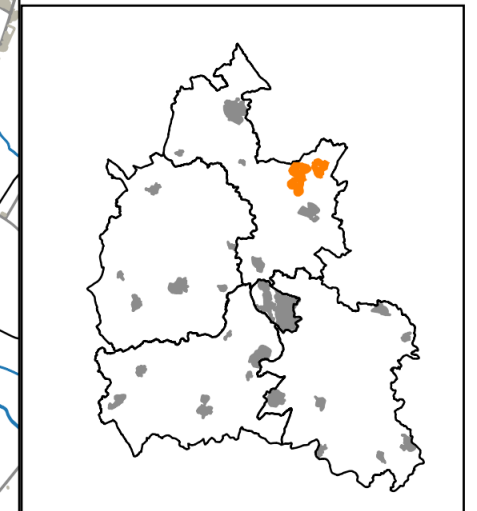
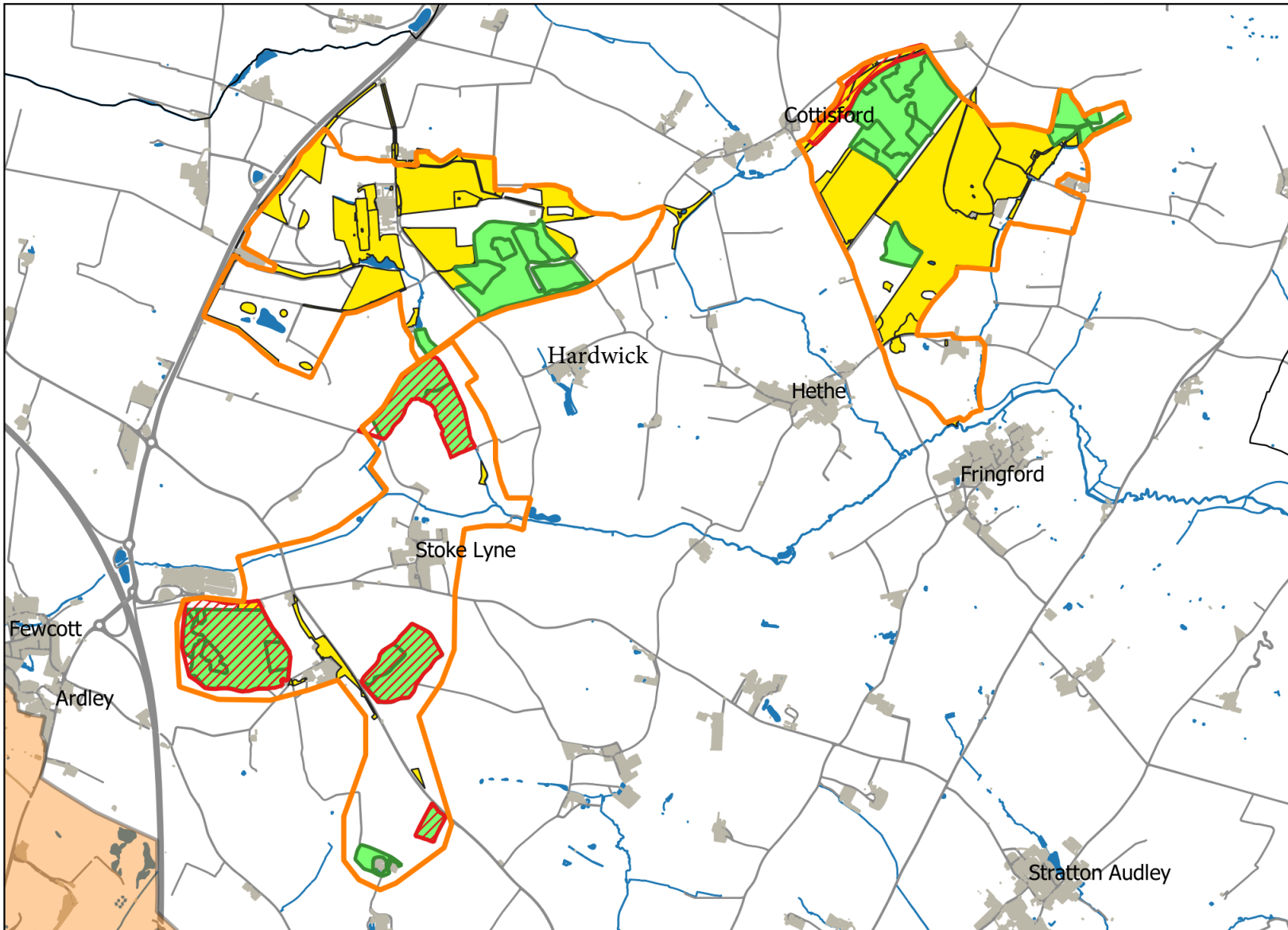
1. Lowland mixed deciduous woodland – management<sup>1</sup> and creation (possibly some planting to link sites).
2. Parkland (including veteran trees) - management and restoration.







<sup>1</sup> "Management" implies both maintaining the quantity, and maintaining and improving the quality of existing BAP habitat and incorporates the following target definitions: "Maintaining extent" and "Achieving Condition".

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**Area of BAP habitat present in CTA** (from TVERC BAP Habitat GIS layer 5/2010)

<b>Tusmore and Shelswell Park CTA</b>	<b>Lowland Calcareous Grassland</b>	<b>Lowland Dry Acid Grassland</b>	<b>Lowland Meadows</b>	<b>Coastal and Floodplain Grazing Marsh</b>	<b>Eutrophic Standing Waters</b>	<b>Lowland Fens</b>	<b>Reedbeds</b>	<b>Lowland Beech and Yew Woodland</b>	<b>Lowland Mixed Deciduous Woodland</b>	<b>Wet Woodland</b>	<b>Wood - Pasture and Parkland</b>	<b>Traditional Orchards</b>
Area of BAP Habitat in CTA (ha)					1.8				108.1	5.1	142.8	0.1
% of CTA area					0.2				12.8	0.6	16.9	0.0
% of county resource					0.2				2.3	3.7	7.7	0.0