

ECOLOGICAL SURVEYS & MITIGATION WORKS CALENDAR



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		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
BNG	Vegetation and habitats	Preliminary walkover surveys only (further survey may be necessary in optimal season)			Habitat surveys (UKhabs/ NVC)						Preliminary walkover surveys only (further survey may be necessary in optimal season)			
		Translocation and planting works			Seeding works		NO WORKS		Seeding works		Translocation and planting works			
	River corridor assessment	NO SURVEYS	Sub-optimal survey period		Optimal survey time			Sub-optimal survey period			NO SURVEYS			
	Hedgerow assessment	NO SURVEYS		Sub-optimal survey period		Optimal survey time				Sub-optimal survey period	NO SURVEYS			
PROTECTED SPECIES	Badgers ^[1]	Surveys can be undertaken (optimal spring and early autumn or winter)												
		No works to be undertaken which would disturb existing setts (within 30m as a rough guide)						Works are possible subject to licence				See Jan-June		
	Bats ^[2,3]	Hibernation, tree and building inspection surveys			Tree and building inspection surveys									As Jan-Mar
		NO ACTIVITY SURVEYS (hibernation)			Emergence/ re-entry (optimal May-August)						Sub-optimal survey period		NO ACTIVITY SURVEYS (hibernation)	
		Transect activity surveys												
		Post development works are possible subject to licence (timing is dependent on the type of roost and works to be undertaken)												
	Breeding birds ^[2]	Wintering surveys		Breeding and migrant surveys			Breeding surveys		Migrant surveys		Wintering surveys			
		Tree and building inspections for barn owl												
		Clearance works can be undertaken (works to stop if nesting birds found)		NO CLEARANCE WORKS (unless nesting bird checks confirm no active nests present)						Clearance works can be undertaken (works to stop if nesting birds found)				
	Dormice ^[2,3] (nest box & tubes)	NO SURVEYS (hibernation)			Nest box and nest tube surveys						NO SURVEYS			
	Hazelnut search	Gnawed hazelnut search	Gnawed hazelnut search									Gnawed hazelnut search		
		Avoid ground vegetation clearance				Capture		Capture only		Avoid ground vegetation clearance				
	Great crested newts ^[2,3]	NO SURVEYS (hibernation)		Pond and terrestrial surveys			Larvae and terrestrial surveys		Terrestrial surveys		NO SURVEYS (hibernation)			
		Pond management subject to licence		NO SURVEYS (hibernation)			eDNA survey (15th April - 30th June)		Terrestrial and pond trapping/ translocation subject to licence		Terrestrial and pond trapping/ translocation subject to licence		Pond management subject to licence	
	Hedgehogs ^[2]	NO SURVEYS (hibernation)		Surveys can be undertaken									NO SURVEYS	
Natterjack toads ^[2,3]	Toads hibernating			Pond survey for adult toads				Land survey for adult toads		Toads hibernating				
Otters ^[2,3]	Sub-optimal survey period				Surveys can be undertaken (weather dependent)				Sub-optimal survey period					
	Works are possible subject to licence													
Red Squirrel ^[2]	General survey all year													
	Tree removal		Avoid if possible						Tree removal					
Reptiles ^[2]	NO SURVEYS (hibernation)		Sub-optimal survey period	Surveys can be undertaken			Sub-optimal survey period			Surveys can be undertaken	Sub-optimal survey period	NO SURVEYS (hibernation)		
	Scrub clearance (no ground disturbance)		Ground disturbance, capture and translocation programmes (limited in July and August by high temperatures)									Scrub clearance (no ground disturbance)		
Water voles ^[2]	NO SURVEYS			One survey to be undertaken during the first half of the season			Second survey to be undertaken during the second half of the season			NO SURVEYS				
	NO WORKS			See Aug-Sept		NO WORKS		Works are subject to licence			NO WORKS			
White-clawed crayfish ^[2]	Sub-optimal survey period			Surveys can be undertaken	NO WORKS		Surveys can be undertaken				Sub-optimal survey period			
	eDNA surveys													
	NO WORKS			See July-Oct		NO WORKS		Works are subject to licence			NO WORKS			

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 Mitigation can be undertaken
 Sub-optimal survey period
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 No surveys/ mitigation works

Protected by: [1] Badger Act 1992. This information is provided as a guide only and may vary according to weather conditions and location. [2] Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981(as amended) [3] Conservation (Natural Habitats) Regulations 2010 (as amended)
 Not all protected species are included. Please consult the relevant legislation or a suitably qualified ecologist for more details.