

## THE BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN PROCESS IN GWYNEDD

The process of producing a Local Biodiversity Action Plan for Gwynedd has been outlined within section 3: Developing Natur Gwynedd. More details are given below.

### Key events:

1999	January	North Wales Wildlife Trust commissioned to produce a Habitat Audit for Gwynedd and identify possible Wildlife Sites
	April	Biodiversity Officer appointed by Gwynedd Council on a 3 year contract
	June	Completion of Habitat Audit with over 1,500 proposed Wildlife Sites identified
	July	Biodiversity leaflet and exhibition posters produced for local shows/events
	July / Sept	Tour of local agricultural shows and events
	August	Water vole training day held for volunteers
	November	Biodiversity seminar held to raise awareness about Gwynedd's BAP
2000	January	Establishment of a North-West Wales Publicity Group with neighbouring Local Authorities to produce biodiversity articles
	April	Information leaflets produced on water voles; priority species posters and recording cards produced for local shows and events
	May	Biodiversity website completed
	June	2 <sup>nd</sup> biodiversity seminar in order to establish 'themed' Working Groups and a GBAP Steering Group
	July	Water vole training day for volunteers
	July / September	Tour of local agricultural shows and events
	September	First meeting of Gwynedd's Biodiversity Steering Group
	November	Second meeting of Gwynedd's Biodiversity Steering Group
	November	Unit 1 of Gwynedd's Species Audit commenced (under contract)
	December	Habitat Workshop (species Working Groups fairly well-established) Authors appointed for the majority of Gwynedd's HAPs and SAPs and plans in preparation
2001	January / February	Completed HAPs and SAPs forwarded to 'experts' for comments
	February	Unit 2 & 3 of Gwynedd's Species Audit part-completed by volunteers, authors and 'experts'
	March	A report on the process of producing a Gwynedd BAP submitted to Gwynedd Council's Environment Committee
	April	A new full-time Biodiversity Officer appointed to cover for maternity leave
	June	Pre-consultation draft of Gwynedd's LBAP released for public consultation
	June/July	As part of the national Backyard Biodiversity project, and in partnership with the SNPA, 11 schools visits carried out in Gwynedd

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**Key events continued:**

2001	September	Barn Owl Group established with Y Foryd Wildfowling and Conservation Association to set up barn owl boxes and raise awareness with farmers  A general meeting of the 'themed' Working Groups following public consultation on the LBAP draft, concluding that much editing required
	October	GC Biodiversity Officer post job-shared by two Officers. In conjunction with the national Great Nut Hunt initiative a local training day held for volunteers on surveying for the hazel dormouse in Gwynedd
	November	Process of editing each SAP and HAP following consultation begins
	December	One part-time Biodiversity Officer leaves GC to pursue a full-time post elsewhere, leaving a part-time vacancy
2002	February	SAPs sent for translation.
	March	HAPs sent for translation.
	April	LBAP introduction re-vamped
	May	Commitment to each action confirmed by lead partners and target agreed upon Translation complete and proof-reading commences
	September	Presentation of revised GBAP to GCs Environment sub-committee
	September	Presentation of revised GBAP to GC board
	November - February	Public consultation on Gwynedd BAP
2003	December - January	Staff changes in GC Biodiversity team. New full-time Biodiversity Officer appointed.
	February - onwards	Editing and reformatting Gwynedd BAP, incorporating comments received during public consultation. Ongoing consultation with key partners.
	May	First meeting of re-vamped steering group
	May	Water vole survey training day held for volunteers, in conjunction with SNPA
	May - Sept	Attendance at Agricultural shows and various events
	June	As part of Wales Biodiversity Week, Egg Case Hunt Day organised with the Shark Trust and Keep Wales Tidy at Pwllheli Leisure Centre, and Cetacean Watch held at Uwchmynydd.
	Summer	Translation of first part of revised GBAP
	Autumn	Presentation of revised GBAP to GC Environment sub-committee Presentation of revised GBAP to GC board Second meeting of re-vamped steering group
2004	Spring	Launch of first part of revised GBAP, including introductory part and selection of Action Plans, and of glossy pages.  Awareness raising of GBAP continues Editing and preparation of additional Action Plans continues Implementation continues

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