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Go Toads! Community Project



The Go Toads! Community Project has been launched after Herefordshire Wildlife Trust, Herefordshire Amphibian & Reptile Team (HART) and St Michaels's CE Primary School received a Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) Sharing Heritage grant to help save toads around Bodenham. The project aims to involve communities around Bodenham Lake to protect the local population of this often overlooked species.

About the Project

Go Toads! will raise awareness about the importance of Bodenham Lake as a breeding pond for one of the largest populations of toads in the county. In early spring, toads awake from hibernation and migrate along ancient routes to their pond where they will breed and spawn. These routes often cross roads, making toads very vulnerable, often resulting in them unfortunately being squashed by vehicles. The common toad is now in decline in the UK, mainly caused by such road mortalities – on average, twenty tonnes of toads are killed on UK roads each year.

The project aims to raise local awareness through running a series of community events and monitoring the toad abundance. The *Go Toads!* patrol team will be out on warm damp evenings from mid-February to the beginning of March kitted out with hi-vis jackets, torches and gloves slowing down traffic and giving the toads a helping hand to cross the road safely. Training will be given to those who wish to join the Go Toads! patrol team from local herpetologist, Nigel Hand.

Go Toads! Project Officer, Hayley Herridge, commented: "this incredible wildlife event makes Bodenham Lake a real special place for wildlife in the county. We want to celebrate this and ensure the toads have a home here for a long time to come. It's great that we have been awarded this grant and we can't wait to get started. We will be recruiting volunteers to help with evening toad patrols from the end of February so we hope lots of people will be keen to get involved."



If you're interested in helping with the toad patrols, or want to find out more about the project in general, please come along to the project's launch event at Bodenham Village Hall (see below).

For further information about the project, please contact Hayley Herridge - 01432 356872/07341 736186 or email h.herridge@herefordshirewt.co.uk

Go Toads! patrollers

Save a toad (or two) to cross the road by becoming one of our patrollers! For further information, please contact Hayley Herridge on 01432 356872/07341 736186 or email h.herridge@herefordshirewt.co.uk



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