

NORFOLK BIODIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP

**Co-ordinator's Progress Report for the Period:
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1. Introduction

This report presents a brief summary of the activities of the Biodiversity Partnership over the three-month period from 22 July to 20 October 2006. In contrast to earlier updates, this report has been prepared in a new format, based on the “Core Services” and “Success Measures” identified in the Memorandum of Agreement that was recently signed between English Nature and Norfolk County Council. Comments and feedback from members of the Steering Group on this new format would be welcomed.

2. Highlights

This quarter has been a particularly busy period for the Biodiversity Partnership. A significant proportion of the last several months has been devoted to the organisation and running of three important events. These were:

- A seminar on the incorporation of biodiversity and open space into Local Development Frameworks, organised in collaboration with the Suffolk Biodiversity Partnership with specialist inputs from ALGE and CABE-Space. Representatives from nearly every Local Planning Authority in Norfolk and Suffolk took part;
- A meeting to consider the possibility of jointly producing a Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Document under the LDF system, with specialist input from GO-East; and
- The Annual Biodiversity Forum, which was held on 28 September at the Abbey Conference Centre; this was the largest Forum organised to date by the Partnership.

In addition to these events, considerable emphasis has been placed on taking forward the conclusions and recommendations of the ecological network mapping project. In collaboration with the Norfolk Wildlife Trust, a series of meetings has been arranged with local authorities to discuss ways of incorporating ecological networks into Local Development Frameworks. The response has been very positive, and several local authorities have expressed an interest in the possibility of including the ecological network map as a key diagram in their Core Strategies. Many of the Core Strategies also include draft policies related to ecological networks, habitat creation and the avoidance of habitat fragmentation.

More information about these various activities, as well as a complete summary of the progress being made against all the “Core Services”, is presented in the following table.

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Summary of Progress

CORE SERVICES	SUCCESS MEASURES AND OUTPUTS	PROGRESS
<p>1. Establishing and maintaining a broad partnership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As far as possible, ensure that all relevant sectors are engaged in the local biodiversity partnership. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local partnership contains representatives from a wide range of sectors including, as far as possible and as appropriate: business and industry; agriculture; water; marine and coastal; forestry; education; and health. It also includes local government, NGOs and government agencies. Partnership meets regularly (at least three times per year) and fosters ownership of outcomes by all stakeholders. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Steering Group has recently been expanded to include the Forestry Commission. The group now consists of representatives from 16 organisations, including local authorities, statutory bodies and non-governmental organisations. Several of the Topic Groups include private sector representatives as well as landowners. The Steering Group is convened on a quarterly basis and has met three times in 2006 (20 January, 25 April and 21 July). A fourth meeting is planned for 20 October.
<p>2. Delivering BAP locally</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where they do not already do so, ensure that local biodiversity objectives include spatially-explicit SMART targets for the delivery of habitats and species, taking into account national targets. Work with the partnership to agree a range of projects to deliver the local biodiversity objectives. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A prioritised list of biodiversity projects that incorporate spatially-explicit targets for the delivery of habitats and species and which, where possible, make links to social and economic objectives. Implementation of these projects and demonstration of progress towards local objectives. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An effort is being made to ensure that all new action plans contain SMART targets; however, many of the objectives/targets currently in the Norfolk BAP do not conform to this standard. An indicative list of project concepts has been prepared and is available from the Biodiversity Co-ordinator. The Partnership has established a Biodiversity Project Fund (currently £20,000 per year) which is used to support priority activities contained in the Action Plans (please see the section on "Additional Services" below).

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<p>3. Fund-raising for BAP delivery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and implement a funding strategy to obtain national (e.g. HLF) and local sources of external funding in support of BAP projects and to obtain funding for the local biodiversity service in the long term. • Work with the regional biodiversity partnership in the development of funding for collaborative projects. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of funding strategy to lever funds for biodiversity from external bodies and to secure long-term funding for biodiversity in the area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A two-year Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) between English Nature and Norfolk County Council has been signed, confirming the contributions of both parties. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) covering the operations of the Partnership (including funding arrangements) has been drafted and was considered at the Steering Group meeting on 21 July; it is hoped that this MoU will eventually help to place the Biodiversity Partnership on a more secure financial footing. • Input has been provided to the development of a regional biodiversity data needs assessment project, being commissioned by the East of England Biodiversity Forum.
<p>4. Reporting and monitoring progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the Biodiversity Action Reporting System (BARS) to report on the implementation and delivery of actions initiated locally. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress is reported at least annually, and the LBAP contribution is fully reported in triennial national BAP reporting rounds. • Results of monitoring used to inform review of objectives and to set future directions. Undertake a review of the LBAP at least every 5 years seeking to ensure that it remains relevant and adapts to take into account any changes to national priority species, habitats and targets. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2005/06 Annual Update has now been distributed to over 400 recipients. • In total, nearly 50 action plans are now on BARS. Work is ongoing with selected Plan Leads to populate BARS with information about progress and implementation status. Most recently, a training session was held with Butterfly Conservation, regarding BARS reporting for the Silver-Studded Blue SAP. • Action plans are being reviewed/ revised on an individual basis.

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<p>5. Integrating BAP into local policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proactively support local authorities, so that they are better able to develop innovative ways of delivering biodiversity locally. Actively promote the inclusion of biodiversity objectives into Community Strategies, Local Development Frameworks and other local plans. Promote best practice in the planning system, providing support and advice to LPAs to avoid loss of features through development, and to make the most of opportunities from planning gain. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular liaison established with the local strategic partnership and planning authority. Increased profile for biodiversity within existing and new local plans (demonstrate this with examples). New or revised Community Strategies and LDFs include biodiversity objectives consistent with LBAP targets. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are strong linkages with local authorities. All LPAs are represented on Steering Group. An outcome related to ecological networks has been incorporated into the Local Area Agreement, the South Norfolk Community Strategy and the Norwich City Community Strategy. In collaboration with NWT, discussions are being held with local authorities about incorporating the results of the econets mapping project into LDFs. A presentation about the LAA econet component was also made to the Broadland Strategic Partnership and the NCC's Planning Policy Implementation Group. Best practice has been encouraged through the development and promotion of Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Guidance. The possibility of "converting" this into SPD as part of the LDF process was explored at a specially convened meeting on 14 September, with input from GO-East. A successful workshop looking at biodiversity, open space and LDFs was held on 4 September, in collaboration with the Suffolk Biodiversity Partnership. Specialist inputs were provided by Mike Oxford from ALGE and Andrew McNabb from CABE-Space. Following on from the successful seminar on minerals and biodiversity held on 21 June in collaboration with NCC, dialogue has continued about the new minerals LDF.

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<p>6. Promoting BAP locally</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and implement a communications plan to raise awareness in support of BAP, working with partners and any established public awareness working group. • Increase the engagement of local businesses and communities in the BAP process. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure a web-presence for the partnership is maintained and take steps to promote biodiversity through implementation of the communications plan, including the publication and distribution of an annual newsletter. • Demonstrate an increase in business participation through funding and implementation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work has begun on updating the Partnership's original communications plan, which covered the period 2001-2006. This plan provided an excellent foundation, but is now out-of-date and in need of revision. The Communities and Nature Topic Group will be invited to assist with this process. • New action plans and progress updates continue to be uploaded onto the biodiversity website. • The 2005/06 newsletter has been printed and distributed. • Private sector representatives and landowners sit on several Topic Groups, and a number of community groups participate in the Annual Forum.

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<p>7. Representation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure the LBAP partnership is represented on the regional biodiversity forum and other relevant regional and national meetings. • Respond to consultation from partners at regional and national levels of the BAP process. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure the LBAP partnership is represented at appropriate regional and national meetings and fora (e.g. review groups and training workshops). Demonstrate with examples. • Responses to regional and national consultations relating to biodiversity (demonstrate with examples). • Regular contacts exist with the regional biodiversity partnership and the national LBAP co-ordinator and facilitator, with a two-way flow of information including exchange of examples of good practice and over-arching problems (demonstrate with examples). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Biodiversity Co-ordinator participates regularly in the meetings of the Regional Biodiversity Forum and recently took part in a meeting of LBAP Co-ordinators in Peterborough on 21 September 2006. The Co-ordinator is also a member of the SITA “Enriching Nature” Project Assessment Panel. • No responses to consultations were made this quarter. However, contributions have been made to several earlier regional consultations, eg, on the regional ecological network map. • The Co-ordinator is in regular contact with the England Local and Regional Biodiversity Co-ordinator (Donna Radley). Frequent (nearly daily) exchanges of information take place with other LBAP Co-ordinators, particularly within the East of England but also in other regions. Recent exchanges have dealt with: Local Development Frameworks; the BBC’s Breathing Places campaign; ecological networks; and Memoranda of Understanding for local partnerships.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES	SUCCESS MEASURES AND OUTPUTS	PROGRESS
<p>Establishing and maintaining a broad partnership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organise an Annual Biodiversity Forum, in order to: encourage networking among a diverse range of organisations and stakeholders with an interest in biodiversity; provide opportunities to learn about the work of the Biodiversity Partnership; and stimulate discussion about the key issues and challenges facing biodiversity in the county. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biodiversity Forum is held on an annual basis, with participation from a diverse range of organisations and stakeholders; feedback via evaluation forms demonstrates that objectives are being met. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Annual Biodiversity Forum was successfully held on 28 September at the Abbey Conference Centre, and attracted over 120 participants from a very wide range of organisations. The over-arching theme of the Forum was “biological recording, biodiversity conservation and community participation.” Presentations were made by Tim Sparks (UK Phenology Network), Trevor James (National Biodiversity Network), Simon Harrap (Norfolk and Norwich Naturalists’ Society) and Mark Cocker (author of <i>Birds Britannica</i>). A considerable number of County Recorders also took part.
<p>Delivering BAP locally</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate and support the operation of multi-stakeholder, thematic/habitat-based Topic Groups. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing Topic Groups continue to meet on a regular basis, and to develop, promote, monitor and revise Habitat and Species Action Plans and other relevant LBAP plans. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All eight Topic Groups have continued to meet on a regular basis and remain actively involved in Action Plan preparation, implementation and review (please see Annex 1: Summary of Topic Group Meetings). Over the last quarter, particular progress has been made on the action plans for the following: churchyards and cemeteries HAP; lowland calcareous grasslands HAP; lowland meadows HAP; bittern SAP; harbour porpoise SAP; flixweed flea beetle SAP; tassel stonewort SAP; and pillwort SAP. Completed plans can be found on the Biodiversity Partnership’s website (www.norfolkbiodiversity.org).

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subject to the availability of funding, administer and manage a Biodiversity Project Fund to support the delivery of projects linked to the implementation of the Habitat and Species Action Plans and/or the achievement of LBAP aims more broadly. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The existing Biodiversity Project Fund remains operational; projects which meet the Fund's criteria are financially supported. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two new project proposals were considered and approved by the Co-ordinator's Group during the current quarter. These were: River Glaven crayfish survey; and pingo mapping and condition assessment. A complete list of the activities supported by the Biodiversity Project Fund from its inception can be found in Annex 2.

Annex 1: Summary of Topic Group Meetings Held

Topic Group	Meeting Date	Principal Issues Discussed
Coastal BAP Topic Group	11 September 2006	Finalisation of the draft Harbour Porpoise Action Plan; progress and implementation status of the Saline Lagoon Habitat Action Plan; Community Biodiversity Awards.
Communities and Nature BAP Topic Group	Meeting scheduled for 13 November 2006	Agenda to be finalised.
Ecological Networks Topic Group	18 September 2006	Taking forward the econet component of the Local Area Agreement and the recommendations from the ecological network mapping report.
Farmland BAP Topic Group	19 September 2006 (AM)	Finalisation of the Lowland Meadows and Lowland Calcareous Grassland HAPs; Community Biodiversity Awards.
Farming and Biodiversity Forum	19 September 2006 (PM)	HLS take-up in Norfolk. Discussions were followed by an informal farm walk to see the biodiversity and soil conservation measures in place at Mill Farm, Great Witchingham.
Heathland BAP Topic Group	20 September 2006	Finalisation of the Tower Mustard and Heathland Beetle SAPs; preparations for the next Heaths Forum; progress and implementation status of the Heathland/Acid Grassland HAP; Community Biodiversity Awards.

Waterbodies BAP Topic Group	8 September 2006	Finalisation of the Pillwort SAP and the Tassel Stonewort SAP; project proposal to re-introduce pillwort to Norfolk; project proposal to carry out a crayfish survey of the River Glaven.
Wetlands BAP Topic Group	13 October 2006	Preparation of the Bittern SAP; recreation and conservation in the Broads; Wetland Task Group; Community Biodiversity Awards.
Woodlands BAP Topic Group	No meeting held this quarter	Agenda to be prepared for the next meeting.

**ANNEX 2: SUMMARY OF PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY THE NORFOLK BIODIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP THROUGH THE
“BIODIVERSITY PROJECT FUND”, FROM 2004/05 ONWARDS**

Topic Group	Project Title	Project Objectives	Linkage to SAP/HAP	Location	Project Manager	Time-scale	Total Cost	Biod. Project Fund	Status
Coastal	Saline Lagoon Workshop	- To organise and hold a one-day workshop on saline lagoon management, with Dr. R.N. Bamber.	Saline lagoon HAP	North Norfolk	Peter Lambley, EN	One-day event (workshop, held on 14 Oct 2004)	£550	£550 (100%)	Successfully completed
Coastal	A Study of the Soft Rock Cliff Invertebrate Fauna of the Norfolk Coast	- To gather new data on the invertebrate communities of the Norfolk coast - To contribute data to Buglife's UK-wide study into maritime soft rock cliffs - To hold a one-day workshop for the Biodiversity Partnership on soft cliff management.	Maritime cliff and slope	North Norfolk	Andrew Whitehouse, Buglife	May - Nov, 2006	£7,300	£4,300 (59%)	Ongoing. The surveys were completed in August 2006. A practitioners' workshop will be held in 2007.
Communities and Nature	Norwich Rivers and Green Spaces Project	- To raise awareness about the wildlife supported by Norwich's rivers and encourage community involvement to enhance certain areas of the urban river corridor.	The project has linkages to a number of HAPs and SAPs and also supports the Topic Group's "Community BAP".	Norwich City	Matt Davies, Norwich Fringe Project	One year (Sept 2005-Aug 2006) Extended to Nov 06	£30,490	£5,000 (16%)	Nearing completion. A successful photo competition and awards ceremony were recently organised.

 = Project Completed

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Communities and Nature	Support for "Wild about Norfolk" 2005 (bird and bat boxes)	- To inform the general public (particularly children) about Norfolk's wildlife and inspire an active interest in conservation.	This project contributes to the Biodiversity Partnership's Awareness Strategy	Thetford	Jennie Murdy, RSPB local group	One day event (15 Oct 2005)	£4,300 + volunteers' time est. at £6,900	£500 (11.6%)	Successfully completed; report received.
Communities and Nature	Support for "Wild about Norfolk 2006" (printing of activity booklet)	- As above.	As above.	Norwich	Jennie Murdy	9-10 Sept 2006		£500	Successfully completed. Over 4,000 people attended this year's event. Report received.
Farmland	Databases of lowland calcareous grasslands and lowland meadows	- To develop a database for each of the BAP grassland habitats for Norfolk	Calcareous grasslands and lowland meadows HAPs (in prep)	County-wide	Helen Baczkowska	Nov 05 – March 06	£5,000	£3,500 (70%)	Successfully completed; report received.
Farmland	Biodiversity and farming exhibition at the Norfolk Show	- To demonstrate how farmers can manage their land to help conserve and enhance biodiversity.	Farmland HAPs and SAPs	County-wide	Belinda James	June 2006	£22,375	£1,000 (4.5%)	Completed. Report awaited.
Ecological Networks (Large Areas)	Making Space for Wildlife: Creating an Ecological Network for Norfolk	- To promote the development of an ecological network in Norfolk; - To develop a Norfolk econet map; - To prepare a set of project briefs to take the econet forward.	An "umbrella project" with linkages to many different HAPs and SAPs.	County-wide	Reg Land, NWT	March 2005 – February 2006	£16,400	£7,200 (44%)	Final draft report and maps completed and sent out to all Steering Group members for formal consultation.

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Heathland	Heathland CWS Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To draw together existing information on heathland CWS; - To carry out proactive site visits and surveys; - To establish a programme of condition monitoring; - To identify priority areas for management advice and targeting future grant aid. 	Heathland HAP	County-wide	Helen Baczkowska, NWT	Oct 2004 - Oct 2005	£1,000	£1,000 (100%)	Completed. Report awaited.
Heathland	Translocation of Silver-studded blue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To carry out a translocation of SSB from Buxton heath to Horsford-St. Faith's 	Draft silver-studded blue SAP calls for re-introductions to two sites by 2010.	Broadland	Matt Davies, Norwich Fringe and Mandy Gluth, BC	July 2006	£500	£500 (100%)	Translocation successfully completed. Report received.
Waterbodies	Water Vole Survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To carry out a repeat survey of the national survey sites in Norfolk in 2005/06 	Water vole SAP (Action 5.5.4)	County-wide (with a particular focus on Broads)	Steve Henson, NWT	Oct 05-Aug 06	£3,400 plus in-kind costs from NWT	£1,400 (41%)	Ongoing; first phase completed.
Waterbodies	Great Crested Newt Record Collation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To draw together records about GCN occurrence in Norfolk into a single, integrated dataset 	GCN SAP (Actions 5.1.1, 5.1.2, 5.2.1, and 5.5.2)	County-wide	Helen Baczkowska, NWT	Nov 05 – March 06	£3,000 plus in-kind costs from NWT	£2,000 (66%)	Ongoing.

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Waterbodies	Norfolk Broads Mink Management Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To establish strategic control of mink in the Broads; - To establish a self-sustaining mink control network; - To monitor mink and water populations; - To improve habitat management. 	Water vole SAP	Broads National Park	Julia Masson/ Rick Southwood	April 06 - March 08	£43,100	£5,000 (12%)	Ongoing. Two training workshops for landowners have been held and rafts distributed.
Waterbodies	Mid-Norfolk Mink Management Project: Phase II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To establish strategic control of mink in selected parts of the Wensum River Valley; - To establish a self-sustaining mink control network. 	Water vole SAP	Wensum	Heidi Thompson, NCC	1 year	£15,000	£3,500 (23%)	Ongoing. An evening event to update and thank members of the network was held at Pensthorpe and was well attended.
Waterbodies	River Glaven White-clawed Crayfish Survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — To clarify the distribution and status of WCC on the River Glaven and assess its suitability as a refuge ("Ark") site; — To provide training to the River Glaven Conservation Group in crayfish surveying techniques. 	White-clawed crayfish SAP	North Norfolk	Steve Henson, NWT	Sept/Oct 2006 (14 days)	£4,445	£3,445 (77.5%)	Survey completed; report in preparation.

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Wetlands	Sustainable Solutions to the Ochre and Salinity Problems in the Brograve Catchment	- To undertake a feasibility study to develop a plan for sustainable use of land and water resources in the Brograve catchment.	Reedbed, grazing marsh and mesotrophic lakes HAPs; Bittern, water vole, otter and mollusc SAPs.	North Norfolk	Lou Mayer, KLCIDB	Jan - Aug 2005	£43,524	£7,300 (17%)	Completed. Report received.
Wetlands	Norfolk Fens Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — To assess the management status and condition of all non-SSI fen sites outside the Broads area; — To identify sites in need of restoration; — To prioritise the need for restoration and management advice; — To produce site management statements and conservation plans for priority sites. 	Fen HAP (particularly Action 5.2.4)	County-wide (except Broads)	Andrina Walmsley, NWT	Oct 2004 - April 2006	£13,300	£1,000 (7.5%)	Nearing completion. The final database includes information on 678 sites, each of which is also linked to a map.
Wetlands	Pingo Mapping and Condition Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Identify and map all pingo clusters in Norfolk; — Assess condition and identify sites at risk. 	Fen HAP	Fens and Breckland valleys	Andrina Walmsley, NWT	Jan-Dec 2007	£5,520	£3,020 (55%)	To begin in 2007.

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Woodlands	Phase 1 Roadside Orchard Survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — To carry out a survey of Norfolk's traditional orchards to establish their extent, status and trends. 	Traditional orchards HAP	County-wide	Gerry Barnes, NCC (with EEAOP)	April-October 2005	£1,500	£1,500 (100%)	Completed; final report and database received.
Woodlands	Phase 2 Biodiversity Survey of Traditional Orchards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — To carry out surveys of invertebrates, lichens, bryophytes, ground flora and fruit varieties at five traditional orchards, representing different geographical areas and management regimes. 	Traditional orchards HAP	Five sites in South Norfolk, the Fens, mid-Norfolk, and North Norfolk.	Gerry Barnes, NCC (with EEAOP)	To be completed by Dec 2005	£1,000	£1,000 (100%)	Nearing completion. Bryophyte, mollusc and diatom surveys completed.
Woodlands	Propagation of Traditional Norfolk Apple Varieties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — To ensure that a wide variety of traditional apple saplings is available for distribution (880 trees to be grown) 	Traditional orchards HAP	County-wide	Gerry Barnes, NCC (with EEAOP)	Jan 06 to March 08	£3,036	£1,400 (46%)	Underway. Root stock was planted in February and will be budded later this year. Saplings will be available for sale in 2007.
Woodlands	Conservation, Enhancement and Re-creation of Wet Woodland and other Wet Habitats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Establish a GIS database on wet woodlands/ wet habitats in the Nar and Wensum Valleys; — Expand the area of wet woodland in positive management by 40 ha by mid-2007; — Re-create 10 ha of wet woodland by 2009; — Enhance access. 	Wet Woodland HAP	Wensum and Nar River Valleys	Gerry Barnes, NCC	April 06 to March 09	£20,000	£3,600 (18%)	Underway. Two initial studies have been commissioned.

ANNEX 3: CALENDAR OF BIODIVERSITY EVENTS IN 2006/ 2007

BAP Steering Group

- Friday 20 October

BAP Co-ordinators' Group

- Wednesday 17 January 2007

Topic Group Meetings

- Coastal Topic Group: 15 January 2007
- Communities and Nature Topic Group: 13 November 2006
- Ecological Networks Topic Group: 18 January 2007
- Farming and Biodiversity Practitioners' Forum: Spring 2007 (date to be identified)
- Farmland Topic Group: 23 January 2007
- Heathland Topic Group: 6 February 2007
- Heaths Forum: 7 November 2006 (Salhouse) and 25 April 2007 (Brecks)
- Waterbodies Topic Group: 9 January 2007
- Wetlands Topic Group: 14 February 2007
- Woodlands Topic Group: Date to be announced.

Other Meetings and Events

- Apple Day, Gressenhall: 22 October 2006

Regional Meetings

- SITA “Enriching Nature” Programme – Project Assessment Panel: Wednesday 1 November 2006
- East of England Biodiversity Forum: Tuesday 7 November 2006
- Wild Ideas for the Eastern Region - Helping People and Nature Thrive: Friday 17 November 2006:

UK BAP Events

- LBAP conference, Liverpool: 5-7 December 2006