

## Outstanding Week celebrates AONBs

During 17th - 25th September national Outstanding Week is celebrating the amazing diversity and beauty of the country's Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. With over 100 events taking place in AONBs up and down the land, including the Chilterns, there are numerous opportunities to discover the landscapes, wildlife, history and culture of these very special places. Check out what's happening in the Chilterns or why not plan a visit to one of our neighbours like the Cotswolds or North Wessex Downs? Browse the [Landscapes for Life events website](#) for full details.



**Outstanding Week** 17-25th September 2016

## Vacancies at the Board

The Chilterns Conservation Board is currently recruiting for 4 vacancies: **Development and Funding Manager** (deadline 25th Sept), **Communications Officer**, **Administration Officer** (maternity cover) and a self-employed **Finance Officer**.



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There are full details about these jobs and how to apply on the Board's [Vacancies](#) page.

## Need money for a project?

Are you looking for funding for a project in the Chilterns? If your ideas match the Board's priorities we may be able to give you a small grant.



Projects must have benefit for the Chilterns AONB, and the Board is particularly keen to support work which benefits priority habitats, or improves access to the countryside, reaches new audiences or increases the number of volunteers caring for the Chilterns. [Read more..](#)

## Richard Fortey talks about his Chilterns wood

Come and hear distinguished palaeontologist, BBC4 presenter and Chilterns resident Richard Fortey talk about the small wood he owns near Henley. Professor Fortey recently published a book about the wildlife and history of Grims Dyke Wood, entitled *The Wood for the Trees - the long view of nature from a small wood*, and copies will be on sale at the event. Organised by the Chiltern Woodlands Project, it is taking place on the evening of November 3rd in Lewknor village hall, near Watlington. Tickets are £11.21 each and can be purchased [here](#).



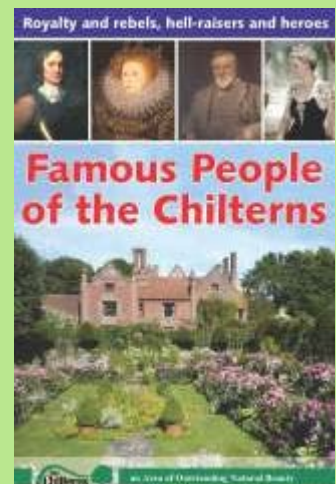
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## What's happening

- Learn to **identify native trees and shrubs** on a 1 day course on 14th October led by John Morris of the Chiltern Woodlands Project. Open to all, you'll take a walk around Bottom Wood near Stokenchurch followed by an afternoon session in Radnage Village Hall. £25 per head, contact [John](#) to book.
- The Board is working with UK Power

rangers to look for fallow deer during the annual rut.

Browse our full [Events listing](#) and plan your fun!



## Chilterns books and gifts

You'll find a great range of walking and cycling publications, beautifully-illustrated books on heritage and wildlife, stunning red kite-themed gifts and specialist advice

Networks, the National Trust and others to **underground electricity cables** supported on 2 lines of pylons crossing Dunstable Downs. This would not only greatly improve views of the landscape from this popular location but also benefit wildlife, the setting of historic routeways and leisure use of the Downs. Undergrounding of cables in key landscape locations is supported by an OFGEM initiative and we would welcome suggestions for further undergrounding projects within the AONB.



- The Conservation Board is working closely with **HS2 Ltd** as part of the **Chilterns Review Group** which is seeking to secure the best possible design of infrastructure and additional environmental integration and enhancement measures for HS2 within the AONB. We are also continuing to support other petitioners requesting improvements before the House of Lord's Select Committee, including a bored tunnel past Wendover.



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[Chilterns AONB online shop.](#)

All sales help the conservation of the Chilterns.



**Ripening blackberries**



**Bridgewater Monument Ashridge**

## What's new online

In this season of harvest and local produce why not pay a visit to the [Local Products](#) section of the AONB website - you'll find a great range of tasty food and drink made by small local enterprises. If you fancy sampling cuisine that uses local products the [Visit Chilterns](#) website has lots of ideas of places to visit.

## How we can help

The Board can offer **small amounts of funding** to local voluntary and community groups and businesses, for projects which will enhance the Chilterns AONB and people's enjoyment of it. Visit our [Funding](#) page for more information.



**Marlow bridge and church**