

Quick Start Guide

This Local Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP) covers the Lowland Derbyshire region for the period 2011 to 2020. It identifies the basic actions we must collectively take if we are to protect and enhance the key biodiversity of this region.

The UK Government recognises its international obligations and the economic urgency to protect biodiversity and ecosystems. This LBAP is part of that delivery and local reporting mechanism. Only those habitats and species meeting the UKBAP definitions of 'Priority Habitat' or 'Priority Species' are included in the targets for the Lowland Derbyshire Action Plans.

The history and rationale behind the Local Biodiversity Action Plan is given in the **Introduction**. A **Generic Action Plan** then outlines a series of Actions applying across all eight subdivisions of this LBAP region, but numerical targets are not included.

Lowland Derbyshire is then divided into eight separate **Action Areas**, each having its own characteristic type of landscape. Each therefore has its own description, plus a distinct list of Actions and measurable Targets for that area. These Action Areas are:

1. **Magnesian Limestone**
2. **Rother and Doe Lea Valleys**
3. **Peak Fringe**
4. **Erewash Valley**
5. **Claylands**
6. **Derby**
7. **Trent and Dove Valleys**
8. **National Forest area**

Each Area Action Plan follows the format below (where 'x' is the Area number shown above)

- x.1 Area Description and map
- x.2 Vision
- x.3 Challenges and Opportunities
- x.4 **Key Actions**
- x.5 **Key Targets**
- x.6 Current Biodiversity Resources
- x.7 Achievements to Date

A single page summary showing **Cumulative Targets** for all Action Areas is also provided.

Further details on each Priority Habitat in Lowland Derbyshire are given in **Background Information**. These do not contain actions or targets, but do offer more habitat information and lists of species such as rare or local Red Data Book Species which are of more local significance.

An Appendix includes eight **Detailed Maps** of each Action Area. They include all those Priority Habitats regarded as the most significant, primary features within those landscapes. (Available as a separate download from the Derbyshire Biodiversity website).

Species Action Plans have not been included in this document. However, a selected number of action plans for Priority Species will be made available on the Derbyshire Biodiversity website from 2012. Updates to this LBAP will also be available from that site at www.derbyshirebiodiversity.org.uk

For those parts of the county outside of Lowland Derbyshire, please refer to the Peak District LBAP, published by the Peak District Biodiversity Partnership.