

# Caerphilly County Borough LBAP

## 1. Species and habitat coverage

Please confirm the species and habitats (both UK BAP and local priorities) for which your LBAP has produced plans. To add species or habitats click the Add button, to delete items check the delete box and then click the Delete button.

Delete:	Group:	Name:	Common name:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Broad Habitats	Neutral grassland	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Priority Habitats	Ancient and/or species-rich hedgerows	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Priority Habitats	Blanket bog	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Priority Habitats	Eutrophic standing waters	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Priority Habitats	Fens	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Priority Habitats	Lowland beech and yew woodland	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Priority Habitats	Lowland calcareous grassland	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Priority Habitats	Lowland dry acid grassland	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Priority Habitats	Lowland heathland	

- Priority Habitats Lowland raised bog
- Priority Habitats Lowland wood-pasture and parkland
- Priority Habitats Mesotrophic lakes
- Priority Habitats Purple moor grass and rush pastures
- Priority Habitats Reedbeds
- Priority Habitats Upland heathland
- Priority Habitats Upland mixed ashwoods
- Priority Habitats Upland oakwood
- Priority Habitats Wet woodland
- Amphibians *Triturus cristatus* Great Crested Newt
- Ants *Formica rufa* Southern wood ant
- Birds *Alauda arvensis* Skylark
- Birds *Caprimulgus europaeus* Nightjar

<input type="checkbox"/>	Birds	<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>	Linnet
<input type="checkbox"/>	Birds	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>	Reed Bunting
<input type="checkbox"/>	Birds	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	Spotted Flycatcher
<input type="checkbox"/>	Birds	<i>Passer montanus</i>	Tree Sparrow
<input type="checkbox"/>	Birds	<i>Perdix perdix</i>	Grey Partridge
<input type="checkbox"/>	Birds	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>	Bullfinch
<input type="checkbox"/>	Birds	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	Song Thrush
<input type="checkbox"/>	Butterflies	<i>Argynnis adippe</i>	High Brown Fritillary
<input type="checkbox"/>	Butterflies	<i>Boloria euphrosyne</i>	Pearl-bordered Fritillary
<input type="checkbox"/>	Butterflies	<i>Eurodryas aurinia</i>	Marsh Fritillary
<input type="checkbox"/>	Crustaceans	<i>Austropotamobius pallipes</i>	Freshwater White-clawed Crayfish
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mammals	<i>Arvicola terrestris</i>	Water Vole
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mammals	<i>Lepus europaeus</i>	Brown Hare

<input type="checkbox"/>	Mammals	<i>Lutra lutra</i>	Otter
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mammals	<i>Muscardinus avellanarius</i>	Dormouse
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mammals	<i>Pipistrellus pipistrellus</i>	Pipistrelle Bat
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mammals	<i>Rhinolophus ferrumequinum</i>	Greater Horseshoe Bat
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mammals	<i>Rhinolophus hipposideros</i>	Lesser Horseshoe Bat
<input type="checkbox"/>	Moths	<i>Heliophobus reticulata</i>	Bordered Gothic
<input type="checkbox"/>	Moths	<i>Hydrelia sylvata</i>	Waved Carpet
<input type="checkbox"/>	Moths	<i>Hypena rostralis</i>	Buttoned Snout
<input type="checkbox"/>	Moths	<i>Mythimna turca</i>	Double Line
<input type="checkbox"/>	Local habitat	Allotments	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Local habitat	Bracken Slopes	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Local habitat	Buildings	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Local habitat	Canals	

- Local habitat Churchyards
- Local habitat Coal Spoil
- Local habitat Common Land
- Local habitat Gardens
- Local habitat Lakes and Reservoirs
- Local habitat Parks
- Local habitat Planted Conifer
- Local habitat Ponds
- Local habitat Quarries
- Local habitat Railway Lines and Cycleways
- Local habitat Refuse Tips
- Local habitat Rivers and Streams
- Local habitat Roadside Verges

- Local habitat Stone Walls
- Local habitat Swamp
- Local habitat Urban
- Local habitat Wasteground
- Local species *3-Spined Stickleback*
- Local species *Accipiter gentilis (Goshawk)*
- Local species *Alecco atthis (Kingfisher)*
- Local species *Amphibians - not specified*
- Local species *Angius fragilis (Slow Worm)*
- Local species *Anguilla anguilla (Common Eel)*
- Local species *Apodemus flavicollis (Yellow Necked Mouse)*
- Local species *Asio otus (Long-eared owl)*
- Local species *Athene noctua (Little Owl)*

- Local species *Bats - not specified*
- Local species *Bufo bufo (Common Toad)*
- Local species *Buteo buteo (Buzzard)*
- Local species *Cinclus cinclus (Dipper)*
- Local species *Cottus gobio (Bullhead)*
- Local species *Dragonflies and Damselflies (various species)*
- Local species *Emberiza citrinella (Yellowhammer)*
- Local species *Falco peregrinus (Peregrine Falcon)*
- Local species *Falco tinnunculus (Kestrel)*
- Local species *Hyacinthoides non-scripta (Bluebell)*
- Local species *Lacerta vivipara (Common Lizard)*
- Local species *Lampetra planeri (Brook Lamprey)*
- Local species *Meles meles (Badger)*

- Local species *Motacilla cinerea* (Grey Wagtail)
- Local species *Myotis daubentonii* (daubenton's bat)
- Local species *Myotis mystacinus/Myotis brandtii* (whiskered/brandt's bat)
- Local species *Myotis nattereri* (natterer's bat)
- Local species *Natrix natrix* (Grass Snake)
- Local species *Noemacheilus barbatulus* (Stone Loach)
- Local species *Numenius arquata* (Curlew)
- Local species *Nyctalus noctula* (noctule bat)
- Local species *Orchids* (8 species)
- Local species *Other Moths* (12 species)
- Local species *Passer domesticus* (House Sparrow)
- Local species *Phragmites australis* (common reed)
- Local species *Picus viridis* (Green Woodpecker)

- Local species *Plecotus auritus* (brown long-eared bat)
- Local species *Primula veris* (Cowslip)
- Local species *Rana temporaria* (Common Frog)
- Local species *Rhianthus minor* (yellow rattle)
- Local species *Salmo spp.* (Salmon)
- Local species *Salmo spp.* (Sea Trout)
- Local species *Salmo trutta* (Brown Trout)
- Local species *Sibthorpia europaea* (Cornish Moneywort)
- Local species *Triturus helveticus* (Palmate Newt)
- Local species *Triturus vulgaris* (Smooth Newt)
- Local species *Tyto alba* (Barn Owl)
- Local species *Vanellus vanellus* (Lapwing)
- Local species *Vipera berus* (Adder)

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## 2. Involvement

Please confirm the groups/organisations that are involved in your partnership. To add groups/organisations click the Add button, to delete items check the delete box and then click the Delete button.

Delete:	Organisation:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bargoed Rotary Club (Derek Packer, Ecologist)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Botanical Society of the British Isles
<input type="checkbox"/>	British Trust for Ornithology
<input type="checkbox"/>	Butterfly Conservation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Caerphilly Access Forum
<input type="checkbox"/>	Caerphilly Anglers
<input type="checkbox"/>	Caerphilly Commoners' Association
<input type="checkbox"/>	Caerphilly County Borough Council (Cllrs)

- Caerphilly County Borough Council (Countryside and Landscape Service)
- Caerphilly County Borough Council (Parks Services)
- Caerphilly Mountain Countryside Service
- Coed Cymru
- Countryside Council for Wales
- Dwr Cymru Welsh Water
- Environment Agency Wales
- Farmers Union of Wales
- Forest Enterprise
- Gelligaer/Merthyr Commoners' Association
- Glamorgan Badger Group
- Glamorgan Bat Group
- Glamorgan Bird Club

- Glamorgan Moth Recording Group
- Green Doorstep Environmental Group
- Groundwork Caerphilly
- Groundwork Caerphilly (volunteer)
- Gwent Badger Group
- Gwent Bat Group
- Gwent Ornithological Society
- Gwent Police (Wildlife Liaison Officer)
- Gwent Wildlife Trust
- Hedgehog Helpline (Newbridge)
- Islwyn Canal Association
- John Edwards (Independent)
- John Poole (Independent)

- Keep Wales Tidy Campaign
- Llanbradach and Pwllypant Revival Strategy
- Lorraine Czaja (Independent)
- Maesycwmmmer Friendly Anglers river care group
- Mynydd Eglwysian/Mynydd Meio Commoners' Association
- National Assembly for Wales Agriculture Department
- National Farmers Union (Glamorgan County Branch)
- National Museum of Wales
- Ramblers Association
- Rhiw 2 Mill River Care Group
- River Rhymney Federation of Angling
- Roger Blatchford (Independent)
- Royal Oak Anglers' River Care Group

- Rudry Commoners' Association
- Ruperra Conservation Trust
- Soroptimists International Pontypridd and District
- South Wales Peregrine Watch
- Town and Community Council Liaison Committee
- Troed y Rhiw Environmental Project
- Vernon Gwynne (Independent)
- Welsh Owl and Wildlife Sanctuary
- Wildlife Trust for South and West Wales
- Wildlife Trust for South and West Wales (Caerphilly Branch)

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### **3. LBAP interaction with all relevant Lead Partners/Lead Agencies**

In responding to this question, please include all situations where contact made or sought (This question is to gain information on your view of where contact with Lead Partners/Agencies is happening, so please respond based on your own existing knowledge rather than soliciting the views of Lead Partners/Agencies at this stage.)

## Types of interaction

Which of the following types of interaction have you had with Lead Partners/Agencies up to now? (You can tick more than one category)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Indirect contact (e.g. use of information on UKBAP website, sharing work programmes, meeting schedules articles in Biodiversity News, newsletters)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Generic information on habitat and/or species received (e.g. advice and guidance on habitat/species ecology and management)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Direct advice received (e.g. proactive approach from LP/A, response to LBAP consultations, advice on LBAP target setting)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Reciprocal attendance at meetings
<input type="checkbox"/>	Development of collaborative projects
<input type="checkbox"/>	No contact
	Other (please specify) <input type="text"/>

## Interaction for each species/habitat

Please select the type of contact you have had for each UK priority HAP or SAP for which your LBAP has plans, indicate who initiated contact and whether (in your opinion) future contact with the Lead Partner/Agency would be desirable if targets are to be achieved.

National HAP/SAP:	Level of contact:	Initiation:	Future contact desirable:
Ancient and/or species-rich hedgerows	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Blanket bog	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Eutrophic standing waters	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Fens	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Lowland beech and yew woodland	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Lowland calcareous grassland	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Lowland dry acid grassland	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Lowland heathland	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Lowland raised bog	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Lowland wood-pasture and parkland	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Mesotrophic lakes	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Neutral grassland	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Purple moor grass and rush pastures	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Reedbeds	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Upland heathland	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Upland mixed ashwoods	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Upland oakwood	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Wet woodland	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<i>Alauda arvensis</i>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<i>Argynnis adippe</i>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<i>Arvicola terrestris</i>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<i>Austropotamobius pallipes</i>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<i>Boloria euphrosyne</i>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>			
<i>Eurodryas aurinia</i>			
<i>Formica rufa</i>			
<i>Heliophobus reticulata</i>			
<i>Hydrelia sylvata</i>			
<i>Hypena rostralis</i>			
<i>Lepus europaeus</i>			
<i>Lutra lutra</i>	Generic advice received from Lead Partner/Agency on sp/hab needs or appropriate local actions.	LBAP	Yes
<i>Muscardinus avellanarius</i>			
<i>Muscicapa striata</i>			
<i>Mythimna turca</i>			
<i>Passer montanus</i>			
<i>Perdix perdix</i>			

<i>Pipistrellus pipistrellus</i>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<i>Rhinolophus ferrumequinum</i>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<i>Rhinolophus hipposideros</i>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<i>Triturus cristatus</i>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

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## 4. Habitat Successes

Please list up to five habitats for which you feel your LBAP has been most successful (this can include both UK and local priorities). Please briefly describe what has been achieved/progress made in the text box. Please try to quantify achievements or contributions to UK targets where possible, using the boxes provided.

(This question is to gain information on your view of where the LBAP is making a difference, so please respond based on your own existing knowledge rather than soliciting the views of Lead Agencies at this stage).

### Success 1:

Habitat:

Description:

Amount:

Units:

Year:

Accuracy:

Source

## Success 2:

Habitat:

Description:

Amount:

Units:

Year:

Accuracy:

Source

## Success 3:

**Habitat:**

**Description:**

**Amount:**

**Units:**

**Year:**

**Accuracy:**

**Source**

## Success 4:

**Habitat:**

**Description:**

**Amount:**

**Units:**

**Year:**

**Accuracy:**

**Source**

## Success 5:

Habitat:

Description:

Amount:

Units:

Year:

Accuracy:

Source

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## 5. Species Successes

Please list up to five species for which you feel your LBAP has been most successful (this can include both UK and local priorities). Please briefly describe what has been achieved/progress made in the text box. Please try to quantify achievements or contributions to UK targets where possible, using the boxes provided.

(This question is to gain information on your view of where the LBAP is making a difference, so please respond based on your own existing knowledge rather than soliciting the views of Lead Agencies at this stage).

## Success 1:

### Species:

Eurodryas aurinia

### Description:

Western areas of the county borough have been surveyed by Butterfly Conservation for the marsh fritillary as part of the Rhondda Cynon Taf study of metapopulations.

### Amount:

### Units:

Sites/ Populations

### Year:

2002

### Accuracy:

Full survey

### Source

BC/RCTCBC

## Success 2:

### Species:

Vanellus vanellus (Lapwing)

### Description:

Local Lapwing Recovery Programme volunteer officer has sent survey information on lapwing colonies in the county borough to the RSPB.

Amount:	Units:	Year:	Accuracy:	Source
<input type="text"/>	Breeding pairs/units	2002	Full survey	RSPB

### Success 3:

#### Species:

Formica rufa

#### Description:

Two of the three sites for the red wood ant in the county borough have been re-surveyed this year. No evidence at one of the sites, but the other has been studied in depth in order to identify habitat requirements and provide management advice to the owner (FC)

Amount:	Units:	Year:	Accuracy:	Source
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2

Sites/ Populations

2002

Full survey

CCBC

### Success 4:

**Species:**

Passer domesticus (House Sparrow)

**Description:**

A house nesting bird survey is currently being planned for next year - this will be a public participation survey to households in the county borough, to obtain information on all house nesting bird species, but also to include bats. Information on the house sparrow in particular will be used to ascertain current population and for future monitoring locally.

**Amount:**

**Units:**

Breeding pairs/units

**Year:**

2003

**Accuracy:**

Informed guess

**Source**

CCBC

### Success 5:

**Species:**

Lutra lutra				
<b>Description:</b>				
<p>Stretches of the River Rhymney have been surveyed by the CCBC Countryside Service and will be re-surveyed on a 3-year rolling programme to monitor known sites for otters. 2 new stretches will be surveyed next year. Will provide useful information on distribution of otter on the river within the county borough.</p>				
<b>Amount:</b>	<b>Units:</b>	<b>Year:</b>	<b>Accuracy:</b>	<b>Source</b>
<input type="text"/>	Sites/ Populations	2002	Full survey	CCBC

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## 6. Other Successes

Have there been other successes in the implementation of your plan that you would like to draw to the attention of the wider BAP partnership? Please give a brief description (i.e. 2-3 sentences) of up to five successes and allocate each of them to one of the following topic areas.

**Success 1:**

**Description:**

Go Wild! event to launch the LBAP on Saturday 11th May 2002. Successful event with over 3,000 visitors getting involved in wildlife activities including pond dipping, building otter holts and bird boxes, face painting, wildflower and tree planting and lots more! Howie Watkins helped to entertain the crowds, both children and adults alike. The Leader and Chairman of CCBC officially launched the LBAP as part of the day, but the main emphasis was on enjoyment to raise awareness of LOCAL wildlife and that the Partnership had written an Action Plan to help protect it. Very positive feedback from visitors and partners. A second Go Wild! event is being planned for Wales Biodiversity Week next year (2003).

**Topic area:**

Public awareness/communications

**Success 2:****Description:**

Caerphilly Biodiversity Partnership logo competition - CCBC Countryside Service ran a logo design competition on behalf of the Partnership. There were over 60 entries within 3 age categories - each category winner received a prize and the overall winner won a digital camera. The overall winner, a pupil from Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymni, was then invited into the CCBC offices to work on the final design on computer. It is now used on the LBAP, on a partnership letterhead and other biodiversity materials. A successful raising awareness initiative among local schools and school children - promoting biodiversity, but also the existence of the Partnership. A bright and colourful logo was the end result.

#### Topic area:

Public awareness/communications

### Success 3:

#### Description:

Interactive Biodiversity Display - generic display with lift-up flaps with pictures of rare plants and animals to be found in the county borough. Word game with magnetic letters to spell names of animals for each of the letters that make up Biodiversity. Postcards to take home and others to fill in where people go to see their local wildlife and what they see. Good tool for raising awareness, both staffed and non-staffed. Has been on rotation around the county in libraries and is used at events, etc. Used at the Go Wild! event as well.

**Topic area:**

Public awareness/communications

**Success 4:****Description:**

Partnership Practical Conservation Days. A pond clean was held at the venue for Go Wild in February 2002. This was mainly to clean it up for use at the event, but also needed to be done anyway. Partners were invited to come along for some hands-on conservation work, with staff from CCBC, Keep Wales Tidy and Welsh Water on hand to make sure all went smoothly. Thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and there is now a full Winter Conservation Programme for the Caerphilly Biodiversity Partnership - partners can volunteer for some habitat management work - biodiversity conservation in practice. This includes a second pond clean at the Go Wild! venue next year.

**Topic area:**

Partnership building

**Success 5:****Description:**

Biodiversity Display produced for the launch of the Sustainable Development Strategy for Caerphilly county borough. To raise awareness of the LBAP and the Partnership with council officers, councillors and members of the local community. LBAP as "one of 10 of the best" examples of Sustainable Development.

**Topic area:**

Public awareness/communications

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## 7. LBAP Constraints

This question seeks to gain information on constraints to progressing your LBAP overall, rather than individual SAPs and HAPs.

It is widely acknowledged that financial resources are limiting the delivery of LBAPs. Given this select the three other most significant constraints to achieving the targets of your LBAP overall, and indicate the order of priority (1-3 with 1 being the most significant constraint). Only include constraints that are acting as a real blockage to delivering your LBAP or leading to substantial delay in delivery. For each constraint, please indicate whether you feel that it is within the ability of your LBAP partnership to resolve the constraint.

### Keyworded constraints:

Significance	Keyword:	Able to resolve
:		:

1	Communication   Publicity leaflet needed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2	Policy, legislation and designation   Insufficient protection through local designated sites (LNR, SNCI, Community Wildlife Areas)	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Research, survey and information   Baseline survey - required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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