

Norfolk Biodiversity Partnership Topic Group profile

Broads Biodiversity Group

Area of interest:

All Broads wetland habitats, with a particular focus on fens, marshes, rivers, lakes, linking to other topic groups in Norfolk.

The purpose of this group is to provide a focal point for the delivery of nature conservation at a landscape scale, and through working towards consensus improve communication and provide overall coordination of conservation policy and strategy in the Broads.



Objectives

1. To provide the focal point and drive to nature conservation effort in The Broads and oversee the relevant Broads Plan objectives and develop coordination of effort - with a focus on developing and influencing common policy and strategies for a shared approach to land management
2. To develop a common understanding among organisations of the policy impact and positions in the context of legal frameworks and policies
3. To identify opportunities for a common approach to targets (including PSA, SSSI and BAP) to improve effective setting and progress
4. To develop policies, partnerships and funding mechanisms to push forward the adaptation of the Broads wetland to catchment use and climate change pressures
5. To integrate landscape, nature conservation and recreation initiatives to develop shared approaches to landscape management to benefit wildlife
6. To identify common research agendas for focusing resources and funding to further understanding of Broads habitats
7. To be share issues and needs coming from the Area and Topic Groups where relevant to the integrated working of the Group
8. To provide clear messages of the importance of multifunctional wetlands and need to adapt to climate change challenges

Action plans hosted by this group:

- Reedbed
- Fen
- Grazing marsh

Associated projects:

- Norfolk Non Native Species Initiative (NNSI)

Partners' projects related to this group:

- NWT and SWT Living Landscapes (Bure, Thurne, Suffolk Broads)
- RSPB Futurescapes
- The Broads Water Quality Partnership
- Annual Broads Biodiversity Forum

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Meetings:

Chair: Andrea Kelly (Broads Authority)

The group meets quarterly and includes the following members:

<u>Attendee</u>	<u>Organisation</u>
Andrea Kelly	Broads Authority
Amanda Elliott	Environment Agency
Chris Bielby / Rick Southwood	Natural England
Heidi Thompson	Norfolk County Council
Sue Hooton	Suffolk County Council
Martin Horlock	Norfolk Biodiversity Information Service
Kevin Hart	Norfolk Wildlife Trust
Dorothy Casey	Suffolk Wildlife Trust
Ian Robinson/Phil Pearson	RSPB
Leon Debell	Essex and Suffolk Water
Steve Prowse	National Trust
Mandy Gluth/Bernard Watts	Butterfly Conservation
Pam Taylor	British Dragonfly Society
Helen Smith	Little Ouse Headwaters Project
Caroline Laburn	Water Management Alliance
Jeremy Halls	Broadland Environmental Services Ltd
Paul Lee	Hymettus
Hannah Mossman/Paul Dolman	University of East Anglia
Tim Pankhurst	Plantlife
Jo Parmenter	Norfolk Flora Group
Mike Sutton-Croft	Non-Native Species Initiative
Nick Owen	Norfolk and Norwich Naturalists' Society
Pascale Nicolet	Pond Conservation
Tony Leech	Norfolk and Norwich Naturalist's Society
Stephen Livermore	Norfolk and Norwich Naturalist's Society

The meetings are also attended by the NBP Co-ordinator.

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