

How can Minerals Development Frameworks help wildlife?

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Mineral sites can provide fantastic opportunities for wildlife, and appropriate restoration can help to meet the UK Government's Biodiversity Action Plan habitat expansion targets. Strategic mineral planning is key to achieving high quality habitat in the right locations, and balancing the needs of biodiversity with other important end-uses. The evolving Minerals Development Frameworks are an exciting new opportunity to focus efforts in a joined up way.



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The Nature After Minerals programme, a partnership between Natural England and the RSPB, ran a series of events throughout England in 2007–08. Thanks to funding from Defra's Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund, over 350 delegates took part in nine events across the country. These were aimed at sharing experience and collating ideas on habitat creation through Minerals Development Frameworks, and the opportunities these new documents provide for biodiversity.



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Discussions from all the workshops, and examples of approaches from key Mineral Planning Authorities, have been pulled together into advice for anyone involved with mineral sites. This information will be of interest to mineral planners, the minerals industry, statutory consultees and non-governmental organisations.

To find out more about how Minerals Development Frameworks can benefit wildlife, go to www.afterminerals.com and click on 'Planning'

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