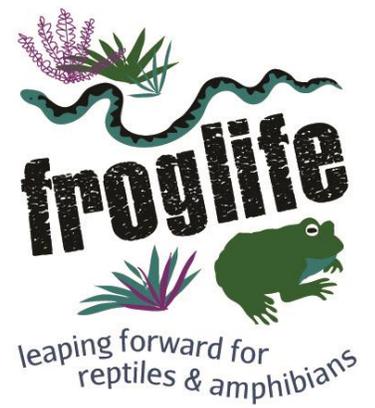


## Discovering Dewponds Project Outline



*Credit: Andrew Locking*



### Overview

The Froglife Trust has been awarded a £249,900 grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund to restore nine aquatic wildlife havens under our 'Discovering Dewponds' project within the South Downs National Park (SDNP). The project will be working with The National Trust, The South Downs National Park Authority and co-funders Brighton & Hove City Council. Dewponds are a wonderful part of our natural and cultural heritage and provide vital habitats for threatened amphibians such as frogs and newts. With the decline in traditional shepherding, it is estimated that 39% of the dewponds in Sussex have been lost whilst many more are no longer visible in the landscape. In addition to reversing these losses the project will work closely with local communities to bring these dewponds back to life as part of a wide-ranging public engagement programme.

Project Dates: September 2021 – September 2024

### Aims:

- Improve habitats for amphibian and reptile species in the SDNP and surrounding areas.
- Provide an opportunity for local people, with a particular focus on those living in socio-economically disadvantaged communities, to engage in and benefit from nature conservation activities.

### How you can help:

- Help link up with existing community groups and key contacts
- Help identify local green spaces for the project to work on
- Host a talk or workshop

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## **Activities for Allotments:**

### **Workshop Option 1: Wildlife Gardening Workshop**

**AM or PM session Approximately 2.5 hours**

- Introductions to species and wildlife gardening activities
- Wildlife gardening models to create and explore how to create a good wildlife garden
- Practical elements if suitable on site (e.g. Plant pot toad abodes, restore a pond, log piles)

### **Workshop Option 2: Wildlife Gardening and Habitat Workshop**

**Two days either consecutively or separate.**

**Timings are flexible to your group and can be from 4 – 7 hours per day.**

- Introductions to species and wildlife gardening activities
- Wildlife gardening models to create and explore how to create a good wildlife garden
- Practical elements (e.g. pond creation, hibernacula, wildflower areas)

### **Workshop Option 3: Wildlife Gardening and Survey Workshop**

**2 days either consecutively or separate.**

**Timings are flexible to your group and can be from 4 – 7 hours per day.**

- Introductions to species and wildlife gardening activities
- Wildlife gardening models to create and explore how to create a good wildlife garden
- Amphibian and Reptile Survey techniques
- Amphibian survey practical if a pond is present. (If you would like to do bottle trapping the second day must be consecutive)

**OR**

- Lay down reptile refugia and return minimum of 4 weeks later to survey
- Start some habitat elements (e.g. plant pots, pond restoration or creation, hibernacula)

### **Reptile & Amphibian Talks**

- Amphibian and reptile ID and habitat management talks

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