

# Local Sites Ratification Report 2012

- Local Wildlife Sites (LWS) and  
Regionally Important Geological Sites (RIGS)



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The Hertfordshire Local Wildlife Sites Partnership is led by:  
Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust working in partnership with Hertfordshire Biological  
Records Centre, Natural England, Countryside Management Service, Environment Agency,  
Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group, and the Chilterns Conservation Board

## Summary

The annual Local Sites Ratification Meeting was held on 22 November 2012, between Hertfordshire Biological Records Centre, Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust and Natural England

The panel revisited the issue of old species data, particularly for amphibian and reptile LWS, where recent data is absent or difficult to obtain. A number of species LWS have been de-selected this year for this reason. Unfortunately, changing priorities to LRC workload (due to preparing for its transfer to a new host) meant there was no time to address Bat LWS this time round.

Work continues to assess, de-select and re-map species Local Sites. Related queries raised throughout the year will be discussed at the next annual Ratification meeting in late 2013.

There were a number of boundary amendments, name changes and filecode (site reference) changes and this information is available in the March 2013 GIS layer.

There were:

- **2** new Local Wildlife Sites
- **96** de-selected Local Wildlife Sites.
- **0** RIGS were selected or de-selected.

### **New Local Wildlife Sites**

<b>FILECODE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>GRIDREF</b>	<b>HA</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>COMMENT</b>
23/081	Cottered Road Verge	TL313294	0.39	East Herts	Grassland site
29/079	Whomerley Woods Road Verge	TL:247238	1.01	Stevenage	Grassland site

### **De-selected Local Wildlife Sites**

<b>FILECODE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>GRIDREF</b>	<b>HA</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>COMMENT</b>
06/036	Bygrave Moat	TL26-36-	0	North Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
11/031	Ransom's Recreation Ground and Allotments	TL19-29-	0	North Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
11/042	Old Hale Way Allotments	TL185310	3.38	North Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
12/041	Norton Road adjacent to Equestrian Centre & Football	TL23-34-	0	North Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012

	Ground				
12/048	Hillbrow Allotments	TL206320	0.87	North Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
16/019	Shotgreen Lane Pond	TL42-32-	0	East Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
16/020	Manor Farm South Pond (Meesden)	TL42-32-	0	East Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
16/036	Home Farm Ponds (Meesden)	TL42-32-	0	East Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
16/037	Home Farm Field Pond (Meesden)	TL43-32-	0	East Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
24/032	Tillers End Farm/Millcroft Wood Field	TL377263	1.98	East Herts	Degraded - surveyed & doesn't meet habitat criteria. Not enough indicators found. HMWT 2012
29/022	Pond E. of Norton Green Farm	TL22-23-	0	North Herts & Stevenage	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
29/025	Mare's Plash Pond, Dyers Lane	TL22-23-	0	North Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
30/041	Marymead Spring	TL253218	1	Stevenage	Degraded - surveyed & doesn't meet habitat criteria. Not enough indicators found. HMWT 2012
32/032	Plashes Farm Pond	TL38-20-	0	East Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
33/076	Wellpond Green Pond	TL41-22-	0	East Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
34/046	Hallingbury Road Allotments	TL495202	2.52	East Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
34/047	Ward Crescent Allotments	TL48-20-	0	East Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
34/048	Grassland by Hallingbury Allotments	TL492203	0.96	East Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
34/053	Harveys Wood Pond Area	TL45-20-	0	East Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
34/054	Hadham Lodge	TL46-22-	0	East Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
35/004	Haymeads Lane Allotments	TL501207	1.85	East Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
36/009	Betlow Farm Pond	SP89-17-	0	Dacorum	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012

44/036	Harmergreen Pond	TL25-15-	0	Welwyn Hatfield	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
44/090	Datchworth Pond by Hawkins Hall	TL27-18-	0	East Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
48/004	Spellbrook Meadows	TL478177	3.53	East Herts	Degraded - surveyed & doesn't meet habitat criteria. Not enough indicators found. HMWT 2012
48/033	Thorley Street Allotments	TL484198	0.78	East Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
48/038/01	Southern Country Park Pond	TL47-19-	0	East Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
50/001	Borrow Pits, Aylesbury Arm of Grand Union Canal	SP88-13-	0	Dacorum	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
52/026	Grand Union Canal, Cow Roast	SP95-10-	0	Dacorum	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
55/014	Redbourn Watercress Beds	TL10-12-	0	St Albans	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
56/065	Marford Road Allotments	TL18-13-	0	St Albans	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
57/002	Ayot Green Common	TL22-14-	0	Welwyn Hatfield	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
57/056	Ascots Farm Pond, Ascots Lane	TL24-10-	0	Welwyn Hatfield	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
58/056	Birch Green Pond	TL29-11-	0	East Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
58/057	Dalewood Allotments	TL26-12-	0	Welwyn Hatfield	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
59/027	Roxford Moat	TL30-10-	0	East Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
59/099	Jenningsbury Ponds	TL34-11-	0	East Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
59/100	Mangrove Lane Pond by Balls Park	TL33-11-	0	East Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
59/101	Horns Mill Road Allotments	TL321120	0.81	East Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
59/102	North Road Allotments	TL316134	1.8	East Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
59/103	Thornton Street Allotments	TL327129	0.57	East Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012

59/105	West Street Allotments	TL321121	0.39	East Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
64/029	Berkhamsted Railway Cutting	SP999077	0.46	Dacorum	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
64/061	New Road Allotments	SP975092	1.86	Dacorum	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
66/043	St Albert the Great School	TL07-06-	0	Dacorum	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
67/041	Cottonmill Lane Allotments	TL148065	2.31	St Albans	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
68/026	Highfield Hall Ponds	TL17-05-	0	St Albans	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
68/032	Jersey Lane Pond	TL17-09-	0	St Albans	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
68/035	Shirley Road Allotments	TL15-06-	0	St Albans	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
68/053	Woodland S. of Barley Mow Lane	TL185058	1.49	St Albans	Degraded - surveyed & doesn't meet habitat criteria. Not enough indicators found. HMWT 2012
68/057	Hill End Farm (Tyttenhanger)	TL18-05-	0	St Albans	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
68/068	Barley Mow Lane Field Pond	TL18-05-	0	St Albans	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
68/071	Sadleir Road Allotments	TL152063	2.38	St Albans	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
69/008	Travellers Lane Pond	TL22-06-	0	Welwyn Hatfield	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
69/017	Skimpans Farm	TL238051	3.79	Welwyn Hatfield	Degraded - surveyed & doesn't meet habitat criteria. Not enough indicators found. WSP 2012
69/049	Deerswood Avenue Allotments	TL227073	0.55	Welwyn Hatfield	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
71/010	Bayford School Grounds	TL30-08-	0	East Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
71/014	Bayford Village Pond	TL31-08-	0	East Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
71/091/01	Ponds W. of Hatch Grove	TL33-08-	0	East Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
71/118	Bayford Manor House Pond	TL31-08-	0	East Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
71/119	Pond E. of Bayford Wood	TL30-08-	0	East Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
71/120	Pond N. of	TL31-08-	0	East Herts	Data reviewed – doesn't meet

	Place Farm, Bayford				Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
76/015	Park Street Sewage Works	TL14-04-	0	St Albans	Data reviewed – doesn't meet habitat or species criteria. HBRC 2012
76/104	Mount Pleasant School	TL12-02-	0	St Albans	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
77/060	Old Parkbury Pond	TL16-02-	0	St Albans	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
78/099	Kimptons Mead Allotments	TL236012	1.24	Hertsmere	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
78/105	Wroxham Field Ponds	TL23-01-	0	Hertsmere	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
79/003	Nyn Manor Farm Pond Area	TL28-03-	0	Welwyn Hatfield	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
79/062	Mandeville Road Allotments	TL263009	3.74	Hertsmere	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
80/001	Halstead Hill Pond	TL33-02-	0	Broxbourne	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
81/011	Cheshunt Park Golf Course Area	TL35-03-	0	Broxbourne	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Reptile or Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
81/016	Halfhide Lane Allotments	TL358043	2.54	Broxbourne	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
82/055	Hubbards Road Allotments	TQ026955	0.99	Three Rivers	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
83/016	Grand Union Canal - Rousebarn Lane N. to Iron Bridge Lock	TQ089968	2.31	Watford & Three Rivers	Data reviewed – doesn't meet habitat criteria. HBRC 2012
83/017	Grand Union Canal by West Herts Golf Course	TQ088976	1.29	Watford	Data reviewed – doesn't meet habitat criteria. HBRC 2012
83/027	Bateman Road Allotments	TQ080992	2.36	Three Rivers	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
83/036	River Gade - Charlotte's Vale to Grove Mill	TQ088983	0.77	Watford & Three Rivers	Data reviewed – doesn't meet habitat criteria. HBRC 2012
83/045	Grand Union Canal - Watford Road - Old Mill House	TQ087991	5.27	Watford & Three Rivers	Data reviewed – doesn't meet habitat criteria. HBRC 2012
83/069	Buddleia Forest / Croxley Tip	TQ07-94-	0	Three Rivers	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012

85/007	Abbotsbury Estate Pond	TQ18-95-	0	Hertsmere	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
85/008	Home Farm Pond, Aldenham	TQ17-96-	0	Hertsmere	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
85/011	Lyndhurst Farm Area	TQ19-99-	0	Hertsmere	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
85/033	Ham Farm, Aldenham	TQ16-96-	0	Hertsmere	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
85/067	Kitwells Lodge Pond / Lyndhurst Pond	TQ19-99-	0	Hertsmere	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
85/082	Kitwells Farm Pond	TQ19-99-	0	Hertsmere	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
86/001	Bentley Heath Pond	TQ24-93-	0	Hertsmere	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
86/003	Rowley Farm	TQ21-98-	0	Hertsmere	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
86/016	Elm Farm Pasture Area	TQ24-99-	0	Hertsmere	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
86/019	Pond by Bentley Heath Church	TQ24-99-	0	Hertsmere	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
87/010	Ganwick Corner Pond	TQ25-99-	0	Hertsmere	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
88/016	Springwell Avenue Allotments, Mill End	TQ041938	1.14	Three Rivers	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
90/034	Oxhey Grange Allotments	TQ11-94-	0	Watford	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
90/035	Prestwick Road Allotments	TQ117935	0.32	Three Rivers	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
90/036	Paddock Road Allotments & Pond	TQ125947	7.2	Hertsmere & Watford	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012
90/038	Prestwick Road Meadows, North	TQ11-92-	0	Three Rivers	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Reptile criteria. HBRC 2012
91/005	Covered Reservoirs, Bushey Heath	TQ15-94-	0	Hertsmere	Data reviewed – doesn't meet Amphibian criteria. HBRC 2012

**De-selected Local Wildlife Site from one District only but not lost from the County – due to boundary amendment**

42/028	Bishey Wood Green Lane	TL152178	1.06	North Herts	Boundary amended using OS MasterMap - site now lost from North Herts district and wholly
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### Summary of New and De-selected Local Wildlife Sites per District

District	New Local Wildlife Site	De-selected Local Wildlife Site
BROXBOURNE	0	3
DACORUM	0	6
EAST HERTS	1	31
HERTSMERE	0	16
NORTH HERTS	0	8*
ST ALBANS	0	13
STEVENAGE	1	2
THREE RIVERS	0	9
WATFORD	0	6
WELWYN HATFIELD	0	8
Hertfordshire total	2	96 **

\*North Herts has lost 8 LWS in total - 7 due to loss of interest; 1 due to a boundary amendment and this site is still a LWS now wholly with St Albans District

\*\*There are 5 LWS which cross over into more than one district; hence the total number of de-selected LWS is less than the total for each district.

### Numbers and Areas (Ha) of Local Sites – Local Wildlife Sites and RIGS

District	Number of LWS	Area (Ha) of LWS	Number of RIGS	Area (Ha) of RIGS	Sum of Area (Ha) Local Sites
Broxbourne	78	472.94	0	0.00	472.94
Dacorum	232	1959.40	4	77.72	2037.12
East Hertfordshire	543	3441.29	0	0.00	3441.29
Hertsmere	110	809.85	3	11.75	821.6
North Hertfordshire	317	1780.23	11	150.98	1931.21
St. Albans	179	1401.73	2	0.96	1402.69
Stevenage	37	101.61	1	0.23	101.84
Three Rivers	137	1298.64	0	0.00	1298.64
Watford	27	247.80	0	0.00	247.8
Welwyn Hatfield	191	1654.40	0	0.00	1654.4
<b>Hertfordshire total</b>	<b>1802</b>	<b>13167.91</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>241.63</b>	<b>13409.54</b>

- The figures in this table represent the exact numbers and areas of Local Sites in Hertfordshire, and within each District.



- All overlapping sites have been ‘clipped’ to the District boundaries to split the sites, resulting in an accurate reflection of the area within each District.
- The areas will continue to vary from year to year with the addition and de-selection of sites, as well as major boundary amendments. Throughout the year, there are also numerous minor changes to boundaries as new information becomes available (e.g. the removal of areas with no ecological value). Re-digitising is also necessary when Ordnance Survey baseline mapping data is updated, and we continue to use Master Map to improve non-statutory site boundaries.