

## 14. Sources of Information and Advice

### Add an Adder

National adder survey run by Amphibian and Reptile Conservation.

[www.adder.org.uk](http://www.adder.org.uk)

### Amphibian and Reptile Conservation

The non-governmental organisation dedicated to amphibian and reptile conservation, which manages more than 80 reserves, oversees all UK herpetological Species Action Plans and is involved in national and European level policy work. ARC has over twenty years of experience of reptile habitat management.

[www.arc-trust.org](http://www.arc-trust.org)

### ARG UK

Umbrella organisation for the Amphibian and Reptile Groups of the UK. There are groups in most parts of Britain and new members are always welcome. ARGs carry out many valuable surveys and monitoring activities. Site managers are encouraged to forge links with their local ARG, as this will be mutually beneficial. ARG members may be able to assist with surveys, and practical management. ARG members are especially valued for providing a local and historical context for site management.

[www.arguk.org](http://www.arguk.org)

### Biodiversity Action Reporting System

Planning and reporting for the UK Biodiversity Action Plan.

[www.ukbap-reporting.org.uk/default.asp](http://www.ukbap-reporting.org.uk/default.asp)

### British Herpetological Society

One of the oldest and foremost herpetological societies in the world; has scientific, conservation, captive breeding and education committees.

[www.thebhs.org](http://www.thebhs.org)

### BTCV Practical Conservation Online

Online advice from the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers.

[handbooks.btcv.org.uk/handbooks/index](http://handbooks.btcv.org.uk/handbooks/index)

### Buglife

National invertebrate conservation charity, gives useful advice on habitat management, much of which is compatible with reptile conservation.

[www.buglife.org.uk](http://www.buglife.org.uk)

### Conservation Evidence

Website aimed at sharing practical knowledge and evidence about conservation interventions, including habitat management.

[www.conservationevidence.com/index.shtml](http://www.conservationevidence.com/index.shtml)

### Countryside Council for Wales

Provides policy and guidance on nature conservation in Wales.

[www.ccw.gov.uk](http://www.ccw.gov.uk)

### Defra

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. Strategic policy on nature conservation.

[www.defra.gov.uk](http://www.defra.gov.uk)

### Environmental Stewardship

Natural England website giving advice on habitat management funding options and application procedures for the various Environmental Stewardship schemes.

[www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/farming/funding/es](http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/farming/funding/es)

### Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group

Practical management advice for farmers.

[www.fwag.org.uk](http://www.fwag.org.uk)

### Froglife

Amphibian and reptile charity with a strong emphasis on people involvement.

[www.froglife.org](http://www.froglife.org)

### Habitats and Species Directive

European Union directive concerning conservation. Its main aim is to achieve and maintain 'favourable conservation status' for all habitats and species identified as being of community concern.

[www.europa.eu.int](http://www.europa.eu.int)

### Herefordshire Amphibian and Reptile Team

Part of the ARG UK network, HART has run an education and survey project *What's That Snake?* in partnership with the Herefordshire Nature Trust, aimed at raising awareness of native reptiles and training volunteers to take part in surveys.

[www.herefordhart.org](http://www.herefordhart.org)

### Joint Nature Conservation Committee

Statutory advisor to the Government on UK and international nature conservation issues.

[www.jncc.gov.uk](http://www.jncc.gov.uk)

### **Learning Through Landscapes**

Charity aimed at improving school grounds for nature conservation and increasing educational awareness.

[www.ltl.org.uk](http://www.ltl.org.uk)

### **NARRS**

The National Amphibian and Reptile Recording Scheme run by Amphibian and Reptile Conservation.

[www.narrs.org.uk](http://www.narrs.org.uk)

### **National Biodiversity Network Gateway**

Interactive distribution maps and wildlife data for Britain.

[data.nbn.org.uk](http://data.nbn.org.uk)

### **National Trust**

One of the largest landowners in Britain, manages many areas important for nature conservation, including some excellent reptile sites.

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk)

### **Natural England**

Government agency dealing with nature conservation in England. Guidance, research, site protection and regulation affecting reptiles.

[www.naturalengland.org.uk](http://www.naturalengland.org.uk)

### **Pond Conservation**

Pond and wetland conservation body.

[www.pondconservation.org.uk](http://www.pondconservation.org.uk)

### **RAUK**

Reptiles and Amphibians of the UK. An internet discussion forum that focuses on native British species and their conservation.

[www.herpetofauna.co.uk/forum](http://www.herpetofauna.co.uk/forum)

### **Royal Society for the Protection of Birds**

Manages large areas of reptile habitat. Website contains plenty of useful habitat management advice.

[www.rspb.org.uk](http://www.rspb.org.uk)

### **Scottish Natural Heritage**

Provides policy and guidance on nature conservation in Scotland.

[www.snh.org.uk](http://www.snh.org.uk)

### **The Wildlife Trusts**

Umbrella body for the county Wildlife Trust network.

[www.wildlifetrusts.org](http://www.wildlifetrusts.org)

### **UKBAP**

Website for the UK Biodiversity Action Plan, including individual species and habitat action plans.

[www.ukbap.org.uk](http://www.ukbap.org.uk)

### **UK Statute Law Database**

A consolidated, hyperlinked, searchable database of UK legislation.

[www.statutelaw.gov.uk](http://www.statutelaw.gov.uk)



The Herpetofauna Workers' Meeting provides a good opportunity to learn more about reptiles and their conservation (Paul Edgar)