WILDLIFE CRIME

1. ACTION PLAN OBJECTIVES

- 1. To reduce wildlife crime in Gwynedd.
- 2. To raise awareness of wildlife and the law amongst the public, including children.
- 3. To work with others who share similar objectives.

2. PROPOSED ACTIONS

Code	Action	Partner(s) ^a
1	Take responsible action, where suitable and safe to do so, to prevent breaches of wildlife legislation taking place. TARGET/TIMESCALE: Ongoing	NWP, CCW, FC, GC
2	Report any suspected breaches of wildlife legislation to the Police Wildlife Liaison Officer promptly. TARGET/TIMESCALE: Ongoing	GC, Relevant partners
3	Use local newspapers, radio and television, internal email systems, newsletters etc to raise awareness of species and habitat protection issues, and to encourage members of the public and staff of partner organisations to report any suspected breaches of wildlife legislation to the Police Wildlife Liaison Officer promptly. TARGET/TIMESCALE: Ongoing	NWP, CCW, EAW, FC, GC
4	Attend local shows, public events and presentations with awareness raising leaflets / displays including PAWS leaflets on wildlife crime TARGET: Ongoing	NWP
5	Supply information on both species and habitat legislation to partner organisations and to other organisations / individuals TARGET/TIMESCALE: As and when requested, Ongoing	NWP, CCW, FC
6	Keep all partner organisations / other relevant bodies informed of incidents and developments in the law in order to reduce wildlife crime TARGET/TIMESCALE: Ongoing	NWP, CCW, FC
7	In conjunction with other North Wales LBAP graups, CCW, GBG and NWP, produce an updated version of the Wildlife and Buildings leaflet, and distribute among potential planning applicants, developers, architects and those receiving building renovation grants TARGET/TIMESCALE: By 2005	GC, CCW, GBG, NWP
8	Raise awareness of protected species issues among GC staff including those within Development Control and Highways Departments, staff of EAW, FC and other partner organisations, developers, architects, potential planning applicants and those receiving building renovation grants, by the circulation of appropriate advisory material TARGET/TIMESCALE: To be set, Ongoing	GC, Relevant partners

^b Partnership for Action Against Wildlife Crime (PAW) have produced a series of leaflets on different elements of wildlife crime including; Crimes against Wild Mammals, Wild Birds and the Law, Wild Plants and the Law



^a Lead partner for this action is indicated by bold typeface, see section 3.2 for explanation of abbreviations

3. PARTNERS & OPPORTUNITIES

3.1 Overall lead partner for TAP

North Wales Police (NWP)

3.2 Key partners

Countryside Council for Wales (CCW)

Environment Agency Wales (EAW)

Forestry Commission (FC)

Gwynedd Bat Group (GBG)

Gwynedd Council (GC)

3.3 Opportunities

Community Groups, general public

4. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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5. ABBREVIATIONS

LBAP: Local Biodiversity Action Plan, PAW: Partnership for Action Against Wildlife Crime

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