

KRAG aims

CONSERVATION

To promote the conservation of both animals and their habitats. This is achieved by providing advice to landowners and managers, contributing to strategy documents as well as by members undertaking practical management tasks.

RECORDING

To promote the recording and study of amphibians and reptiles in Kent and maintain a database of these records. Records are collected by volunteers who give up their time to increase the knowledge of Kent's herpetofauna populations and their distribution.

RAISING AWARENESS

To help increase knowledge about amphibians and reptiles within Kent and to prevent persecution. Talks and events are open to both KRAG members and the public.



Join KRAG

For your membership you will receive:

-  A full colour, twice-yearly newsletter keeping you abreast of KRAG activities and the latest news on our native fauna.
-  The opportunity to get involved with some of the exciting KRAG projects including the Great Crested Newt Monitoring Project, Toad Patrols and Adders in Decline.
-  A chance to attend field visits and talks that are guided/presented by expert herpetologists who can respond to your queries.
-  An opportunity to make a personal, positive contribution to the welfare of British wildlife. KRAG also operates Corporate Membership and Conservation Partnership schemes, see the website for further details.



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who we are and what we do

THE KENT REPTILE & AMPHIBIAN GROUP

KRAG was established in the 1980s by the Kent Wildlife Trust and re-launched in 1994. The group is a non-profit making organisation run entirely by volunteers dedicated to the conservation of Kent's native reptiles and amphibians. KRAG is a member of Amphibian and Reptile Groups of the UK (ARG-UK) and contributes to national and local recording schemes through a close relationship with the Kent & Medway Biological Records Centre. KRAG keeps its own database of faunal records and these are made available to interested parties for research purposes and to help safeguard sites from inappropriate development or management. KRAG also runs a series of events, site visits and practical tasks at key sites open to all members.

THE GREAT CRESTED NEWT MONITORING PROJECT

This is KRAG's flagship amphibian survey project. Volunteers survey Kent's ponds for this declining and strictly protected newt. The project aims to improve our understanding of great crested newts and other amphibians. This project is open to all KRAG members and full training is given.



ADDERS IN DECLINE

In recent years, concern has been expressed that the adder has experienced serious decline in Kent. The project aims to promote conservation of adder by:

- Recording the distribution of the adder and other reptile species in Kent.
- Monitoring important populations.
- Working with landowners to promote adder-friendly site management.

KRAG members are invited to take part in monitoring these sites and full training is given along with support from an experienced member of the Group.



TOAD PATROLS

Toad migration routes often cross roads as animals make their way to a breeding pond. Our volunteers patrol these roads in spring to give toads a helping hand across highways to reduce the springtime slaughter on our roads.



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