

Norfolk Biodiversity Partnership Topic Group profile

Farmland

Area of interest:

Promoting the importance of biodiversity conservation on farmland across Norfolk and beyond.

Purpose of this group is to:

Provide a focal point for farmer and partner organisations involved in biodiversity conservation throughout farmland in Norfolk.



- Act as a networking forum to disseminate good practice, and funding and training opportunities in areas related to farmland biodiversity conservation.
- 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 farming community
- Seek to implement conservation on the ground for BAP habitats and species in light of 2020 Aichi targets, and refresh action plans accordingly.
- Look to link with the Suffolk Farmland BAP group and implement conservation work for Wild Anglia by developing projects and seeking funding.
- Establish communication with other BAP topic groups and locally focussed groups (Broads & Brecks) to work together on Action Plans where appropriate.
- Engage with other partner organisations, conservation groups and the farming community to build momentum for biodiversity conservation on farmland in the lead up to 2020.

Action plans hosted by this group:

Habitats:

- Cereal Margins
- Hedgerows
- Lowland Calcareous Grassland
- Lowland Meadows and Pastures

Species:

- Barbastelle bat
- Brown Hare
- Corn Bunting
- Grey Partridge

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- Skylark
- Stone Curlew
- Tree Sparrow
- Turtle Dove
- Shepherd's Needle
- Red-Tipped Cudweed
- Red Hemp-Nettle
- Small-flowered Catchfly
- Flixweed Flea Beetle

Associated projects:

- Connections with many projects hosted by individual partners

Meetings:

Joint Chairs: Henry Walker and Sarah Cunningham

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

| <u>Attendee</u> | <u>Organisation</u> |
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| Alison Gardner | RSPB |
| Bob Ellis | Norfolk Flora Group |
| Charles Sayer | Farmer |
| Ed Cross | Farmer |
| Estelle Hook | Norfolk Coast Partnership |
| Heidi Thompson | Norfolk County Council |
| Helen Backowska | Norfolk Wildlife Trust |
| Henry Walker | Farm Conservation Limited |
| John Bingham | Farmer |
| John Ebbage | Natural England |
| Martin Horlock/Sam Neal | Norfolk Biodiversity Information Service (NBIS) |
| Nigel Carey | Farmer |
| Richard Waddingham | Farmer |
| Sarah Cunningham | Farm Conservation Limited |

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

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