

Biodiversity Action Plans in Norfolk

The Norfolk Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) was developed in 1999 to translate national objectives, set by Government in response to commitments made at the 1992 Rio 'Earth' Summit, into local action. It contains clear targets and actions that specify what needs to be done, by whom, and when, to conserve Norfolk's most rare and endangered animals, plants and habitats. The Biodiversity Partnership works together to ensure that these targets are being met.



The BAP's, are overseen by the Biodiversity Coordinator for Norfolk and are divided into two groups, Habitat Action Plans (HAP's) and Species Action Plans (SAP's). Currently in Norfolk there are 19 HAP's and 46 SAP's which focus on identified habitats and species most at risk.

Searching for invertebrates, Overstrand
(Photo credit: Scott Perkin)

There are eight specialist working groups, dealing with:

- coastal biodiversity;
- communities and nature;
- ecological networks;
- farmland biodiversity;
- heathlands;
- waterbodies;
- wetlands;
- woodlands

The groups meet to discuss how they can each take particular HAP's and SAP's forward.



Members of the Farmland Group visiting High Ash Farm
(Photo Credit: Scott Perkin)



Steve Cook receiving his Community Biodiversity Award from the Lord Mayor
(Photo credit: Keith Whitmore)

The "Community Biodiversity Awards" are presented each year by the Norfolk Biodiversity Partnership to the best community wildlife projects in the county. They recognise the efforts of local people in achieving improvements for the wildlife of Norfolk and reward excellence in this area.

To find out more and view the plans, awards and the work of the Biodiversity Partnership please go to the Biodiversity Partnership website at:

www.norfolkbiodiversity.org