

Bracknell Forest Biodiversity Action Plan 2006-2011 Progress Report

Introduction

Welcome to the half-term review of the borough's biodiversity action plan, a partnership of individuals and organisations committed to conserving local wildlife. The Bracknell Forest Biodiversity Action Plan comprises 140 targets intended to drive conservation of species and habitats spread across a period of six years from 2006.

Progress on these targets has been collated through contact with those who are actively involved in achieving positive steps towards improving biodiversity. Key progress in the conservation of biodiversity in the borough is summarised in the following pages. At the back of this report are the target tables which show the progress in detail.

Key Successes

Of the 140 targets set out for action between 2006 and 2011, 58 targets have been achieved so far and a further 62 targets are making progress. Overall, this demonstrates that the hard work of all involved organisations is improving biodiversity in the borough.

Neutral Meadows and Pastures

- Over 218 ha of improved and semi-improved grassland has been enrolled in environmental stewardship agreement since January 2006.
- Devil's bit Scabious seed from Larges Lane has been distributed to volunteers, grown and planted at Garth Meadows and Beedon Drive and will be planted at various other sites over the next year.

Heathland & Bogs

- Two new ponds have been created in Crowthorne Woods early this year. These will be particularly suitable for the Small Red Damselfly and create bog habitat for many other species.
- Wildmoor Heath has entered into the higher level provided by environmental stewardship to enable further management of the heathland.

Woodland, Scrub and Hedgerows

- New community groups have formed for Allsmoor Lane and Lily Hill Park.
- A breathing places project led by Bracknell Forest Natural History Society at Clinton's Hill has improved the woodland habitat and installed a range of bird and bat boxes. This work continues in Scott's Hill and is hoped to extend to Allsmoor Lane.

Rivers & Wetlands

- On average there have been six work parties carrying out pond work each year. This has mainly been achieved by BCVs, WEG, Allsmoor Action group and BDUWG.
- Water Vole surveys have been undertaken along the river Blackwater and Wish Stream and are due for further survey in 2009.

Species Action Plans

Species	Progress
Barn Owl	□□□□
Brilliant Emerald Dragonfly	□□
Brown Trout	□□
Bullfinch	□□□
Cowslip	□□□□□
Dartford Warbler	□□□
Devil's bit Scabious	□□□□
Glow worm	□□□
Great Crested Newt	□□□□□□
Hobby	□□□
Kingfisher	□□□□□
Nightjar	□□□
Noctule	□□□□□
Ragged Robin	□□□□
Round-leaved Sundew	□□
Silver-studded Blue	□□□□□
Skylark	□□□□□
Small Red Damselfly	□□
Stag Beetle	□□□□
Swift	□□□□□
Violet Click Beetle	□□□
Water Vole	□□□□□
Wild Service Tree	□□
Woodlark	□□□

Key Projects for 2009-11

Neutral Meadows and Pastures

- Further expand the wildflower growing network to include garden clubs using new and existing grassland areas such as roadside verges for planting.

Heathland & Bogs

- Target heathland management on suitable golf courses to increase area and habitat structure.

Woodland, Scrub and Hedgerows

- Carry out hedgerow surveys to identify important hedgerows and improve their management.
- Record and map veteran trees and improve deadwood management to increase standing deadwood resource.

Rivers & Wetlands

- Survey for water voles and brown trout to improve knowledge and target management.

Farmed Land

- Engage landowners of Wildlife Heritage Sites and provide practical advice on management and funding.

Urban and Built Environment

- Create a new developers biodiversity guide to increase the number of planning applications that incorporate swift and bat boxes.
- Create and enhance wildlife areas within school grounds to contribute to BAP targets and include opportunities to educate children about the value of habitats particularly heathland.

Conclusion

Having reviewed how action is advancing on the habitats and species set out in the Bracknell Forest Biodiversity Action Plan, it is clear that there is much more to do in the next three years. Involvement from a wide range of people and organisations is essential to the success of local action for biodiversity. The progress made on this action plan will also be valuable to reporting on the Berkshire and UK Biodiversity Action Plans.

Special thanks go to those who have helped provide information on the activities of various organisations in relation to targets.

Habitat Action Plans

Neutral Meadows and Pastures

Action	Target	Achieve by	Responsible organisation	2006-8 progress
Designated sites				
Survey grassland WHS	At least all sites surveyed within last 5 years	2011	BFBC, TVERC	<input type="checkbox"/> <p>Currently, 6 of the 13 predominantly grassland sites have been surveyed in the last five years. The Council's current Service Level Agreement with TVERC is to survey 4-5 sites each year with the aim of surveying all wildlife heritages sites every 10 years.</p>
Improve condition of grassland SSSIs currently not in favourable condition	6.38 ha of Blackwater Valley SSSI (Shepherd Meadows) to be in favourable condition.	2010	BFBC, NE	<input type="checkbox"/> <p>Shepherd Meadows is 40 ha in total of which 27 ha of grassland is in favourable condition and 6.26 ha is in unfavourable condition. Changes in the water table and river as a result of development have led to the long term drying of the site. Natural England and the Environment Agency have agreed on a Water Level Management Plan to monitor change and make habitat improvements to retain water.</p>
Establish condition monitoring systems for grassland WHS	Monitor pro-forma available for use in field by surveyors. Linked to TVERC GIS system and recorder database.	2008	BFBC, TVERC & BNCF Grassland Steering Group	<input type="checkbox"/> <p>TVERC are revising the WHS survey form to include more information on condition. A single form will be used for all habitat types. In 2008 a new</p>

				biodiversity indicator introduced for local authorities requires targets to be set for the number of WHS under positive management which may act as a substitute for condition.
Action	Target	Achieve by	Responsible organisation	2006-8 progress
Wider countryside				
Map BAP non-WHS key grassland within the Borough onto GIS	Layer displayed on BFBC corporate database. Designate those meeting criteria as WHS.	2006	BFBC, TVERC	<input type="checkbox"/> In 2006, TVERC were commissioned to identify BAP habitats within the borough available on the corporate GIS. These include grassland sites. However, further survey will be required to gain the information required for WHS designation.
Identify "donor" sites for use in meadow establishment projects within Thames Valley Meadows Project.	Produce database of donor sites with details of associated key species.	2006	BFBC, DEFRA, Flora Locale	<input type="checkbox"/> A donor site is available near Goring that provides neutral meadow creation with suitable seed species harvested by Herbiseed based at Twyford. The Thames Valley Meadow Project is no longer running.
Establish network of volunteers willing to grow locally gathered seed.	Annual supply of plants available for meadow creation projects.	2006	BFBC, BDUWG & WEG	<input type="checkbox"/> Local volunteers have been involved in growing from seed including the Easthampstead church group and WEG. In 2006, wildflower planting was established at Sandhurst Memorial Park. In 2008, volunteers have been growing Devil's bit

				scabious and produced over 100 plug plants. Cowslip and other seed has been collected in 2008 for a Garth Meadow event and other projects.
Improved agricultural grassland to be entered into entry level Environmental Stewardship Scheme.	At least 50ha of improved grassland to be covered by Entry Level Scheme.	2011	BFBC, DEFRA & FWAG	<input type="checkbox"/> Over 218 ha of improved and semi-improved grassland in environmental stewardship agreement since January 2006.
Communication				
Provide management guidance to grassland WHS landowners.	All landowners to have been supplied with written information; site visits where possible.	2008	BFBC, TVERC, FWAG	<input type="checkbox"/> FWAG and BFBC have given advice to some grassland landowners but no WHS owners.

Heathland and Bogs

Action	Target	Achieve by	Responsible organisation	2006-8 progress
Designated sites				
Survey heathland SSSI	At least all sites surveyed within the last 5 years.	2011	NE	<input type="checkbox"/> All sites have been surveyed in the last 5 years as part of the SSSI management agreement reviews. (Condition surveys Wellington College bog 2008, Wildmoor Heath 2008, Broadmoor to Bagshot heath 2003-2008, Swinley brick pits 2005-7)
Improve condition of	All sites in favourable	2010	BFBC, Natural England,	<input type="checkbox"/> Active heathland

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heathland SSSIs currently not in favourable condition.	condition		BBOWT, CE & DE	management does continue on all sites but the status has not significantly changed. Wellington college bog – unfavourable, recovering Wildmoor Heath – unfavourable recovering, Broadmoor bottom - unfavourable declining, Crowthorne Woods - favourable Broadmoor to Bagshot heath– unfavourable recovering.
Restore heathland at Wildmoor Heath and Broadmoor Bottom	Achieve Berks Heathland HAP restoration targets	2008	BFBC, BBOWT, NE and DE	<input type="checkbox"/> At Wildmoor Heath removal of regenerating pine and birch has been helped by volunteer groups to clear approx. 6ha over the last two years. Broadmoor Bottom has been cleared of approx. 0.8 ha pine and birch and 0.5 ha heather has been mowed.
Create additional permanent areas of bog and standing water	2 new bogs, created within Crowthorne Woods	2010	FC, CE, Dragonfly Working Group	<input type="checkbox"/> Two new ponds have been created in early 2009. These will be particularly suitable for the Small Red Damselfly.
Re-create heathland within the MOD section of Broadmoor to Bagshot Woods & Heaths SSSI	100ha of new heathland	2011	NE, DE	<input type="checkbox"/> During the winter of 2005/6, 45 ha of new heathland was been created on Defence Estates land by clearance of pine.
Develop GIS planning tool for use by Development	Tool integrated into Development Control	2009	BFBC, NE	<input type="checkbox"/> Bracknell Forest Council developed an SPA Mitigation and

Control. Team in assessment of planning application that may affect the SPA.	constraints process.			Avoidance Strategy in 2006 which is accompanied by a 5km buffer zone around the SPA where the impact of the development on the SPA is considered by an Environmental Policy Officer.
Action	Target	Achieve by	Responsible organisation	2006-8 progress
Wider countryside				
Offer on site advice about the management of heathland on golf courses.	All courses with heathland areas offered or received on site advice.	2009	BFBC, NE	<input type="checkbox"/> Management plans are in place for Swinley Forest Golf Club and Berkshire Golf club. Other clubs need to be approached.
Increase the area of golf course rough managed for nature conservation.	22ha of appropriately managed heathland at Berkshire and Swinley Forest Golf Clubs.	2011	BFBC, NE, Sports Turf Research Institute	<input type="checkbox"/> Heathland management is ongoing at the Berkshire Golf Club and Swinley Forest Golf Clubs, exact areas need to be clarified.
Communication				
Develop heathland information packs for use by schools	Interactive information packs promoted for use by all schools in Bracknell Forest	2010	BFBC, BBOWT, NE	<input type="checkbox"/> It is hoped that an SPA wide education will be funded jointly by the Local Authorities through contributions to mitigate the impact of development.
Support "friends of" Wildmoor Heath	Bi-annual liaison meetings	2006	BFBC, BBOWT	<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteers continue to carry out practical conservation tasks at the site, on average 5 times a year. The "Friends of" Wildmoor Heath group have

				disbanded.
Provide a programme of guided walks	At least one heathland related event per year.	2006	BFBC, BBOWT BDUWG, RSPB	<input type="checkbox"/> Each year, both BBOWT and BFBC have run at least two heathland events each year including nightjar walks and young pine clearance as Christmas trees.

Woodland, Scrub and Hedgerows

Action	Target	Achieve by	Responsible organisation	2006-8 progress
Designated sites				
Survey woodland WHSs and SSSIs	All woodland sites to have been surveyed within the last 5 years.	2011	BFBC, NE, TVERC	<input type="checkbox"/> 19 out of 50 sites have been surveyed in the last five years. The current Service Level Agreement with TVERC is to survey 4-5 wildlife heritage sites each year with the aim of surveying each site every 10 years.
Maintain condition of woodland SSSIs and LNRs	All sites in favourable condition.	2011	BFBC	<input type="checkbox"/> Windsor Great Park – favourable and unfavourable areas. Wykery Copse – Favourable Of the 9 LNRs 8 are under positive management.
Retain all woodland WHS	Offer advice to all landowners to achieve appropriate management; encourage entry into Entry Woodland Grant Scheme.	2011	BFBC, FC, FWAG	<input type="checkbox"/> No woodland sites have been lost since 2004. No Woodland Grant schemes are currently running on WHS outside the SPA and SAC areas.

Action	Target	Achieve by	Responsible organisation	2006-8 progress
Wider countryside				
Identify suitable locations for woodland planting.	At least 5ha planted using local provenance stock	2011	FWAG, BFBC	<input type="checkbox"/> <p>Native planting has been carried out on Jennetts Park and is planned for Wykery Copse buffer zone. However, sourcing local provenance stock for large scale projects is difficult due to the lack of local suppliers and seed may need to be collected for growing on.</p>
Identify and protect important veteran trees outside Windsor Great Park	Trees marked on GIS system	2007	BFBC, HAWCs & WEG	<input type="checkbox"/> <p>The council protects some veteran trees through TPO and is undertaking a review of all key trees. No new trees have been added to the GIS system solely based on their veteran status. However, several groups have started recording veteran trees in the borough:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Warfield Environment Group 2) Crowthorne Tree Hunt 3) Winkfield Parish Group <p>A veteran tree policy has been created for trees at Popes Meadow and a ancient tree hunt was held in September 2008 at Lily Hill Park.</p>
Seek to plant new hedgerows alongside public rights of way	At least 500m of new native hedgerow	2011	BFBC, WEG, BEG, BBOWT, HAWCs	<input type="checkbox"/> <p>Several kilometres of hedgerows have been planted at Billingbear Farm in Binfield.</p>

Survey a sample of key hedgerows alongside public rights of way	10km surveyed following DEFRA Hedgerow Survey Handbook methods.	2011	BFBC, WEG, BEG, BBOWT, HAWCs	<input type="checkbox"/> Some hedgerows in Binfield were surveyed as part of pipeline works but this did not involve use of the DEFRA survey method.
Create a database of species rich hedgerows	Hedgerows mapped onto GIS with supporting species data	2011	BFBC, TVERC	<input type="checkbox"/> This would need to follow the field survey required in the action above.
Communication				
Seek to increase membership of "Friends of" groups for Piggy Wood and Farley Copse.	Provide Bi-annual information on the reserves and public involvement events	2007	BFBC	<input type="checkbox"/> The Farley Copse group have successfully carried out at least two practical workdays and a special event such as a guided walk each year. Membership is encouraged by leaflet drops for events and information is posted on site about ongoing habitat management. The Friends of Piggy Wood have disbanded. However, new groups have formed at Allsmoor and Lily Hill Park.
Undertake an annual wildlife survey in conjunction with "Friends of" groups.	Annual Bracknell Bird Bonanza survey in areas around 7 woodland LNRs	2006	BFBC, Friends of groups	<input type="checkbox"/> A series of bird-related events were held in early 2008 including a garden bird watch at South Hill Park coinciding with the RSPB national survey and a Bird walk at Lily Hill Park.

Rivers and Wetlands

Action	Target	Achieve by	Responsible organisation	2006-8 progress
Designated sites				
Survey WHS with wetland habitat	All wetland WHS surveyed within the last 5 years	2011	BFBC, TVERC	<input type="checkbox"/> Currently, 2 of the 3 sites are proposed for survey in 2009. The current Service Level Agreement with TVERC is to survey 4-5 wildlife heritage sites each year with the aim of surveying each site every 10 years.
Develop simple pond condition assessment criteria	Pro-forma for use in the field by surveyors	2011	BFBC, Berks Wetland HAP Group	<input type="checkbox"/> TVERC are revising the WHS survey form to include more information on condition. A single form will be used for all habitat types.
Ponds				
Wider Countryside				
Survey ponds for key amphibian species	30 ponds surveyed	2011	BFBC, TVERC, BRAG, Voluntary Groups	<input type="checkbox"/> In 2007 over 30 ponds were surveyed by consultants as part of pipeline works. Each year, WEG surveys the Newt reserve and in 2008 additionally two new Harvest Hill ponds.
Create new ponds; focusing on areas close to existing ponds	At least 5 new wildlife ponds	2011	BFBC, BBOWT, FWAG, Parish/Town Councils	<input type="checkbox"/> In 2007, two new ponds were created at Harvest Hill. Four ponds have also been created at four Eco-schools.
Communication				

Provide advice to private landowners on the management of ponds and the potential for pond creation	On site advice given to all newly identified landowners	2011	BFBC, FWAG	<input type="checkbox"/> FWAG have provided detailed advice for Billingbear Farm. At Westley Mill Farm, pond restoration was undertaken in 2007 following correspondence.
Involve voluntary groups in pond management works	Voluntary work party to work on at least one per pond per year	2006	BFBC, BCV, WMCV, WEG, Maiden's Green Society	<input type="checkbox"/> On average there have been six work parties carrying out pond management each year. This has been mainly achieved by BCVs, WEG, Allsmoor Action group and BDUWG.
Increase public awareness of the importance of ponds	Annually provide programme of site based events – pond dipping/guided walks/talks	2006	BFBC, BCV, WMCV, WEG, Maiden's Green Society	<input type="checkbox"/> Each year the parks & Countryside team have run between 10 and 20 pond-related events for schools, public walks and children's groups.
Rivers				
Wider Countryside				
Map potential habitat improvement area on River Cut	GIS layer produced	2006	BFBC, TVERC, BBOWT, EA	<input type="checkbox"/> Previous surveys of the River Cut for Kingfishers has identified areas for improvement. However no GIS layer has been produced.
Communication				
Provide management advice to private landowners within habitat improvement areas	All identified landowners offered advice	2009	BFBC, TVERC, BBOWT, EA	<input type="checkbox"/> As part of the BBOWT Water Vole survey, various landowners have been approached to provide access for surveys. It is hoped that following

				the survey, advice can be provided.
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Farmed land

Action	Target	Achieve by	Responsible organisation	2006-8 progress
Monitoring				
Survey farmland birds within the parishes of Warfield, Winkfield and Binfield	At least 20 1km grid squares covered by Berkshire Bird Index survey method	2008	BFBC, BTO, Country Bird Recorder, RSPB	<input type="checkbox"/> In November 2007, the BTO Bird Atlas project began surveying and this covers 34 1km squares in the northern parishes. This project will run for four years and collect information on both breeding and wintering.
Encourage the involvement of local voluntary groups/farmers in the monitoring of farmland species	Provide e-mail information bulletins through NFU & CLA e-newsletter	2006	BFBC, Country Land and Business Association, National Farmers Union	<input type="checkbox"/> The CLA has publicised the new Natural England "Future of Farming Awards" in 2008. We are not aware of any other articles produced by the CLA or NFU on the subject of farmland species.
Communication				
Promote benefits of agri-environment scheme to landowners	Contact made with all eligible landowners	2006	FWAG, DEFRA, BFBC	<input type="checkbox"/> Since the initial launch of the environmental stewardship scheme, no further contact has been made by DEFRA.

Provide advice and assistance to landowners wishing to enter Environmental Stewardship Scheme	At least 50% of eligible agricultural holdings entered into Entry Level Environmental Stewardship	2011	BFBC, FWAG, DEFRA	<input type="checkbox"/> <p>Approx. a third of eligible agricultural land is currently covered by environmental stewardship.</p>
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Urban and Built Environment

Action	Target	Achieve by	Responsible organisation	2006-8 progress
Designated Sites				
Survey grass verge/bank Nature Reserves for key species	Annual botanical survey	2006	BFBC, BDUWG	<input type="checkbox"/> <p>Annual surveys of the verges have been conducted by BFBC and supplemented by BDUWG observations.</p>
Undertake public involvement Garden Wildlife Survey	One survey every other year; promoted through local press	2007	BFBC	<input type="checkbox"/> <p>The garden wildlife survey was not conducted in 2007 but is now due to be carried out in 2009 through the publication of a new Garden Wildlife leaflet which also provides advice on how to encourage wildlife.</p>
Habitat Management				
Include biodiversity enhancement as an element of all parks/amenity grassland management	Generic biodiversity enhancement plan for public open spaces	2008	BFBC, Parish/Town Councils	<input type="checkbox"/> <p>The new Greenspaces Strategy is currently being written and will incorporate biodiversity themes to ensure that all public open spaces managed by BFBC will include aspects to conserve and enhance biodiversity.</p>

Manage a proportion of grass verges as Verge Nature Reserves	At least 25% of grass verges/banks within Bracknell Town	2011	BFBC, BTC	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The current area of Verge Nature Reserves within Bracknell Town cover ¾ hectare which forms 1.7% of the total area (total highways verge is 43.6 ha). It is unlikely 25% is a realistic target but the number of verges will increase each year.</p>
Identify amenity grassland sites suitable for wildflower area creation	List of sites approved with landowners	2006	BFBC, Parish/Town Councils	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>There are several sites which have been identified as of potential for wildflower planting and creating a list has certainly not been a constraint.</p>
Establish wildlife flower areas at approved sites	At least one site planted per year	2007	BFBC, Parish/Town Council	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Wildflower planting has been carried out on average at one site per year as part of volunteer activities. Planting has generally been done at existing sites to enhance species diversity.</p>
Include wildlife features within new development	Bracknell Town Centre Redevelopment to include bird and bat nesting/roosting sites within buildings	2011	BFBC	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>During consultation on the outline application for Bracknell Town regeneration, biodiversity comments included a strong argument for a range of wildlife features. The next step will be to ensure that these features are incorporated into Reserved Matters applications.</p>

Include biodiversity as an element of the management of closed burial grounds	Management plans produced for all sites	2007	BFBC	<input type="checkbox"/> Management plans are in place for St. Michaels and Mary Magdalene Churchyard and Larges Lane Cemetery.
Communication				
Produce garden wildlife information leaflets	Leaflets publicised through local press	2007	BFBC, BBOWT	<input type="checkbox"/> In 2009, a new garden wildlife leaflet will be published to advise local residents on how to encourage wildlife into their gardens.
Provide guidance to developers on the inclusion of wildlife features in new development	Produce guidance leaflet on inclusion of bird/bat boxes within housing	2011	BFBC, BCT, RSPB, BTO	<input type="checkbox"/> A new supplementary plan document titled "Sustainable Resource Management" was published in 2008 including a section that advises developers how to incorporate wildlife features into developments.

Species Action Plans

Barn Owl, *Tyto alba*

Action	Target	Achieve by	Responsible organisation	2006-8 progress
Monitoring				
Undertake sample survey of the Borough to provide an estimate of the number of breeding birds	At least ten 1km in appropriate habitat squares surveyed.	2010	BFBC, BTO, RSPB, Barn Owl Conservation Network	<input type="checkbox"/> In November 2007, the BTO Bird Atlas project began surveying and this covers 34 km squares in the northern parishes. This project will run for four years and collect information on both breeding and wintering.
Monitor existing nesting boxes	All boxes to have been checked once in the last 5 years	2006	BFBC, Barn Owl Conservation Networks	<input type="checkbox"/> Boxes in the north of the Borough were checked in 2006 and 2007 by Brian Clews. A comprehensive list of owl boxes in the borough is not currently available as some have been installed by private landowners. In 2006/7, of the 11 BFBC boxes checked, 4 had evidence of Barn Owl use and a further two private boxes had evidence of pellets or eggs.
Habitat Management				
Erect additional nesting boxes in potential breeding areas without suitable nest sites	Nest boxes to be erected in all suitable sites (with landowners permission)	2009	BFBC, Barn Owl Conservation Network	<input type="checkbox"/> Suitable sites were identified by Brian Clews in 2006. Four new boxes have been installed at Jeallot's Hill Farm.

Communication				
Promote the creation of field buffer strip options within the Entry Level Environmental Stewardship Scheme.	Barn owl habitat requirements considered as part of all schemes in suitable areas	2006	BFBC, FWAG, DEFRA	<input type="checkbox"/> <p>Jealott's Hill Farm are currently reviewing their ELS agreement including considerations for Barn owls.</p>

Brilliant Emerald Dragonfly, *Somatochlora metallica*

Action	Target	Achieve by	Responsible organisation	2006-8 progress
Monitoring				
Annual survey	All known breeding sites surveyed annually	2006	British Dragonfly Society	<input type="checkbox"/> <p>The majority of sites are surveyed every year by a local member of the British Dragonfly Society.</p>
Communication				
Provide advice to landowners within breeding sites	All landowners to have been offered advice on habitat management	2007	BFBC, British Dragonfly Society	<input type="checkbox"/> <p>The main landowners BBOWT, BFBC and the Crown Estate have received advice from the local member of the British Dragonfly Society, particularly in relation to Wildmoor Heath where this species is not yet found but is within range.</p>

Brown Trout

Action	Target	Achieve by	Responsible organisation	2006-8 progress
Monitoring				
Survey of fish populations within River Blackwater	One survey within the last ten years	2011	Environment Agency Fisheries Department	<input type="checkbox"/> Records of native Brown Trout catches in the Wish Stream are recorded by the Trout Fishing Club at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst and anecdotal evidence suggests their numbers remain at a low level.
Habitat Management				
<i>Refer to Rivers & Wetlands Habitat Action Plan.</i>				
Communication				
Provide landowners with advice on habitat management	All landowners offered advice.	2006	Environment Agency Fisheries Department	<input type="checkbox"/> The Royal Military Academy Sandhurst sought specialist advice on the management of its fishing lakes which form part of the Wish Stream. As a result they are undertaking works to improve the habitat for stocked trout but which also benefits native Brown Trout.

Bullfinch

Action	Target	Achieve by	Responsible organisation	2006-8 progress
Monitoring				
Undertake sample survey of 1km grid squares	At least twenty 1km grid squares of suitable habitat	2007	BFBC, BTO, RSPB	<input type="checkbox"/> In November 2007,

containing suitable habitat (Berks Bird Index method)	surveyed.			the BTO Bird Atlas project began surveying and this covers 34 1km squares in the northern parishes and 36 1km squares in Crowthorne and Sandhurst. This project will run for four years and collect information on both breeding and wintering. Data will be available in 2011.
Communication				
Undertake public involvement survey including bullfinch as a key species	Annual Bracknell Bird Bonanza/Garden Wildlife Survey	2006	BFBC	<input type="checkbox"/> A garden wildlife survey involved the public submitting records in 2006. In 2008, the Bracknell Bird Bonanza involved a series of bird related events tying in with the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch.
Publish garden wildlife information leaflets including information on bullfinch	Advertised through local press	2009	BFBC	<input type="checkbox"/> A new "Gardening for Wildlife" leaflet is currently being designed which will be available in 2009.
Habitat Management				
<i>See Woodland, Scrub and Hedgerow Habitat Action Plan</i>				

Cowslip

Action	Target	Achieve by	Responsible organisation	2006-8 progress
Monitoring				
Monitor recorded/planted populations	Count of flowering heads once every other year	2006	BFBC	<input type="checkbox"/> Populations at Northerams Wood, Easthampstead

				Churchyard and Harvest Ride appear to be increasing. There is no definitive list of sites and no counting has been recorded before 2008.
Communication				
Provide management advice to landowners with existing cowslip populations	Advice offered to all landowners with recorded cowslip populations	2007	BFBC, FWAG	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The majority of landowners are aware and already positively managing their cowslips
Habitat Management				
Identify suitable locations for new cowslip populations.	Database of sites	2006	BFBC, Parish/Town Councils, FWAG	<input type="checkbox"/> A number of roadside verges are considered suitable. No database currently exists.
Include cowslips in public open space planting schemes	New populations planted on 10 sites	2011	BFBC, Parish/Town Councils, FWAG	<input type="checkbox"/> In 2006, cowslips were planted at Sandhurst Memorial Park. Cowslips are due to be part of the wildflower planting scheme for the new Country Park at the Jennetts Park development.
Establish networks of volunteers to grow cowslips from local seed	Annual supply of at least 100 plants for local planting schemes	2008	BFBC, BBOWT, Warfield Environment Group, Binfield Environment Group	<input type="checkbox"/> In 2008, some seed was collected but not yet grown. However, contacting gardening clubs may be a good way of finding keen growers.

Dartford Warbler

Action	Target	Achieve by	Responsible organisation	2006-8 progress
Monitoring				
Support the gathering of data as part of the Thames Basin Heaths SPA bird monitoring programme	All key breeding areas (Swinley Forest, Broadmoor Bottom (MOD/BBOWT) and Wildmoor Heath) covered by surveyors	2006	BFBC, BBOWT, BTO, RSPB, Crown Estate, DE, NE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A network of volunteers currently surveys all key sites within Bracknell Forest.
Communication				
Increase the public awareness of the sensitivity of Dartford warblers during the breeding season.	Implement dogs on leads policy within Open Access land at Wildmoor Heath	2006	BFBC, BBOWT	<input type="checkbox"/> New interpretation was installed in 2008 including bird information. On an SPA wide level, landowners and conservation organisations are collaborating as part of the Access Management Partnership on work that includes public awareness. More action is required on the ground.
Information on the Dartford warbler to be included in publications/public events	At least one event/publication in the last two years	2006	BFBC, BBOWT, NE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A heathland walk at Wildmoor Heath is carried out each year by BBOWT and BFBC.
Habitat Management				
<i>See Heathlands and Bogs Habitat Action Plan</i>				

Devil's-bit Scabious

Action	Target	Achieve by	Responsible organisation	2006-8 progress
Monitoring				
Monitor recorded/planted populations	Count of flowering heads once every other year	2006	BFBC	<input type="checkbox"/> Existing populations such as at Larges Lane continue to thrive. No counting has been recorded.
Habitat Management				
Identify suitable locations for new devil's bit scabious populations.	Database of sites	2006	BFBC, Parish/Town Councils	<input type="checkbox"/> Due to the successful growing of over 100 plants in 2008, suitable locations have been put forward such as Garth Meadows and Sandhurst Memorial Park Balancing Pond. No database of sites exists.
Plant devil's bit scabious in new planting schemes on road verges/public open space	Plant selected sites	2006	BFBC, Parish/Town Councils	<input type="checkbox"/> Beedon Drive and Garth Meadows were planted in 2008.
Establish network of volunteers willing to grow devil's bit scabious from locally sourced seed.	At least 100 plants a year available for planting	2008	BFBC, Easthampstead Churchyard Working Party, WEG	<input type="checkbox"/> A generous donation of seed from Larges Lane enabled seeds to be given to several local people and over 100 plants were grown during 2008. Links to Gardening Clubs are being investigated to find more volunteers.

Glow worm

Action	Target	Achieve by	Responsible organisation	2006-8 progress
Monitoring				
Monitor numbers of glow worm at previously recorded sites.	Each sites surveyed at least once in the last five years	2011	BFBC, BDUWG, Crowthorne Natural History Society, WEG	<input type="checkbox"/> Glow worms are known at Wildmoor Heath, St. Michael Mary Magdalene Church and Nine Mile Ride. No formal survey records currently exist.
Communication				
Undertake public involvement survey advertised in local press	One survey in the last five years	2011	BFBC	<input type="checkbox"/> The last public survey was undertaken in 2005. The next survey will be due in 2010.
Habitat management				
Incorporate glow worm habitat requirements into site management plans	All BFBC sites with glow worms to have management needs incorporated into plans	2011	BFBC	<input type="checkbox"/> Management plan reviews have been initiated for Wildmoor Heath and other sites in 2008 providing an ideal opportunity.

Great Crested Newt *Triturus cristatus*

Action	Target	Achieve by	Responsible organisation	2006-8 progress
Monitoring				
Undertake a sample survey of ponds without existing survey information	30 ponds surveyed	2011	BFBC, BRAG, WEG	<input type="checkbox"/> Over 30 ponds surveyed in 2007 by consultants as part of works for pipelines in Binfield.

Monitor 10 known breeding sites	2 sites monitored per year; retain all breeding populations	2011	BFBC, BRAG, WEG	<input type="checkbox"/> <p>Newt reserve is surveyed each year by WEG. In 2007, Wicks Green was surveyed and in 2008, new ponds at Harvest Hill/Rachel's Lake were surveyed.</p>
Habitat management				
Maintain breeding habitat at Thomas Lawrence Brickworks Newt reserve	Retain numbers of breeding newts at least at 2003 levels	2011	BFBC	<input type="checkbox"/> <p>Habitat management to reduce shading of the pond has been carried out each year by WEG. In 2008, newt numbers reached a record high.</p>
Identify potential sites for pond creation/habitat improvement works	Database of sites produced in liaison with landowners	2007	BFBC	<input type="checkbox"/> <p>A pond inventory has been created which provides a list of possible sites for improvement works.</p>
Communication				
Increase public understanding of great crested newts	At least one publication in the last two years to include information on great crested newts	2006	BFBC, BRAG	<input type="checkbox"/> <p>The Garden Wildlife Survey in 2006 included great crested newts and in 2007, the parish pond survey included them in a Town & Country article. In 2008, BBOWT featured great crested newts in their Wildlife News.</p>
Provide advice to landowners on pond management	All landowners with great crested newts offered site advice	2007	BFBC	<input type="checkbox"/> <p>Advice has been given to those that have requested information for example, Wicks Green and Towsbourne Pond but not to all landowners.</p>

Hobby *Falco subbuteo*

Action	Target	Achieve by	Responsible organisation	2006-8 progress
Monitoring				
Undertake annual monitoring in key breeding areas	Swinley Forest, Wishmoor and Broadmoor Bottoms covered by Breeding Bird Survey	2006	BTO, CE, RSPB, DE	<input type="checkbox"/> Annual monitoring is undertaken by County Ornithological Services on behalf of the Crown Estate which identifies nest sites within Swinley Forest.
Habitat management				
Assess the need for artificial nesting sites where lack of natural sites is limiting	Liaison between landowners and surveyors	2006	BTO, CE, RSPB, DE	<input type="checkbox"/> Surveyors have noted that as hobbies nest in tall mature pines natural sites are unlikely to be limiting.
Include need of hobbies in assessment of recreation pressures	Activities steered away from known nesting sites	2007	CE	<input type="checkbox"/> Forestry operations are kept at least a tree length away from nest sites.

Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis*

Action	Target	Achieve by	Responsible organisation	2006-8 progress
Monitoring				
Monitor kingfisher numbers on River Cut and Blackwater	At least 7km of river surveyed once in the last five years	2011	BFBC	<input type="checkbox"/> Kingfisher survey was carried out by County Ornithological Services on behalf of Bracknell Forest Council in 2004 covering 8km of the River Cut.

Communication				
Promote kingfishers through publicity and contact with local groups e.g. Bracknell Herons Fishing Club	At least one article in the last two years	2007	BFBC	<input type="checkbox"/> We are not aware of any articles being published.
Offer advice to landowners with kingfisher nesting sites	All landowners informed of sites and their importance	2006	BFBC	<input type="checkbox"/> In 2008, Sandhurst Town Council are receiving advice on the potential for nesting sites at the Memorial Park Balancing Pond. No additional new landowners with nesting sites have been identified.
Habitat management				
Work with Environment Agency and landowners to review riverside vegetation management	Annual input into proposed riverside management	2006	BFBC, EA	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetation cutting within the river no longer takes place. In 2008, proposals for riverside habitat restoration along the River Blackwater at Shepherd Meadows have been initiated by the Environment Agency.
Work to maintain and improve water quality of the Cut and Blackwater	Meet targets of European Water Framework Directive – river to be in good ecological status	2011	EA, Thames Water	<input type="checkbox"/> Both The Cut and Blackwater rivers are currently in moderate ecological status and have new Environment Agency targets to reach good status by 2015.

Nightjar

Action	Target	Achieve by	Responsible organisation	2006-8 progress
Monitoring				
Support gathering of data as part of the Thames Basin Heaths SPA bird monitoring project	All 1km survey squares to be covered	2007	BFBC, RSPB, NE, BTO	<input type="checkbox"/> A network of volunteers currently surveys all key sites within Bracknell Forest.
Communication				
Increase the public awareness of sensitivity of nightjars during the breeding season	Implement dogs on leads policy within Open Access land at Wildmoor Heath	2006	BFBC, BBOWT	<input type="checkbox"/> New interpretation was installed in 2008. On an SPA wide level, landowners and conservation organisations are collaborating as part of the Access Management Partnership on work that includes public awareness. More action is required on the ground.
Undertake nightjar themed public involvement events e.g. guided walks	At least one event in the last two years	2006	BFBC, BBOWT, BDUWG	<input type="checkbox"/> A heathland walk at Wildmoor Heath is carried out each year by BBOWT and BFBC.
Habitat management				
<i>See Heathland Habitat Action Plan</i>				

Noctule

Action	Target	Achieve by	Responsible organisation	2006-8 progress
Monitoring				
Site based surveys at known foraging sites using transects to assess changes in numbers	Annual survey of a known site – Lily Hill Park, Shepherd Meadows or Englemere	2006	BFBC, Berkshire and South Buckinghamshire Bat Group	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular public events have gathered information but no annual survey has been undertaken.
Undertake emergence survey within River Blackwater catchment to locate roosting site	Survey of accessible woodland sites within 6km radius of the River	2011	BFBC, Berkshire and South Buckinghamshire Bat Group	<input type="checkbox"/> No progress so far, it is likely that this could be commissioned by Bracknell Forest Council in future years.
Communication				
Undertake public involvement events e.g. bat walks which include information on the noctule	At least one event per year	2006	BFBC, Berkshire and South Buckinghamshire Bat Group, BBOWT	<input type="checkbox"/> An annual bat walk takes place at Lily Hill Park and St. Michael and Mary Magdalene Churchyard every year.
Habitat management				
Identify areas where a lack of roost sites may be limiting distribution	Database of sites	2007	BFBC, Berkshire and South Buckinghamshire Bat Group, BBOWT	<input type="checkbox"/> A lack of roost sites is most likely within areas of plantation where trees are most uniform in age and structure. No database exists.
Provide artificial roost sites in areas where natural roost sites are considered limiting	Bat boxes erected or standing deadwood retained in all areas identified as being potential	2009	BFBC, BBOWT and South Buckinghamshire Bat Group, BBOWT	<input type="checkbox"/> Bat boxes have been installed at Clinton's Hill in 2008. No other progress so far, this could easily be achieved through public involvement.

	breeding habitat			
See <i>Neutral Meadows and Pastures, Woodland and Farmland Habitat Action Plan</i>				

Ragged Robin *Lychnis flos-cuculi*

Action	Target	Achieve by	Responsible organisation	2006-8 progress
Monitoring				
Monitor planted/recorded populations	Count flowering heads once a year	2006	BFBC, BDUWG, Voluntary Groups (Easthampstead Churchyard Working Party)	<input type="checkbox"/> No counting has been done, the long term trend of the species is not known.
Habitat management				
Identify suitable location for new ragged robin populations	Database of sites	2007	BFBC	<input type="checkbox"/> A list of historic sites has been made and will form the basis of new planting. In addition, existing public open spaces with wetland areas will be included.
Plant ragged robin in new planting schemes on road verges/public open space where conditions are suitable	Included in at least 5 planting schemes	2011	BFBC	<input type="checkbox"/> Ragged robin has been planted at Longhill park, Edmund's Green, Goddard Way, Snaprails Park, , Beedon Drive and Harvest Hill in 2008 and has been included in future planting schemes for Jennetts Park Country Park and Wykery Copse.

Establish network of volunteers willing to grow ragged robin from locally sourced seed	At least 100 plants a year available for planting	2011	BFBC, Easthampstead Churchyard Working Party, WEG	<input type="checkbox"/> Seed was collected from South Hill Park in 2008. Seed growing volunteers have been contacted for Devil's bit scabious and it is likely that the same network will grow ragged robin.
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Round-leaved Sundew *Drosera rotundifolia*

Action	Target	Achieve by	Responsible organisation	2006-8 progress
Monitoring				
Undertake a survey of key bog areas for round-leaved sundew	Survey of Owlsmoor, Crowthorne Woods Bog and Wishmoor Bottom	2011	BFBC, BBOWT, DE	<input type="checkbox"/> No survey has been undertaken and is likely to be commissioned by Bracknell Forest Council in the future.
Communication				
Include information about the round-leaved sundew in public events and publications	Information about the species included in at least one public event/publication in the last two years	2006	BFBC, BBOWT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Two articles highlighting sundews were published by BBOWT in Wildlife News in 2006. A bog walk event was also held in 2008 featuring sundews.
Habitat Management				
See Heathland Habitat Action Plan				

Silver-studded blue butterfly *Plebjus argus*

Action	Target	Achieve by	Responsible organisation	2006-8 progress
Monitoring				
Undertake annual monitoring of populations	Wildmoor Heath, Broadmoor Bottom and King's Ride monitored	2007	BFBC, BBOWT, Butterfly Conservation Upper Thames Branch, Crowthorne Natural History Society	<input type="checkbox"/> Annual visits are made to key sites each year by volunteers. In 2008, approx. 50 were seen at Wishmoor Bottom. Silver-studded blue continue to be absent from Wildmoor Heath and are found in low numbers at Broadmoor Bottom and King's Ride.
Maintain link between landowners and interest groups	Co-ordination of monitoring	2007	Butterfly Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> A working group was re-created in 2008 to get advice to landowners. This resulted in a site visit and creation of an online discussion group sharing information.
Habitat management				
Establish targeted programme of heather cutting on sites with populations	Rotational cutting programme in operation on Wildmoor Heath, King's Ride and Broadmoor Bottom	2007	BFBC, BBOWT, CE, DE	<input type="checkbox"/> Bi-annual cutting is carried out on King's Ride but not at the other two sites. In 2008, Wildmoor Heath is undergoing a management plan review to include heather cutting for silver-studded blue.

Provide advice about site management to landowners	On site meetings with all landowners at least once in last 5 years	2011	Butterfly Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> On site meetings have been held regarding heather cutting at Wildmoor Heath in 2008 but not all landowners attended.
Communication				
Include information about the silver-studded blue in public events/publications	At least one event/publication in last two years	2007	BFBC, BBOWT, Butterfly Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Two articles about Silver-studded blues were published in BBOWT's Wildlife News in 2006.

Skylark *Alauda arvensis*

Action	Target	Achieve by	Responsible organisation	2006-8 progress
Monitoring				
Undertake skylark survey in conjunction with Berks Bird Index	At least 20 1km grid squares surveyed in potential skylark habitat	2010	BFBC, BTO, RSPB	<input type="checkbox"/> In November 2007, the BTO Bird Atlas project began surveying and this covers 34 1km squares in the northern parishes where most suitable habitat occurs. This project will run for four years and collect information on both breeding and wintering. Data will be available in 2011.
Monitor skylark plots at Jealott's Hill	Annually provide rotation of winter stubbles and low density crop cover	2006	BFBC	<input type="checkbox"/> Skylark plots have been in place at Jealott's Farm for three years although it is thought that Skylarks are using mixed farm areas rather than solely

				focusing on arable fields.
Habitat management				
Continue to manage Larks Hill to encourage breeding skylarks	Annually provide rotation of winter stubbles and low density crop cover	2006	BFBC	<input type="checkbox"/> The arable field area at Larks Hill continues as a low density crop.
Communication				
Promote the importance of skylarks through local publicity	At least one article in the last two years	2006	BFBC, FWAG	<input type="checkbox"/> We are not aware of any articles.
Promote the use of skylark plots as an option within the Entry Level Environmental Level Stewardship Scheme	All landowners entered into the Scheme to have been given information on skylark plots	2006	BFBC, FWAG, DEFRA	<input type="checkbox"/> We are not aware of any special promotion of skylark plots.

Small Red Damselfly *Ceriagrion tenellum*

Action	Target	Achieve by	Responsible organisation	2006-8 progress
Monitoring				
Undertake survey at all known breeding sites	Annual survey	2006	British Dragonfly Society	<input type="checkbox"/> An annual survey of key sites has been undertaken by a local member of the British Dragonfly Society.
Communication				
Include information about the small red damselfly in publications/events	At least one event/publication in the last three years	2008	BFBC, BBOWT	<input type="checkbox"/> Each year a guided walk is carried out by BBOWT highlighting dragonflies at

				Wildmoor Heath.
Habitat management				
<i>Refer to Heathland Habitat Action Plan</i>				

Stag beetle *Lucanus cervus*

Action	Target	Achieve by	Responsible organisation	2006-8 progress
Monitoring				
Undertake Borough wide survey	Public involvement survey once in the last 5 years	2007	BFBC, BBOWT, BDUWG, TVERC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The garden wildlife survey included stag beetles in 2006 and records of this species are abundant in the borough.
Habitat management				
Promote the use of buried log piles within school nature areas	At least 10 local schools to have log piles	2011	BFBC, BBOWT	<input type="checkbox"/> Three schools have created log piles. Stag beetle loggeries have been created at 10 public open spaces by volunteers (at least two at each site).
Communication				
Promote stag beetles through local publications/events	Stag beetles mentioned in at least one publication/event in last two years	2007	BFBC, BBOWT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A stag beetle and chafer talk was run by BBOWT in 2007 and several other insect related events have been organised since 2006.

Encourage schools to include stag beetles in environmental education work	Provide curriculum linked education materials	2008	BFBC, BBOWT	<input type="checkbox"/> <p>The BBC School Breathing Places programme and BBOWT School Wildlife Watch project provide opportunities for schools to carry out environmental work including beetles. However specific material has not been created to date.</p>
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Swift *Apus apus*

Action	Target	Achieve by	Responsible organisation	2006-8 progress
Monitoring				
Undertake a Borough wide survey using London's Swifts survey forms	At least one survey in the last 5 years	2008	BFBC, BDUWG, RSPB and BTO	<input type="checkbox"/> <p>The Berkshire Ornithological Club carried out a swift survey in 2007 that contributed records to Bracknell. In 2008, a survey was made of all existing boxes through contact with owners and surveying boxes. The next garden wildlife survey will also include swifts.</p>
Habitat management				
Install nesting boxes on BFBC Council properties	At least 50 nesting boxes installed	2011	BFBC	<input type="checkbox"/> <p>There are currently 20 boxes fitted on houses around the borough. More swift boxes are due to be installed on houses in the new Staff College development in</p>

				Bracknell.
Communication				
Encourage private householders to provide nesting sites for swifts through publicity	At least one article in the last two years	2006	BFBC	<input type="checkbox"/> In 2006, the garden wildlife survey included swifts and encouraged installation of boxes.
Encourage developers to include swift nesting sites within new development	Town Centre Redevelopment to include provision for swifts	2009	BFBC	<input type="checkbox"/> Swift boxes recommended as part of the Bracknell Town outline planning application. In 2008, Bracknell Forest Council adopted a new supplementary planning document titled "Sustainable Resource Management" includes advice on how to incorporate wildlife features into developments.
Produce guidance leaflet for developers on how to incorporate swift nest sites in new development	Leaflet distributed to all major developers as part planning process	2009	BFBC	<input type="checkbox"/> A revision of the developers guide to biodiversity is planned for 2009.

Violet Click Beetle *Limoniscus violaceus*

Action	Target	Achieve by	Responsible organisation	2006-8 progress
Monitoring				
Survey of breeding site within Windsor Forest	Data submitted annually to JNCC national database	2006	NE	<input type="checkbox"/> It is not possible to survey this species without destroying its deadwood habitat, therefore surveying has not been

				conducted. Research into indirect survey techniques is ongoing.
Habitat management				
Continue to maintain veteran trees within Windsor Forest	Continuing management	2006	CE	<input type="checkbox"/> <p>In 2003, the majority of Windsor Great Park was surveyed for veteran trees. Crown Estate continue to positively manage these veteran trees within Windsor Forest through "halo-ing".</p>
Education				
Use violet click beetle as a "flagship" species for veteran tree conservation	Include information on the violet click beetle in veteran tree related publicity	2006	BFBC	<input type="checkbox"/> <p>A deadwood trail within Windsor Great Park provides an educational tool for training professionals across the country. The Ancient Tree Hunt website provides a range of activities for teachers that include the violet click beetle.</p>

Water Vole *Arvicola terrestris*

Action	Target	Achieve by	Responsible organisation	2006-8 progress
Monitoring				
Undertake survey of River Cut and Blackwater	All survey sections searched at least once in the last five years	2011	BFBC, BBOWT	<input type="checkbox"/> <p>As part of the BBOWT Water Vole recovery project, Blackwater sections were surveyed in 2004, and 2005 and 2008. Sections of</p>

				The Cut were surveyed in 2004, 2006 and 2008.
Habitat management				
Undertake programme of mink control on River Cut and Blackwater	Mink rafts used in water vole "key areas"	2009	BFBC, BBOWT, EA, private landowners	<input type="checkbox"/> No mink control has been undertaken since 2005.
Review bankside management to encourage the growth of riverside vegetation	Water vole requirements considered in setting annual riverside vegetation management programmes.	2006	EA	<input type="checkbox"/> Currently, no vegetation cutting is known to be undertaken on the River Blackwater or The Cut. A new project to improve riverside banks at Shepherd Meadows is in the planning stages.
Communication				
Provide advice to landowners on habitat management	Advice offered to all known landowners	2006	BFBC, BBOWT	<input type="checkbox"/> New landowners have been identified since 2007 and will be contacted through the BBOWT Water Vole Recovery Project.
Promote water voles through local publications/events	At least one article/event in the last two years	2006	BFBC, BBOWT	<input type="checkbox"/> Articles on water voles were published in BBOWT's Wildlife News in 2006, 2007 and 2008.

Wild Service Tree *Sorbus tormentalis*

Action	Target	Achieve by	Responsible organisation	2006-8 progress
Habitat management				
Manage woodland sites where species is known to occur.	Wild service tree referred to in site management plans	2011	BFBC	<input type="checkbox"/> Currently, four management plans refer to wild service tree. This requires further work to translate into positive management.
Encourage the appropriate use of local provenance wildlife service trees	All planting schemes in the vicinity of existing populations to include wild service tree	2006	BFBC, Parish/Town Councils	<input type="checkbox"/> Planting schemes in relation to planning applications include wild service trees where appropriate e.g. Jennetts Park. However, achieving local provenance has not been confirmed.

Woodlark *Lullula arborea*

Action	Target	Achieve by	Responsible organisation	2006-8 progress
Monitoring				
Monitor breeding bird through Thames Basin Heaths SPA bird monitoring project	Swinley Forest, MOD Training Area and Wildmoor Heath adequately covered by survey	2006	BFBC, NE, CE, Forest Enterprise, DE, BTO and RSPB	<input type="checkbox"/> A network of volunteers currently surveys all key sites within Bracknell Forest.
Communication				

Promote woodlarks through publicity/events	At least one article/event in the last two years to include information on the woodlark	2006	BFBC, BBOWT	<input type="checkbox"/> A heathland walk at Wildmoor Heath is carried out each year by BBOWT and BFBC.
Increase the public awareness of sensitivity of woodlarks during the breeding season	Implement dogs on leads policy within Open Access land at Wildmoor Heath	2006	BFBC, BBOWT	<input type="checkbox"/> New interpretation was installed in 2008. On an SPA wide level, landowners and conservation organisations are collaborating as part of the Access Management Partnership on work that includes public awareness. More action is required on the ground.
Habitat management				
<i>See Heathland Habitat Action Plan</i>				

Glossary

BBOWT	Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust
BCV	Bracknell Conservation Volunteers
BDUWG	Bracknell District Urban Wildlife Group
BEG	Binfield Environment Group
BFBC	Bracknell Forest Borough Council
BRAG	Berkshire Reptile and Amphibian Group
BTO	British Trust for Ornithology
CE	Crown Estate
DE	Defence Estates
DEFRA	Department for the Environment and Rural Affairs
EA	Environment Agency
FC	Forestry Commission
FWAG	Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group
MOD	Ministry of Defence
NE	Natural England
RSPB	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
TVERC	Thames Valley Environmental Records Centre
WEG	Warfield Environment Group
WMCV	Windsor and Maidenhead Conservation Volunteers