

Action Plan – Wildlife & Habitat Issues

What needs to be done?	Why is it an issue?	What has the community achieved and what further action is being contemplated?
<p>Establish a new Society for environmental and wildlife interests</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HIGH PRIORITY QUICK TIMESCALE (within 6 months)</p>	<p>274 respondents expressed an interest in such a Society</p>	<p>The new Plumpton Wildlife & Habitat Group was launched in Spring 2009 with publication of the completed Parish Habitat Survey Map. The group is now independent of the VAP. The group's aims are to promote the understanding, appreciation and conservation of the Parish's fauna and flora and their habitats</p> <p>The group has over 50 members, a large number of whom are active members that carry out surveys and record information in relation to wildlife and its habitats in the area.</p> <p>The group collects survey and monitoring data both for parish purposes and for contribution to wider interests (county and national), thus building on the Phase 1 Habitat Survey, earlier surveys and available records for the parish. The group also offers habitat management and advice and education, and works with other organisations (statutory and voluntary) on matters of mutual interest.</p> <p>The group has surveyed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ponds, especially for amphibians, including protected species • Roadside verges, for management, notification and protection • Badgers, for information as protected species <p>We have also installed nest chambers for swifts in one parish church.</p> <p>The group is participating in the Station Partnership Scheme with planting of wildflowers and on-site management.</p> <p>Future activities of the group might include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General breeding (+winter) bird survey (cf Henfield Bird Watch) • Garden birds project (cf British Trust for Ornithology), • House martins, hedgehogs, reptiles • Bat colony counts (cf Bat Conservation Trust's National Bat Monitoring Programme) • Phenology project (cf 'Nature's Calender'), • Protected/ Biodiversity Action Plan/ Red List species • Other flower-rich grasslands and hedgerows • Key obvious invertebrates • Resurvey/assess the three Sites of Nature Conservation Importance in the parish, also Sites of Special Scientific Interest, ancient woodlands. <p>Contact: catherinej101@gmail.com 01273 890 219 http://plumptonwildlifegroup.yolasite.com/</p>