

CARMARTHENSHIRE LBAP/S42 – AMPHIBIANS AND REPTILES

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OVERALL OBJECTIVES

- To identify new sites for survey in the county.
- Encourage volunteer interest in amphibians and reptiles.
- To use key species as a focus for public/school engagement.
- To raise awareness of these species and the issues affecting them.

To record amphibians and reptiles please enter your sightings on to the Wales Online Amphibian and Reptile Atlas:

www.cofnod.org.uk/LinkInfo?ID=5

SPECIES	PHOTO	HABITAT/CARMS SITES	ISSUES/ACTION REQUIRED
<p><i>Anguis fragilis</i> Slow-worm Neidr ddefaid</p> <p>© W. Glam ARG</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Almost any open or semi-open habitat - often found in gardens and is widespread. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most common reptile in British Isles but has suffered declines due to loss of suitable habitat. • Read more in the Carmarthenshire LBAP Amphibian and Reptile Action Plan
<p><i>Bufo bufo</i> Common toad Llyffant dafadennog</p> <p>© Sivi Sivanesan</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The common toad is a widespread – they prefer deeper water bodies in which to breed. They have a strong migratory instinct and will follow the same route back to ancestral breeding ponds each spring. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Widely distributed but showing decline in numbers. Reasons not firmly identified but fragmentation of habitat and intensification of farming are likely to have contributed. • Some mortality from toads crossing roads to breeding sites. • Some migration crossings in Carms have Toad signs and volunteers have 'crossing patrols' in the spring. • ARC has created ponds in the county under grant funded projects. • Read more in the Carmarthenshire LBAP Amphibian and Reptile Action Plan
<p><i>Lacerta vivipara</i> Common lizard Madfall</p> <p>© Isabel Macho</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most frequently seen on commons, heaths, moorland, dry stone walls, embankments and sea cliffs around the British Isles. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large declines in recent decades due to habitat loss. • Read more in the Carmarthenshire LBAP Amphibian and Reptile Action Plan
<p><i>Natrix natrix</i> G grass snake Neidr y gwair/neidr y glaswellt</p> <p>© W. Glam ARG</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brownfield /Farmland /Lowland grassland and heathland/Wetland 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of systematic monitoring has meant it is difficult to determine the conservation status. Loss of egg laying and foraging sites has led to local declines. • Read more in the Carmarthenshire LBAP Amphibian and Reptile Action Plan
<p><i>Vipera berus</i> Adder Gwiber</p> <p>© W. Glam ARG</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open habitats such as heathland, moorland, open woodland and sea cliffs, and rarely stray into gardens. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has suffered declines due to loss of habitat and persecution • ARC has created ponds in the county under grant funded projects. • Read more in the Carmarthenshire LBAP Amphibian and Reptile Action Plan