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Amphibian and
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Team

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Since Christmas, the project has focussed on producing the School Education Pack, and on arranging training events for the spring, together with setting dates for WildPlay events, Celebration Days and further Community Mapping and Information Events.

Training Events

Four training events have been scheduled in March to cover identification of key pond species, pond ecology and surveying techniques and procedures, and practical sessions during the day at local ponds.



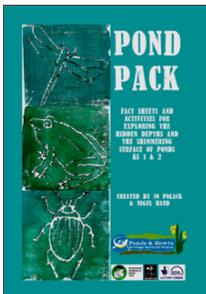
Friday 8 March in Ledbury
Tuesday 12 March in Bromyard
Wednesday 13 March in Mathon
Saturday 16 March in Ashperton.

If you'd be interested in joining one of these please contact Nigel Hand at the Nature Trust to book a place. Following the training we hope all volunteers will be able to survey at least three ponds as part of the project's data gathering process.



The training days will also include a further chance to add ponds that trainees know about to our large scale maps of the area, and so build up as good a picture as possible of ponds both past and present.

School and Information Materials



The Education Pack (similar to the one for the What's that Snake? Project) should be ready to send to schools before Easter. Jo Polack has done a tremendous job on this.

There will also be three WildPlay events in May:

15th at Brockhampton School
16th at Ashperton School
18th – venue to be confirmed.

Visits to all 14 schools in the project area are planned for the summer and autumn.

Community Information and Mapping Meetings

We are considering running two more of these mapping meetings in April or May. If you'd like to join one, let Nigel know. One of them will be held in the daytime.

Pond Celebration Events

So far we have two Pond Celebration Events planned: on Saturday 27th July and Saturday 31st August, venues yet to be finalised.

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