

A Greenprint for Chesterfield



A blessing or a curse

Background

Discussions began in 2001

Production began in spring 2002

Greenprint completed in spring 2003

Launched in May 2003



Steering group

Formalised in May 2003

Consists of representatives from

- Derbyshire County Council
- Derbyshire Wildlife Trust
- Chesterfield Borough Council

Meet quarterly

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Priority Habitats

- Wildflower rich grasslands
- Rivers and streams
- Standing water – lakes, ponds and canals
- Broad-leaved woodlands
- Hedgerows
- Wet grassland
- Urban and post industrial habitats
- Swamp, tall herb fen and reedbed
- Gardens and allotments

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Flagship Species

- White-clawed Crayfish
- Bats
- Water Vole
- Skylark
- Grass Snake
- Bluebell





Challenges

Missing funding opportunities

Engaging partners

Lack of time

Lack of dedicated staff

Sometimes hijacked to oppose
legitimate development

Given a low priority by some Council services

Successes

- ☺ Garden and allotment wildlife survey
- ☺ Baseline study
- ☺ For snakes sake project
- ☺ Bat packs
- ☺ Bluebell survey
- ☺ Watervole survey and mink monitoring
- ☺ Working on designating Norbriggs Flash as an LNR
- ☺ East Derbyshire woodland project

Summary

Making a small difference
positive tool
raising awareness

But.....

could do more