

FWAG offers whole farm advice which balances environmental management with the needs of running a commercial farming business. FWAG are independent of government and operate a strict confidentiality policy. FWAG offers help with completion of Entry Level, Organic Entry Level, Higher Level Stewardship and English Woodland Grant Scheme applications. FWAG also offers help with complying with NVZ regulations, Cross Compliance requirements and provides advice on sustainable management of soils, manures and fertilisers.

For further information contact:
www.fwag.org.uk/devon
tel 01392 364392



About particular species or habitats

For specialist information about particular species or habitats contact the following:

Pond Conservation

www.pondconservation.org.uk
tel 01865 483249



Buglife

www.buglife.org.uk
tel 01733 201210



The Grasslands Trust

www.grasslands-trust.org
tel 02380 650093



Plantlife

www.plantlife.org.uk
tel 01722 342730



Froglife

www.froglife.org
tel 01733 558844



Bat Conservation Trust

www.bats.org.uk
tel 020 7627 2629



Devon Mammal Group

www.devonmammalgroup.org

Devon Hedge Group

www.devon.gov.uk



The following pages provide a directory of useful contacts in the conservation and land management industry.

Devon Wildlife Trust

Devon Wildlife Trust is part of the national network of county-based Wildlife Trusts. DWT is the lead partner in the Working Wetlands project. The charity also manages nature reserves throughout Devon and is closely involved in terrestrial and marine conservation work, ecological surveying, policy formulation and education.

For more information contact:
www.devonwildlifetrust.org
tel 01392 279244



Devon Biodiversity Records Centre

Devon Biodiversity Records Centre collects and manages records and conducts surveys to assess and monitor Devon's terrestrial and marine environments. It can provide information on wildlife recorded in a given area, and also welcomes new records.

For more information contact:
www.dbrc.org.uk www.dbrc.org.uk
tel 01392 274128



Natural England

Natural England is the Government's advisor on the natural environment and has a range of responsibilities. It is a key partner within the Working Wetlands project. Natural England has a great deal of experience within the Culm area and is responsible for administering agri-environment schemes and working closely with Culm advisors to support land managers. Natural England is also responsible for supporting land managers of Sites of Special Scientific Interest and administering UK wildlife legislation.

For more information contact:
www.naturalengland.org.uk
tel 0300 060 1118

For information on Cross Compliance
www.defra.gov.uk/crosscompliance



Catchment Sensitive Farming

This partnership between Defra, Natural England and the Environment Agency aims to reduce the pollution of water arising from farming operations. It provides grants, information and advice for improvements to farmyard systems to reduce pollution and run off, including rainwater guttering, and dirty water and slurry storage.

For general enquiries and details of your local officer, contact:
www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/farming/csf
tel 0300 060 1111



Devon County Council

Devon County Council is committed to the conservation and enhancement of Devon's natural and historic environment and landscapes.

Historic Environment

The Devon County Historic Environment Service provides formal historic environment input to Environmental Stewardship (Higher Level Stewardship) and forestry (eg Woodland Grant Scheme) proposals.

Landscape

DCC co-ordinates the countywide programme of landscape character assessment work, which includes the production of management guidelines.

For more information go to www.devon.gov.uk/landscape.htm

Wildlife

DCC co-ordinates Devon Biodiversity Partnership and is a major funder of the Devon County Wildlife Site Programme. DCC is also working with others on a number of other projects and partnerships such as Devon Hedge Group, Devon Knotweed Forum and the development of Parish Biodiversity Audits.

For more information on DCC's wildlife work go to www.devon.gov.uk/biodiversity.htm



Forestry Commission

The Forestry Commission has a national responsibility to undertake and promote forestry research and commercial timber production, as well as encouraging woodland management best practice. In addition, it also provides funding for woodland planting and management via the English Woodland Grant Scheme. FC also administers felling licenses.

For more information contact:
www.forestry.gov.uk
tel 01626 890666



Environment Agency

The Environment Agency's principal aims are to protect and improve the environment, and to promote sustainable development. They play a central role in delivering the environmental priorities of central government. Specifically, EA controls farm pollution through initiatives such as Nitrate Vulnerable Zone (NVZ) compliance, water abstraction licenses, discharge consents, and farm waste regulations. They also work with farmers to help prevent soil erosion, nutrient run-off, air pollution, and watercourse pollution. The EA also offers advice on location and design of slurry and silage stores that are compliant with the Silage, Slurry and Agricultural Fuel-Oil (SSAFO) regulations.

For more information contact:
www.environment-agency.gov.uk
tel 08708 506506



Butterfly Conservation

Butterfly Conservation is the only UK charity dedicated specifically to saving butterflies, moths and their habitats. This is achieved through a) practical conservation action, b) scientific study, c) safeguarding important sites and landscapes, d) promoting butterfly and moth conservation as 'quality of life' and biodiversity indicators, e) encouraging public enjoyment of butterflies and moths.

For more information contact:
www.butterfly-conservation.org
tel 01929 400209



Westcountry Rivers Trust

WRT is an environmental charity working towards the preservation, protection, development and improvement of rivers, streams and watercourses. WRT's catchment-scale projects include:

- **Upstream Thinking (working with DWT) on the upper Tamar, offering grant assistance towards farm improvements.**
- **Working with RETA, Exmoor National Park and partners on The Exe Project carrying out targeted conservation projects to enhance fish stocks and river health.**
- **Collabor8 and the Countryside Sports Project are both working to support and expand opportunities in the rural economy such as angling, amenity, local foods and sustainable tourism.**

For more information contact:
www.wrt.org.uk
tel 01579 372140



Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

RSPB is a national authority on all matters relating to Britain's birds and their conservation. They offer a range of advisory services and projects which landowners may find useful, especially the 'Volunteer & Farmer Alliance' scheme, now celebrating its tenth year. It aims to help reverse declines in farmland birds by providing farmers with a free survey of birds breeding on their land (by RSPB volunteers), with the results presented on a map showing where the birds of conservation concern can be found, together with relevant advice on practical habitat management for each farm – this can complement other initiatives such as agri-environment schemes.

For more information contact:
www.rspb.org.uk
tel 01392 432691



North Devon AONB and Biosphere Service

NDABS plays a role in co-ordinating catchment sensitive farming work in parts of North Devon. The Biosphere Reserve team also provides practical management advice to landowners.

For more information contact:
www.northdevonbiosphere.org.uk and
www.northdevon-aonb.org.uk
tel 01237 423655



Flora locale

Flora Locale is a registered charity that seeks to restore wild plants and wild-plant communities to lands and landscapes, and by these means raise the biodiversity, environmental quality and enjoyment of town and countryside. For more information contact: www.floralocale.org
tel 01672 515723

Grazing Advice Partnership

GAP is a partnership of farmers, land managers and organisations which is committed to the benefits of livestock grazing, with Britain's natural environment and cultural heritage in mind. GAP provides information, advice, training and networking support.

For more information contact:
www.grazinganimalsproject.org.uk/index
tel 01666 511304

