

Norfolk Biodiversity Partnership Topic Group Profile

Communities & Nature Topic Group

Area of interest:

Promoting the importance of biodiversity conservation and encouraging communities to be actively involved.

Purpose of this group is to:



- Provide a focal point for community involvement and education in biodiversity conservation throughout Norfolk
- Organise events, such as community wildlife conferences, to provide networking opportunities and advice and information to groups involved in biodiversity conservation
- Promote and support events, e.g. 'Wild about Norfolk', that enhance public knowledge of biodiversity and offer opportunities for people to become actively involved
- Organise and run the annual Norfolk Community Biodiversity Awards to recognise and celebrate the achievements of community groups, educational bodies and individuals involved in biodiversity conservation
- Compile and manage the Norfolk Community Biodiversity Directory
- Act as a networking forum to disseminate good practice, and funding and training opportunities in areas related to community biodiversity conservation and education
- Encourage effective partnership working between topic group members, including supporting partners' projects and initiatives where appropriate
- Commission and host relevant Biodiversity Action Plans (BAPs)
- Help promote the work and aims of the Norfolk Biodiversity Partnership to the wider community

Action plans hosted by this group:

(i) Habitats

- Allotments
- Churchyards & cemeteries
- Open mosaic habitats on previously developed land

(ii) Species

- Barn owl
- Grouped bat (Brown long-eared, Noctule & Soprano pipistrelle)
- Sandy stiltball fungus
- Song thrush
- Spotted flycatcher
- Swift

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Associated projects:

Connections with many projects hosted by individual partners

Meetings:

Chair: Paul Holley (Norwich City Council)

The group meets three times per year and includes the following members:

<u>Attendee</u>	<u>Organisation</u>
Alan Marchant/ Debbie Murray	The Conservation Volunteers
Carrie Bewick/ Hazel Hynds/ Lynda Foster	Natural England
Christine Pitcher	Yarmouth Sea Life Centre
David North	Norfolk Wildlife Trust
Ed Stocker	Norfolk County Council
Gemma Clark	Nine Chalk Rivers Project
Grant Rundle	Norfolk Coast Partnership
Jules Agate	RSPB
Kieran Copeland	Yarmouth Sea Life Centre
Louisa Lloyd	Norfolk County Council
Marya Parker	Rowbottom Parker
Matthew Davies	Norfolk Fringe Countryside Management Project
Mikey Bentley	South Norfolk Council
Nick Sanderson	Broads Authority
Paul Holley	Norwich City Council
Rachel Riley	Forestry Commission
Sarah Long	The Landscape Partnership
Su Waldron	Norfolk Biodiversity Information Service (NBIS)
Sue Lake/ Jane Scarrott	Norfolk Association of Local Councils

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

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