

Sustainable Wetland Habitats and Communities for the Future

Wetlands is the theme of this years Forum is a joint event between the Peak District and Lowland Derbyshire LBAP Partnerships.

Derbyshire and the Peak District has many areas of important wetland from the dew ponds and limestone streams of the White Peak area and the blanket bogs of the uplands to the subsidence flashes in the coalfields and gravel pits in the Trent Valley. Many priority species depend on the wetland habitats and the important corridors they provide linking suitable breeding sites. These wetlands and their dependent species are likely to face future challenges from the effects of climate change.

This Forum looks at some examples of wetland projects and how they have involved local communities and landowners in their management now and in the future. The workshops have been designed to provide discussion on particular wetland issues and to look at the ecological needs and habitat management for three key priority biodiversity species. The day will finish with a talk by Helen Smith on the *Little Ouse Headwaters Project* in Norfolk showing what can be done by local communities working on a small landscape scale project.

Many LBAP partners are working towards the local wetland targets protecting wetland and wetland species through policy and legislation, managing land of their own or on behalf of others, advising other land owners or grant aiding wetland management/restoration/creation.

Workshops: Delegates will have an opportunity to attend 2 workshops:

- 1. Pond management** – this workshop will explore the issues and practicalities surrounding pond management. The workshop will be led by Pond Conservation the UK's leading centre for information and advice on the conservation of ponds.
- 2. Pond surveying** - this workshop will look at the practicalities of carrying out a pond survey using the Pond Conservation Trusts nationally recognised methodology. The workshop will be led by Trevor Taylor who surveyed ponds in Derby using the survey methodology.
- 3. Great crested newt ecology and habitat management** – this workshop will provide an introduction to great crested newts, their basic ecology and habitat requirements and suggestions for habitat management. The workshop will be led by Chris Monk the County Amphibian Recorder for Derbyshire.
- 4. White clawed crayfish ecology and habitat management**– this workshop will provide an introduction to crayfish; covering identification, ecology and habitat requirements, before discussing the conservation issues, catchment risk assessments for crayfish and the search for "Ark" sites. The emphasis will be on ways of developing local conservation strategy for white-clawed crayfish and practical action. The workshop will be led by Stephanie Peay a leading UK expert on crayfish.
- 5. Mink Control and habitat management for water voles** – this workshop will look at habitat management for water voles and the issues and practicalities of mink control. The workshop will be run by Helen Perkins Project Officer for Derbyshire Wildlife Trust's Water Vole Recovery Project.



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Programme

9.45 – 10.00	Registration and Coffee
10.00	Welcome <i>Jo Brown, Conservation Manager Derbyshire Wildlife Trust</i>
	The Lowland Derbyshire LBAP 2006/7: An overview <i>Debbie Court, Biodiversity Project Officer, Lowland Derbyshire Biodiversity Partnership</i>
	The Peak District LBAP 2006/7: An overview <i>Karen Shelley, Biodiversity Officer, Peak District National Park Authority</i>
	The Vision Project: Calver Marshes Project <i>Rebekah Newman, Peak District National Park Authority</i>
	The Mackworth and Markeaton Brook Project <i>Beverley Rhodes, Environmental Projects Officer, Derby City Council</i>
	Question session for morning speakers Chaired by <i>Jo Brown, Conservation Manager, Derbyshire Wildlife Trust</i>
11.00	Coffee Break
11.20	Workshops – Session 1
12.30	<i>Buffet Lunch</i>
13.15	Workshops – Session 2
14.30	Coffee Break
15.00	Presentations from local groups and organisations carrying out wetland work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wetland Restoration in Findern <i>Neville Froggatt, Findern Footpaths Group</i> • Trent Rivers Trust <i>David Hunter, Trent Rivers Trust</i>
15.30	Little Ouse Headwaters Project <i>Helen Smith, Little Ouse Headwaters Project</i>
15.50	Questions for afternoon speakers & round up
16.00	Finish

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