

# Swindon BAP Wetlands Action Plan - Incorporates Swamp, Fen and Marsh

## Objective WETO1: Protect, maintain and enhance the existing areas of wetland in Swindon Borough and prevent any further losses

Target	Target Measure	Action	Action Measure	Partners	Action Deadline	Links to Other Plans	Comments
WETT1: Manage wetland areas sympathetically for wildlife.		WETA01: Ensure that suitable buffer strips are provided between wetland habitats and developments.	Wetland sites in all major developments have suitable buffer strips.	Swindon BAP Coordinator, consultants, developers.	Monitoring of major planning applications as and when they appear.	Urban HAP	A Target Measure needs to be determined for this target.
		WETA02: Designate two new wetland LNRs.	Rushey Platt and Rivermead achieve LNR status.	SBC - Parks Manager and WWT Swindon Wildlife Officer.	2013		
		WETA03: Local communities are encouraged to manage wetland sites.	1 new site per year.	SBC - parks manager, WWT - Swindon Wildlife Officer, BTCV - Wiltshire Project Officer	Annually		
		WETA04: To provide otter holt/resting sites within wetland sites adjacent to the main rivers.	One new holt resting site prepared every two years.	WWT, Wiltshire Mammal Group	Next holt by June 2011	Rivers and Streams HAP	
WETT2: Enhance wetland areas.	1 significant wetland enhancement project initiated annually (5 over 5 years).	WETA05: Bring forward Access to Nature application for Rushey Platt.	Implementation of work on ground.	WWT, SBC	Jul-10		
		WETA06: Prepare funding bid for next project.	Funding bid prepared.	Working group members	2011		
		WETA07: Bring forward work on Wichelstowe off-site mitigation area.	Work started.	GWCF, WWT, EA	2012	SOW HAP	
WETT3: Take measures to restore and create wetland habitat.	More wetland habitat has been create/restored.	WETA08: Identify potential areas for wetland restoration and creation projects to link areas of fragmented habitat.	Publish a list of potential restoration and creation projects.	Wetland HAP Working Group	Mar-10	Canal Trust work/BAP	
		WETA09: Carry out at least 1 restoration/creation project per year from priority list.	Measure 1: Complete feasibility study for Elcombe flood storage area.	EA	Mar-10		
			Measure 2: Further projects implemented annually.	Wetland HAP Working Group	Annually, starting 2011/12		

**Objective WETO2: To increase population sizes and expand ranges of species associated with wetland habitats.**

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<u>WETT4</u> : Expand range of water voles into wetland areas.	At least 3 wetland areas supporting water vole populations. WWT, EA. By 2014	<u>WETA10</u> : Ensure that wetland restoration projects/works that border watercourses are sympathetic to water voles (correct food species planted, sufficient cover and buffers provided etc).	100% of all wetland restoration project plans are sympathetic to water voles (monitoring of planning applications).	WWT (WFW), EA	Ongoing	Rivers and Streams HAP	
<u>WETT5</u> : Minimise the impact of invasive non-native plants.	Eradicate/control all known populations of invasive non-native plants within 5 years of discovery. WIPP	<u>WETA11</u> : Eliminate Japanese knotweed and giant hogweed in Swindon Borough.	All Japanese knotweed and giant hogweed in Swindon Borough recorded and landowners advised on removal.	WWT (WIPP), EA, SBC	2014		
		<u>WETA12</u> : Eliminate Himalayan balsam along River Ray corridor.	All populations of Himalayan Balsam along River Ray corridor eliminated by 2012.	WWT (WIPP), SBC, landowners	2014		
		<u>WETA13</u> : Work to eliminate all other non-native aquatic plants in Swindon Borough.	Other non-native aquatic plants in Swindon Borough are recorded and landowners advised on removal.	WWT (WIPP), EA, SBC	2014		