



Lowland Derbyshire Biodiversity Partnership Annual Report 2008/9



The Lowland Derbyshire Biodiversity Partnership is made up of over 90 organisations from the private, public and voluntary sectors who have agreed to work together to deliver the aims of the Lowland Derbyshire Biodiversity Action Plan. The action plan contains targets for habitat management, restoration and creation. Work is also taking place to survey, monitor and conserve species, especially those which are considered to be in national decline, such as the water vole.

Each year the Partnership produces an Annual Report which summaries activities and progress towards the targets, all of which are due to end in 2010.

Annual Report Summary

This report covers biodiversity activity by the Lowland Derbyshire Biodiversity partnership between 1st April 2008 and 31st March 2009.

Over 85 different organisations contributed towards actions in the Lowland Derbyshire Local Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP). The highlights of the report are:

- LBAP Partners created, or signed agreements to create, 100.82ha of woodland, 17ha of species-rich grassland, 21 ponds and 3,058m of hedgerow
- LBAP Partners restored, or agreed to restore and manage, 85.66ha of woodland, 11.45ha of wood-pasture/parkland, 174.77ha of species-rich grassland, 8 ponds and 2,731m of hedgerow
- 55% of the habitat targets are on target to be completed by 2010; 25% have been achieved already
- Biodiversity projects received more than £675,000 of external funding
- 93.1% of Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) in the LBAP area are now in favourable, or recovering, condition
- Volunteers carried out more than 7,800 days worth of practical conservation work during 2008/9
- More than 20,000 people attended 250 biodiversity related outdoor events
- Over 7,000 people attended 155 biodiversity related indoor talks

Copies of the report will be available as a pdf file from the beginning of November on the Derbyshire Biodiversity website (www.derbyshirebiodiversity.org.uk). One hard copy will be sent to each LBAP Partner and contributing community group. A limited number of hard copies will also be available for individuals. For a copy please contact Debbie Alston 01629 539771 or e-mail Debbie.alston@derbyshire.gov.uk.

