

# Wye Valley & Forest of Dean Horseshoe Bat Strategy 2016 Action Plan 2018-19



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A partnership of local and national organisations came together to develop the 2016 [Wye Valley & Forest of Dean Bat Strategy](#). The strategy sets out a medium term vision for the safeguarding and enhancement of the Wye valley and Forest of Dean Horseshoe bat population (SAC). Working from the strategy the partnership has now set out its action plan for the 2018-19 period. It is expected and hoped that other elements of the strategy will also be progressed during this time however the partnership wanted to provide particular focus to the following actions.

For further information please contact any of the organisations listed above.

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A/P Ref	Strategy Ref (Contribution)	Activity	Lead Org	Partners	Completion
18/01	6a	<b>Publically available strategy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Downloadable version for anyone to reference</li> <li>ii. Promotion of strategy to relevant parties.</li> </ul>	FoDDC	GWT	Jan-18
18/02	1a/b, 2a	<b>Foresters' Batscapes project</b> (Larger project to 2022) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Winter flyway survey report</li> <li>ii. Summer flyway survey report</li> <li>iii. Priority hedgerow networks for two CSZ identified and enhancement programme commenced</li> </ul>	NE	Bat Group / GWT	Dec-19
18/03	2d, 6a	<b>Publish preliminary Core Sustenance Zones as annex to strategy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Include caveated that these are start point / will be updated as developed</li> <li>ii. Incorporate Welsh sites and share with NRW</li> </ul>	NE	FoDDC / NRW	Mar-18
18/04	6a	<b>Publish key FoD bat references / data sets</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. For planning &amp; research as annex to strategy</li> </ul>	NE	FoDDC	Mar-18

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18/05	1b	<b>Planning Survey's data capture</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Identify a system to identify bat survey data submitted as part of planning applications</li> <li>ii. Identify ways of 'reminding' consultants to submit their survey data to GCER</li> </ul>	FoDDC	NE/ GWT/FF	Apr-18
18/06	1b/c	<b>Development Management Principles</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Identify &amp; publish planning principles e.g. lux hedgerows etc.</li> </ul>	FoDDC	NE / Bat Group	Dec-18
18/07	4	<b>Produce draft HSB spatial strategy for consultation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Local Nature Partnership (LNP) to develop county wide spatial strategy.</li> <li>ii. Engage with neighbouring Counties/LNP's on strategy</li> </ul>	LNP	NE/ FoDDC	Dec-19
18/08	6a	<b>Development design guide case example</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Produce case example of where HSB's have been considered throughout the planning process.</li> </ul>	FoDDC	Bat Group / GWT	Dec-18

<b>Organisations Resource commitments to action plan</b>			
Organisation	2018 hours (£ @40hr ex Vat)	2019 hours (£ @40hr ex vat)	Organisational Total
Natural England (Staff Time)	150 (£6,000)	150 (£6,000)	200hrs (£12,000)
FoDDC (Staff Time)	50 (£2,000)	50 (2,000)	100hrs (£4,000)
GWT (Staff Time)	40 (£1,600)	40 (£1,600)	80hrs (£3,200)
Glos bat Group (Volunteer Time)	25 (£1,000)	25 (£1,000)	50hrs (£2,000) <sup>i</sup>
LNP	£1,500	£1,500	£3,000 <sup>ii</sup>
Foresters Forest (Volunteer time)	100 (£1,500)	100 (£1,500)	200hrs (£3,000) <sup>iii</sup>
<b>Year Totals</b>			
Year Totals	315hrs (£11,600)	315hrs (£11,600)	
Action Plan Total			730hrs (£27,200)

<sup>i</sup> Bat group involvement will be at a professional level

<sup>ii</sup> The LNP is a voluntary partnership and this costs are based on FoDDC being a paying member of the partnership (3x £3k 2018-21)

<sup>iii</sup> Volunteer time costed at £15phr.