

Broads Biodiversity Group

Area of interest:

All Broads wetland habitats, with a particular focus on fens, marshes, rivers, lakes, linking to other biodiversity topic groups in Norfolk.



The purpose of this group is to provide a focal point for the delivery of nature conservation at a landscape scale, and through working towards consensus improve communication and provide overall coordination of conservation policy and strategy in the Broads.

Objectives

1. To provide the focal point and drive to nature conservation effort in The Broads and oversee the relevant Broads Plan objectives and develop coordination of effort - with a focus on developing and influencing common policy and strategies for a shared approach to land management
2. To develop a common understanding among organisations of the policy impact and positions in the context of legal frameworks and policies
3. To identify opportunities for a common approach to targets (including PSA, SSSI and BAP) to improve effective setting and progress
4. To develop policies, partnerships and funding mechanisms to push forward the adaptation of the Broads wetland to catchment use and climate change pressures
5. To integrate landscape, nature conservation and recreation initiatives to develop shared approaches to landscape management to benefit wildlife
6. To identify common research agendas for focusing resources and funding to further understanding of Broads habitats
7. To be share issues and needs coming from the Area and Topic Groups where relevant to the integrated working of the Group
8. To provide clear messages of the importance of multifunctional wetlands and need to adapt to climate change challenges

Action plans hosted by this group:

- Reedbed
- Fen
- Grazing marsh

Associated projects:

Norfolk Non Native Species Initiative (NNSI)

Partners' projects related to this group:

- NWT and SWT Living Landscapes (Bure, Thurne, Suffolk Broads)
- RSPB Futurescapes
- The Broads Water Quality Partnership
- Annual Broads Biodiversity Forum

Meetings:

The group meets quarterly or as required with field visits and includes the following members;

Topic Group profile

Organisation

Broads Authority
Environment Agency
Natural England
Norfolk County Council
Suffolk County Council
Norfolk Biodiversity Information Service
Norfolk Biodiversity Partnership
Norfolk Wildlife Trust

Suffolk Wildlife Trust
RSPB
Essex and Suffolk Water

National Trust
Butterfly Conservation
British Dragonfly Society

Little Ouse Headwaters Project

Water Management Alliance
Broadland Environmental Services Ltd

Hymettus

University of East Anglia
Plantlife

Norfolk Flora Group
Non-Native Species Initiative

Norfolk and Norwich Naturalists' Society

Pond Conservation

Attendee

Andrea Kelly (Chair)
Amanda Elliott
Chris Bielby / Rick Southwood
Heidi Thompson
Sue Hooton
Martin Horlock
Haidee Bishop
Kevin Hart

Dorothy Casey
Ian Robinson/Phil Pearson
Leon Debell
Steve Prowse
Mandy Gluth/Bernard Watts
Pam Taylor
Helen Smith
Caroline Laburn
Jeremy Halls
Paul Lee
Hannah Mossman/Paul Dolman
Tim Pankhurst
Jo Parmenter
Mike Sutton-Croft
Nick Owen
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