



Lowland Derbyshire Biodiversity Forum 2005



10th May 2005 10 – 3.30pm

at County Hall, Matlock

**A programme of talks, workshops and displays by
Local Biodiversity Partners**



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Hosted by Derbyshire County Council

Lowland Derbyshire Biodiversity Forum

Focus of the morning session:

Significant progress has been made by the co-ordinator and the Lowland Derbyshire Biodiversity Forum. This Forum is the first opportunity for several years for all the LBAP partners have been able to get together to share information on LBAP progress and report on project successes and share best practice.

Focus of the afternoon session:

Whilst much has been achieved to date there is still much to do in the coming years. New partnerships are being formed with organisations and special interest groups. New action plans are being written and old ones updated. There are still significant barriers preventing biodiversity progress. The talks and workshops will be an opportunity to share ideas on how to overcome these barriers and move forward.

The Forum will also see the launch of a report on LBAP progress 2001-2004 and hopefully a demonstration of the new website which will take the concept of the Lowland Derbyshire LBAP out to a wider audience.

For more details on the Forum see the programme overleaf.

Attendance at the Forum is **free** but **places must be booked** in advance using the booking form.

Biodiversity – a quick recap

In June 1992 over 150 countries signed the “Convention on Biological Diversity” in Rio at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (also known as the Earth Summit). Those countries, including the UK, made a commitment to halting the loss of biodiversity across the world. Each country had to produce an action plan to show how they would take this forward. The UK produced a UK Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) in 1994. Following on from the UK BAP, county and area and some company BAPs were produced bringing action down to a local level.

The ‘Mid Derbyshire Local Biodiversity Action Plan’ (LBAP) was launched in 1997. Since that date a second volume of the BAP was produced in 1998 and the area covered was redefined and renamed the ‘Lowland Derbyshire Biodiversity Action Plan in 2001.

LBAP Co-ordinator

Since its launch the LBAP has lacked a dedicated co-ordinator and while the LBAP partners have been busy carrying out actions it has sometimes been difficult to gain an overview of progress. In 2004 the Steering Group were finally successful in gaining funds from the Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund to employ a dedicated co-ordinator.

Regional and National

Progress is being made on a regional scale through the Regional Biodiversity Forum and on a national scale against regional and national LBAP targets. A UK web based reporting system, Biodiversity Action Reporting System (BARS) has been launched recently to help with monitoring progress and reporting against targets and actions.



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Programme

10 – 10.15	Registration and Coffee
	Theme for the morning: LBAP Progress and Partner Projects <i>Chaired by Annie Cooper, Ecologist, Derbyshire County Council</i>
10.15	<i>Welcome</i>
10.20	The Lowland Derbyshire LBAP 1997-2004: An overview <i>Debbie Court, Biodiversity Project Officer</i>
10.40	The Water Vole Project <i>Helen Perkins, Derbyshire Wildlife Trust</i>
11.00	A Greenprint for Chesterfield - a blessing or a curse! <i>Andy Pashley, Chesterfield Borough Council</i>
11.20	Coffee and Displays
11.45	Landscape Character of Derbyshire <i>Glynis Foster, Derbyshire County Council</i>
12.05	Severn Trent Water and Biodiversity – a Company approach. <i>Colin Bundy, Severn Trent Water</i>
12.25	Questions and discussion
12.45	Lunch – a light buffet will be provided
	Theme for the afternoon: Overcoming barriers and realizing opportunities to achieving LBAP progress <i>Chaired by Irene Coope, Director, Derbyshire Wildlife Trust</i>
1.30	Avenue Coking Works <i>Phil Reeve, East Midlands Development Agency</i>
1.50	Barriers to achieving progress <i>Dan Abrahams, English Nature</i>
2.10	Workshops (including tea) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fundraising for Biodiversity – <i>Malcolm Marshall, Derbyshire County Council</i> • Spreading the biodiversity message beyond the ‘usual suspects’ - <i>Leon Hayward, BTCV</i> • Building biodiversity into ‘normal’ working practices eg Grounds maintenance and development – <i>Anna Evans, Derbyshire Wildlife Trust</i> • Biodiversity in partnership (including Local Strategic partnerships) – <i>Beverley Rhodes, Derby City Council</i> • Biodiversity and the mineral industry – <i>Debbie Court, Biodiversity Project Officer</i>
3.00	Feedback from sessions and priorities for 2005
3.30	Finish



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Booking Form

I am able / unable to attend the Lowland Derbyshire Biodiversity Forum (Please delete as appropriate)

Name: _____

Position / Job Title: _____

Organisation: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

I would like my details adding to the delegates list Yes/No (Please delete as appropriate)

I would like to bring a display Yes/No (please delete as appropriate)

If yes please provide details eg approx size so we can allocate space. (All displays should be up by 10am and removed after 3.30pm)

Special dietary requirements:

Workshops:

Please choose the workshop you would like to attend (1) and a second choice (2):

- Fundraising for biodiversity
- Spreading the Biodiversity message beyond the 'Usual suspects'
- Building biodiversity into 'normal' working practices
- Biodiversity in partnership including Local Strategic Partnerships
- Biodiversity and the mineral industry

Please return this form to Debbie Court, Biodiversity Project Officer
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