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Biodiversity Events Year Planner 2012

United Nations Decade on Biodiversity / International Year of Marine and Coastal Biodiversity 2012

Diary Dates		Contact
United Nations Decade on Biodiversity (2011-2020)	<p>The United Nations Decade on Biodiversity will serve to support and promote implementation of the objectives of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets. Its goal is to mainstream biodiversity at different levels.</p> <p>Website: www.cbd.int/2011-2020</p>	CCW/WBP
Year of the Bat 2011-2012	<p>The Year of the Bat is a two year long global species awareness initiative undertaken by The Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) and The Agreement on the Conservation of Populations of European Bats (EUROBATS)</p> <p>Website: www.yearofthebat.org</p>	<p>Steve Lucas Wales Bat Officer Bat Conservation Trust (Wales) 01792 643 152 / 07531 549 547 slucas@bats.org.uk</p>
Big Garden Bird Watch 28th-29th January	<p>The Big Garden Bird Watch records the number of each bird species seen in your garden, or local park over a one hour period. In 2011 over 600,000 people took place in the UK survey.</p> <p>Website: www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch</p>	<p>Dana Thomas RSPB Cymru 02920 353000 Dana.Thomas@rspb.org.uk</p>
Natural Environment Framework Green Paper Launch 30th January	<p>Launch of Green Paper and consultation in Port Talbot</p> <p>Website: http://wales.gov.uk/topics/environmentcountryside/consmanagement/nef/?skip=1&lang=en</p>	<p>Hayley James 029 2082 1762 Hayley.James@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK</p>
World Wetlands Day 2nd February (Wetlands and Tourism)	<p>Events aimed at raising public awareness of wetland values and benefits in general and the Ramsar Convention in particular.</p> <p>Website: www.ramsar.org/cda/en/ramsar-activities-wwds-wwd2011index/main/ramsar/1-63-78%5E24770_4000_0</p>	<p>WWT National Wetland Centre Wales 01554 741087 info.lilanelli@wwt.org.uk</p>



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<p>National Nest Box Week 13th -20th February (tbc)</p>	<p>National Nest Box Week encourages everyone to put up nest boxes in their local area in order to promote and enhance biodiversity and conservation of our breeding birds and wildlife.</p> <p>Website: www.bto.org/nbw/index.htm</p>	<p>Kelvin Jones Welsh Development Officer Office: 07979713282 (9am-5.30pm) Email: kelvin.jones@bto.org</p> <p>Paul Stancliffe BTO Press Officer Office: 01842 750050 (9am-5.30pm) Mobile: 07585 440910 (anytime) Email: press@bto.org</p>
<p>National Science Week 9th -18th March</p>	<p>National Science & Engineering Week shines the spotlight each March on how the sciences and engineering relate to our everyday lives and helps to inspire the next generation of scientists with fun and participative activities.</p> <p>Website: www.britishtscienceassociation.org/web/index.htm</p>	<p>Mandy Westcott 01792 638965</p>
<p>Climate Week 12th-18th March</p>	<p>Climate Week is a supercharged national campaign to inspire a new wave of action on climate change culminating in a week of activities and events.</p> <p>Website: www.climateweek.com</p>	
<p>Living with Mammals April-June</p>	<p>As towns spread and brownfield sites are redeveloped, so the built environment continually grows. Gardens, allotments and parks blur the distinction between built and natural environments. They offer an alternative habitat for species such as the fox and act as ‘green corridors’ linking habitats that are too small to support wildlife on their own.</p> <p>By carefully identifying and counting the mammals that live in and around built up land, we can begin to understand – and encourage – the biodiversity on our doorstep.</p> <p>Website: www.ptes.org/index.php?cat=63</p>	<p>Dan Foreman 01792 295445 D.W.Forman@swansea.ac.uk</p>
<p>International Dawn Chorus Day</p>	<p>International Dawn Chorus Day is the worldwide celebration of Nature's daily miracle.</p> <p>Website: www.idcd.info/events-in-your-area</p>	<p>Kelvin Jones Welsh Development Officer Office: 07979713282)</p>



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<p>1st May</p>		<p>Email: kelvin.jones@bto.org</p> <p>Paul Stancliffe BTO Press Officer Office: 01842 750050 Mobile: 07585 440910 Email: press@bto.org</p>
<p>Wales Coast Path opening 5th May</p>	<p>Official opening of the all-Wales coast path of 870 miles Website: www.ccw.gov.uk/enjoying-the-country/wales-coast-path.aspx</p> <p>Media pack: www.ccw.gov.uk/enjoying-the-country/idoc.ashx?docid=84da4a76-081f-467c-97fd-dc1959ffa3fc&version=-1</p>	<p>CCW 0845 1306229</p>
<p>The International Day for Biological Diversity 22nd May</p>	<p>Marine and coastal biodiversity is the theme for this year's International Day for Biodiversity (IDB). Designation of IDB 2012 on the theme of marine ecosystems provides Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and everyone interested in marine life, the opportunity to raise awareness of the issue and increase practical action.</p> <p>Website: www.cbd.int/idb</p> <p>The Biodiversity Communication Group Wales are planning public-facing events in Wales around IDB and a marine-themed event is planned at the National Waterfront Museum, Swansea.</p>	<p>Biodiversity Communication Wales Catrin Mears 029 2057 3185 catrin.mears@amgueddfacymru.ac.uk</p> <p>Sean McHugh 02920 480 070 s.mchugh@welshwildlife.org</p>
<p>World Environment Day 5th June</p>	<p>World Environment Day is an annual event that is aimed at being the biggest and most widely celebrated global day for positive environmental action. WED activities take place all year round but climax on 5th June every year, involving everyone from everywhere.</p> <p>Website: www.unep.org/wed/about</p>	
<p>World Oceans Day 8th June</p>	<p>On World Oceans Day people around the planet celebrate and honor the body of water which links us all, for what it provides humans and what it represents.</p> <p>Website: worldoceansday.org</p>	<p>Beth Henshall bethhenshall@wildlifetrustswales.org 02920 480070</p>
<p>Wales</p>	<p>An annual week of events held in June each year celebrating the variety and diversity of our wildlife and</p>	<p>Sean McHugh</p>



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<p>Biodiversity Week 9th -17th June</p>	<p>habitats. Events are free and are held all over Wales, enthusing, educating and enabling members of the public to become wildlife guardians on their patch.</p> <p>Website: www.biodiversitywales.org.uk</p>	<p>02920 480 070 s.mchugh@welshwildlife.org</p>
<p>National Dragonfly Week 9th -17th June</p>	<p>An annual week of dragonfly events all across the UK. Many of the events will be dragonfly walks where you will be able to see dragonflies in their wetland habitats and learn about their lifecycle and ecology. Events will be advertised on the British Dragonfly Society's website.</p> <p>Website: www.british-dragonflies.org.uk/content/diary-field-trips-and-other-bds-events</p>	<p>Claire Install British Dragonfly Society</p> <p>0300 060 2338/ 07792 231 925 claire.install@naturalengland.org.uk</p>
<p>United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development 20-22 June</p>	<p>The United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development takes place in Brazil to mark the 20th anniversary of the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), in Rio de Janeiro, and the 10th anniversary of the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) in Johannesburg. The Conference will focus on two themes: (a) a green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication; and (b) the institutional framework for sustainable development.</p> <p>Website: www.uncsd2012.org/rio20</p>	
<p>National Moth Night 21st- 23rd June</p>	<p>The theme will be the moths of brownfield habitats (such as old quarries, disused railway lines, reclaimed coal tips, gravel and clay workings etc.) and will include both daytime searches and the usual night-time recording.</p> <p>Website: www.mothscount.org/text/29/national_moth_night.html</p>	<p>Russel Hobson Butterfly Conservation Wales 01792 642972 rhobson.bcw@btconnect.com</p>
<p>National Insect Week 25th June- 1st July</p>	<p>National Insect Week is designed to show you more about the insect world in all its fascinating diversity.</p> <p>Website: www.nationalinsectweek.co.uk</p>	
<p>Big Butterfly Count 14th July- 5th August</p>	<p>The big butterfly count is a nationwide survey aimed at helping us assess the health of our environment. It was launched in 2010 and an impressive 10,000 people took part, counting 210,000 butterflies and day-flying moths across the nation.</p> <p>Website: www.bigbutterflycount.org</p>	<p>Russel Hobson Butterfly Conservation Wales 01792 642972 rhobson.bcw@btconnect.com</p>



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<p>National Marine Week 30th July - 14th August</p>	<p>A week of marine-themed events including seashore safaris.</p> <p>Website: www.wildlifetrusts.org/livingseas</p>	<p>Beth Henshall bethhenshall@wildlifetrustswales.org 02920 480070</p>
<p>Wales Biodiversity Partnership Conference 12th-13th September</p>	<p>The conference is aimed at all involved directly or indirectly with biodiversity and ecosystems including individuals and organisations engaged with services outside the traditional biodiversity sector. This year's conference will be held at the University of Glamorgan.</p> <p>Website: www.biodiversitywales.org.uk</p>	<p>Sean McHugh 02920 480 070 s.mchugh@welshwildlife.org</p>
<p>Great Nut Hunt Autumn (tbc)</p>	<p>The Great Nut Hunt aims to find out more about where dormice are across the country</p> <p>Website: www.greatnuthunt.org.uk</p>	<p>Dan Foreman 01792 295445 D.W.Foreman@swansea.ac.uk</p>
<p>National Tree Week 24th Nov – 2nd December</p>	<p>National Tree Week is a great chance for communities to do something positive for their local treescape.</p> <p>Website: www.treecouncil.org.uk/community-action/national-tree-week</p>	<p>Coed Cadw /Woodland Trust 08452 935860 info@coed-cadw.org.uk</p>
<p>International Volunteer Day 5th December</p>	<p>International Volunteer Day recognizes the work of volunteers and the importance of volunteering</p> <p>Website: www.unv.org/en/news-resources/resources/fact-sheets/doc/international-volunteer-day.html</p>	
<p>General Surveys</p>		
<p>Urban Bat Survey</p>	<p>The concept of the Urban Bat Survey Project amongst other things, to engage new volunteers in bat conservation. The project is essentially a citizen science project.</p> <p>www.bats.org.uk/pages/wales.html</p>	<p>Steve Lucas Bat Conservation Trust Wales Environment Centre 01792 643 152 slucas@bats.org.uk</p>
<p>Wildlife Champions</p>	<p>The wildlife champion scheme is an exciting new scheme for monitoring greenways using volunteer effort and coordinated by Sustrans.</p>	<p>Naomi Taylor</p>



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<p>Scheme</p>	<p>Website: www.sustrans.org.uk/sustrans-near-you/wales</p>	<p>02920 650602 naomi.taylor@sustrans.org.uk</p>
<p>The Big Bat Map</p>	<p>The Big Bat Map provides an interactive way for people to help with bat conservation in their local environment. The web based map allows the public to share and map bat sightings, discover local bat hotspots, find bat events and gives hints and tips on spotting bats and encouraging bats to your garden.</p> <p>Website: www.bats.org.uk/big_bat_map.php</p>	<p>Steve Lucas Bat Conservation Trust Wales Environment Centre 01792 643 152 slucas@bats.org.uk</p>
<p>BTO/JNCC/RSPB Breeding Bird Survey</p>	<p>The Breeding Bird Survey (BBS) is the main scheme for monitoring the population changes of the UK's common breeding birds.</p> <p>Website: www.bto.org/volunteer-surveys/bbs</p>	<p>Kelvin Jones Welsh Development Officer Office: 07979713282 (9am-5.30pm) Email: kelvin.jones@bto.org</p> <p>Paul Stancliffe BTO Press Officer Office: 01842 750050 (9am-5.30pm) Email: press@bto.org</p>
<p>The BIG Beewatch</p>	<p>The BeeWatch survey will provide important data. It will be used to map bumblebee species distributions, which is integral to the conservation of this much-loved insect.</p> <p>Website: http://abdn.ac.uk/~wpm003/beewatch/index.php?r=user/auth</p>	<p>Sinead Lynch Bumblebee Conservation Wales 01656 724100 s.lynch@welshwildlife.org</p>
<p>Bug Life Surveys</p>	<p>Various surveys undertaken for volunteers including:</p> <p>Scarlet malachite beetle survey Oil beetles survey Glow-worm survey</p>	<p>BugLife 01733 201 210 info@buglife.org.uk</p> <p>Steve Bolchover</p>



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Bugs Count

National Moth Night
Harlequin ladybird survey
Website: www.buglife.org.uk/getinvolved/surveys

Find as many bugs as you can in our timed challenges and keep a special eye out for the six Species Quest bugs.

Website: www.opalexplornature.org/bugscount

New- Bugs Count app

Browse ID tips, photos, facts, and submit your Species Quest observations direct from your mobile phone.

Website: www.opalexplornature.org/bugs-app

National Dragonfly Atlas

The British Dragonfly Society (BDS) are collecting records of dragonfly sightings for our National Dragonfly Atlas. 2012 is the last year for collecting records and we are hoping to get records from every 10km square of Great Britain, so if you see a dragonfly, larvae or larval case, let us know!

Records can be submitted on the BDS's website (www.british-dragonflies.org.uk/content/recording-dragonflies-and-damselflies-british-isles) or to your local Vice-County Recorder.

As part of the Atlas project, the habitat survey aims to describe in detail the habitats of Britain's dragonflies for the forthcoming Dragonfly Atlas. Questionnaires are available for sites you know well, or are able to visit this summer. These will record the habitat and site characteristics of sites, and which breeding species are present at each (www.british-dragonflies.org.uk/content/bds-dragonfly-habitat-survey).

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<p>Migrant Dragonfly Project</p>	<p>Website: www.british-dragonflies.org.uk/content/national-dragonfly-atlas</p> <p>The Migrant Dragonfly Project was established in the mid 1990's as a means to improve our understanding of the details of, and reasons for, dragonfly migration. Recent results have indicated that a number of migrants also appear to be becoming commoner in Britain than earlier this century.</p>	<p>British Dragonfly Society Adrian Parr adrian.parr@btinternet.com</p>
<p>Amphibian and Reptile Groups of the UK</p>	<p>Website: http://british-dragonflies.org.uk/content/migrant-dragonfly-project</p> <p>Amphibian and Reptile Groups of the UK (ARGUK) are the representative body for a network of over 60 dedicated Amphibian and Reptile Groups (ARGs) based in England, Scotland, Wales & N Ireland. The website contains lots of useful information and contacts for the groups based in Wales. There is also a new iPhone identification application for reptiles and amphibians or you can record online using 'Record Pool'.</p> <p>Website: www.arguk.org</p>	<p>Regional groups through Wales- see the 'local groups' pages on the ARG website</p>
<p>The National Amphibian and Reptile survey</p>	<p>The National Amphibian and Reptile Recording Scheme (NARRS) is led by Amphibian and Reptile Conservation Trust (ARC) in partnership with ARG UK and many other partners. Through volunteer-based surveys, we aim to monitor the conservation status of all UK amphibian and reptile species.</p> <p>Website: www.narrs.org.uk/index.htm</p>	<p>The Amphibian & Reptile Conservation Trust John Wilkinson 01202 391319 johnw.wilkinson@arc-trust.org</p>
<p>The Big Pond Dip</p>	<p>The Big Pond Dip will help find out more about the breeding success of our common frogs and toads in garden ponds.</p> <p>Website: www.pondconservation.org.uk/bigponddip/BigSpawncount</p>	<p>Pond Conservation Anna Bransden abrandsen@pondconservation.org.uk</p>
<p>Toads on Roads</p>	<p>The Toads on Roads project has been running for over twenty years and we know of around 880 toad migratory crossings.</p> <p>Website: www.froglife.org/toadsonroads</p>	<p>Froglife 01733 558844 info@froglife.org</p>
<p>Million Ponds Project</p>	<p>The Million Ponds Project will create an extensive network of new ponds across the UK. Ultimately the aim is to reverse a century of pond loss, ensuring that once again the UK has over one million countryside ponds.</p>	<p>Pond Conservation Anna Bransden abrandsen@pondconservation.org.uk</p>



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	Website: www.pondconservation.org.uk/millionponds	g.uk
Ancient Tree Hunt	<p>By mapping and recording where old trees are and their numbers, the Ancient Tree Hunt aims to be the first step in the protection and care of a vital, and irreplaceable, part of our national heritage and history as well of the ecological security of many native species.</p> <p>Website: www.woodland-trust.org.uk/ancient-tree-hunt/</p>	<p>Katherine Owen Woodland Trust 0845 293 5805 KatherineOwen@woodlandtrust.org.uk</p>
Hedges and Wildlife Survey	<p>The survey run by OPAL Biodiversity investigates how hedges provide resources for wildlife: measure the structure of a hedge, look for wildlife food resources, survey pack, count bugs and watch out for burrowing animals.</p> <p>Website: www.opalexplorenature.org/BiodiversitySurvey</p>	
Wildflowers Count	<p>Wildflowers Count is the UK's only annual national wild plant survey. Every year volunteers help keep track of some of our most common wildflowers.</p> <p>Website: www.plantlife.org.uk/things_to_do/wildflowers_count</p>	<p>Polly Spencer-Vellacott Welsh Officer Botanical Society of the British Isles 01352 706633 07967 820305 welshofficer@bsbi.org.uk</p>
Seasearch	<p>Volunteer divers record the main habitat, species and seabed cover types found on dives. Also, pink sea fan, crawfish, skate & ray egg case surveys.</p> <p>Website: www.seasearch.org.uk/recording.htm</p>	<p>Kate Lock (South & West Wales) rumbalock@tiscali.co.uk</p> <p>Liz Morris (North Wales) 07868 705017 seasearch@marine-ecosol.com</p>
Cardigan Bay Marine Wildlife Centre	<p>CBMWC rely on the generous help of volunteers to help carry out their work. They welcome people from all ages and backgrounds, as enthusiasm and interest in our work is as valued as experience, since full training is provided. Volunteers required for land based & sea based activities including dolphin surveys</p>	<p>Laura Mears 01545 560 032</p>



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	<p>from April to November.</p> <p>Website: www.cbmwc.org</p>	<p>volunteer@cbmwc.org</p>
Big Seaweed Search	<p>Seaweeds are easy to find and occur all around the UK coastline. There are a staggering 650 seaweed species in the UK, around 7% of the world's species, and they play a vital role in the functioning of the marine environment.</p> <p>Take a walk along the coast and help us monitor the effects of climate change and invasive species on the UK's seaweeds.</p> <p>Website: www.nhm.ac.uk/nature-online/british-natural-history/seaweeds-survey/index.html</p>	
People's Trust for Endangered Species – mammal surveys	<p>Various volunteer surveys that contribute to our knowledge of the wildlife and habitats under threat. Surveys include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">great nut huntmolewatchgreat stag huntnational otter surveyhedgerows for dormice projectstag beetleshedgehogsliving with mammalsmammals on roadspolecats <p>Website: www.ptes.org/index.php?cat=2</p>	<p>Dan Foreman 01792 295445 D.W.Forman@swansea.ac.uk</p> <p>Snowdonia Mammal Group snowdoniamammals@aol.co.uk</p>
Hedgehog Street	<p>Through Hedgehog Street, we are asking people to become Hedgehog Champions to rally support from their neighbours and work together to create ideal hedgehog habitat throughout their street, estate or</p>	



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Mammals in a Sustainable Environment (MISE)	<p>communal grounds.</p> <p>Website: www.hedgehogstreet.org/pages/hedgehog-street.html</p> <p>The MISE project is developing non-invasive DNA-based techniques to monitor small and medium sized mammals in areas of west Wales and in and around Waterford in East Ireland. With the help of volunteers and local people, we are undertaking monitoring and conservation activities for species of conservation interest.</p> <p>Website: www.vwt.org.uk/our-work/projects/mise-project</p>	<p>Jenny MacPherson Vincent Wildlife Trust jennymacpherson@vwt.org.uk</p>
Chinese Mitten Crab Recording Project	<p>Chinese mitten crabs are officially listed as one of the World's 100 worst invasive species. They can cause damage to fishing gear and river banks, block intake. screens, modify natural habitats and compete with native species</p> <p>The full extent of these exotic pests in English and Welsh waters is currently unclear and research institutes are requesting mitten crab sightings from members of the public, anglers and waterway workers, to clarify the distribution of this species.</p> <p>Website: www.mittencrabs.org.uk</p>	<p>Report your Welsh sightings by email: enquiries@ccw.gov.uk, phone: 0845 1306 229 or online: www.mittencrabs.org.uk</p>
BioBlitzes	<p>A “BioBlitz” is an event that engages large numbers of people with biodiversity, inviting them to get directly involved in surveying and monitoring nature.</p>	<p>Elaine Wright South East Wales Biodiversity Records Centre Tel: 029 2064 1110 elaine.wright@sewbrec.org.uk</p> <p>Aisling Carrick Cofnod 01248 672603</p>



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Nature Detectives	Resources and activities for children to participate in wildlife recording. Run by the Woodland Trust. Website: www.naturedetectives.org.uk	Coed Cadw/ Woodland Trust 08452 935860 info@coed-cadw.org.uk
BBC Things To Do	Things To Do helps you discover great local activities offered by the BBC and our partners connected to our TV and radio programmes, and other BBC campaigns. Website: www.bbc.co.uk/thingstodo	activitymaker@bbc.co.uk
BBC Springwatch & Autumnwatch	Springwatch -RSBP Ynys Hir, dates to be confirmed Autumnwatch - site and dates top be confirmed Website: www.bbc.co.uk/nature/uk	Springwatch Russell Jones RSPB Ynys-hir Warden 01654 700222 ynys-hir@rspb.org.uk
iSpot	iSpot is a website aimed at helping anyone identify anything in nature. Once you've registered, you can add an observation to the website and suggest an identification yourself or see if anyone else can identify it for you. iSpot is also an element of the OU course, Neighbourhood Nature, which focuses on connecting people with the wildlife and habitats in their own locality and developing an understanding of surveying techniques and recording. Website: www.ispot.org.uk/whats_it_all_about	Donal O'Donnell d.j.odonnell@open.ac.uk
Courses		
Natur	NATUR works with training providers to identify gaps, hold courses where a need is identified and provide introductory sessions. NATUR members receive priority booking and discounts on events. Website: www.natur.org.uk	Marie Madigan 07837 419995 marie@natur.org.uk
Snowdonia National Park Centre at Plas	Plas Tan y Bwlch is the Snowdonia National Park Environmental Studies Centre, administered by the National Park Authority. The Centre aims to provide courses which are of interest to all lovers of the countryside who would like to know about this fascinating area of Wales.	01766 772600 plas@snowdonia-npa.gov.uk



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<p>Tan y Bwlch</p>	<p>Website: www.eryri-npa.gov.uk/study-centre/professional-training</p>	
<p>Moelyci Environmental Centre</p>	<p>Moelyci Environmental Centre is a social enterprise with the primary purpose of ensuring that the rich heritage of Moelyci Farm will be available for future generations.</p> <p>Website: www.moelyci.org/index.php?option=com_frontpage&Itemid=1</p>	<p>01248 602793 office@moelyci.org</p>
<p>Shared Earth Trust at Denmark Farm</p>	<p>Denmark Farm is a unique project offering a fully equipped training centre running a varied programme of low-cost, practical courses in conservation, crafts and sustainable living.</p> <p>Website: www.shared-earth-trust.org.uk</p>	<p>Angie Polkey 01570 493358 angie@shared-earth-trust.org.uk</p>
<p>Aberystwyth University Education and Lifelong Learning</p>	<p>A Scientific background is not required. The programme gives a wide choice of courses at several venues, offering interesting choices especially to anyone fascinated by the living world and the local environment.</p> <p>Website: www.aber.ac.uk/en/sell/lifelong-learning/ecology</p>	<p>Lifelong Learning Office 01970 621580 learning@aber.ac.uk</p>
<p>Centre for Alternative Technology</p>	<p>The Centre for Alternative Technology offers a variety of short residential courses covering a range of sustainability issues including introductory classes in ecology, woodland management, organic gardening and wilderness skills, as well as specialist courses aimed at educators and trade professionals.</p> <p>Website: www2.cat.org.uk/shortcourses</p>	<p>01654 704952 courses@cat.org.uk</p>
<p>Swansea University, School of the Environment and Society</p>	<p>Accredited work-based ecology training courses in subject areas such as Basic Fieldwork Skills, Protected Species, Plant Identification, Invasive Species and Report Writing. Free to eligible companies /individuals in the Convergence Region of Wales.</p> <p>Website: www.swansea.ac.uk/aptbioscience</p>	<p>C.J.Parkinson@swansea.ac.uk 01792 295379</p>
<p>Flora locale Training</p>	<p>Flora locale promotes the restoration of wild plants and habitats for the benefit of biodiversity, landscapes and people in town and countryside.</p> <p>Website: www.floralocale.org</p>	<p>Claire McCorquodale info@floralocale.org</p>



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Neighbourhood Nature	<p>Neighbourhood nature is one of a series of short, flexible 10-credit Open University courses introducing fascinating topics in science. The fascinating world of nature is all around us and this course shows you how to study the plants and animals in your neighbourhood.</p> <p>Website: www3.open.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/course/s159.htm?C01S159&OFFTPI=DLS1&MEDIA=inc_neighbourhoodnature</p>	
Local Record Centres Wales	<p>LRC's support the local recording community and are centres for the collation, management and dissemination of biodiversity data to help ensure that decisions which affect local biodiversity are made using best available data.</p> <p>Website: www.lrcwales.org.uk</p>	<p>Check the website to find your nearest local record centre.</p>