

Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)

There are only 33 AONBs wholly in England and Goring and Streatley are situated in two of them.

AONBs are of such distinctive character and natural beauty and considered so precious that they are designated and protected by law (1949 National Parks and Access to Countryside Act and the Countryside and Rights of Way Act, 2000).

AONBs are designated in recognition of their national importance and to ensure that their character and qualities are protected for all to enjoy. For further information, visit: www.aonb.org.uk

The Chilterns AONB, familiar for its chalk ridges, beech and bluebell woods, its many picturesque brick-and-flint villages and scenic drives, is one of south-east England's major recreation resources and extends 70 km from Goring north-east to Hertfordshire.



The North Wessex Downs AONB is one of the largest tracts of chalk downland in southern England. The importance of the surviving downland habitat and ancient woodland is matched only by its archaeological significance. Along the Ridgeway from Streatley to Avebury are dotted some of the most prehistoric locations in the country, including the Stonehenge and Avebury World Heritage Site and the magnificent, world-famous chalk-cut figure of the White Horse at Uffington.