

Cumbria Amphibian and Reptile Group Cumberland Bat Group



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Cumbria Amphibian and Reptile Group (CARG)

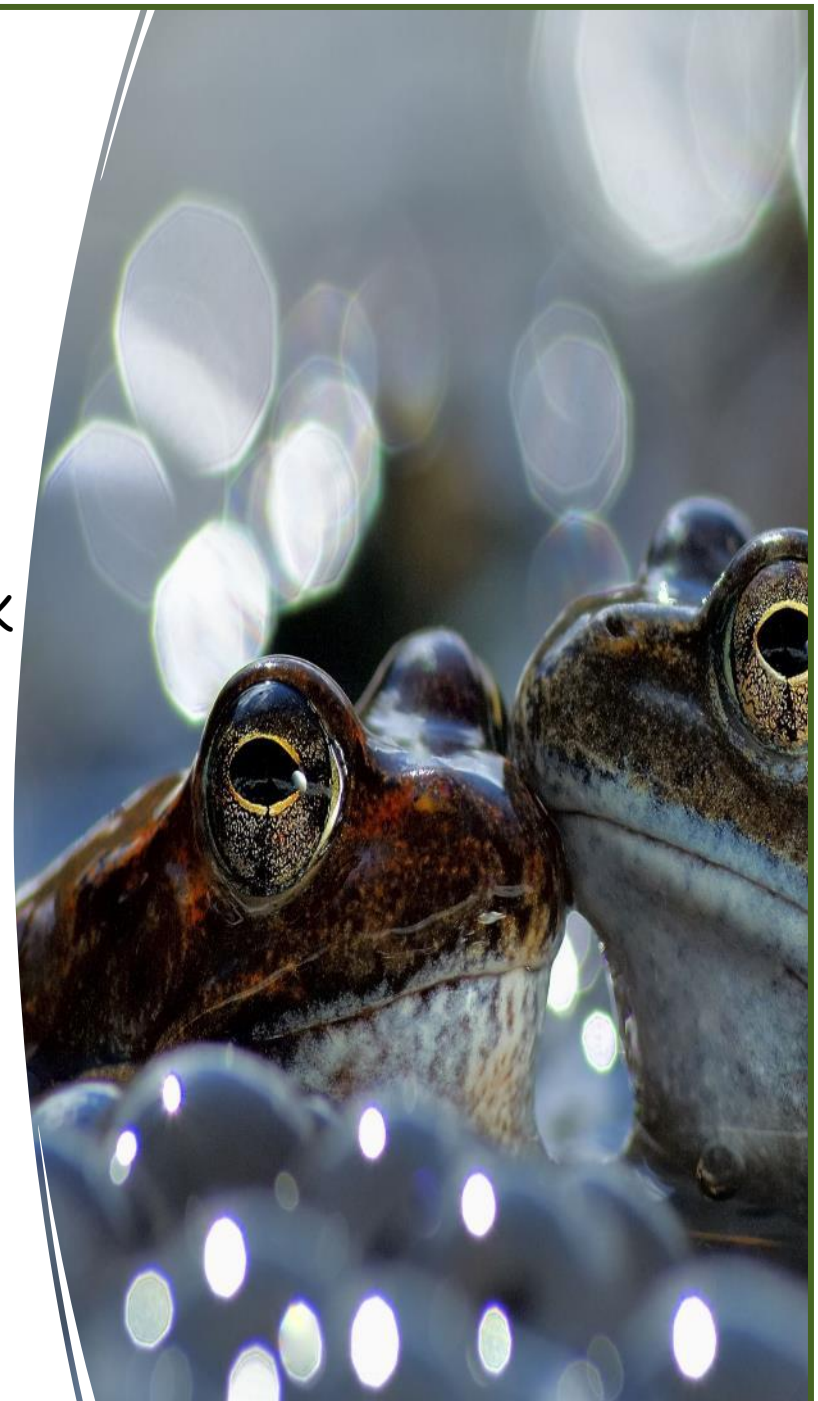
Amphibian and Reptile Groups of the UK (ARG UK)

2022/2023

- Records - Notable records
- Surveys - Make the Adder Count (ARG UK)
- Outreach - Informative Walks and Talks across the county, Social media campaigns and nature society talks, working with ARG UK
- Habitat Maintenance - Advice, pond creation and clearance

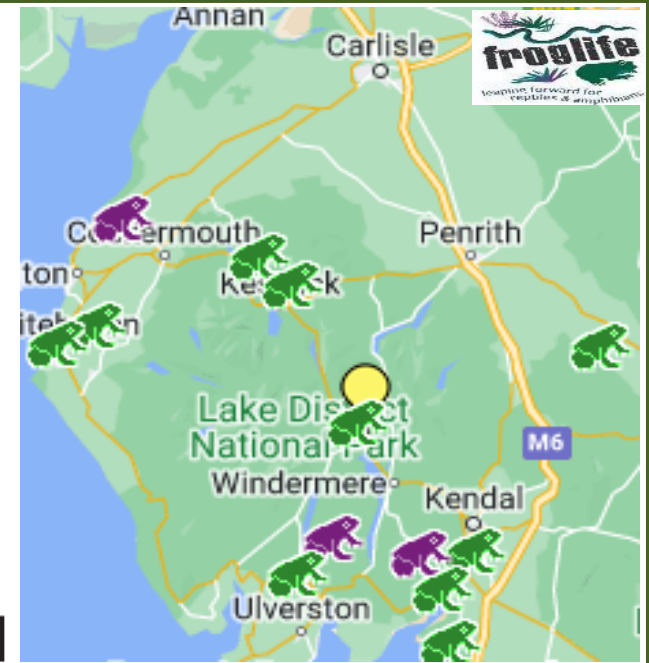
2024

- Records - promoting the uploading and consistency of records
- Surveys - Continuation of site monitoring and training volunteers
- Outreach - Reptile and amphibian days with WCR, walks and talks
- Steering Groups - Adders up (North Pennines AONB), District Level Licensing



Toad patrols

- Native amphibians (esp toads) migrate back to ponds to mate
- Estimated 20 tonnes are killed on roads leading to massive decline
- 2021 study classified common toads (*Bufo bufo*) as Near threatened in Great Britain



- Toad patrollers help them at known crossing points
- Variety of methods can be used depending on site



- Various sites around the county



Cumberland Bat Group

2022/2023

Bat walks and presentations
Bat box checks and installations
Bat care
Email advice

2024

New committee members and administration help required.

Email address is altering but
cbat.secretary@gmail.com is still being used in the meantime.



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