

How to join the West Berkshire Countryside Society

1. Fill in your details

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NB: your email address will enable us to contact you in the event of changes to events and similar items. Your details including your email address will not be shared with any other organisation.

Please send completed form to:
Membership Secretary, 31 Little Heath Road, Tilehurst, Reading, RG31 5TY

In signing this document, you are giving consent to the Society to retain your contact details in a secure file for the purposes of administering your membership and making contact with you. We do not retain your bank account details for any reason, these are forwarded direct to the bank.

2. Fill in payment details (Standing Order)

To: The Manager	(Bank/Building Society Name)
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Please pay to the order of 'West Berkshire Countryside Society' (sort code 40-36-03, a/c no. 71099698)

The sum of £15.00 on 01/ / 20 and thereafter annually until cancelled by me.

*Plus an additional one off donation of (*delete if not required)

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Contact us

If the idea of getting to know us intrigues you, please feel free to contact us at:
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or visit our website.



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*Caring for our Countryside
Join Us and Help Make a Difference.*

West Berkshire Countryside Society

Our Society is dedicated to promoting and conserving the fascinating countryside of West Berkshire.

Our activities, except for occasional specified events, are free and open to non-members. We would welcome your company on our walks, our barn owl activities and on our conservation tasks.

If, after getting to know us, you would like to join our Society there is a modest annual subscription (currently £15) which covers family as well as individual membership plus a copy of 'Upstream' – our quarterly newsletter.

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West Berkshire's countryside is special! It is full of wonders. There are the bare open landscapes of the high chalk, the ancient bluebell woods, the coppices of the clay areas that lie between the rivers and the river valleys themselves with their water meadows and chalk streams. People have lived here and left their marks since before Britain was an island. And most of it, only short distances away from the towns and motorways is tranquil – places to calm and revive a harassed mind.

Other places are more energetic. The Kennet and Avon Canal gleaming in the sunlight with a brightly painted barge chugging along is something to cheer the heart.



Our countryside has been fashioned by people and people can destroy it. Our Society is dedicated to caring for and enhancing our countryside. We expect things to change but we will help them to be changed carefully and we will put effort behind our words.

What sort of effort do we mean?

We have occasionally conducted walks taking people to places they may not normally go and show them things they would not normally notice.

We publish books and leaflets of walks.

Then we help farmers, landowners and Parish Councils by providing volunteers to do tasks that could otherwise not be done. We clear glades, lay hedges, create haloes around veteran trees, remove invasive plants that choke the natural flowers.

A specialist group sets up and monitors barn owl boxes. In the 2017 season 114 barn owl chicks fledged from nest boxes which were put up and monitored by volunteers of The Barn Owl Group within the West Berkshire Countryside Society.

Another specialist group has been working for many years to recover the heathland on Bucklebury Common. The glorious purple heather and the returned nightjars are some of the results.



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