

Wye Valley & Forest of Dean Horseshoe Bat Strategy 2016 Action Plan 2018-19



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A partnership of local and national organisations came together to develop the 2016 [Wye Valley & Forest of Dean Bat Strategy](#). The strategy sets out a medium term vision for the safeguarding and enhancement of the Wye valley and Forest of Dean Horseshoe bat population (SAC). Working from the strategy the partnership has now set out its action plan for the 2018-19 period. It is expected and hoped that other elements of the strategy will also be progressed during this time however the partnership wanted to provide particular focus to the following actions.

For further information please contact any of the organisations listed above.

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| A/P Ref | Strategy Ref (Contribution) | Activity | Lead Org | Partners | Completion |
|---------|-----------------------------|--|----------|-----------------|------------|
| 18/01 | 6a | Publically available strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Downloadable version for anyone to reference ii. Promotion of strategy to relevant parties. | FoDDC | GWT | Jan-18 |
| 18/02 | 1a/b, 2a | Foresters' Batscapes project (Larger project to 2022) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Winter flyway survey report ii. Summer flyway survey report iii. Priority hedgerow networks for two CSZ identified and enhancement programme commenced | NE | Bat Group / GWT | Dec-19 |
| 18/03 | 2d, 6a | Publish preliminary Core Sustenance Zones as annex to strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Include caveated that these are start point / will be updated as developed ii. Incorporate Welsh sites and share with NRW | NE | FoDDC / NRW | Mar-18 |
| 18/04 | 6a | Publish key FoD bat references / data sets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. For planning & research as annex to strategy | NE | FoDDC | Mar-18 |

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| 18/05 | 1b | Planning Survey's data capture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Identify a system to identify bat survey data submitted as part of planning applications ii. Identify ways of 'reminding' consultants to submit their survey data to GCER | FoDDC | NE/ GWT/FF | Apr-18 |
| 18/06 | 1b/c | Development Management Principles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Identify & publish planning principles e.g. lux hedgerows etc. | FoDDC | NE / Bat Group | Dec-18 |
| 18/07 | 4 | Produce draft HSB spatial strategy for consultation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Local Nature Partnership (LNP) to develop county wide spatial strategy. ii. Engage with neighbouring Counties/LNP's on strategy | LNP | NE/ FoDDC | Dec-19 |
| 18/08 | 6a | Development design guide case example <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Produce case example of where HSB's have been considered throughout the planning process. | FoDDC | Bat Group / GWT | Dec-18 |

| Organisations Resource commitments to action plan | | | |
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| Organisation | 2018 hours (£ @40hr ex Vat) | 2019 hours (£ @40hr ex vat) | Organisational Total |
| Natural England (Staff Time) | 150 (£6,000) | 150 (£6,000) | 200hrs (£12,000) |
| FoDDC (Staff Time) | 50 (£2,000) | 50 (2,000) | 100hrs (£4,000) |
| GWT (Staff Time) | 40 (£1,600) | 40 (£1,600) | 80hrs (£3,200) |
| Glos bat Group (Volunteer Time) | 25 (£1,000) | 25 (£1,000) | 50hrs (£2,000) ⁱ |
| LNP | £1,500 | £1,500 | £3,000 ⁱⁱ |
| Foresters Forest (Volunteer time) | 100 (£1,500) | 100 (£1,500) | 200hrs (£3,000) ⁱⁱⁱ |
| Year Totals | | | |
| Year Totals | 315hrs (£11,600) | 315hrs (£11,600) | |
| Action Plan Total | | | 730hrs (£27,200) |

ⁱ Bat group involvement will be at a professional level

ⁱⁱ The LNP is a voluntary partnership and this costs are based on FoDDC being a paying member of the partnership (3x £3k 2018-21)

ⁱⁱⁱ Volunteer time costed at £15phr.