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INTRODUCTION

This document is Part 2 of the National Water Vole Database Project 2013 – 2022 and comprises the Guide to Using the Distribution and Alert Maps, followed by the maps themselves.

This document and maps should be read in conjunction with Part 1 of the National Water Vole Database Project 2013 – 2022.

GUIDE TO THE USE OF THE DISTRIBUTION AND ALERT MAPS

The following tables explain the uses and limitations of the project maps:

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Table 2: American Mink Distribution Maps: Quick Guide

Table 3: Water Vole Alert Area Maps: Quick Guide

Table 4: Water Vole Local Key Area Maps: Quick Guide

Table 5: Water Vole Regional Key Area Maps: Quick Guide

Table 1 Vole

: Water Distribution Maps: Quick Guide

Map Title	Page	Resolution	Display Format	Uses	Caution	
Great Britain: Water Vole Presence Jan 1861 - Dec 2022	8	Derived from records ≥ 100m resolution	Dots	 For: Providing overview of distribution across Britain since records began. Helping to plan further survey/ research at national level. 		
Great Britain: Water Vole Presence Jan 1861 - Dec 2022	9	Derived from records ≥ 1km resolution	10km squares	 For: Providing overview of distribution across Britain since records began. Reporting against UK BAP targets. Helping to plan further survey/research at national level. 	Does not: Purport to capture all areas historically or currently occurred by water voles (to an area).	
Great Britain: Water Vole Presence Jan 2013 - Dec 2022	10	Derived from records ≥ 100m resolution	Dots	 For: Providing overview of distribution across Britain over the last 10 years. Helping to plan further survey/research at national level. 	occupied by water voles (to a extent reflects recorder effort) Indicate abundance. Show status over time.	
Great Britain: Water Vole Presence Jan 2013 - Dec 2022	11	Derived from records ≥ 1km resolution	10km squares	 For: Providing overview of distribution across Britain over the last 10 years. Reporting against UK BAP targets. Helping to plan further survey/research at national level. 		
Great Britain: Water Vole Absence Jan 1861 - Dec 2022	12	Derived from records ≥	5.	For:	Does not: Indicate areas where water	
Great Britain: Water Vole Absence Jan 2013 - Dec 2022	13	100m resolution	Dots	 Indicating where absence was recorded during survey. 	voles have been absent historically or are currently absent.	

Table 2

: American Mink Distribution Maps: Quick Guide

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Map Title	Page	Resolution	Display Format	Uses	Caution		
Great Britain: American Mink Presence Jan 1952 - Dec 2022	15	Derived from records ≥ 100m	Dots	Providing overview of distribution across Britain since			
Great Britain: American Mink Presence Jan 1952 - Dec 2022	16	Derived from records ≥ 1km resolution	* Helping to plan further survey/research at national level. • Sepa		 Does not: Separate mink survey records from mink trapping records. Mink 		
Great Britain: American Mink Presence Jan 2013 - Dec 2022	17	Derived from records ≥ 100m	Dots	Providing overview of distribution across Britain over	'presence' may in some cases represent an animal that has been 'removed' from the population.		
Great Britain: American Mink Presence Jan 2013 - Dec 2022	18	Derived from records ≥ 1km resolution	10km squares	the last 10 years.Helping to plan further survey/research at national level.			
Great Britain: American Mink Absence Jan 1952 - Dec 2022	19	Derived from records ≥ 100m	Dots	For:	Does not: • Indicate areas where mink have		
Great Britain: American Mink Absence Jan 2013 - Dec 2022	20	Derived from records ≥ 100m	Dots	Indicating where absence was recorded during survey.	been absent historically or are currently absent.		

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Table 3: Water Vole

Alert Area Maps: Quick Guide

Alert Area Maps: Quick Guide							
Water Vole Alert Area Maps							
Map Title	Page	Data Displayed	Uses	Caution			
Water Vole Alert Areas: South West River Basin District Jan 2013 - Dec 2022	22						
Water Vole Alert Areas: South East River Basin District Jan 2013 - Dec 2022	25		For:	These maps do not: Confer any statutory or			
Water Vole Alert Areas: Wales River Basin District Jan 2013 - Dec 2022	28	Derived from records ≥ 100m resolution with buffers added.		Identifying at least some of the potentially suitable habitat within	nonstatutory designation.Provide a precise boundary defining presence/absence of		
Water Vole Alert Areas: Severn River Basin District Jan 2013 - Dec 2022	31			<u> </u>	water vole dispersal distance of populations recorded	water voles and/or their habitat e.g. the 0.5km wide buffer along	
Water Vole Alert Areas: Thames River Basin District Jan 2013 - Dec 2022	34			over the last five years.	occupied watercourses will not always capture the extent of adjacent suitable habitat.		
Water Vole Alert Areas: Anglian River Basin District Jan 2013 - Dec 2022	37		Alerting users to potential presence of water voles.	Identify other potentially suitable habitat into which populations			
Water Vole Alert Areas: Dee River Basin District Jan 2013 - Dec 2022	40			Assisting with the collation of data for	 may move in the future. Remove the need to consider other mapping/imagery to assess 		
Water Vole Alert Areas: North West River Basin District Jan 2013 - Dec 2022	43		agri-environment schemes. • Alerting organisations that undertake regular maintenance tasks to	habitat suitability. Remove the need to undertake			
Water Vole Alert Areas: Humber River Basin District Jan 2013 - Dec 2022	46			new surveys prior to determining development/engineering/habitat works. Sub populations can			
Water Vole Alert Areas: Solway Tweed River Basin District Jan 2013 - Dec 2022	49				the potential presence of water voles. • Planning future water vole survey and	disappear from sites and/or re appear from one survey season to the next. Populations may also	
Water Vole Alert Areas: Northumbria River Basin District Jan 2013 - Dec 2022	52		monitoring.	move in response to relatively small changes in habitat quality.			
Water Vole Alert Areas: Scotland River Basin District Jan 2013 - Dec 2022	55						

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Table 5: Water Vole

Local Key Area Maps: Quick Guide

Water Vole Local Key Area Maps							
Map Title	Page	Data Displayed	Uses	Caution			
Water Vole LK Areas: South West River Basin District Jan 2013 - Dec 2022	23			For: • Indicating areas ≥ 6 km²	These maps do not: Confer any statutory or non-statutory		
Water Vole LK Areas: South East River Basin District Jan 2013 - Dec 2022	26	26		that are likely to support larger	designation. Provide a precise boundary defining		
Water Vole LK Areas: Wales River Basin District Jan 2013 - Dec 2022	29			9	populations/clusters of populations that have a greater chance of	presence/absence of water voles and/or their habitat (as outlined in Table 5) Identify other potentially suitable habitat	
Water Vole LK Areas: Severn River Basin District Jan 2013 - Dec 2022	32		persisting long term. • Encouraging protection and/or sensitive	into which populations may move in the future.			
Water Vole LK Areas: Thames River Basin District Jan 2013 - Dec 2022	35 Alert Areas over 6km² derived from records ≥ 100m resolution with buffers added 47	over 6km² derived from records ≥ 100m resolution with buffers	over 6km ² derived from	management of potentially suitable	Remove the need to consider other mapping/imagery to assess habitat suitability.		
Water Vole LK Areas: Anglian River Basin District Jan 2013 - Dec 2022				habitat within and adjacent to sites where water voles recorded in	Remove the need to undertake new surveys prior to determining		
Water Vole LK Areas: Dee River Basin District Jan 2013 - Dec 2022			the last ten years. • Assisting with designation	development/engineering/habitat works. Sub populations can disappear from sites and/or re appear from one survey season			
Water Vole LK Areas: North West River Basin District Jan 2013 - Dec 2022				of local wildlife sites. Targeting survey and monitoring efforts.	to the next. Populations may move in response to small changes in habitat quality.		
Water Vole LK Areas: Humber River Basin District Jan 2013 - Dec 2022			Targeting habitat enhancement and creation works.	Show smaller populations, which may decline due to stochastic events.			
Water Vole LK Areas: Solway Tweed River Basin District Jan 2013 - Dec 2022	50			50	Targeting mink control efforts.	 Highlight small colonies or small clusters, which are highly unlikely to persist without positive intervention. <i>In some areas</i> 	
Water Vole LK Areas: Northumbria River Basin District Jan 2013 - Dec 2022	53				Assisting with the development of	these small colonies may be essential in aiding recovery of populations and	
Water Vole LK Areas: Scotland River Basin District Jan 2013 - Dec 2022	56		agrienvironment scheme applications.	may also regarded as locally important.			

Regional Key Area Maps: Quick Guide

Water Vole Regional Key Area Maps														
Map Title	Page	Data Displayed	Uses	Caution										
Water Vole RK Areas: South West River Basin District Jan 2013 - Dec 2022	24		24	24 27 30 33 Alert Areas over 35km² derived from records ≥	27 30 33 Alert Areas over 35km² derived from records ≥ 100m with								For: Indicating areas ≥ 35 km²	These maps do not: Confer any statutory or
Water Vole RK Areas: South East River Basin District Jan 2013 - Dec 2022						where populations are more likely to survive the impacts of	nonstatutory designation. Provide a precise boundary defining the presence or							
Water Vole RK Areas: Wales River Basin District Jan 2013 - Dec 2022		30	30			Alert Areas over 35km² derived from records ≥ 100m with	stochastic events and to persist40 years.Prioritising long term strategic	absence of water voles and/or their habitat (as outlined in Table						
Water Vole RK Areas: Severn River Basin District Jan 2013 - Dec 2022	33	Alert Areas over 35km² derived from records ≥ 100m with buffers added	over 35km² derived from records ≥ 100m with				over 35km² derived from records ≥ 100m with	over 35km² derived from records ≥ 100m with	over 35km² derived from records ≥ 100m with	over 35km² derived from records ≥ 100m with	over 35km² derived from records ≥ 100m with	over 35km² derived from records ≥ 100m with	policy initiatives.Facilitating collaborative working.	5).Identify other potentially suitable habitat into which populations
Water Vole RK Areas: Thames River Basin District Jan 2013 - Dec 2022	36												Prioritising resource allocation.	may move in the future. Remove the need to consider
Water Vole RK Areas: Anglian River Basin District Jan 2013 - Dec 2022	39												regional level.Assisting with designation of statutory and non-statutory	other mapping/imagery to assess habitat suitability. Remove the need to undertake
Water Vole RK Areas: Dee River Basin District Jan 2013 - Dec 2022	42				sites. Targeting survey and	new surveys prior to determining development/engineering/habitat works.								
Water Vole RK Areas: North West River Basin District Jan 2013 - Dec 2022	45												monitoring efforts at regional level. Targeting habitat works at	Show smaller populations, which may decline due to stochastic
Water Vole RK Areas: Humber River Basin District Jan 2013 - Dec 2022	48		regional level. • Encouraging protection and/or	events. Highlight small colonies or small clusters, which are highly										
Water Vole RK Areas: Solway Tweed River Basin District Jan 2013 - Dec 2022	51		sensitive management of potentially suitable habitat	unlikely to persist without positive intervention. <i>In some</i>										

Table 7: Water Vole

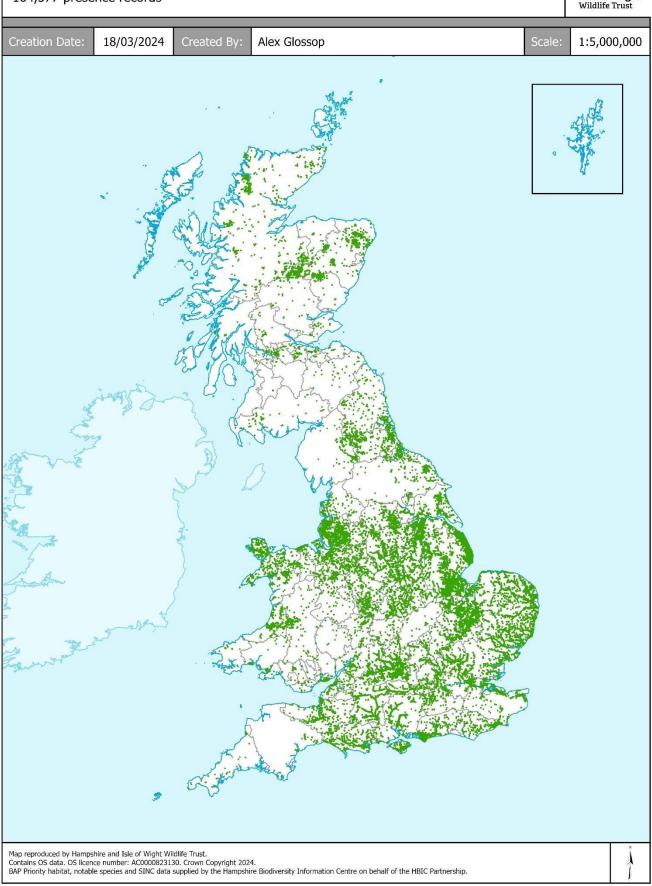
Water Vole RK Areas: Northumbria River Basin District Jan 2013 - Dec 2022	54		within and adjacent to occupied water vole sites.	areas these sn may be essent
Water Vole RK Areas: Scotland River Basin District Jan 2013 - Dec 2022	57		Assisting with the development of agri-environment scheme applications.	recovery of pop may represent the remaining p
Water Vole RK Areas: Great Britain Jan 2013 - Dec 2022	58	Derived from records ≥ 100m with buffers added	For: • Strategic overview of water vole Regional Key Areas.	the area and m regarded as re important.

areas these small colonies may be essential in aiding recovery of populations. They may represent all or most of the remaining populations in the area and may also be regarded as regionally important.

WATER VOLE DISTRIBUTION MAPS

Jan 1861 - Dec 2022 164,577 presence records

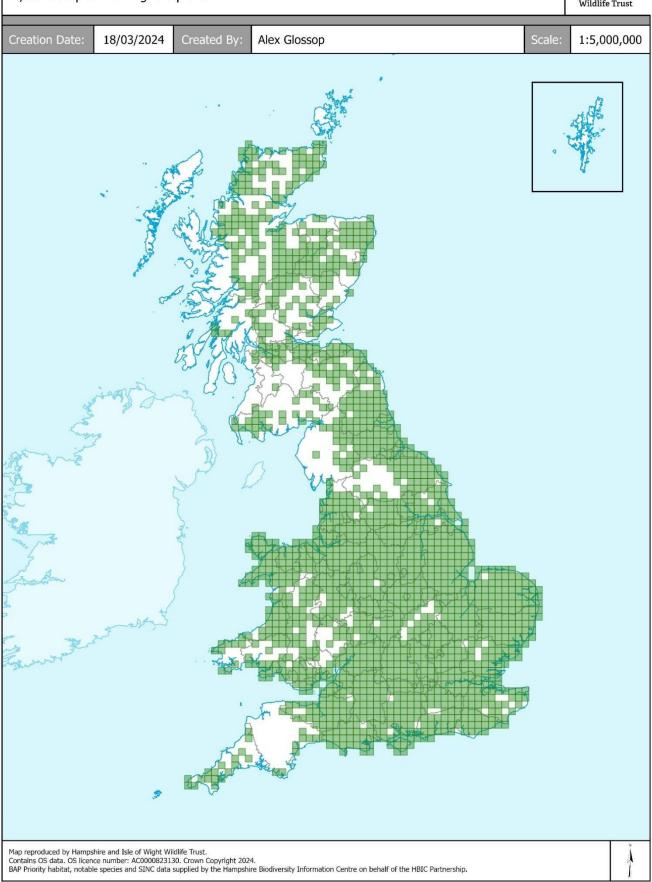




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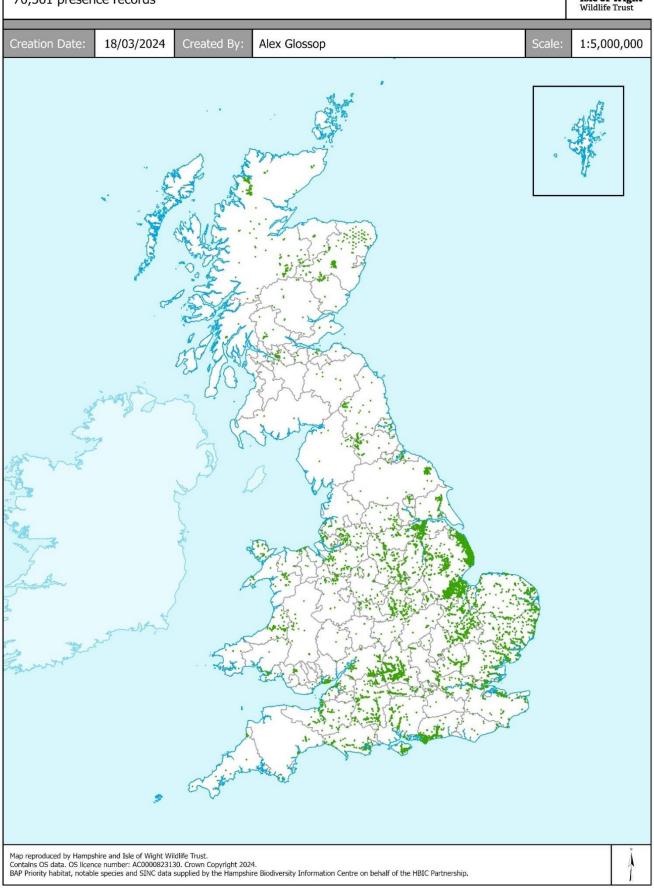
1,689 occupied 10km grid squares





Jan 2013 - Dec 2022 70,361 presence records

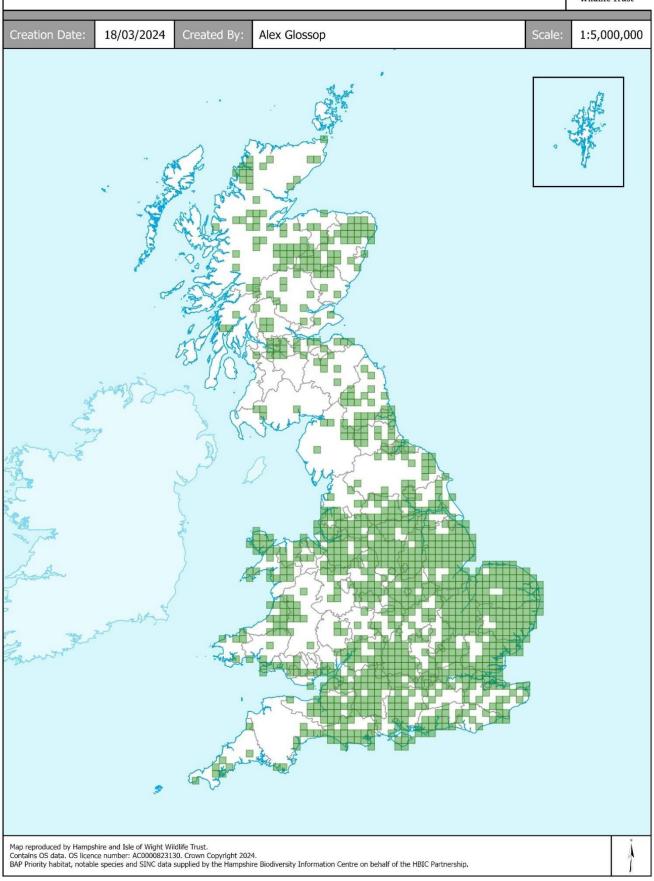




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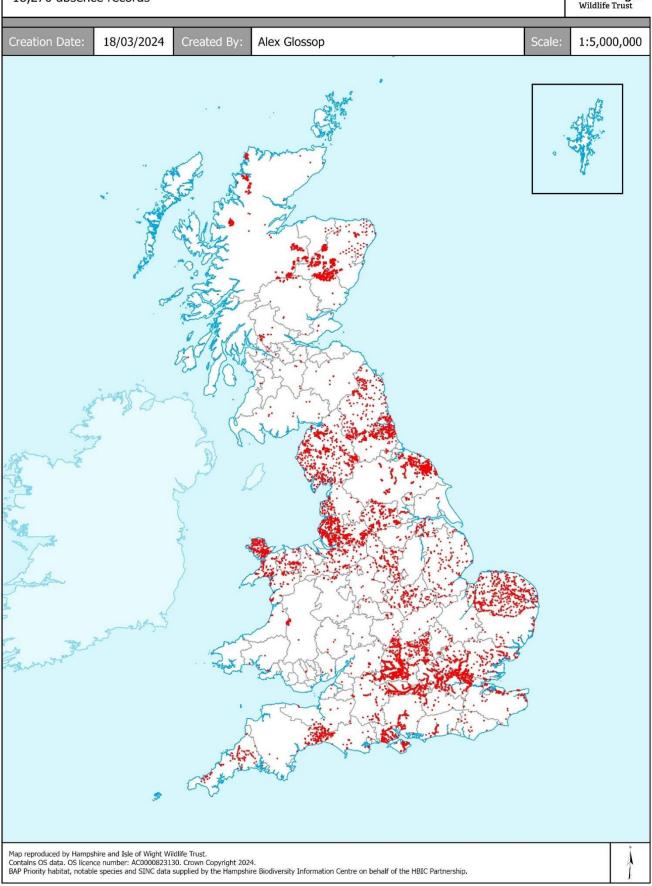
1,042 occupied 10km grid squares





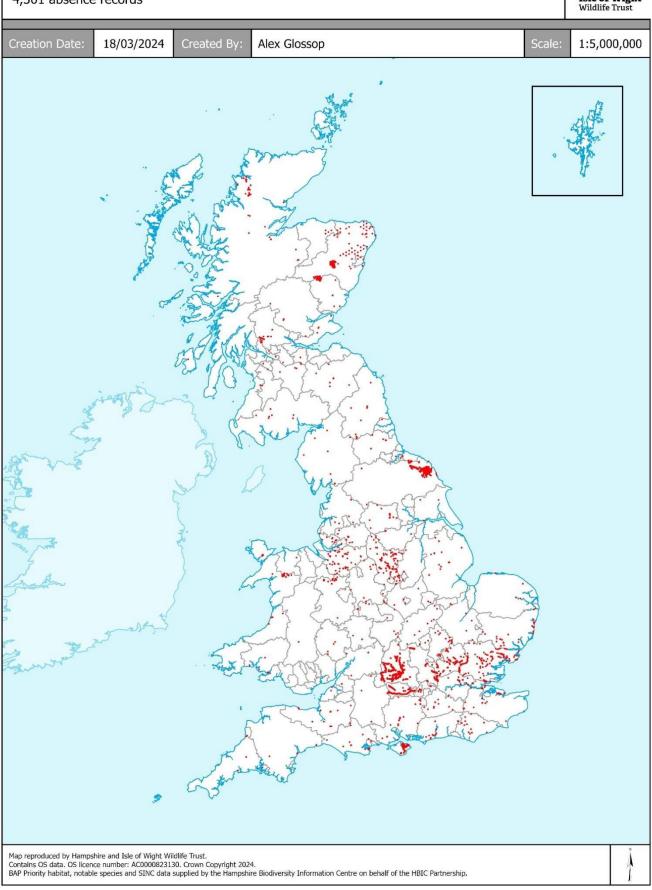
Jan 1861 - Dec 2022 18,270 absence records





Jan 2013 - Dec 2022 4,301 absence records





AMERICAN MINK DISTRIBUTION MAPS

Jan 1952 - Dec 2022 23,201 presence records

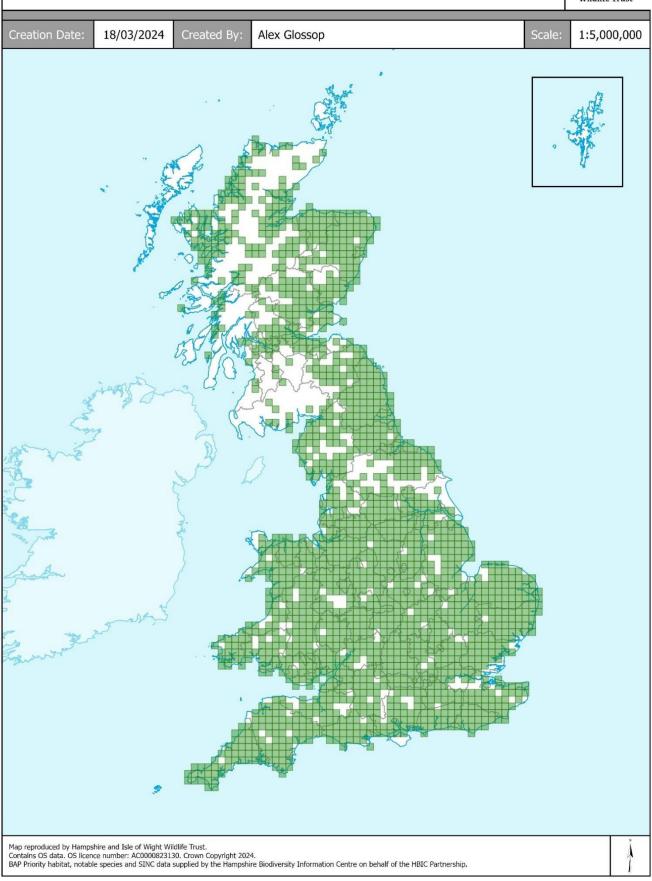




Jan 1952 - Dec 2022

1,802 occupied 10km grid squares





Jan 2013 - Dec 2022 6,142 presence records

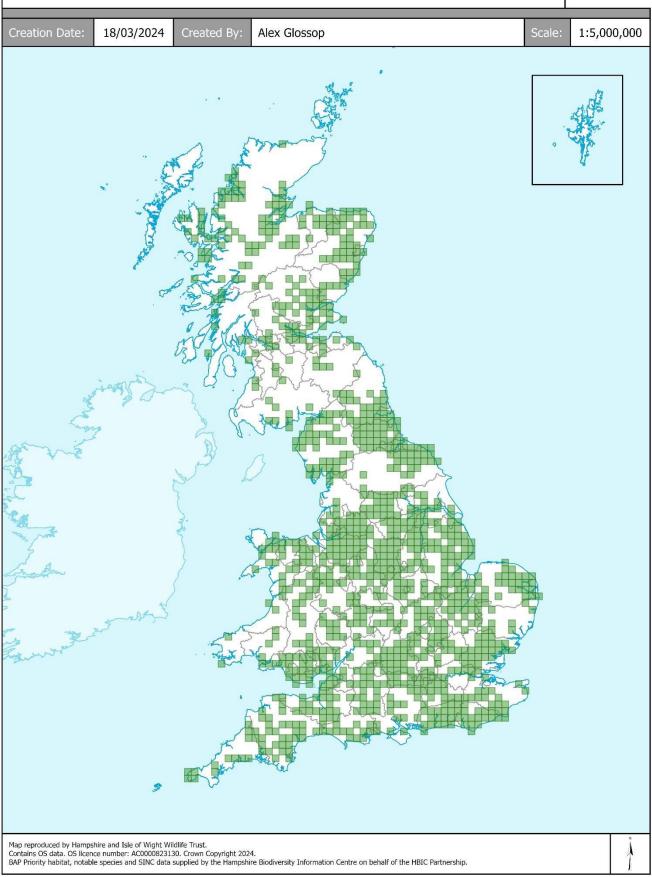




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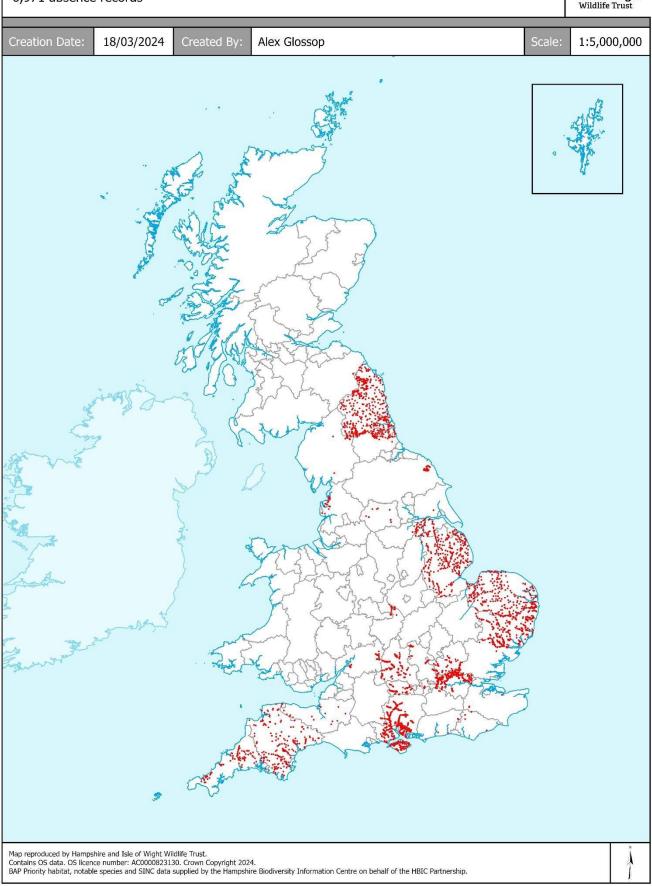
1,062 occupied 10km grid squares





Jan 1952 - Dec 2022 6,971 absence records



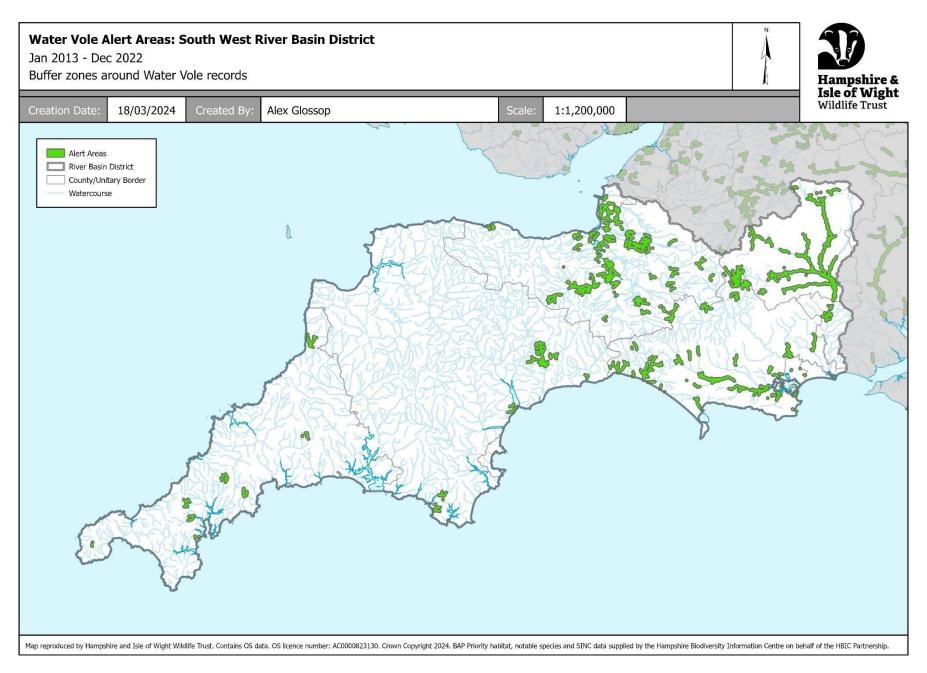


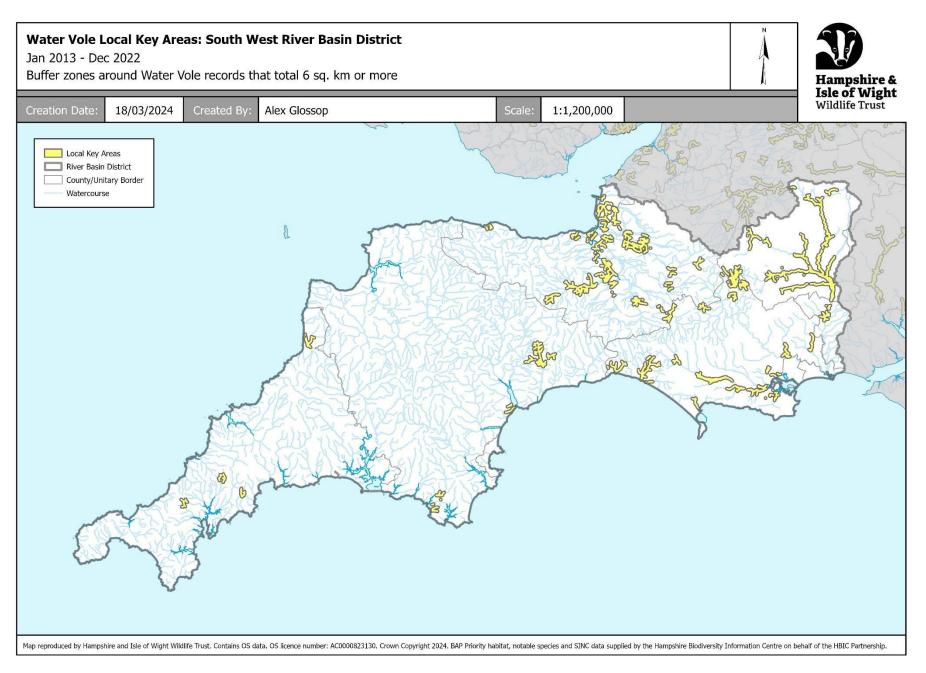
Jan 2013 - Dec 2022 1,510 absence records

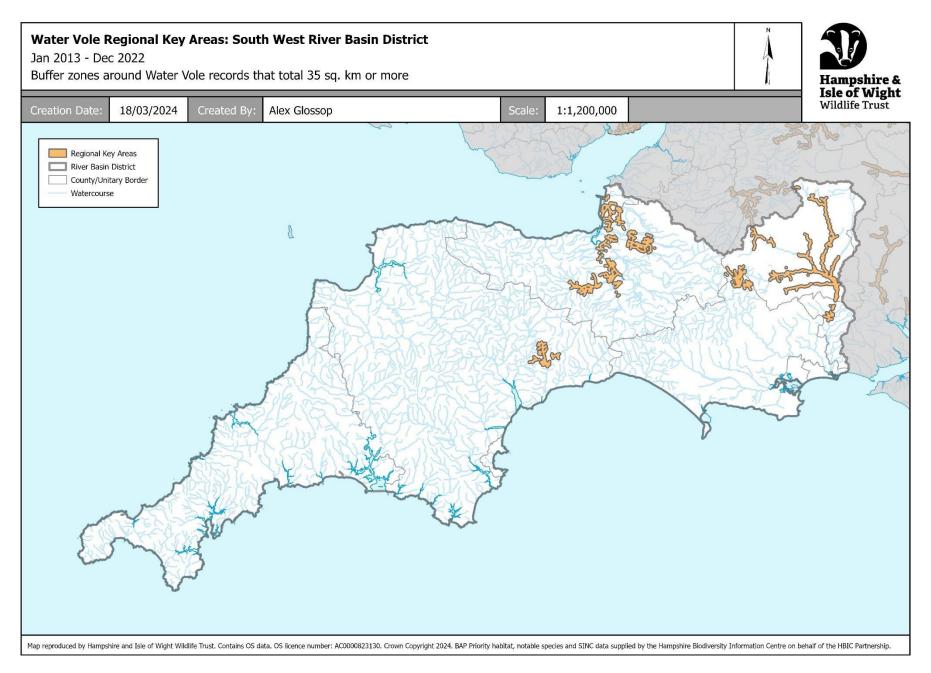


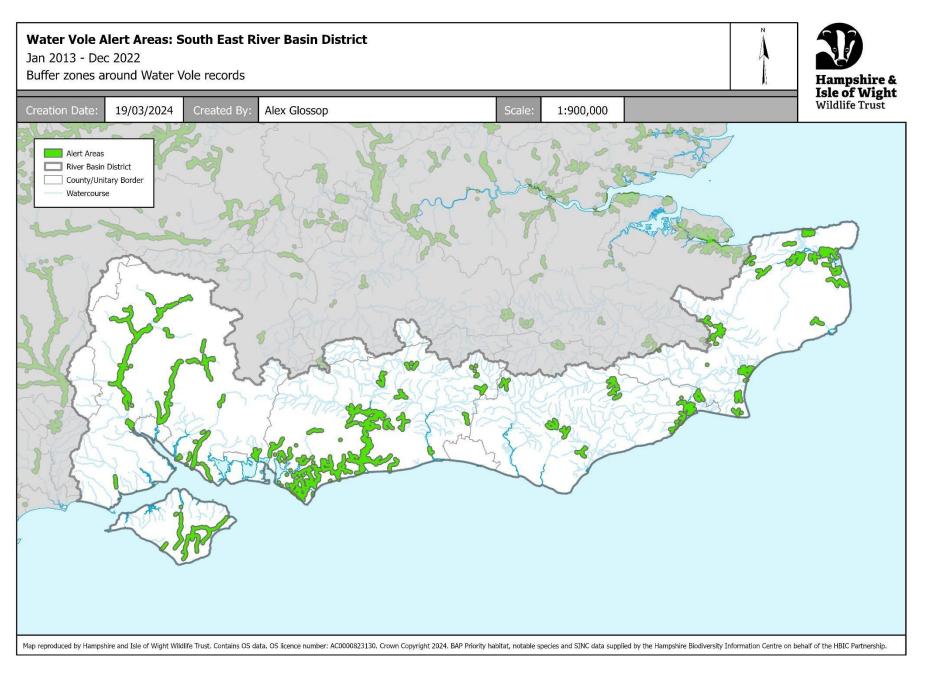


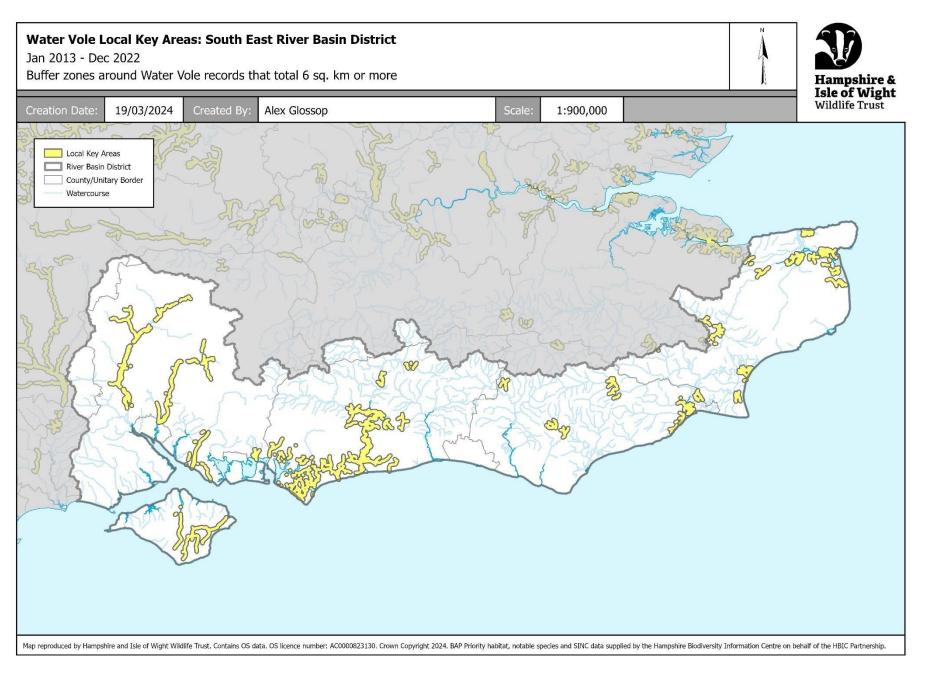
WATER VOLE ALERT & KEY AREA MAPS

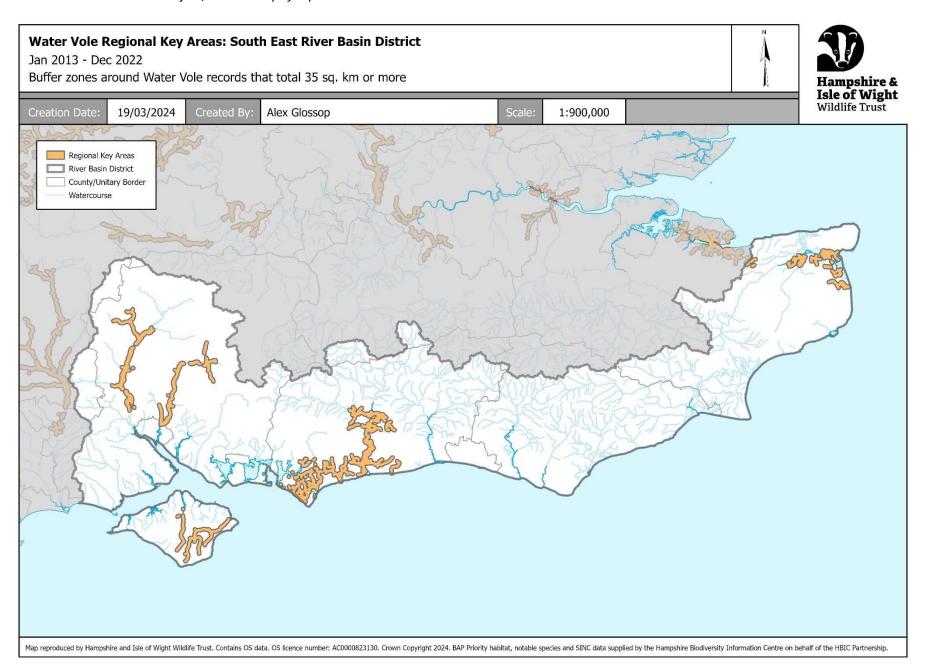










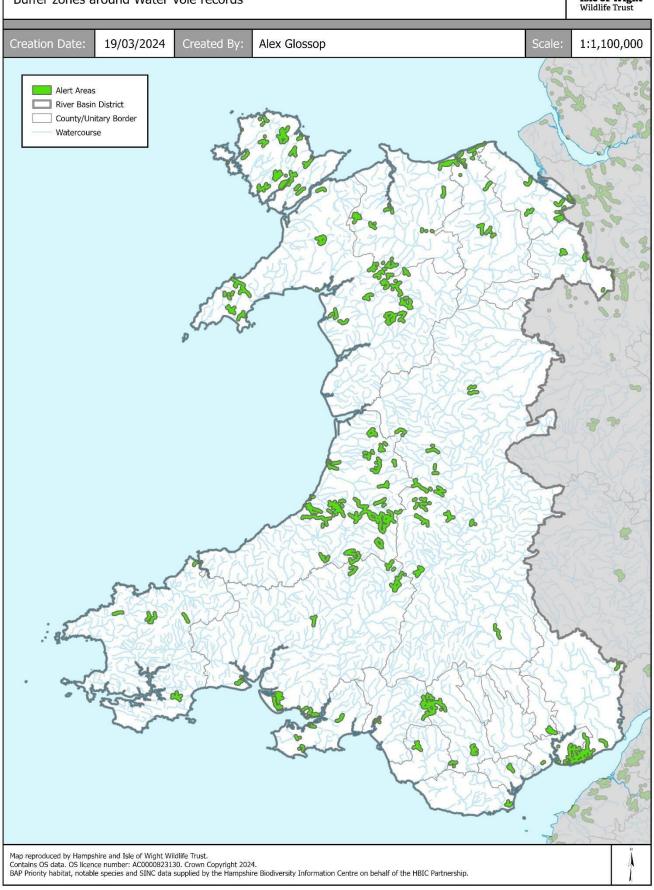


Water Vole Alert Areas: Wales River Basin District

Jan 2013 - Dec 2022

Buffer zones around Water Vole records



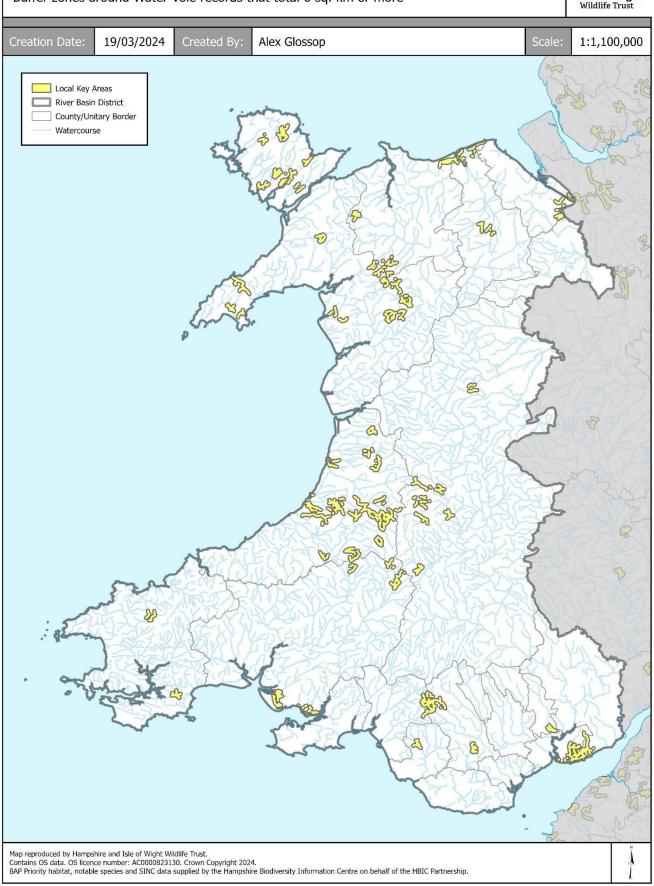


Water Vole Local Key Areas: Wales River Basin District

Jan 2013 - Dec 2022

Buffer zones around Water Vole records that total 6 sq. km or more





Water Vole Regional Key Areas: Wales River Basin District

Jan 2013 - Dec 2022

Buffer zones around Water Vole records that total 35 sq. km or more

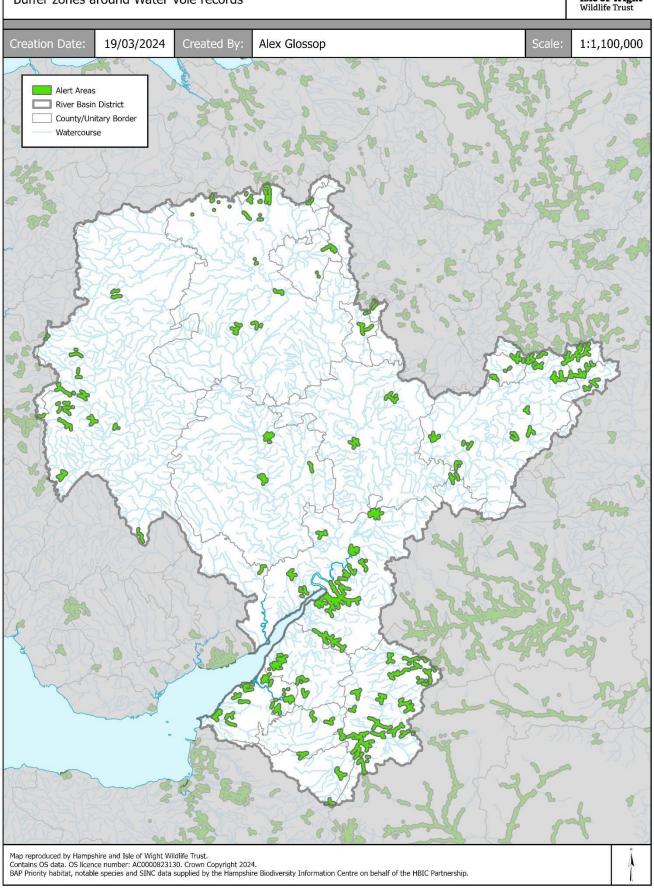




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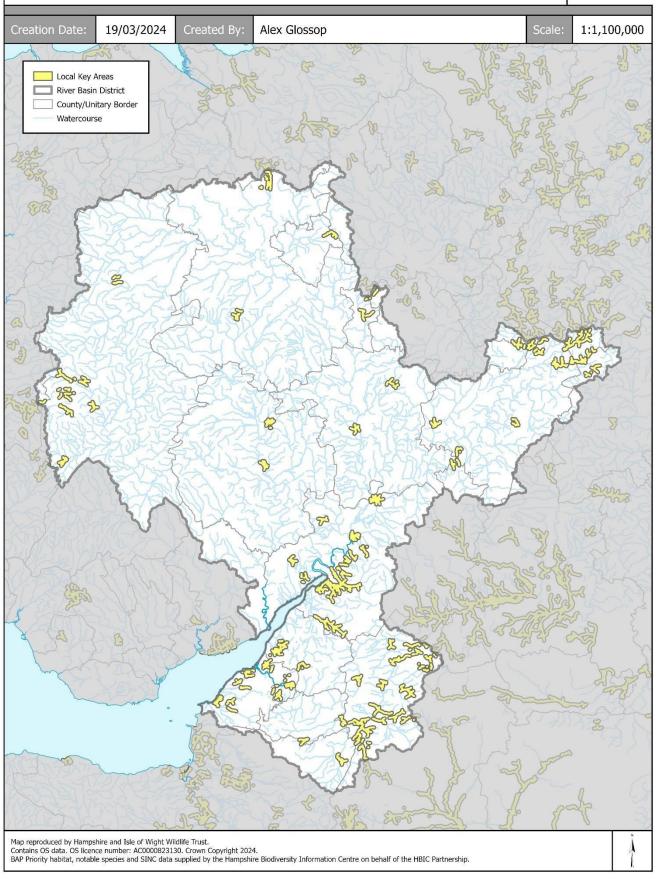




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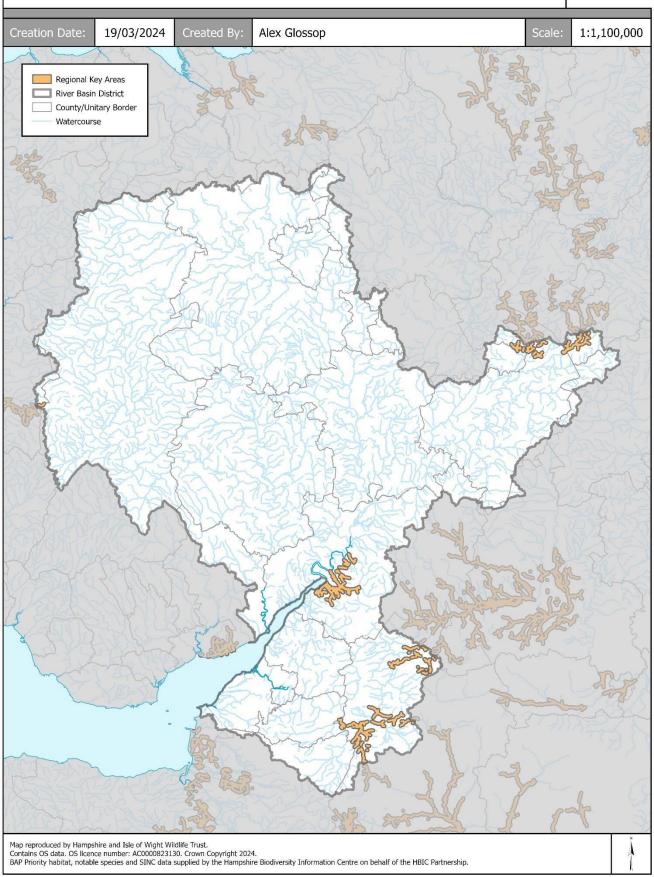


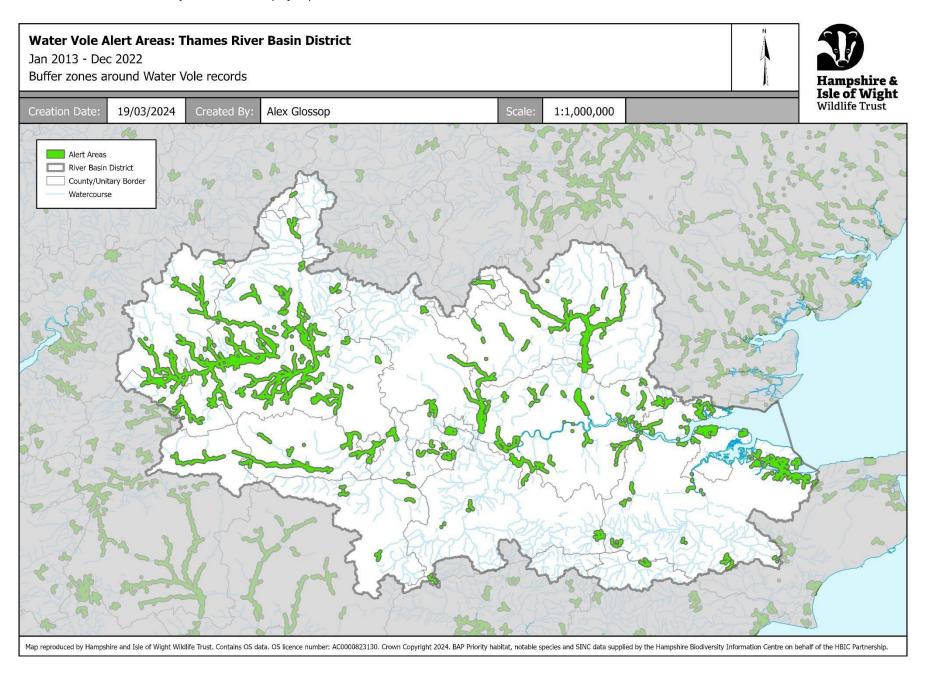


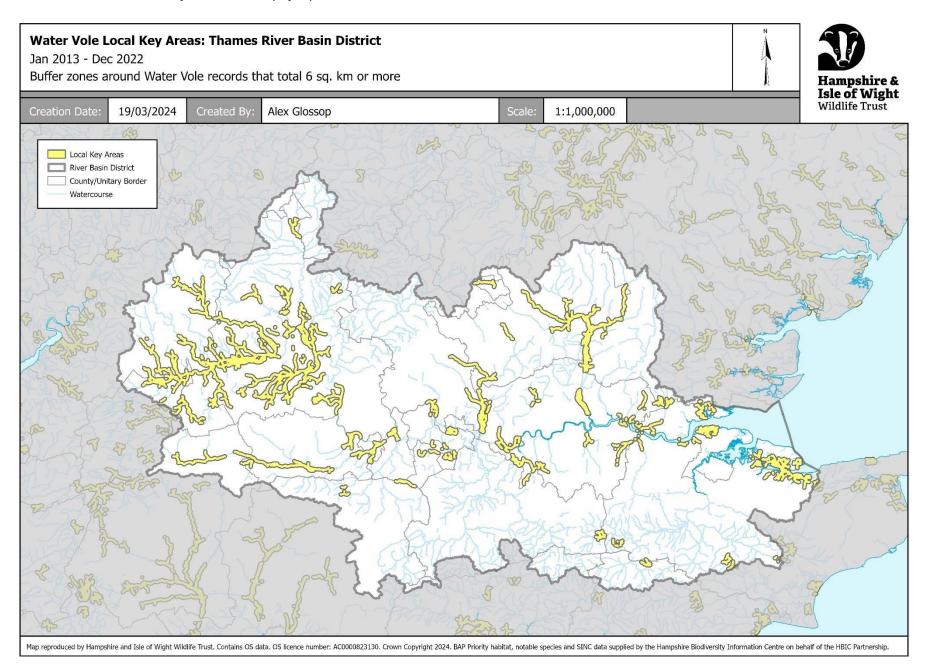
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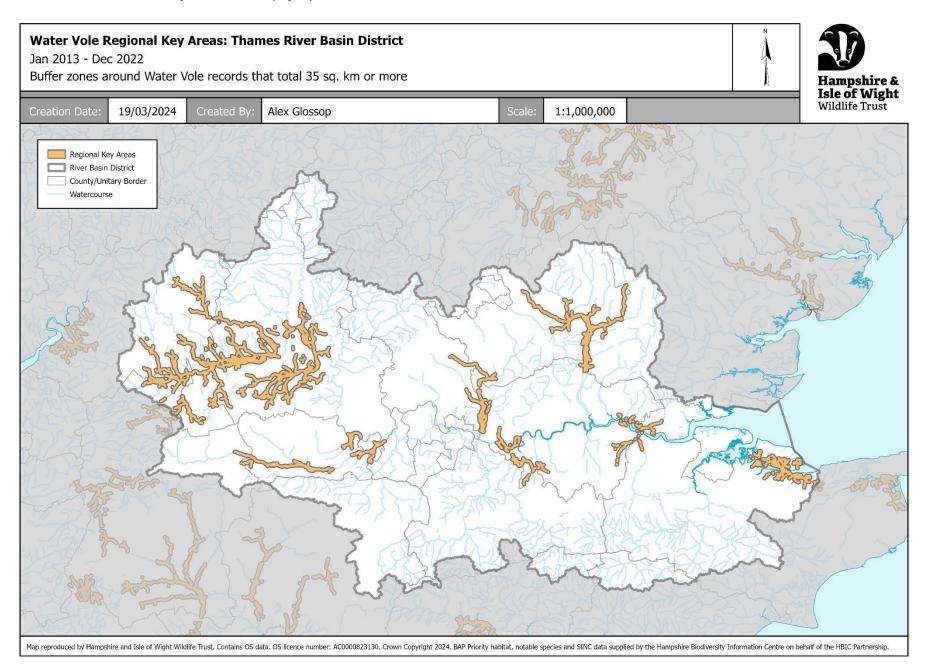
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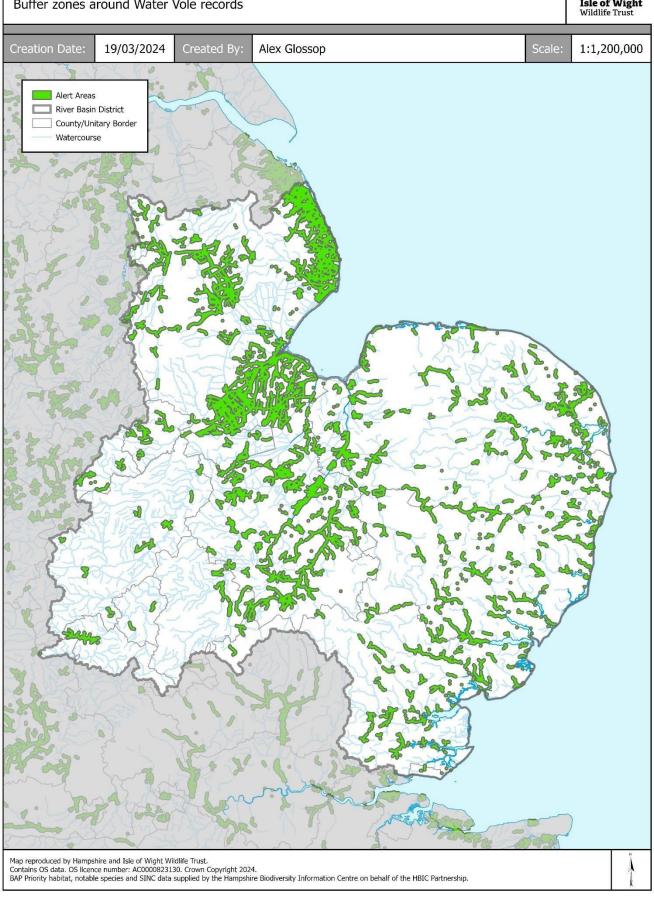




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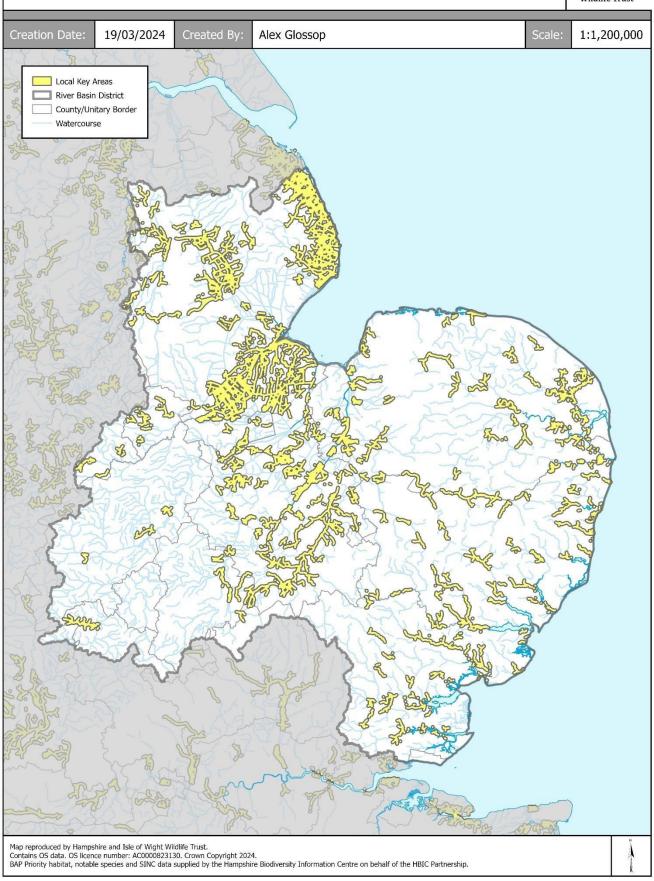




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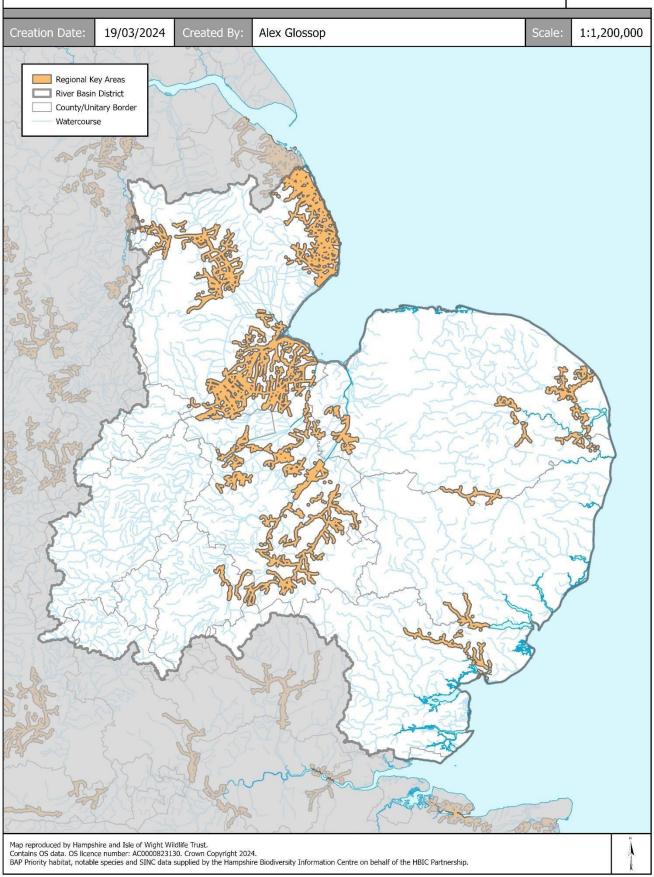


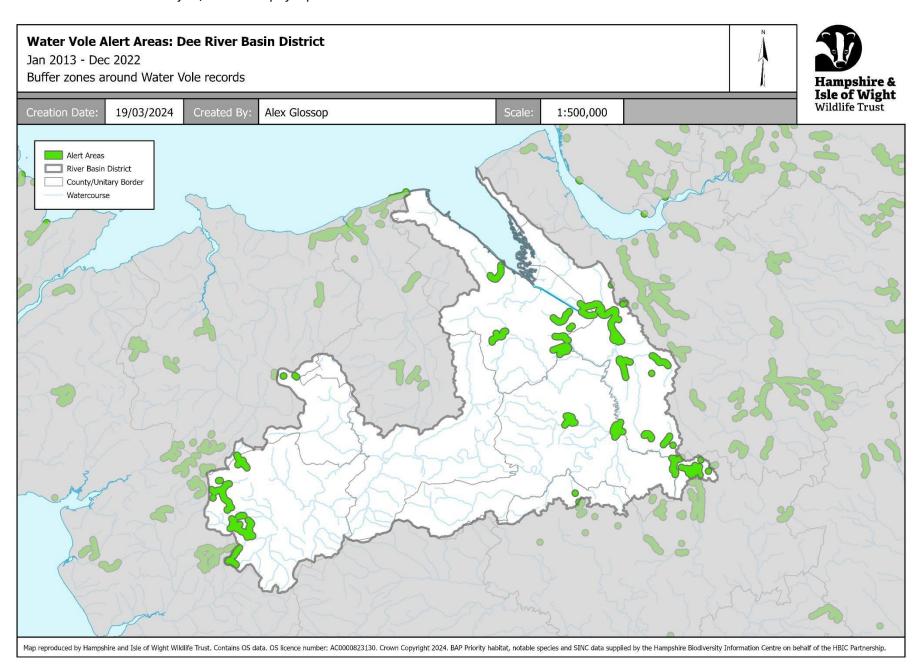


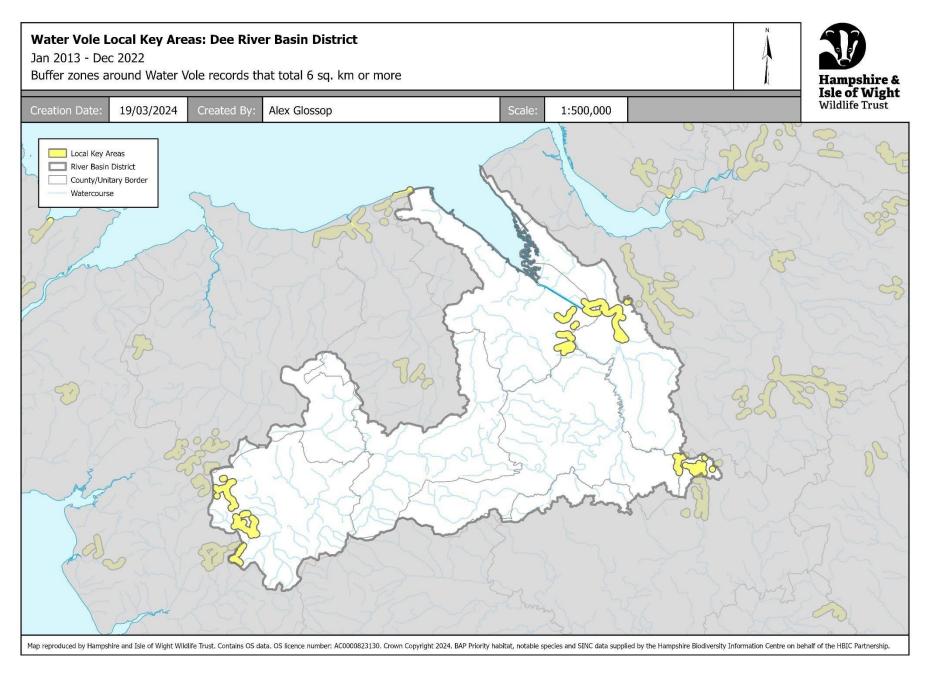
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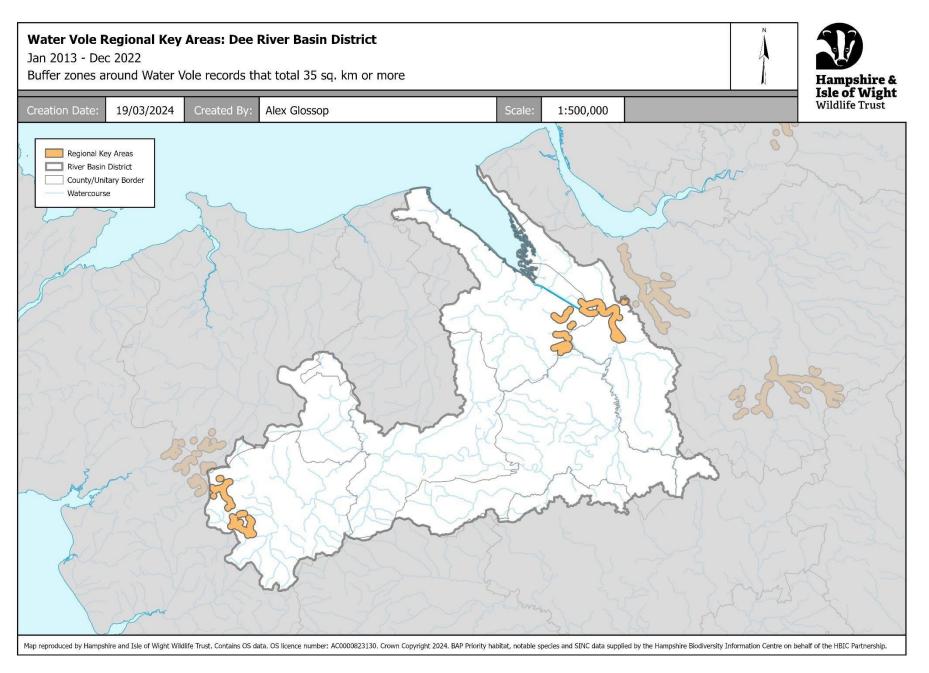
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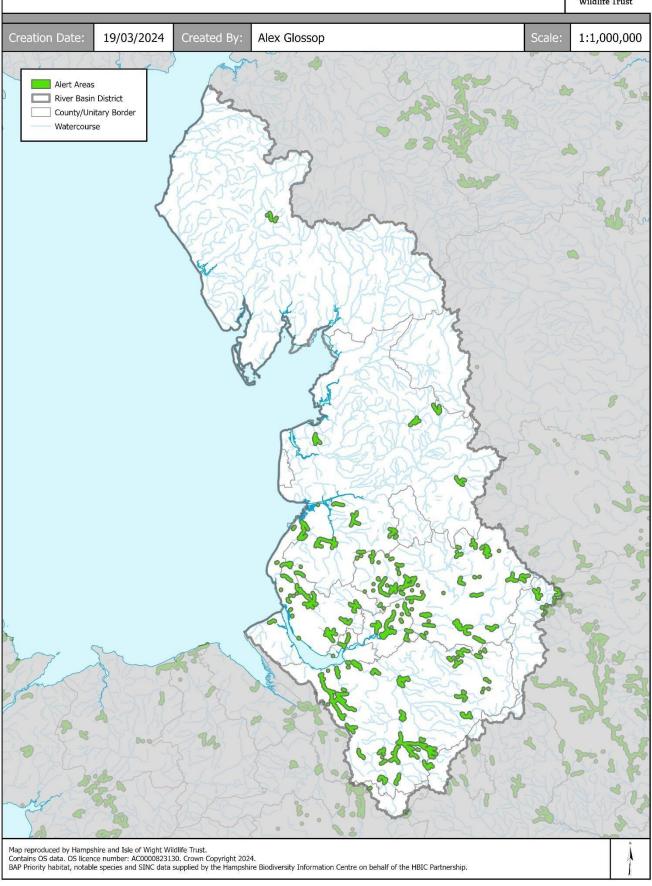




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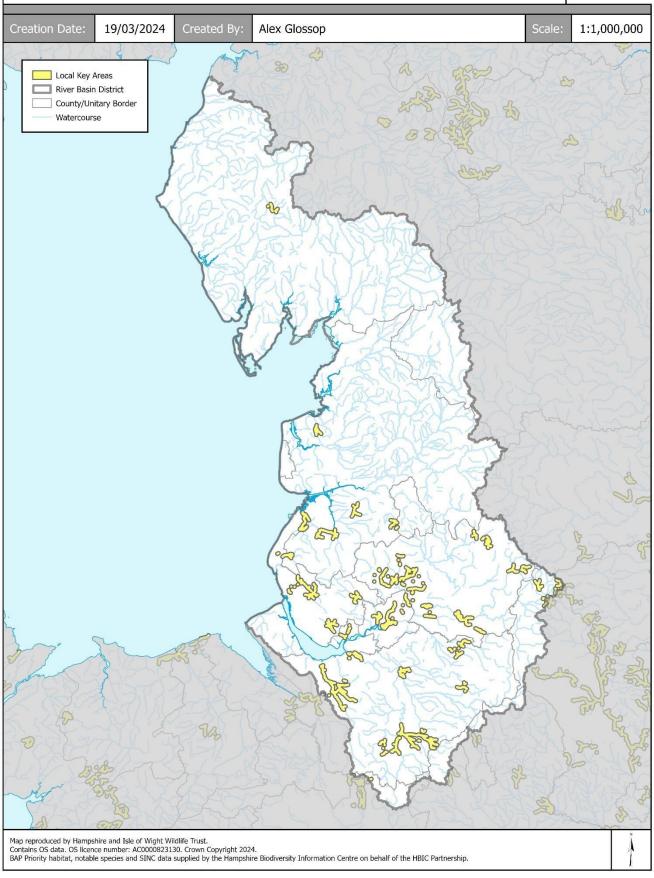




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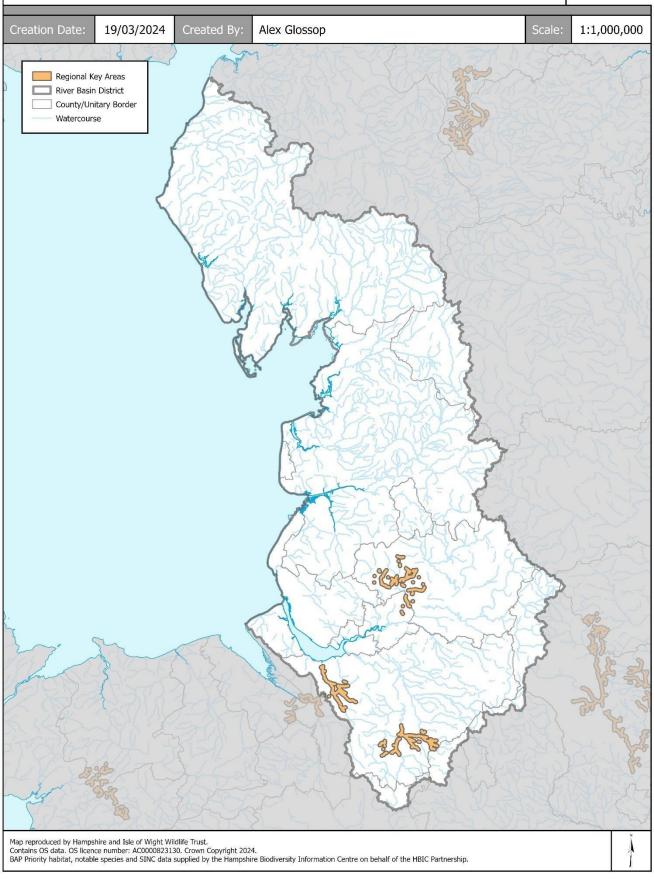




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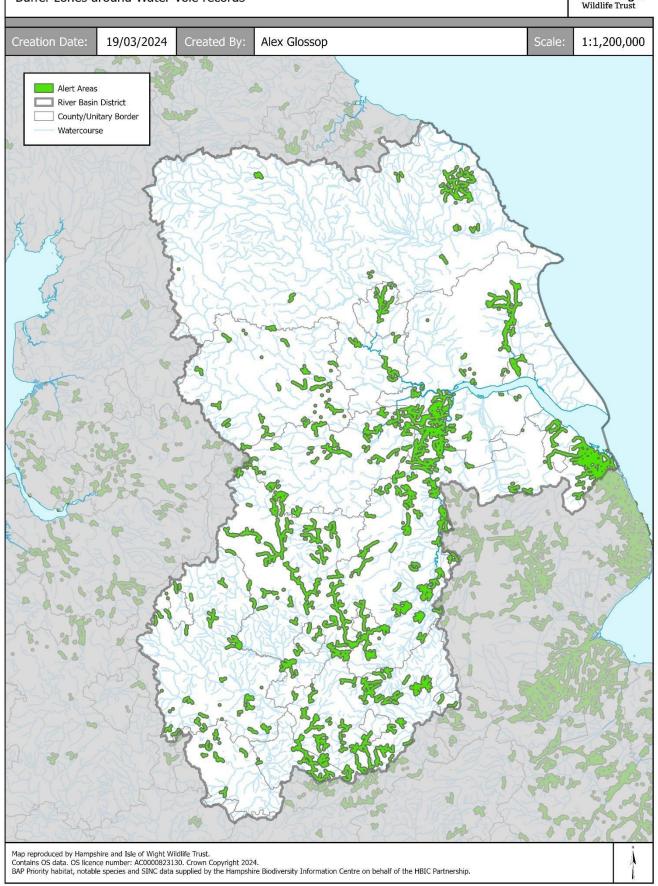




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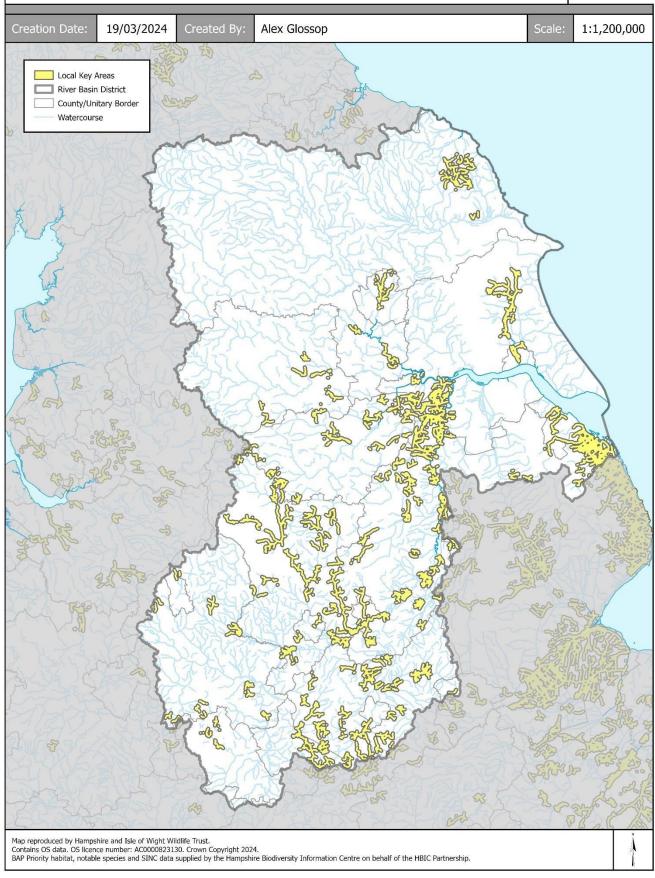




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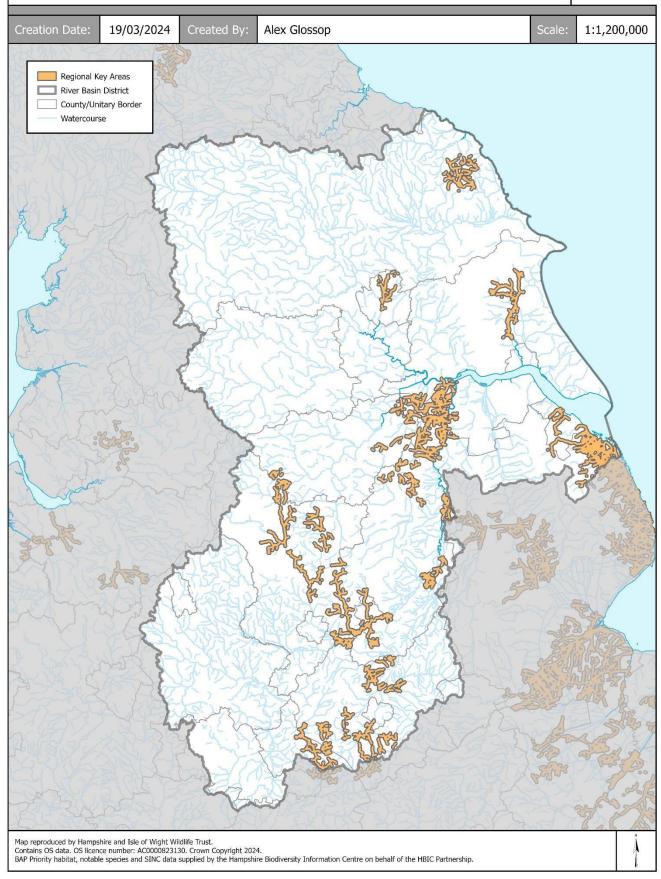


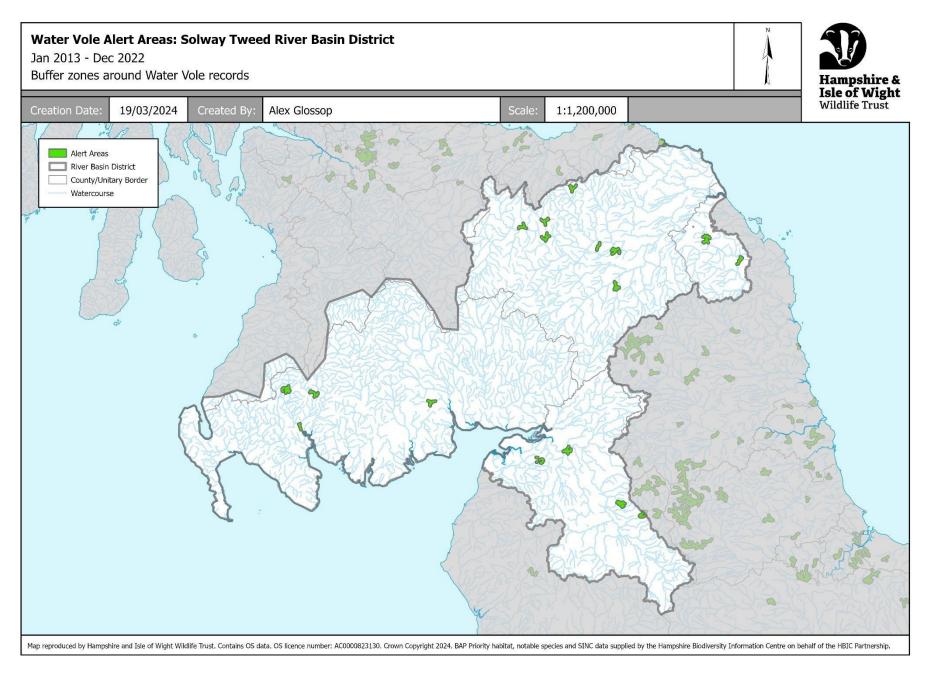


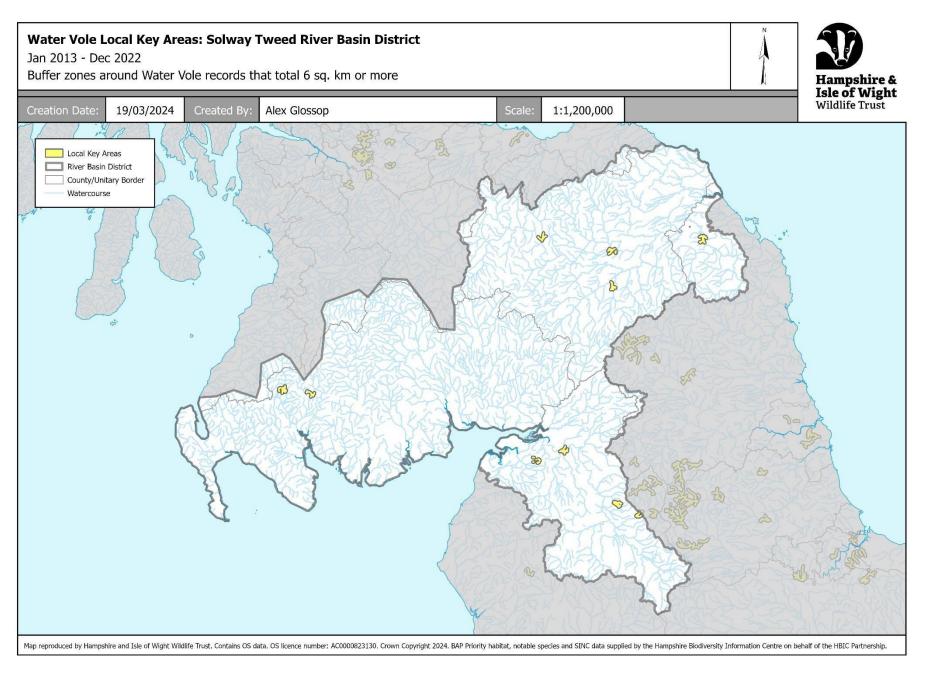
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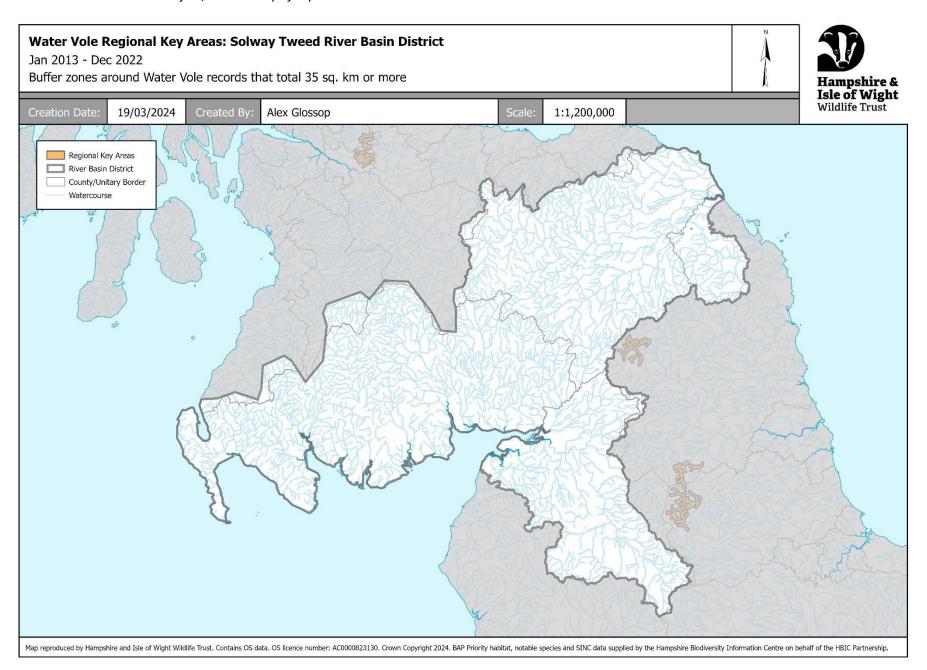
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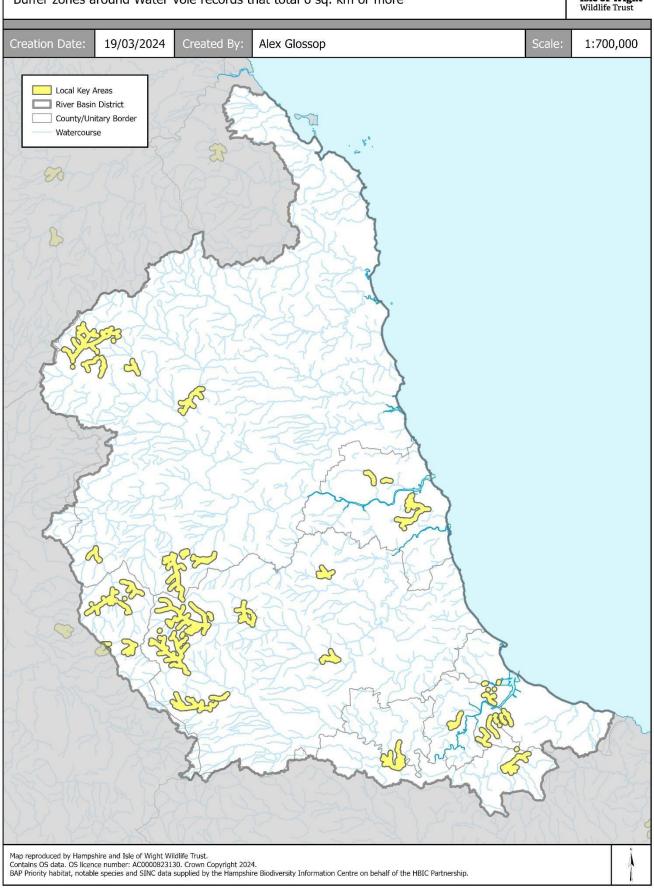


Water Vole Alert Areas: Northumbria River Basin District Jan 2013 - Dec 2022 Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust Buffer zones around Water Vole records 19/03/2024 Alex Glossop 1:700,000 Alert Areas River Basin District County/Unitary Border Watercourse Map reproduced by Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust. Contains OS data. OS licence number: AC0000823130. Crown Copyright 2024. BAP Priority habitat, notable species and SINC data supplied by the Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre on behalf of the HBIC Partnership.

Water Vole Local Key Areas: Northumbria River Basin District

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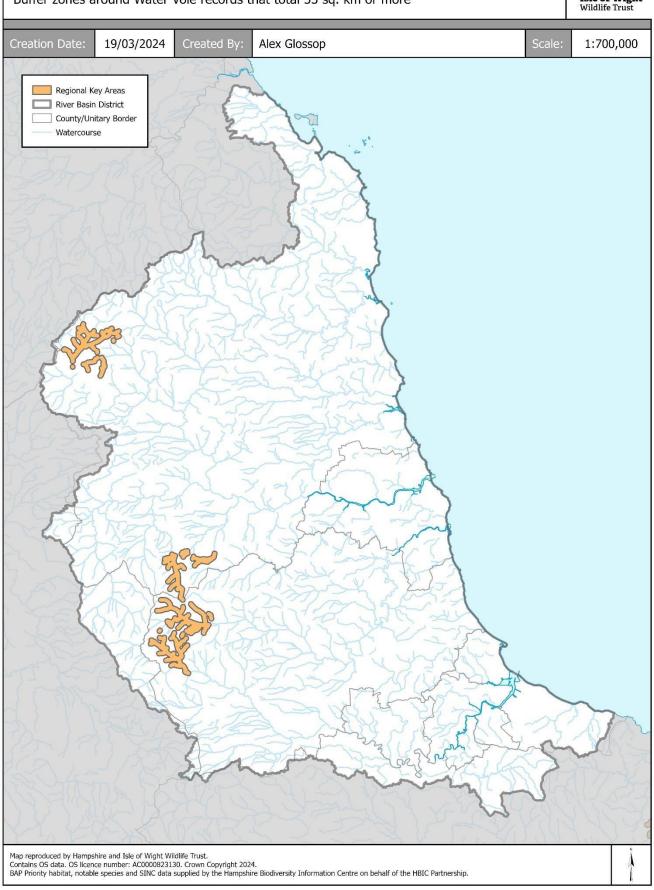




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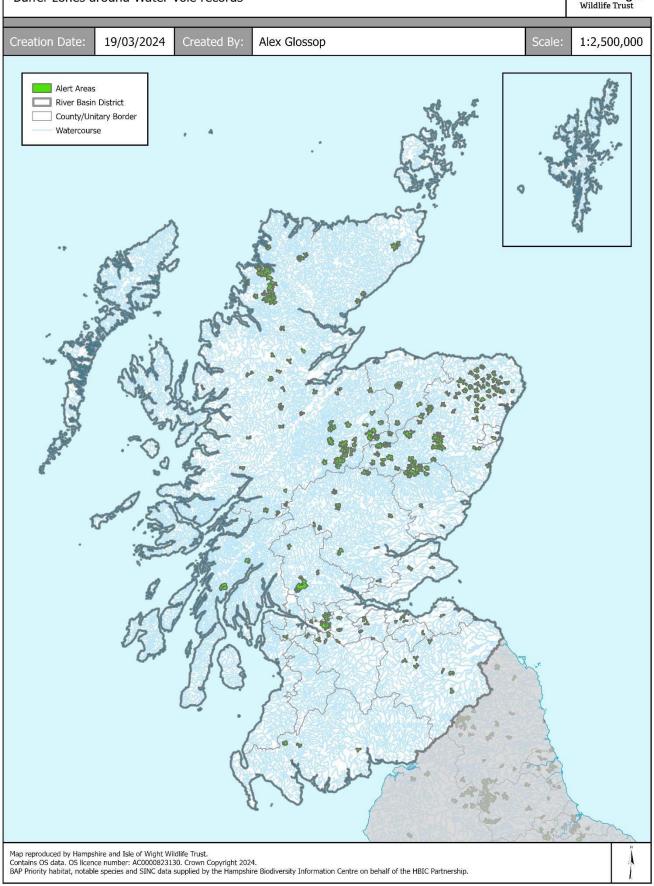




Water Vole Alert Areas: Scotland River Basin District

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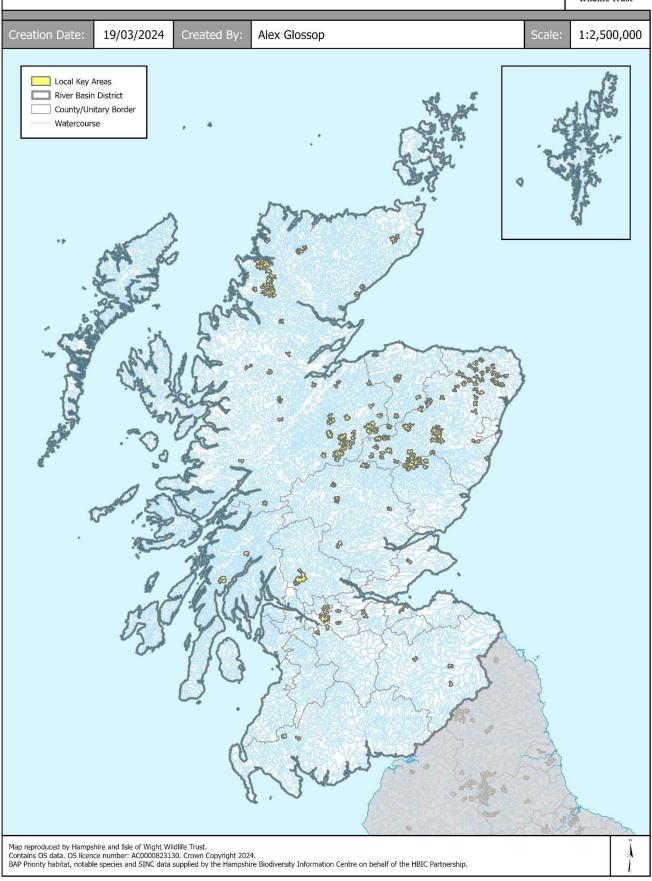




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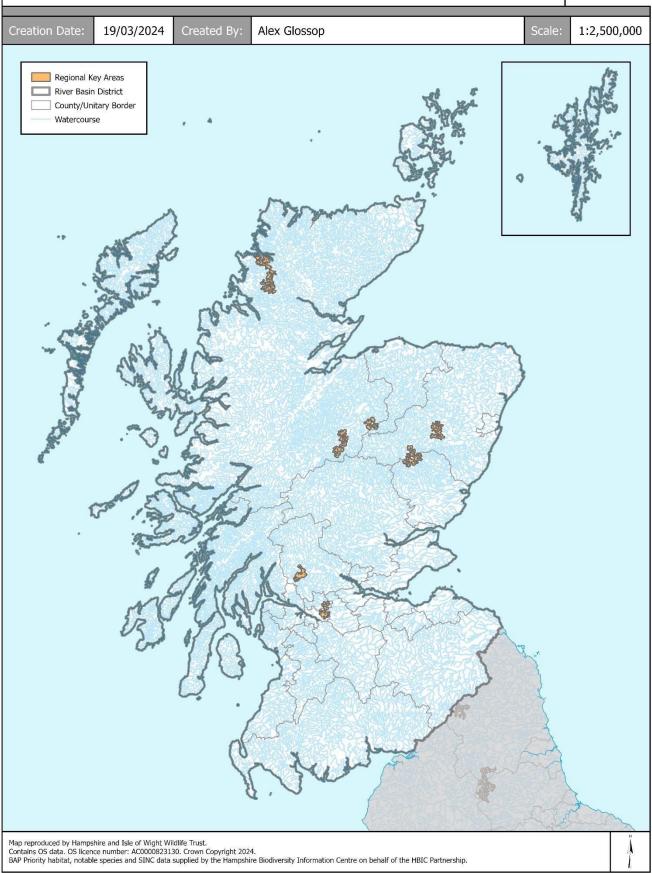




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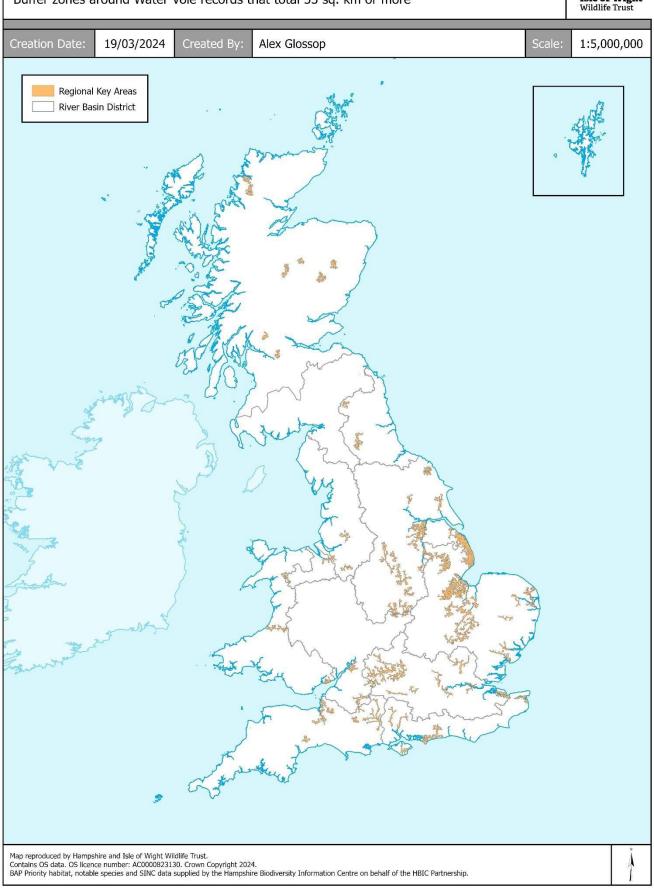




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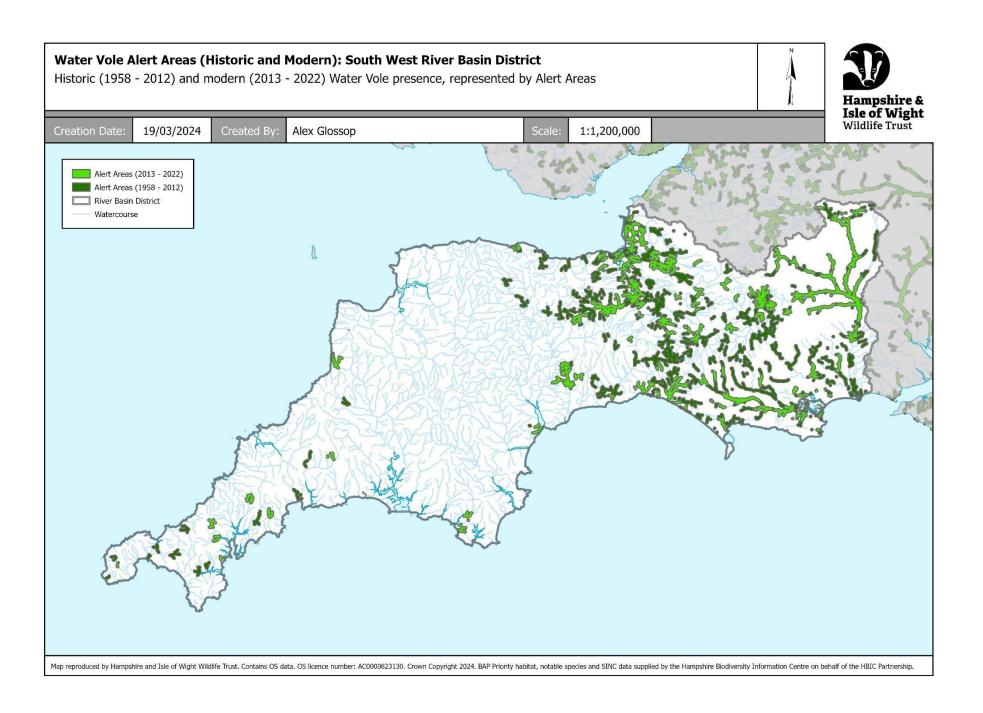
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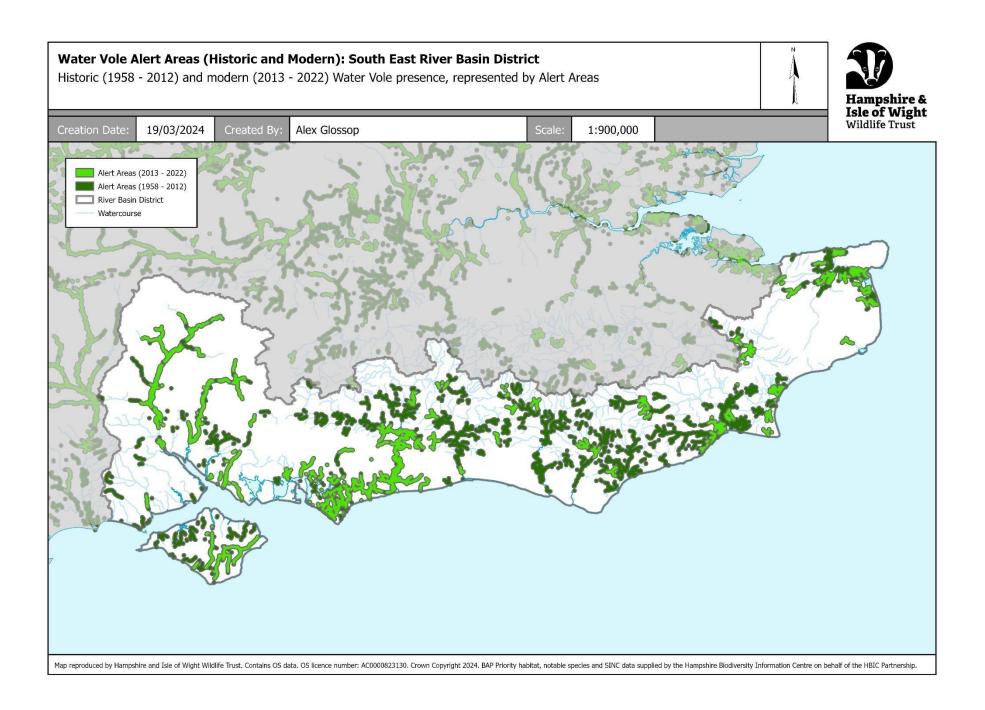


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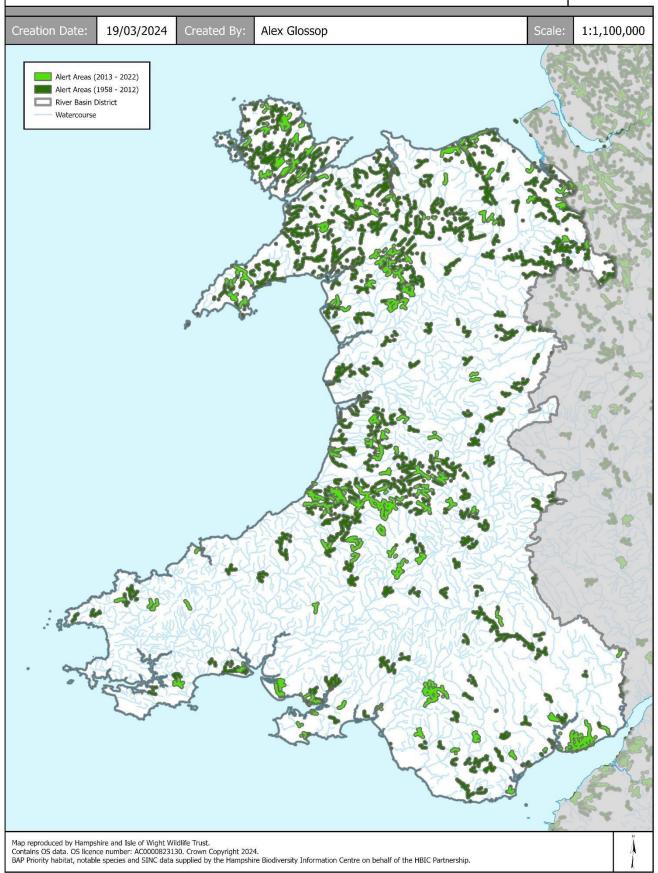


Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust

Water Vole Alert Areas (Historic and Modern): Wales River Basin District

Historic (1958 - 2012) and modern (2013 - 2022) Water Vole presence, represented by Alert Areas

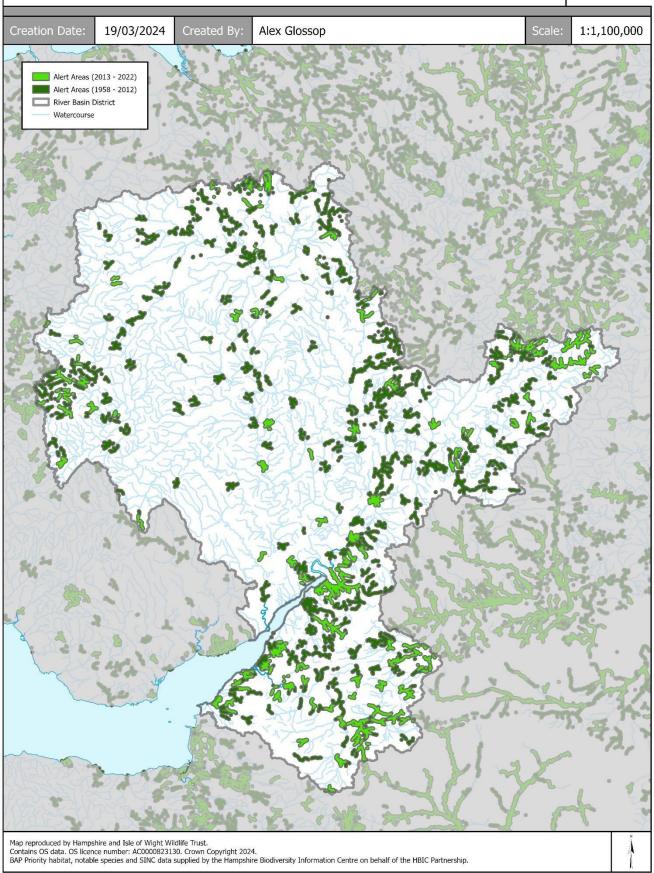




Water Vole Alert Areas (Historic and Modern): Severn River Basin District

Historic (1958 - 2012) and modern (2013 - 2022) Water Vole presence, represented by Alert Areas



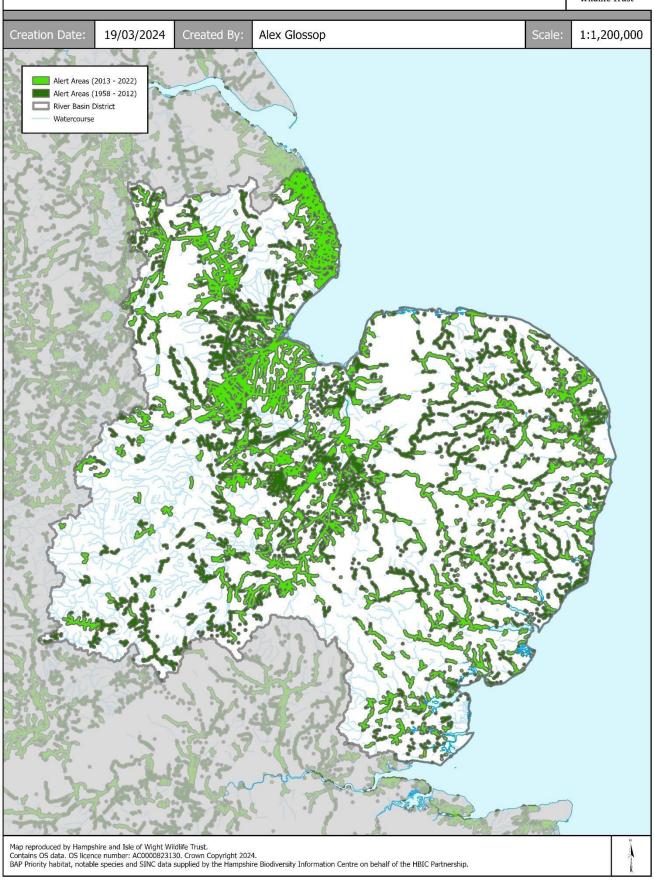


Water Vole Alert Areas (Historic and Modern): Thames River Basin District Historic (1958 - 2012) and modern (2013 - 2022) Water Vole presence, represented by Alert Areas Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust 1:1,000,000 19/03/2024 Created By Alex Glossop Alert Areas (2013 - 2022) Alert Areas (1958 - 2012) River Basin District Watercourse Map reproduced by Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust. Contains OS data. OS licence number: AC0000823130. Crown Copyright 2024. BAP Priority habitat, notable species and SINC data supplied by the Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre on behalf of the HBIC Partnership.

Water Vole Alert Areas (Historic and Modern): Anglian River Basin District

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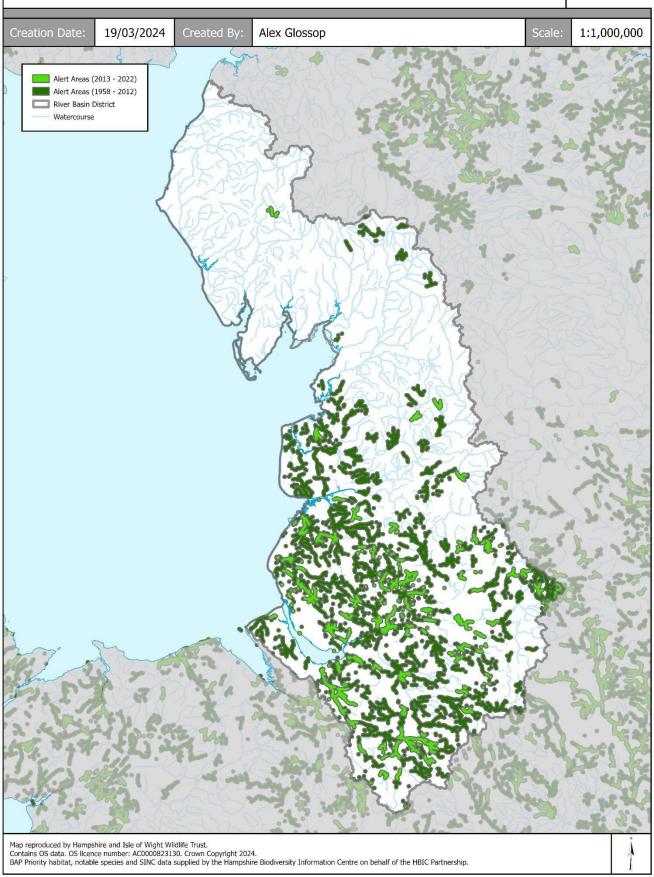




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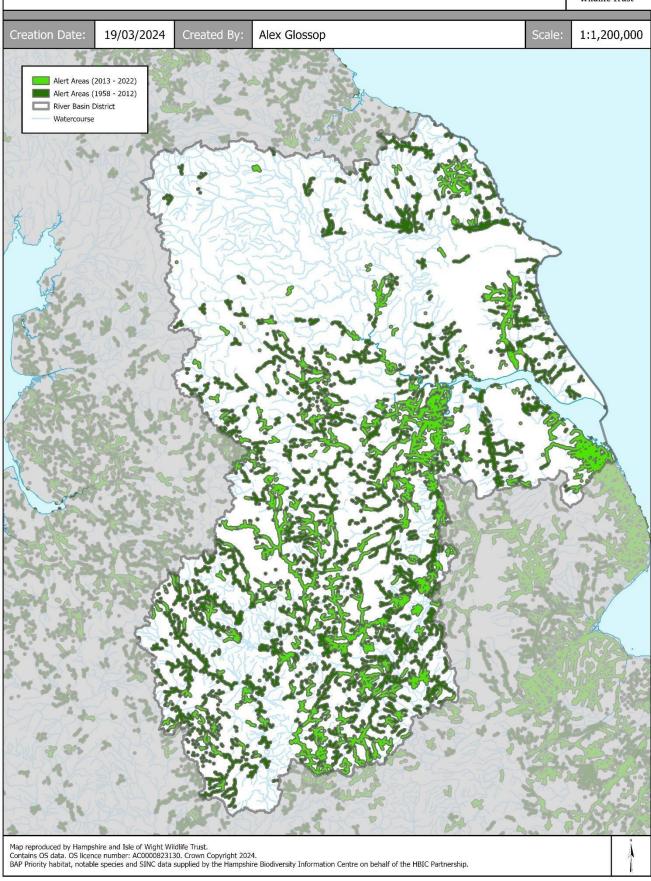




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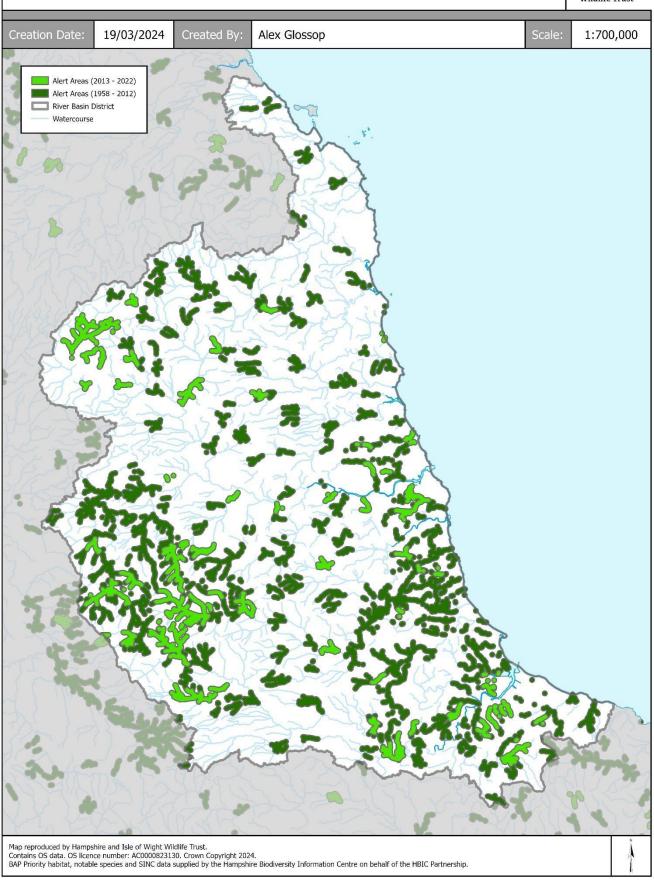




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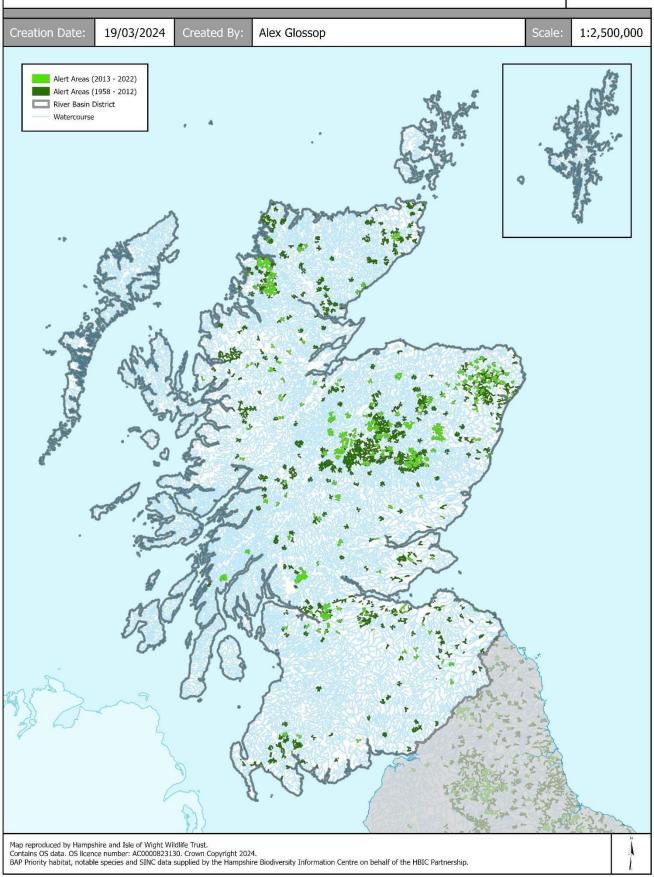




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WATER VOLE REINTRODUCTIONS

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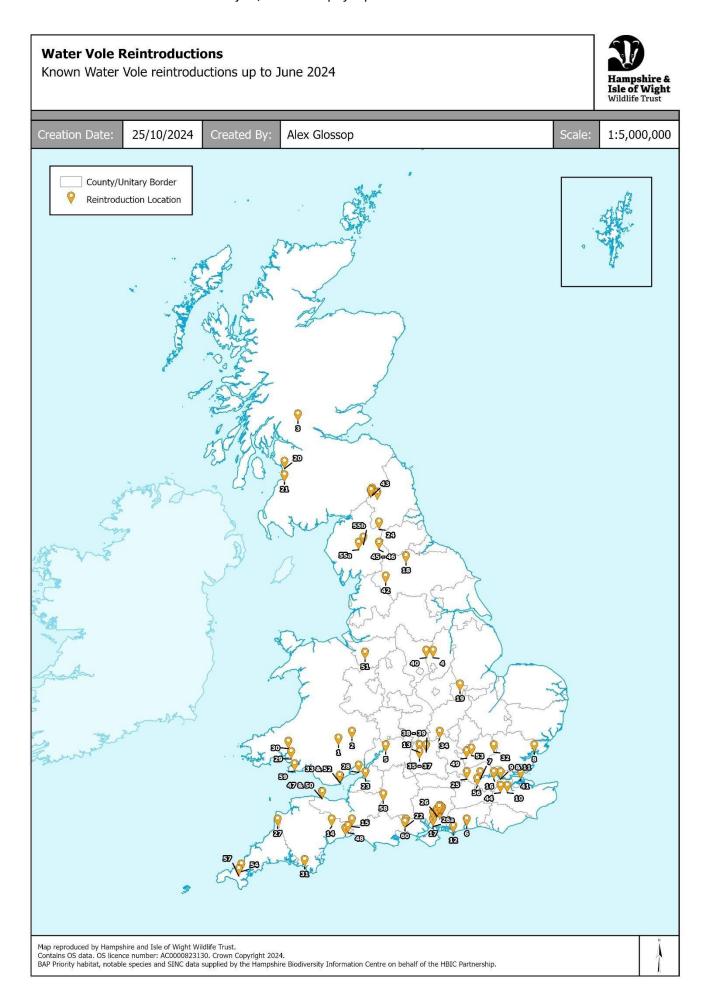
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ID	Location			
1	Llangors			
2	River Dore			
3	Queen Elizabeth Forest Park - Aberfoyle			
4	4 Brandon Marsh, Kirkby in Ashfield			
5	Netheridge Nature Reserve			
6	Arundel			
7	Barn Elms Reservoir			
8	River Colne			
9	Dartford Park			
10	West Malling			
11	Rainham Marsh			
12	Pagham Harbour			
13	Upper Thames			
14	River Tale			
15	River Axe			
16	Ruxley Gravel Pits			
17	Alver Valley			
18	Foxglove Covert			
19	Rutland Water			
20	Ayreshire - Darley Burn, Troon			
21	Ayreshire - Slaphouse Burn, Ayr			
22	Moors Valley			
23	Portbury Docks			
24	Alston, Cumbria			
25	Bedfont Lakes Country Park			
26a	R Meon, Hants: Upper Titchfield Haven			
26b	R Meon, Hants: Abbey Meadows, Titchfield			
26c	R Meon, Hants: Fontley			
26d	R Meon, Hants: Warnford			
26e	R Meon, Hants: Mayles Lane, Wickham			
26f	R Meon, Hants: Kingsmead			
26g	R Meon, Hants: Mislingford, Kingsmead			
26h	R Meon, Hants: Holywell			
26i	R Meon, Hants: St Clairs, Soberton			
26j				
26k	<u> </u>			
261	R Meon, Hants: Midlington			
26m	River Meon: East Meon			
26n	River Meon: Frogmore			
260	River Meon: Drayton			
26p	River Meon: Meonstoke			

ID	Location
27	Bude
28	Magor Marsh
29	Ffrwd Farm Mire, Pembrey
30	Carmarthen
31	Thurlestone
32	Thorley Wash
33	Cosmeston Country Park, Penarth
34a	Ouse
34b	Ouse
35b	Lower Windrush
35a	Lower Windrush
36a	Thame
36b	Thame
37	Swere
38	Evenlode
39a	Glyme
39b	Glyme
40	Kirkby in Ashfield
41	Kingsnorth
42	Malham Tarn
43a	Kielder Water and Forest Park
43b	Kielder Water and Forest Park
43c	Kielder Water and Forest Park
44	Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve
45	Sandford Mire, Warcop
46	Warcop Training Area
47	Holnicote
48a	Seaton Marshes
48b	Seaton Marshes
49	Hemel Hempstead
50	Holnicote
51	Cholmondley Estate
52	Cosmeston Lakes
53	River Ver, west of St Albans
54	Trelusback Farm
55a	Haweswater
55b	Lowther Estate
56	Hogsmill River
57	Upper River Cober
58	Longleat
59	Oxwich Nature Reserve

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26q	River Meon: West Meon	60	Bisterne, Lower Avon Valley

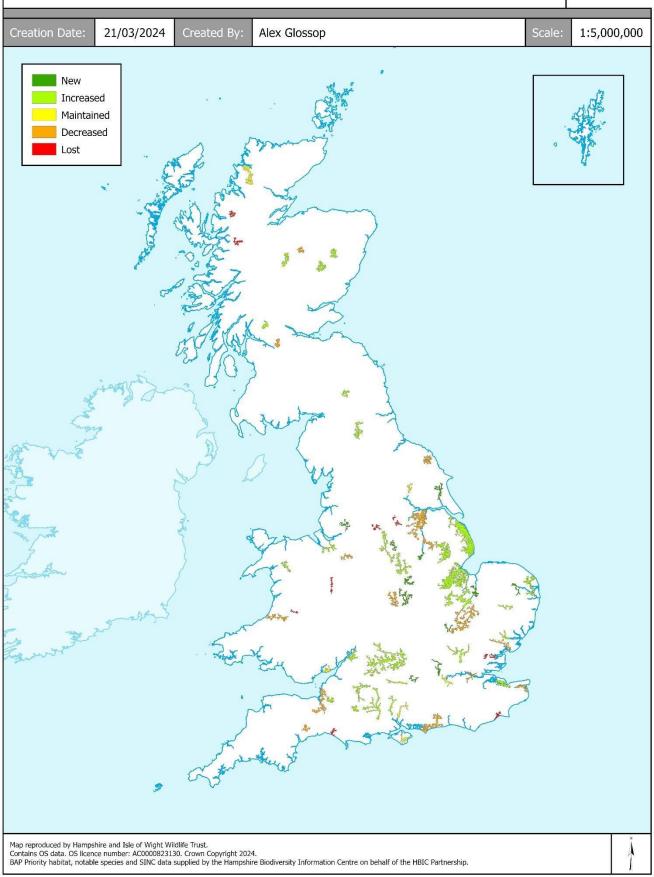


REGIONAL KEY AREAS: CHANGE OVER TIME

Changes in Regional Key Areas between the periods 2011 - 20 and 2013 - 22

Changes of less than +/- 1sqkm are deemed maintenance, while increasing or decreasing past 35sqkm causes a new or lost RKA respectively





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