


# Buckinghamshire Thames Valley





Our modern Industrial Strategy sets out our long-term plan to boost productivity by backing business to create high quality, well-paid jobs throughout the United Kingdom with investment in skills, industries and infrastructure.

In Buckinghamshire Thames Valley a partnership of business and civic leaders – alongside other local partners – is working with the government to build on existing strengths, help business to flourish, and grow skills and opportunities for workers across the area.

Industrial Strategy highlights include:

 **£2m** funding to develop two state-of-the-art wind tunnels at the Silverstone Sports Engineering Hub; one for cycling, wheelchair athletics, speed-skating, skeleton and running; the other for testing fabrics.

 Additional funding to provide residents with the digital connectivity they need through improvements in the availability of full fibre broadband.

 **£4m** to accelerate housebuilding by providing the vital infrastructure needed to access new and existing sites.

 **274,900** people in employment, an increase of **31,800** since 2010. **6,300** workers directly benefiting from the National Living and Minimum Wages. **1,650** apprenticeships starts last year.



**Population: 528,400**  
**Businesses: 29,505**

## Case study: Westcott Incubation Centre & 5G testbed

The National Centre for Satellite Applications at Westcott will develop an innovation centre and training hub for the next generation of scientists and engineers to develop links between businesses and academia in the sector. There has also been investment in the 5G testbed at Westcott for a test site to develop unmanned automated vehicles and their ability to transmit data over a 5G network.

For more examples go to [bit.ly/IS-map](https://bit.ly/IS-map)

Buckinghamshire Thames Valley Local Enterprise Partnership is a trailblazer, developing its Local Industrial Strategy as part of the family of strategies covering the Oxford-Cambridge Arc

**We have committed more than £45bn to Industrial Strategy programmes supporting research, local infrastructure, training and business growth throughout the United Kingdom. This money is already starting to be spent on the ground.**