

Fencott and Murcott Parish

Fact Sheet

Area of Parish:	3,300 acres (or 1,300 Ha, or 13.5 km ²) This is an unusually large parish – more than 4 times the size of Charlton on Otmoor Parish, for example. It encompasses Otmoor, and land to the north of the M40 towards Arncott.
Population of Parish:	258 (according to the 2011 census)
Number of Homes:	90 (according to the 2011 census)
Road length in Parish:	2.5 miles
Public Rights of Way:	10 miles approximately (Public Footpaths and Bridleways)
Main Rivers in Parish:	25 miles approximately, as recognised by Environment Agency. This does not include the countless small ditches and watercourses, nor the RSPB-created areas of water.
Stakeholders in the Parish:	In addition to home-owners, tenants and families in the villages and nearby farms, there are significant additional stakeholders in the Parish. The RSPB reserve covers around 16% of the parish (210 Ha), and the MOD occupy a similar amount of land when the danger area beyond their firing ranges is taken into account. About 160 Ha of Otmoor is designated as SSSI (Site of Special scientific Interest), and a large area of Otmoor and the upper Ray Valley is designated as Upper Thames Tributaries Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA).