

Biodiversity Net Gain Units

Email dated 16th October 2025 from Wiltshire Wildlife Trust (WWT) to the Parish Council

The Trust isn't establishing BNG units at Clouts Wood and Kings Farm Wood.

If developers in their parish are achieving BNG via offsetting on Habitat Banks (sites with BNG units on them), this information will be available on their local planning portal. The Trust currently don't have any plans to establish habitat banks in their area.

Kings Farm Wood is an interesting one as we lease and manage the site but it is actually Owned by the Borough (with the parish having an interest in this). But as I understand the new land management agreements and Forestry grants may be more appropriate.

I have recently asked a consultancy to undertake some work (see attached) based on the grassland areas. This includes land we are to lease from the Science Museum. It is an indicator piece of work and not a definitive statement in regard to BNG, but, it shows some of the background necessary for BNG units to be applied (scary hey).

In the Wroughton and Wichelstowe area I would think that bigger sites are better. I would include areas such as,
Common Farm and Black Horse Farm,
The tenanted farms owned by SBC would be a significant habitat bank for the Borough.
The open space at Wichelstowe (although may need to be untangled from the existing development and its legal commitments)

Small sites and those well loved by local people, The Moat Pond, Hidden garden, Willow-Brook gardens may not be large enough to generate units