

# Sources of useful information

## Butterfly Conservation

[www.butterfly-conservation.org](http://www.butterfly-conservation.org)

Information on how to identify, record, and conserve butterflies and moths, including detailed species factsheets, case studies of conservation management and activities across the UK. The site also links to our many project partners and further useful information about woodland and wildlife management.

## Grants and statutory permissions

### Forestry Commission

[www.forestry.gov.uk](http://www.forestry.gov.uk)

The Forestry Commission is the government department responsible for the protection and expansion of Britain's forests and woodlands. It manages public woodlands, and supports and controls the planting and management of privately owned woodlands through licensing the felling of trees and providing advice and grants to help manage woodlands. A range of grants are available across England, Scotland and Wales, and full details can be found on the Introduction to Grants and Licences page of the Forestry Commission's web site: [www.forestry.gov.uk/planting](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/planting).

Advice, publications and links on a wide range of woodland issues, including regulations, felling licences, deer management and woodfuel can also be found here.

### Natural England

[www.naturalengland.org.uk](http://www.naturalengland.org.uk)

The government agency dealing with nature conservation in England. Natural England's responsibilities include ensuring the protection of designated sites such as Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs), providing regulatory guidance on European protected species, and providing advice and funding to support land management.

Environmental Stewardship is an agri-environment scheme that provides funding to farmers and other land managers in England to deliver effective environmental management. The schemes involve several funding options appropriate for woodlands or their surroundings, including field margins, scrub and hedgerows.

The website also features best practice advice on wildlife issues including deer management, hedgerow regulations and countryside access.

### Countryside Council for Wales

[www.ccw.gov.uk](http://www.ccw.gov.uk)

The Government's statutory advisor on sustaining natural beauty, wildlife and the opportunity for outdoor enjoyment in Wales. The website includes information on protecting landscapes, habitats and species as well as policy and guidance on nature conservation in Wales.

### Scottish Natural Heritage

[www.snh.org.uk](http://www.snh.org.uk)

Providing policy and guidance on nature conservation in Scotland, including the management of Scottish woodlands and extensive advice on deer management.

### Northern Ireland Environment Agency

[www.doeni.gov.uk/niea](http://www.doeni.gov.uk/niea)

Advises on and implements the Government's environmental policy and strategy in Northern Ireland. Provides information on protected areas, wildlife management and licensing.

### Joint Nature Conservation Committee

[www.jncc.gov.uk](http://www.jncc.gov.uk)

Advises the UK Government and devolved administrations on UK and international conservation. Provides information on species status and designations and a range of publications on habitats including woodland.

### UKBAP

[www.ukbap.org.uk](http://www.ukbap.org.uk)

Listings for the habitats and species under the UK Biodiversity Action Plan, part of the UK Government's strategy for the conservation of biological resources. The website includes reports on conservation progress and links to regional and local biodiversity partnerships.

## Wildlife, practical conservation and woodland management

### Amphibian and Reptile Conservation

[www.arc-trust.org](http://www.arc-trust.org)

Advice on the conservation of amphibians and reptiles including the Reptile Management Handbook

### Conservation Evidence

[www.conservationevidence.com](http://www.conservationevidence.com)

Sharing knowledge about the effects of conservation interventions, including case studies of conservation in practice.

### Bat Conservation Trust

[www.bats.org.uk](http://www.bats.org.uk)

Information on the conservation of bats and their habitats, including guidance on integrating the requirements of bats into woodland management and agri-environment schemes.

### BTCV

[www.btcv.org.uk](http://www.btcv.org.uk)

The British Trust for Conservation Volunteers provides information and practical advice as well as training courses and a range of publications about conservation.

### Buglife

[www.buglife.org.uk](http://www.buglife.org.uk)

Advice on managing habitats for invertebrates including woodland habitats.

### Coppice products

[www.coppice-products.co.uk](http://www.coppice-products.co.uk)

Information about how and why to coppice, the products derived from coppice and an online directory of coppice workers.

### The Deer Initiative

[www.thedeerinitiative.co.uk](http://www.thedeerinitiative.co.uk)

A partnership working towards a sustainable, well-managed wild deer population in England and Wales. Providing advice and support in all aspects of deer management including a range of best practice guides.

### myForest

[www.sylva.org.uk/myforest](http://www.sylva.org.uk/myforest)

A free mapping and inventory tool for woodland owners, forestry businesses and wood users, to promote sustainable management and provide links between wood producers and consumers.

### National Biodiversity Network

[data.nbn.org.uk](http://data.nbn.org.uk)

Interactive wildlife distribution maps and datasets from across the UK.

### Plantlife

[www.plantlife.org.uk](http://www.plantlife.org.uk)

The Plantlife website provides a range of information on the conservation of wild plant species and the habitats they depend on, including Important Plant Areas, species recovery projects and key woodland projects.

### Royal Forestry Society

[www.rfs.org.uk](http://www.rfs.org.uk)

Training, education and information on forestry, as well as publications including the Quarterly Journal of Forestry.

### Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

[www.rspb.org.uk](http://www.rspb.org.uk)

The website contains lots of advice on land management for woodlands and other habitats, as well as information on visiting RSPB reserves, many of which are very good sites for butterflies and moths.

### Small Woods Association

[www.smallwoods.org.uk](http://www.smallwoods.org.uk)

Providing services and information to promote the sustainable management of woodlands and the production and marketing of wood products for local markets.

### Small Woodland Owners Group

[www.swog.org.uk](http://www.swog.org.uk)

Supporting the enjoyment and conservation of British woodland, the website features events, articles and a discussion forum.

### Woodland Trust

[www.woodland-trust.org.uk](http://www.woodland-trust.org.uk)

Information on managing and visiting woodlands, including planting new woodlands and restoring planted ancient woodland sites.

### Woodnet

[www.woodnet.org.uk](http://www.woodnet.org.uk)

Information for timber growers and wood users in South East England



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*The Speckled Wood butterfly has expanded its distribution in recent years, particularly in northern England and Scotland. There is evidence that, even for widespread species such as this, distribution changes are lagging behind climatic changes because of habitat loss and fragmentation*