



Lowland Derbyshire Biodiversity Partnership Forum 2011



Delivering biodiversity in the landscape



5th November 2011
Derby University, Kedleston Road, Derby

A programme of talks, workshops and displays showing you how biodiversity can be delivered at a landscape scale and how to involve people in delivering projects that can help protect, conserve, manage, restore and create opportunities for biodiversity in the future.



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The Lowland Derbyshire Biodiversity Partnership is made up of over 90 organisations from the private, public and voluntary sectors who have agreed to work together to deliver the aims of the Lowland Derbyshire Biodiversity Action Plan. The action plan contains targets for habitat management, restoration and creation. Work is also taking place to survey, monitor and conserve species, especially those which are considered to be in national decline, such as the water vole.

Every year the Partnership holds a themed Annual Forum for partners and community groups. The theme of this year's Lowland Derbyshire Biodiversity Partnership's Annual Forum is *Delivering biodiversity in the landscape*. The event is free and is aimed at partners, landowners, community groups, students and the event will also be open to members of the public. There are 135 places available and these will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

The event will begin with an overview of the Government's recent White Paper on the Natural Environment (*The Natural Choice: securing the value of nature*), and what this means for organisations and individuals as well as biodiversity. This will be followed by talks on what biodiversity does for us (ecosystem services) and Derbyshire Wildlife Trust's Living Landscape strategy which sets out one organisation's view on how to deliver biodiversity in Derbyshire. The morning session will also include a number of local case studies showing how medium and small scale projects can protect biodiversity as well as create new opportunities for biodiversity. The afternoon session will enable delegates to attend a workshop from a choice of seven topics which will either enhance understanding of the Local Biodiversity Action Plan and its messages or increase the knowledge and skills of groups and partner organisations. Delegates are asked to sign up to their preferred choice of workshop whilst booking. The event will close with the launch of the 2011-2020 Lowland Derbyshire Biodiversity Action Plan.



By the end of the event, you will hopefully be inspired to look at your site, or back garden, in a different light, seeing how it can contribute towards the larger network of habitats and places for species to live. The workshops are designed to give you information to help make your projects more sustainable and engage with different audiences.

There will be plenty of opportunities within the event to share experiences amongst like minded individuals, as well as to meet other groups and individuals within the county.

Attendance at the Annual Forum is **free**, but **places must be booked** in advance using the booking form.

Workshops:

Due to time pressures, delegates will have an opportunity to attend only **one workshop. These are designed to be interactive, so please come armed with questions on particular issues.**

1. Let's get engaged! – This workshop will look at how we currently involve people and groups with the local biodiversity action planning process. We will develop ideas on what else we can do in the future. This will include a demonstration of the effectiveness of social media, such as Twitter, blogs and Facebook.

The workshop will be run by Nick Moyes, Biodiversity Project Officer for the Lowland Derbyshire Biodiversity Partnership.

2. Helping you to keep on target – This workshop will show how the new LBAP can be used to help design projects and target work on your site or help guide the work of your group or organisation.

The workshop will be run by Debbie Alston, Biodiversity Project Officer for the Lowland Derbyshire Biodiversity Partnership.

3. Spreading our wings – The nature conservation sector is very good with talking to 'the usual suspects', but we need to get better at engaging with other people, including so-called hard to reach groups. This workshop will explore different methods that can be used and highlight techniques which have been particularly successful.

This workshop will be led by Peter Walker from Derby University and Gemma Gregory from the iSpot project.

4. Money, money, money– Most biodiversity projects (large and small) require a funding and this is often seen as a barrier to starting the project. This workshop will look at where to access funding from, the importance of meeting funders criteria, why funding applications fail and recognising what funders are looking for in an application.

The workshop will be led by Liz Gumbley from the Derby Community Action.

5. Fungal Foray – this workshop will involve a walk around the University grounds and Markeaton Park looking at fungi and talking about methods of recording as well as tips on identification.

The workshop will be led by Beverley Rhodes from the Derbyshire Fungus Study Group

6. Gather round: hints and tips on managing groups outdoors – The key to a good event, task or practical project is managing groups effectively in an outdoors arena. This workshop will share some hints and tips on successful group management that has been gathered over many years practical of experience. Most of this workshop will be indoors, but it will also include an outdoor element, practicing some of the group management techniques.

The workshop will be led by the Kate Allies from the Environmental Education Project based in South Derbyshire

7. Read all about it! – biodiversity projects are usually good news stories and are often lapped up by the local media. Funders often require a press release as part of their conditions and the media can be a difficult environment to penetrate to get coverage. This workshop will explore how to make a good press release and get wider publicity for your projects.



Saturday 5th November
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Derbyshire



9.45 – 10.00	Registration and Coffee
10.00	Introduction Welcome and Official event opening
10.10	The natural choice: an overview of Natural Environment White Paper – <i>Tbc (Natural England)</i>
10.40	What has biodiversity ever done for us? – <i>Tom French (Derbyshire County Council)</i>
10.55	Derbyshire's Living Landscape – <i>Matthew Croney (Derbyshire Wildlife Trust)</i>
11.05	Questions for speakers
11.15	Coffee Break
11.35	Local case studies of landscape scale projects a) Limestone Journeys – <i>Cal Warren and Andy Cranch (Limestone Journeys team)</i> b) Nottinghamshire's non-native invasive species project: Himalayan Balsam control – <i>Chris Jackson (Nottinghamshire Biodiversity Action Group)</i> c) Hedgehog Street – <i>Nick Moyes (on behalf of the People's Trust for Endangered Species)</i> d) Making plans for nature Bluebank Pools and Williamthorpe LNR – <i>Derbyshire County Service</i>
12.35	Questions for speakers
12.45	Buffet Lunch
13.45	Workshops - Local action in the landscape (delegates can only attend one workshop) 1. Let's get engaged! – <i>Nick Moyes</i> 2. Helping you keep on target - <i>Debbie Alston</i> 3. Spreading our wings – <i>Peter Walker (Derby University) and Gemma Gregory (iSpot)</i> 4. Money, money money! – <i>Liz Gumbley (Derby Community Action)</i> 5. Fungal Foray – <i>Beverley Rhodes</i> 6. Gather round: hints and tips on managing groups outdoors – <i>Kate Allies (Environmental Education Project)</i> 7. Read all about it! (tbc)
15.15	Coffee Break
15.30	Launch of the Lowland Derbyshire LBAP 2011-2020 – <i>Debbie Alston and Nick Moyes</i>
15.50	Final discussion and round up
16.00	Finish



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Booking Form (please fill in one form for each place)

I wish to attend the Lowland Derbyshire Biodiversity Partnership Annual

Name:

Position / Job Title (if appropriate):

Organisation/Local group (if appropriate):

Address:

Telephone:

E-mail:

I would like my e-mail details adding to the delegates list **Yes/No** (Please delete as appropriate)

I would like to bring a display **Yes/No**

If yes please provide details eg approx size so we can allocate space. (All displays should be before 10am and removed after 4pm)

Special dietary requirements:

Any other requirements:

Workshops:

Please choose the workshop you would like to attend with a first (1) second (2) and third (3) choices:

<input type="checkbox"/> Let's get engaged!	<input type="checkbox"/> Helping you keep on target	<input type="checkbox"/> Spreading our wings
<input type="checkbox"/> Money, money, money!	<input type="checkbox"/> Fungal Foray	<input type="checkbox"/> Gather round: hints & tips on managing groups outdoors
<input type="checkbox"/> Read all about it!		

To confirm your place on this event, please return this booking form to:
Debbie Alston c/o Derbyshire County Council, Shand House, Dale Road South, Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 3RY
or e-mail Debbie.alston@derbyshire.gov.uk

By Wednesday 26th October 2011

If you have any queries regarding the content of the event please contact
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Further copies of this programme and booking forms can be downloaded from the Derbyshire Biodiversity website
www.derbyshirebiodiversity.org.uk.

Further information, including a location map will be sent out to delegates by e-mail or post from 26th October.