



# Proceedings of the 16th Non-native Species Local Action Group Workshop

Held on 4 – 5 February 2025  
at Woodland Grange, Leamington Spa



## **Background**

On 4 – 5 February 2025 the GB Non-native Species Secretariat organised the 16th Local Action Group Workshop, funded by Defra. The workshop was held at the Woodland Grange, Leamington Spa. We had 54 attendees.

## **Programme**

### **Day 1**

Welcome and GBNNSS update (Niall Moore, GB NNSS)

Defra update (Olivia Euesden, Defra)

### **SESSION 1 – PRIORITISATION AND RESEARCH**

Prioritisation in GB – (Olaf Booy, GB NNSS)

Horizon scanning 2025 (Helen Roy, CEH)

Assessing INNS impacts on native species and habitats (Rob Cooke, CEH)

Introduction to the breakout session (Olaf Booy, GB NNSS)

### **BREAKOUT SESSION A: INPUT INTO PRIORITISATION AND RESEARCH**

Feedback

### **UPDATES**

Mink eradication and the Thames to Lincoln project (Simon Baker, Water Recovery Trust)

Report on feasibility study/strategy for Tamar catchment (Valarie Darwall, Tamar invasive Group)

Water primrose and floating pennywort update (Trevor Renals, Environment Agency)

Purple-pitcher plant update (Paul Sims, GB Non-native Species Inspectorate)

Angling Trust update (Mark Egerton, Angling Trust)

## **Day 2**

### **UPDATES**

Invasives to Natives - using scythes as an effective means of controlling Himalayan balsam on the river Wreake (Roseanna Burton, Leicestershire & Rutland Invasive and Non-native Species Initiative)

Update on work of the West Cumbria Rivers Trust (Izzie Mullin, West Cumbria Rivers Trust)

INNS Mapper (Alex Green, YISF and Hannah Kennington, Yorkshire Water)

Results from a JK post-treatment restoration trial (Alex Green, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust / YISF)

Engaging with marine biosecurity management strategies (Lisa Reilly, Peel Ports)

Floating Pennywort volunteer days on the Lee navigation (Pippa Rowlandson, Paddle UK)

### **SESSION 2 – COMMUNICATION AND LAG RESOURCES**

Update on Comms (Lucy Cornwell, GB NNSS)

LAG resources (Ben Francis, APHA)

Awareness-raising by the New Forest Non-Native Plants Project  
(Catherine Chatters, Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust)

Working with LAG's to tackle INNS across Wales (Elen Evans, North Wales Wildlife Trust)

### **BREAKOUT SESSION B: COMMS**

- Group 1. Be Plant Wise / alerts
- Group 2. Don't let them loose / alerts
- Group 3. LAG's toolkit / NNSS website

Feedback

### **UPDATES**

Upper and Bedford Ouse Catchment Partnership update (Chloe Apicella, Wildlife Trust BCN/ Upper and Bedford Ouse Catchment Partnership LAG)

AQUA Update (Neil Green, Bristol Zoo)

INNS on the Tees (Chloe Lawrence)

Achievements and future plans of the Squirrel Accord (Kay Haw, UK Squirrel Accord)

Update from South West Water (Kate Hills, South West Water)

Update on North East INNS strategy and action plan (Jenny Dowden)

Progress with CABI's invasive plant biocontrol projects (Natasha Lawson-Hale, CABI)

Closing comments

## **Feedback from Breakout Sessions**

### **Breakout Session A: Input into Prioritisation and Research**

#### **Background**

##### **1. Horizon scanning:**

- are there species that have not yet established in GB that should be considered for horizon scanning?
- are there specific stakeholders we should make sure have an opportunity to feed into horizon scanning?

##### **2. Impacts:**

- which native species / habitats / protected sites have been negatively impacted by INNS in your area?
- are there useful datasets, reports, etc on the impact of INNS on native species / habitats that we should consider?

##### **3. Eradication prioritisation:**

- are there species with limited distributions in GB that we should consider for complete eradication from GB?
- If not complete eradication, are there strategically important populations of species with limited distributions that we should consider eradicating?

##### **4. Other aspects of prioritisation at a GB scale:**

- what else do we need to do to achieve good prioritisation at the GB strategic scale?

#### **Key Points from breakout sessions**

Group 1: Chairs: Niall Moore (GB NNSS) and Alex Green (Yorkshire Wildlife Trust)

Group 2: Chairs: Olaf Booy (GB NNSS) and Jo Heisse (Environment Agency)

Group 3: Chairs: Helen Roy (CEH) and Trevor Renals (Environment Agency)

##### **1. Horizon Scanning**

Species not yet established in GB.

- Salmon fluke
- Humpback/pink salmon
- Capybara (e.g. Luxembourg?)
- Giant Asian Hornet and other Asian Hornet spp.
- Micro Algae (Greece – *Laphocladia Ilallemandii*, *Wamersleyella setacea*, *Caulerpa cylindracea*)

- Amphibians
- Stinkbugs
- Bloody red mysid
- Himalayan honeysuckle
- *Persicaria*
- *Microcephala* – ‘red dragon’ knotweed.
- Fisheries trends (on-line tracking).
- Katharina’s ssp list plant alert.
- Water hyacinth (despite de-listing).
- Mammals – worth considering mammals in Northern France that could be transported to GB and cause impacts (stone marten, beach marten, garden dormouse).
- Ants – especially fire ants.
- Stakeholders: record centres, specific schemes and societies, those connected to social media.
- Localised species:
  - i. Orange balsam
  - ii. Small balsam
  - iii. Winter heliotrope
  - iv. Variegated yellow archangel
  - v. Vinca
  - vi. Evening primrose
  - vii. Tree of heaven
  - viii. Ferret/polecat hybrids

Suggested stakeholders to feed into horizon scanning.

- Ports
- Forestry Commission (imports of trees)
- Channel Islands.
- National Trust
- RHS

## 2. Impacts

Sites negatively impacted by INNS in your area and useful datasets, reports on the impact of INNS on native species / habitats.

- Yorkshire Water are looking into signal crayfish impact on sedimentation. Canals also impacted and spread INNS upsteam. EA in Yorkshire looking at impacts of signal crayfish on Freshwater Pearl Mussel on river Esk. Suggest discussing with EA catchment coordinators.
- *Sarracenia* (good report from New Forest).
- American Skunk Cabbage
- Cotoneaster in Avon Gorge – especially in terms of displacement of rock rose and some habitats (on which silky wave moth depends).
- Lots on signal crayfish (e.g. on River Wharf, Yorkshire Water have data).
- Deer, squirrel, rhododendron.
- Woodland forestry assessment could be a good source of information.

- Mink
- Suggestion to use Conservation evidence more.
- Game Conservation Trust and BASC might be useful sources of information.
- Analogous threats – biological versus chemical ‘pollution’.
- Duration of impact.
- Monocultures – *Lagarosiphon* in ponds.
- Monkey flower
- Reed beds for tertiary water treatment – Himalayan balsam invasion undermining water treatment.
- We need a tool to capture these anecdotal grey literature impacts – CEH Survey, November.

### 3. Eradication prioritisation

Species we should consider for complete eradication from GB.

- Turkish/Narrow-Clawed Crayfish
- Ghost Slug
- Alpine Newt
- Terrapins
- Greater White-Toothed Shrew
- Sika deer in Wales
- Chinese Water deer
- Himalayan Knotweed.
- Cabomba
- Edible dormouse
- Hottentot fig
- Picalor weed
- Calla palustris
- Black swans
- Pontederia
- Cotula
- Pale Galingale
- Tree-of-heaven
- We briefly discussed the feasibility of marine species and looking at this again.
- Zebra mussel – Bude canal.
- Supporting veliger formation – barley straw treatment to lower pH.
- Mink – refinements to methodology making eradication feasible.
- Isolated ponds
- American skunk cabbage – 15 year seed bank.
- Ailanthus
- *Paulownia tomentosa*

### 4. Other aspects of prioritisation at a GB scale

- Look into deliberate introductions of butterfly (e.g. swallowtail and purple emperor).

- Live food for pets or used as bait in sports.
- Should we consider regional variations and approaches, leading to different approaches?
- Think of novel techniques and methods
- Consider including discussions with those involved in shooting/bird release.

## **Breakout Session B: Communication and LAG Resources**

### **Group 1: Be Plant Wise / alerts**

Chairs: Catherine Chatters (Hampshire & IOW Wildlife Trust) and  
Ben Aston (Yorkshire Water)

### **Background**

There were two parts to this breakout session.

### **Part 1: Be Plant Wise**

The NNSS is planning a series of activities to raise awareness of invasive non-native plants and the Be Plant Wise campaign to gardeners and professional horticulturalists this year.

1. How could your LAG help to raise awareness of Be Plant Wise to gardeners and professional horticulturalists this year?
  - a. Are there any other awareness raising materials or resources that you need to do this?
2. Is there anything else that the NNSS and Be Plant Wise partners should be doing to promote the campaign? See below for planned activities.

#### *Planned activities to raise awareness of Be Plant Wise*

- Promoting the campaign through Gardeners' World and Horticulture Week magazines / websites.
- Providing talks and training to horticultural colleges and other stakeholders (from garden design, landscaping etc).
- Providing Be Plant Wise packs for retailers to display in store.
- Working with the horticulture sector (e.g. Royal Horticultural Society, Horticultural Trades Association, Ornamental Aquatic Trade Association) to promote the campaign to their members.
- Attending large gardening shows and horticultural trade shows to promote the campaign.
- Holding workshops for local horticultural professionals.

### **Part 2: Alert species**

The following are current 'Alert species' in Great Britain. It is important that sightings of these species are quickly reported through iRecord to prevent them from becoming established.

1. How could your LAG help to promote alert species recording to local stakeholders?

- a. Are there any other awareness raising materials or resources that you need to do this?
2. Is there anything else that the NNSS should be doing to promote alert species recording?

### *GB Alert species*

#### Vertebrates

- American bullfrog (*Lithobates catesbeianus*)
- Black Bullhead (*Ameiurus melas*)
- Monk parakeet (*Myiopsitta monachus*)
- Raccoon (*Procyon lotor*)
- Raccoon dog (*Nyctereutes procyonoides*)
- Ruddy duck (*Oxyura jamaicensis*)
- Sacred ibis (*Threskiornis aethiopicus*)
- Siberian chipmunk (*Tamias sibiricus*)
- Topmouth gudgeon (*Pseudorasbora parva*)

#### Plants

- Broadleaf watermilfoil (*Myriophyllum heterophyllum*)
- Carolina fanwort (*Cabomba caroliniana*)
- Chilean needle-grass (*Nassella neesiana*)
- Eastern baccharis (*Baccharis halimifolia*)
- Purple pitcher plant (*Sarracenia purpurea*)
- Water primrose (*Ludwigia grandiflora*)
- Yellow-seeded false-pimpernel (*Lindernia dubia*)

#### Invertebrates

- American lobster (*Homarus americanus*)
- Asian hornet (*Vespa velutina*)
- Chinese mystery snail (*Cipangopaludina chinensis*)
- Japanese sting winkle (*Ocenebrellus inornatus*)
- Marbled crayfish (*Procambarus fallax f. virginalis*)

## **Key Points from breakout session**

### **Part 1: Be Plant Wise**

Plant Alert useful app to use.

- Could help raise awareness via the following (some already doing):
  - Allotment groups and shows.
  - Flower shows and related trade shows.
  - Open garden events.

- Trade bodies or larger companies – proposed biosecurity charters and good practice standards.
- Issues = large shows often cost for entry and no discount for awareness raising/NGO groups.
- Need to ensure RHS/NT/BALI/PCA/Landscape contractor groups are invited to Stakeholder forum.
- Council green waste as an opportunity area – lots of relevant public traffic. Also potential links to Biffa/Veolia style landfill grants to fund activity.
- Discussion around landscaping contractors and where they can access information – materials exist but not well disseminated to contractors and where can they pick them up from.
- Flagged many do not like a schoolroom approach and lots of reading, so video is a good route.
- Requested materials – social media clips, brief c.40 sec videos, being clear and relevant, synopsis and signposting not detail.
- Discussed YouTube videos the angling trust have and used lots with good public traction – similar for BPW would be useful with strong visual element. 40 second shorts for Facebook style groups which is often where pond users swop ideas and show off their stuff.
- GBNNSS ID sheets need legislation updating.
- Discussion around large swopping culture in gardening – not something that should be prevented as part of the community social value, but could be educated, particularly on risk basis (i.e. macrophytes more inherently risky than terrestrials).
- ID skills in general for INNS hard for plants – too many to video ID so focus needs to be on principles and signposting, and often popular use of ID apps like Seek – could this be incorporated within INNSMapper or iRecord?
- Flower show engagement been positive and very interested and intense public, but also very costly. Could anything be arranged at a national level to get access to big ones?
- Bee keepers flagged as a good resource in relation to BPW, not just Yellow Legged Hornet.
- Plant alert flagged as a good app to use – don't need to ID, just need to picture plants that are displaying invasive like behaviours for others to then look at.
- Flagged do Soil Association/NFU need to play a role?

## Part 2: Alert Species

- Flagged having posters and materials is part of AQUA accreditation scheme.
- Use of single species ID sheets as alternative to the big 21 species sheet also useful if they are still available.
- Discussed the difference in priorities between national alert species and also regional catchment alert species (e.g. know DK is present in neighbouring catchment) – Neighbour watch lists also used.
- Issue is that ID can be overwhelming so often LAGs find it easier to focus on principles and basics – encourage people to report, use apps and not worry too much about the exact ID and being an expert in everything.
- Would be useful to have case studies to show people action resulting from reporting.
- Would be good to try and format case studies as a positive outcome – volunteer action, restoration work – something that a celeb would be happy to be associated with!
- Podcasts/TV/Social media videos all good routes.
- Discussed apps – INNS Mapper deliberately does not have alert species reporting as no trigger for action, but iRecord not favoured as can take weeks or months for ID validation as volunteer led and small pool of expert volunteers, particularly for plants.
- Idea of getting apps to give you commercial discounts if report (e.g. tie in with reduced coffee from high street chain) – example given of where an app in North Wales paid a financial incentive to use it.
- INNS Mapper described as simple and user friendly and idea for reporting, so is there a way of getting alert species in it – iRecord not user friendly but good for experts – can they be combined to have survey/management/ease of use of INNS Mapper – AI use of things like Seek and formal reporting structure of iRecord?

**Group 2: Don't let them loose / alerts**

Chairs: Lucy Cornwell (GB NNSS) and Olivia Euesden (Defra)

**Background**

There were two parts to this breakout session.

**Part 1: Don't let them loose**

The Pet Pathway Action Plan (PAP) Working Group is developing an awareness raising campaign, 'Don't let them loose', to prevent the spread of non-native pets into the wild in Great Britain (GB). Guidance is being developed for pet owners and retailers.

The campaign is inspired by the 'Don't let it loose' campaigns in the US and Canada. Examples of materials from the US and Canada were provided on a handout.

1. What do you like about the materials from the US and Canada (messaging, graphics, logos)?
2. How would you improve the materials?
3. An overview of the guidance for pet owners that will be included in the GB 'Don't let them loose' campaign is included below. Is there any other guidance for pet owners that the campaign should include?

*The GB Don't let it loose campaign will provide guidance for pet owners on:*

- Keeping pets securely
- Disposing of waste responsibly
- What to do if:
  - You can no longer keep your pet
  - Your pet escapes
  - You find a non-native animal in the wild
- Relevant legislation and responsibilities of pet owners
- Choosing a pet (links to existing guidance and resources)

**Part 2: Alert species**

The following are current 'Alert species' in Great Britain. It is important that sightings of these species are quickly reported through iRecord to prevent them from becoming established.

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  - a. Are there any other awareness raising materials or resources that you need to do this?
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## GB Alert species

### Vertebrates

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- [Ruddy duck \(\*Oxyura jamaicensis\*\)](#)
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### Plants

- [Broadleaf watermilfoil \(\*Myriophyllum heterophyllum\*\)](#)
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- [American lobster \(\*Homarus americanus\*\)](#)
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## Key Points from breakout session

### Part 1: Don't let them loose

#### What do you like about the materials from the US and Canada (messaging, graphics, logos)?

- Prefer Canadian logo with red ring – generic species from each taxa group should be included.
- Like 'releasing pets is cruel' – this should be a key message
- 'Be a responsible pet owner' positive message
- 'it is never ok to release animals'

#### How would you improve the materials?

- Remove 'and dangerous' from 'releasing pets is cruel'
- Include link to Be Plant Wise for aquarium plant disposal
- Include guidance on choosing a pet responsibly
- Educate pet trade – some animals should not be a pet
- Use better images (dislike the image of rabbit with net behind it), test these with pet owners for resonance.
- Is 'release' too positive? 'abandonment' suggested as an alternative but may not resonate with owners who don't think that they are doing this. Could include a box explaining that 'releasing' pets is actually abandoning them.

An overview of the guidance for pet owners that will be included in the GB 'Don't let them loose' campaign is included below in blue. Is there any other guidance for pet owners that the campaign should include?

- Keeping pets securely
- Disposing of waste responsibly
- What to do if:
  - You can no longer keep your pet
  - Your pet escapes
  - You find a non-native animal in the wild
- Relevant legislation and responsibilities of pet owners
- Choosing a pet (links to existing guidance and resources)

### Comments

- Keeping pets securely should cover chipping to help find lost pets, and transporting pets (e.g. to vets)
- Guidance on choosing a pet should be moved to the beginning

## **Other comments**

- Look at Defra comms messaging on prayer release
- Get messaging into pet keeper books / manuals
- Vets and zoos could help to promote the campaign
- Do we know what proportion of non-native animals are released vs escaped?

## **Part 2: Alert species**

The group answered the following questions:

### **How could your LAG help to promote alert species recording to local stakeholders?**

- Contact local plant and animal specialist groups

### **Is there anything else that the NNSS should be doing to promote alert species recording?**

- Beer mats used in Jersey with yellow-legged hornet images and reporting information
- Asking bird recorders to look out for ruddy duck

## **Other comments**

- Water companies should include information on Be Plant Wise and pond plants in their regular emails to customers

### **Group 3: LAG's toolkit / NNSS website**

Chairs: Ben Francis (APHA) and Tessa Croissant (Defra)

### **Background**

Following feedback from the 2024 Local Action Group (LAG) workshop, the LAG Coordinator has updated the LAG pages on the NNSS website. The updated pages include:

- a list and map of LAGs
- links to useful resources developed by LAGs
- a toolkit section with detailed information and resources for all LAGs
- individual pages for LAGs that do not have their own webpage

The LAG Coordinator is planning to develop the following resources to support LAG work:

- an online interactive web map of all LAGs
- a map showing LAG management work in 2024 (using data from INNS Mapper)
- an adapted version of the concise WaREN toolkit, to support new LAGs in England and Scotland

### **Key Points from breakout session**

#### **1. NNSS website LAG pages:**

- Adapt the map to show which LAGs are working with which species.
- Include a directory of other LAGs that includes which species they are working with. Contact details could be updated on an annual basis at the LAG Workshop.
- Adapt the map to show actions so that LAGs are able to link up with others working on similar projects in close proximity.
- Plug the INNS Mapper app to show whether visitors to the web page can obtain more detail.
- It would be helpful to have general materials or resources that could be used by LAG groups, but editable to include local information. Ben Francis to speak to Lucy Cornwell.
- Include a non-exhaustive list of funding options for LAGs, such as ELM schemes. Ben Francis to follow up with Defra.

## 2. **LAG maps:**

Additional information the LAG map should include.

- Add a layer to cover species that the LAGs are working with/focusing on.
- Map coverage to reflect activity - although this doesn't necessarily reflect how active/dynamic each individual group is.
- Could include pinpoints to show volunteer groups with a caveat that this might not be comprehensive.
- Signposting to INNS Mapper on final page.

## 3. **WaREN toolkit:**

- WaREN have made the toolkit available to be adapted.
- There was a positive response. There was consensus that the toolkit should be general, but with the option to tailor regionally. So the same general messaging but information specific to regions on topics like funding options.
- The document could be adapted regionally and separately by groups such as Paddle UK, but it might be more relevant to new community action groups.

## **Feedback from the Workshop**

Attendees: 54

Returned number of feedback forms: 27

### **Are you directly involved in a local action project on non-native species?**

Yes: 22                      No: 5

### **Do you think the workshop was a worthwhile exercise?**

Yes: 27                      No: 0

**If yes please state which parts were most useful and if no, please suggest improvements.**

#### **Useful**

- Networking to develop new ideas and opportunities.
- Catching up on news and progress.
- So inspiring to hear about all the different projects around the country and their control / eradication methods were fascinating.
- Brainstorming and sharing ideas.
- CABI's presentation very interesting, this work is important.
- Great to talk about the toolkit and what we could add to it.
- Good to hear the updates from GB NNSS and Defra.
- Good to meet people in person.
- Updates from the LAG's particularly useful.
- Contact details for everyone are very useful and appreciated.
- Sharing project ideas is inspiring and super helpful.
- My first time attending. Excellent range of speakers and presentations. Would have liked to attend more than one of the day 2 break out sessions. Super friendly group and very supportive. I look forward to next year.
- Excellent opportunity to speak with a Defra representative, much appreciated.

### **Suggestions for improvements**

- Over the 2 days, it would be nice to have more networking time either during tea breaks or lunch breaks to chat with people, as sharing experience is invaluable.
- A lovely, packed schedule but more discussion / question time please.

### **Do you have a preference of venue for the LAG's Workshop in 2026?**

Preston Montford Field Studies Centre, Shrewsbury	0
Woodland Grand, Leamington Spa	26
No preference	1

### **Comments about the venue (Woodland Grange):**

- Woodland Grange is much easier to travel to than Shrewsbury, both driving and using public transport.
- Woodland Grange is an excellent venue and has superb spaces and facilities.
- Comfortable venue however the meeting space was a bit cold.
- Really helpful hotel staff.
- Lots of car parking at Woodland Grange!
- Woodland Grange is a comfortable, friendly and relaxing venue, and provided much better social spaces in the evening for networking.

### **What activities would you like the LAG Coordinator to focus more / less time on?**

- Regional groups – more on this to form regional groups and connect them. The NE Group works very well.
- I don't have a lot to do with the LAG Co-ordinator and not sure how to involve/engage? Would be useful to have a list of what the LAG Co-ordinator can support with.
- Funding sources, mapping and producing bespoke LAG's Strategy. Less time on what has already been done and/or proposed. More on progress, support and next steps.
- Continue building relationships with Network Rail, Highways, water companies etc and other useful contacts for LAG's.

**Do you have any suggestions for improvements to the NNSS website, in particular the LAG's section?**

- Please update the ID sheets to reflect current legislative status.
- Increase the number of images of INNS.
- A link to reports / studies / news from LAG's would be useful.
- Include links to management maps.
- Possibly add a layer for community run groups to LAG's map.
- Could we include a list of what species each LAG group is controlling?
- A list of organisations that have coordinated management for a certain species and are happy to be contacted to share experience / advice.

**Any other comments:**

- Thanks to everyone involved in making this event another great success.
- A great two day workshop and great opportunity to share experiences of INNS.
- Fabulous event, well done team!
- Thank you for allowing me to come, it was run so well!
- Could we have a contractor or two for their opinions?
- Really interesting stuff and great to have everyone together.
- Maybe segregate a smaller area after dinner for the attendees to network instead of everyone spreading out.
- A great few days, very valuable.
- Please can we have some Check Clean Dry posters in portrait rather than landscape?
- Great event – lots of learning to take back and apply in our area.

**Attended by:**

- AIWF / AQUA / Bristol Zoo
- Angling Trust
- APHA
- BEACON (Mersey Rivers Trust)
- CABI
- Cannock Chase National Landscape Partnership
- Chelmer and Blackwater Navigation LAG
- Coventry University

- Defra
- Elwy Invasive Plant Group
- Environment Agency
- GB Non-native Species Secretariat
- GB Non-native Species Inspectorate
- Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust
- Mersey Rivers Trust / BEACON
- National Biodiversity Data Centre
- Natural Enterprise / Isle of Wight LAG
- North Wales Wildlife Trust
- Ouse & Adur Rivers Trust
- Paddle UK
- River Stewardship Company
- Severn Trent Water
- South West Invasives Species Forum
- South West Lakes Trust
- South West Water
- Tamar Valley National Landscape
- Tees Rivers Trust
- The Leicestershire & Rutland INNS Initiative
- Tyne Rivers Trust
- UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology
- UK Squirrel Accord
- Waterlife Recovery Trust
- West Cumbria Rivers Trust
- Wildlife and Countryside Link
- Wildlife Trust BCN
- Wiltshire Wildlife Trust
- Yorkshire Water
- Yorkshire Wildlife Trust / Yorkshire Invasive Species Forum