Local Sites Ratification Report 2012

- Local Wildlife Sites (LWS) and Regionally Important Geological Sites (RIGS)



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Summary

The annual Local Sites Ratification Meeting was held on 22 November 2012, between Hertfordshire Biological Records Centre, Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust and Natural England

The panel revisited the issue of old species data, particularly for amphibian and reptile LWS, where recent data is absent or difficult to obtain. A number of species LWS have been deselected this year for this reason. Unfortunately, changing priorities to LRC workload (due to preparing for its transfer to a new host) meant there was no time to address Bat LWS this time round.

Work continues to assess, de-select and re-map species Local Sites. Related queries raised throughout the year will be discussed at the next annual Ratification meeting in late 2013.

There were a number of boundary amendments, name changes and filecode (site reference) changes and this information is available in the March 2013 GIS layer.

There were:

- ➤ 2 new Local Wildlife Sites
- ➤ 96 de-selected Local Wildlife Sites.
- > 0 RIGS were selected or de-selected.

New Local Wildlife Sites

FILECODE	NAME	GRIDREF	HA	DISTRICT	COMMENT
	Cottered Road				
23/081	Verge	TL313294	0.39	East Herts	Grassland site
	Whomerley				
	Woods Road				
29/079	Verge	TL:247238	1.01	Stevenage	Grassland site

De-selected Local Wildlife Sites

FILECODE	NAME	GRIDREF	HA	DISTRICT	COMMENT
				North Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
06/036	Bygrave Moat	TL26-36-	0		Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
	Ransom's			North Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
	Recreation				Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
	Ground and				
11/031	Allotments	TL19-29-	0		
	Old Hale Way			North Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
11/042	Allotments	TL185310	3.38		Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
	Norton Road			North Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
	adjacent to				Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
	Equestrian				
	Centre &				
12/041	Football	TL23-34-	0		

	Ground				
	Hillbrow			North Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
12/048	Allotments	TL206320	0.87		Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
	Shotgreen Lane			East Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
16/019	Pond	TL42-32-	0		Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
	Manor Farm			East Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
	South Pond				Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
16/020	(Meesden)	TL42-32-	0		
	Home Farm			East Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
	Ponds				Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
16/036	(Meesden)	TL42-32-	0		
	Home Farm			East Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
	Field Pond				Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
16/037	(Meesden)	TL43-32-	0		
				East Herts	Degraded - surveyed & doesn't
	Tillers End				meet habitat criteria. Not
	Farm/Millcroft				enough indicators found.
24/032	Wood Field	TL377263	1.98		HMWT 2012
	Pond E. of			North Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
20/022	Norton Green	TTI 22 22		&	Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
29/022	Farm	TL22-23-	0	Stevenage	D
	Mare's Plash			North Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
20/025	Pond, Dyers	TI 22 22			Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
29/025	Lane	TL22-23-	0	Ctarranasa	Degraded suggested & degra?
				Stevenage	Degraded - surveyed & doesn't meet habitat criteria. Not
	Marymead				
30/041	Spring	TL253218	1		enough indicators found. HMWT 2012
30/041	Plashes Farm	11233216	1	East Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
32/032	Pond	TL38-20-	0	Last Herts	Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
32/032	Wellpond	1L30-20-	0	East Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
33/076	Green Pond	TL41-22-	0	Last Herts	Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
33/0/0	Hallingbury	1211 22		East Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
	Road			Lust Herts	Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
34/046	Allotments	TL495202	2.52		Repaire effection Tibres 2012
	Ward Crescent			East Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
34/047	Allotments	TL48-20-	0		Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
	Grassland by			East Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
	Hallingbury				Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
34/048	Allotments	TL492203	0.96		
	Harveys Wood			East Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
34/053	Pond Area	TL45-20-	0		Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
				East Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
34/054	Hadham Lodge	TL46-22-	0		Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
	Haymeads			East Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
	Lane				Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
35/004	Allotments	TL501207	1.85		
	Betlow Farm			Dacorum	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
36/009	Pond	SP89-17-	0		Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012

	Harmergreen			Welwyn	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
44/036	Pond	TL25-15-	0	Hatfield	Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
	Datchworth			East Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
	Pond by				Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
44/090	Hawkins Hall	TL27-18-	0		
				East Herts	Degraded - surveyed & doesn't
					meet habitat criteria. Not
	Spellbrook				enough indicators found.
48/004	Meadows	TL478177	3.53		HMWT 2012
	Thorley Street			East Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
48/033	Allotments	TL484198	0.78		Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
	Southern			East Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
	Country Park				Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
48/038/01	Pond	TL47-19-	0		
	Borrow Pits,			Dacorum	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
	Aylesbury Arm				Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
	of Grand Union				
50/001	Canal	SP88-13-	0		
	Grand Union			Dacorum	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
	Canal, Cow				Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
52/026	Roast	SP95-10-	0		
	Redbourn			St Albans	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
	Watercress				Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
55/014	Beds	TL10-12-	0		
	Marford Road			St Albans	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
56/065	Allotments	TL18-13-	0		Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
	Ayot Green			Welwyn	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
57/002	Common	TL22-14-	0	Hatfield	Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
	Ascots Farm			Welwyn	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
	Pond, Ascots			Hatfield	Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
57/056	Lane	TL24-10-	0		
	Birch Green			East Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
58/056	Pond	TL29-11-	0		Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
	Dalewood			Welwyn	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
58/057	Allotments	TL26-12-	0	Hatfield	Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
				East Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
59/027	Roxford Moat	TL30-10-	0		Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
	Jenningsbury			East Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
59/099	Ponds	TL34-11-	0		Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
	Mangrove Lane			East Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
	Pond by Balls				Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
59/100	Park	TL33-11-	0		
	Horns Mill			East Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
	Road				Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
59/101	Allotments	TL321120	0.81		
	North Road			East Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
59/102	Allotments	TL316134	1.8		Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
	Thornton Street			East Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
59/103	Allotments	TL327129	0.57		Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012

	West Street			East Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
59/105	Allotments	TL321121	0.39		Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
	Berkhamsted			Dacorum	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
	Railway				Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
64/029	Cutting	SP999077	0.46		1
	New Road			Dacorum	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
64/061	Allotments	SP975092	1.86		Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
	St Albert the			Dacorum	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
66/043	Great School	TL07-06-	0		Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
	Cottonmill			St Albans	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
	Lane				Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
67/041	Allotments	TL148065	2.31		
	Highfield Hall			St Albans	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
68/026	Ponds	TL17-05-	0		Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
	Jersey Lane			St Albans	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
68/032	Pond	TL17-09-	0		Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
	Shirley Road			St Albans	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
68/035	Allotments	TL15-06-	0		Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
				St Albans	Degraded - surveyed & doesn't
	Woodland S. of				meet habitat criteria. Not
	Barley Mow				enough indicators found. HMWT
68/053	Lane	TL185058	1.49		2012
	Hill End Farm			St Albans	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
68/057	(Tyttenhanger)	TL18-05-	0		Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
	Barley Mow			St Albans	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
60/060	Lane Field	TT 10.05			Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
68/068	Pond	TL18-05-	0	G. A 11	
co/071	Sadleir Road	TI 152062	2 20	St Albans	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
68/071	Allotments	TL152063	2.38	XX 7 1	Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
60/000	Travellers Lane	TI 22 06		Welwyn Hatfield	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
69/008	Pond	TL22-06-	0		Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
				Welwyn Hatfield	Degraded - surveyed & doesn't meet habitat criteria. Not
				Hattleid	enough indicators found. WSP
69/017	Skimpans Farm	TL238051	3.79		2012
07/017	Deerswood	1L230031	3.17	Welwyn	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
	Avenue			Hatfield	Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
69/049	Allotments	TL227073	0.55	Tiatricia	Reptile citteria. Tibite 2012
J/101/	Bayford School	1221013	0.55	East Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
71/010	Grounds	TL30-08-	0	2050 110105	Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
, 1, 010	Bayford	1220 00	<u> </u>	East Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
71/014	Village Pond	TL31-08-	0	2000 110100	Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
	Ponds W. of		1	East Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
71/091/01	Hatch Grove	TL33-08-	0		Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
	Bayford Manor		1	East Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
71/118	House Pond	TL31-08-	0		Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
	Pond E. of			East Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
71/119	Bayford Wood	TL30-08-	0		Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
71/120	Pond N. of	TL31-08-	0	East Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet

	Place Farm, Bayford				Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
76/015	Park Street	TI 14 04	0	St Albans	Data reviewed – doesn't meet habitat or species criteria.
76/015	Sewage Works	TL14-04-	0	G. A.11	HBRC 2012
76/104	Mount Pleasant School	TL12-02-	0	St Albans	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
70/104	Old Parkbury	1L12-02-	U	St Albans	Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012 Data reviewed – doesn't meet
77/060	Pond	TL16-02-	0	St Albans	Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
777000	Kimptons	1L10 02		Hertsmere	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
	Mead				Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
78/099	Allotments	TL236012	1.24		110011111 112110 2012
	Wroxham Field			Hertsmere	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
78/105	Ponds	TL23-01-	0		Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
	Nyn Manor			Welwyn	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
	Farm Pond			Hatfield	Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
79/003	Area	TL28-03-	0		
	Mandeville			Hertsmere	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
	Road				Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
79/062	Allotments	TL263009	3.74		
	Halstead Hill			Broxbourne	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
80/001	Pond	TL33-02-	0		Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
	Cheshunt Park			Broxbourne	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
01/011	Golf Course	FF 25 02			Reptile or Amphibian criteria.
81/011	Area	TL35-03-	0	D 1	HBRC 2012
01/016	Halfhide Lane	TI 250042	2.54	Broxbourne	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
81/016	Allotments Hubbards Road	TL358043	2.54	Three	Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012 Data reviewed – doesn't meet
82/055	Allotments	TQ026955	0.99	Rivers	Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
82/033	Grand Union	10020933	0.99	Watford &	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
	Canal -			Three	habitat criteria. HBRC 2012
	Rousebarn			Rivers	naoitat ciiteiia. Tibite 2012
	Lane N. to Iron			laveis	
83/016	Bridge Lock	TQ089968	2.31		
	Grand Union			Watford	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
	Canal by West				habitat criteria. HBRC 2012
	Herts Golf				
83/017	Course	TQ088976	1.29		
	Bateman Road			Three	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
83/027	Allotments	TQ080992	2.36	Rivers	Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
	River Gade -			Watford &	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
	Charlotte's Vale			Three	habitat criteria. HBRC 2012
83/036	to Grove Mill	TQ088983	0.77	Rivers	
	Grand Union			Watford &	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
	Canal -			Three	habitat criteria. HBRC 2012
92/045	Watford Road -	TO097001	5 27	Rivers	
83/045	Old Mill House	TQ087991	5.27	Three	Data raviawad daasa't mast
83/060	Buddleia Forest	TO07 04	0	Three	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
83/069	/ Croxley Tip	TQ07-94-	0	Rivers	Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012

	Abbotsbury			Hertsmere	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
85/007	Estate Pond	TQ18-95-	0		Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
	Home Farm			Hertsmere	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
	Pond,				Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
85/008	Aldenham	TQ17-96-	0		
	Lyndhurst			Hertsmere	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
85/011	Farm Area	TQ19-99-	0		Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
	Ham Farm,			Hertsmere	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
85/033	Aldenham	TQ16-96-	0		Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
	Kitwells Lodge			Hertsmere	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
	Pond /				Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
85/067	Lyndhurst Pond	TQ19-99-	0		
	Kitwells Farm			Hertsmere	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
85/082	Pond	TQ19-99-	0		Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
	Bentley Heath			Hertsmere	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
86/001	Pond	TQ24-93-	0		Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
				Hertsmere	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
86/003	Rowley Farm	TQ21-98-	0		Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
	Elm Farm			Hertsmere	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
86/016	Pasture Area	TQ24-99-	0		Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
	Pond by			Hertsmere	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
	Bentley Heath				Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
86/019	Church	TQ24-99-	0		
	Ganwick			Hertsmere	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
87/010	Corner Pond	TQ25-99-	0		Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
	Springwell			Three	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
	Avenue			Rivers	Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
	Allotments,				
88/016	Mill End	TQ041938	1.14		
	Oxhey Grange			Watford	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
90/034	Allotments	TQ11-94-	0		Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
00/05 =	Prestwick Road			Three	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
90/035	Allotments	TQ117935	0.32	Rivers	Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
	Paddock Road			Hertsmere	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
00/00 =	Allotments &	F0467045		& Watford	Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
90/036	Pond	TQ125947	7.2		
	Prestwick Road			Three	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
00/050	Meadows,	TO 11 02		Rivers	Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
90/038	North	TQ11-92-	0		
	Covered			Hertsmere	Data reviewed – doesn't meet
01/007	Reservoirs,	mo15.61			Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
91/005	Bushey Heath	TQ15-94-	0		

De-selected Local Wildlife Site from one District only but not lost from the County – due to boundary amendment

				North Herts	Boundary amended using OS
	Bishey Wood				MasterMap - site now lost from
42/028	Green Lane	TL152178	1.06		North Herts district and wholly

		within St Albans District

Summary of New and De-selected Local Wildlife Sites per District

District	New	De-selected
	Local Wildlife Site	Local Wildlife Site
BROXBOURNE	0	3
DACORUM	0	6
EAST HERTS	1	31
HERTSMERE	0	16
NORTH HERTS	0	8*
ST ALBANS	0	13
STEVENAGE	1	2
THREE RIVERS	0	9
WATFORD	0	6
WELWYN HATFIELD	0	8
Hertfordshire total	2	96 **

^{*}North Herts has lost 8 LWS in total - 7 due to loss of interest; 1 due to a boundary amendment and this site is still a LWS now wholly with St Albans District

Numbers and Areas (Ha) of Local Sites – Local Wildlife Sites and RIGS

	Number	Area (Ha) of	Number	Area (Ha)	Sum of Area (Ha)
District	of LWS	LWS	of RIGS	of RIGS	Local Sites
Broxbourne	78	472.94	0	0.00	472.94
Dacorum	232	1959.40	4	77.72	2037.12
East Hertfordshire	543	3441.29	0	0.00	3441.29
Hertsmere	110	809.85	3	11.75	821.6
North Hertfordshire	317	1780.23	11	150.98	1931.21
St. Albans	179	1401.73	2	0.96	1402.69
Stevenage	37	101.61	1	0.23	101.84
Three Rivers	137	1298.64	0	0.00	1298.64
Watford	27	247.80	0	0.00	247.8
Welwyn Hatfield	191	1654.40	0	0.00	1654.4
Hertfordshire total	1802	13167.91	21	241.63	13409.54

• The figures in this table represent the exact numbers and areas of Local Sites in Hertfordshire, and within each District.

^{**}There are 5 LWS which cross over into more than one district; hence the total number of de-selected LWS is less than the total for each district.

- All overlapping sites have been 'clipped' to the District boundaries to split the sites, resulting in an accurate reflection of the area within each District.
- The areas will continue to vary from year to year with the addition and de-selection of sites, as well as major boundary amendments. Throughout the year, there are also numerous minor changes to boundaries as new information becomes available (e.g. the removal of areas with no ecological value). Re-digitising is also necessary when Ordnance Survey baseline mapping data is updated, and we continue to use Master Map to improve non-statutory site boundaries.