SCHOOLS, COLLEGES AND YOUTH GROUPS

1. ACTION PLAN OBJECTIVES

- 1. To raise awareness of local biodiversity issues and the Gwynedd BAP among those attending schools, colleges and youth groups in Gwynedd.
- 2. To involve this sector in developing and implementing the Gwynedd BAP.

2. PROPOSED ACTIONS

Code	Action	Partner(s) ¹
1	Consider developing an Education, Awareness and Community Involvement working group to facilitate sharing of ideas and resources in raising biodiversity awareness, and to encourage delivery of relevant Gwynedd BAP actions. TARGET/TIMESCALE: Arrange initial meeting, By 2005	GC
2	Encourage the incorporation of further biodiversity related aims into the Gwynedd and Anglesey Green Schools scheme TARGET/TIMESCALE: Ongoing	GC
3	Encourage participation in the Gwynedd and Anglesey Græn Schools scheme, the Eco Schools scheme and the Snowdonia Wildlife Gardening project, providing advice on biodiversity issues where appropriate. TARGET/TIMESCALE: Ongoing	GC, BTCV Cymru, CCW, FEI, KWT, RSPB Cymru, SNPA
4	Encourage schools to manage their grounds to benefit biodiversity, by providing appropriate advice and guidance where required. TARGET/TIMESCALE: Ongoing	GC, BC, BTCV Cymru, CCW, RSPB Cymru
5	Consider running a training event for teachers focussed on the use of school grounds to deliver elements of the National Curriculum. TARGET/TIMESCALE: Questionnaire survey, By 2006	GC (incl. LEA), BTCV Cymru, CCW, FEI
6	Offer talks on biodiversity issues and practical ideas for involvement to schools, colleges, youth groups etc. TARGET/TIMESCALE: Ongoing	GC, BC, BTCV Cymru, CCW, MANW, RSPB Cymru
7	Provide material on Gwynedd's biodiversity (e.g. ideas for surveys, activities etc) to teachers via the Gwaith Maes website TARGET/TIMESCALE: To be set	GC, Gwaith Maes
8	Work with a local school / college to produce an interactive display, based on Gwynedd's biodiversity, the Gwynedd BAP and practical actions for all. TARGET/TIMESCALE: By 2006	GC
9	Promote Wales Biodiversity Week, Backyard Biodiversity Day and other similar initiatives among schools in Gwynedd TARGET/TIMESCALE: Annually, Ongoing	GC, BC, CCW, NWWT, MANW, RSPB Cymru
10	Encourage the setting up and support of further Wildlife Watch groups in Gwynedd TARGET/TIMESCALE: ongoing	NWWT
11	Encourage children's activity groups (including Woodcraft Folk) to include biodiversity related themes and projects in their activities TARGET/TIMESCALE: ongoing	FEI, GC
12	Continue to support and develop further the NW cluster group of FEI (Hadau) TARGET/TIMESCALE: Ongoing	FEI, Relevant partners

¹ Lead partner for this action is indicated by bold typeface, see section 3.2 for explanation of abbreviatons

3. PARTNERS & OPPORTUNITIES

3.1 Overall lead partner for TAP

Gwynedd Council (GC)

3.2 Key partners

Butterfly Conservation (BC)

British Trust for Conservation Volunteers Cymru (BTCV Cymru)

Countryside Council for Wales (CCW)

Forest Education Initiative (FEI)

Gwaith Maes

Keep Wales Tidy (KWT)

Marine Awareness North Wales (MANW)

North Wales Wildlife Trust (NWWT)

RSPB Cymru

SNPA: Snowdonia National Park Authority (SNPA)

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5. ABBREVIATIONS

BAP: Biodiversity Action Plan, LEA: Local Education Authority, UWB: University of Wales, Bangor

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