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- Improving habitat through practical conservation management
- Furthering understanding of herpetofaunal ecology and conservation
- Promoting effective legislation, policy and action for conserving biodiversity
- Raising awareness

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Hyton Marsh, an ARC reserve for the natterjack toad in Cumbria (Angela Reynolds)