



## Please tell us about the amphibian or reptile that you've seen...

If you've seen lots of amphibians and reptiles, please contact us for a bigger recording form.

**Who** found the amphibian or reptile?  
(Block capitals please.)

Name: .....

E-mail address: .....

Address: .....

Postcode: .....

**What** species did you find? .....

Please tick or write numbers observed in boxes below:

Male: ☐ Female: ☐ Not sure: ☐

Juvenile: ☐ Spawn or eggs: ☐

**Where** did you see your animal?

It's really important that you help us to gather accurate information. Please give us an Ordnance Survey grid reference and/or a postcode, together with a site name and brief description of where the site is:

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**When** did you find the animal?

Date:  Month:  Year:

Could we contact you for further information if necessary?

Yes: ☐ No: ☐

Please return this form to: **David Orchard, Chair of ARGSL, 106 Thicketford Road, Bolton, BL2 2LU**  
Alternatively, please e-mail: [argsl@btinternet.com](mailto:argsl@btinternet.com)

## Join us!

For your annual subscription of £6 you'll receive:

- Advanced notice about ARGSL activities
- Regular e-mail updates about what the group is doing, items of interest and how you can help amphibian and reptile conservation
- Free training and reduced rates at events such as the Northern ARG conference
- The chance to get involved with ARGSL projects and events
- An opportunity to make a personal, positive contribution to the conservation of some remarkable British wildlife

**To join ARGSL, just send us your contact details together with a cheque for £6.00.**

### Yes I'd like to join ARGSL!

(Please give us your HOME contact details, not those of your place of work.)

Name: .....

Address: .....

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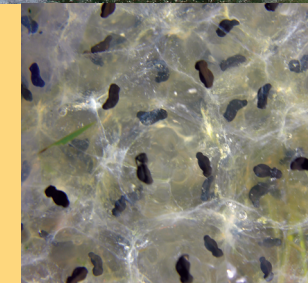
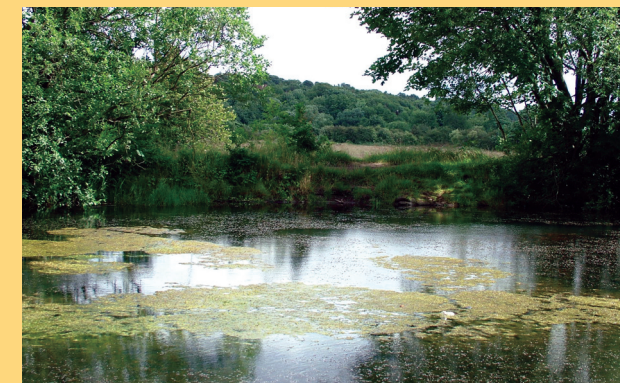
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Please make cheques payable to "ARGSL" and return to: ARGSL, C/o 106 Thicketford Road, Tonge Moor, Bolton, BL2 2LU.

## Amphibian and Reptile Group of South Lancashire (ARGSL)



Dedicated to the conservation of amphibians and reptiles

**[www.argsl.co.uk](http://www.argsl.co.uk)**



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of South Lancashire

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## Who are we and what do we do?

The **Amphibian and Reptile Group of South Lancashire** is a non-profitmaking voluntary group dedicated to the conservation of amphibians and reptiles.

**ARGSL** is affiliated to **ARG UK**, the representative body for Amphibian and Reptile groups across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Over the past few years we have:

- *Trained volunteer surveyors and encouraged members of the public to collect amphibian and reptile records. These are used to help protect the species at a regional level.*
- *Held training events covering amphibian and reptile survey techniques.*
- *Created 27 ponds, a very practical way of improving habitats for amphibians.*
- *Organized an annual conference; an opportunity for people to find out more about amphibian and reptile conservation.*
- *Organized residential weekends for volunteers to carry out habitat management work to benefit sand lizards and natterjack toads.*



photo: Simon Booth

*The adder - uncommon, but found in parts of Lancashire.*

## Our main aims

**Recording** - to promote the recording and study of amphibians and reptiles and to maintain a database of these records. Records are collected by **ARGSL** volunteers and also passed to us by members of the public.

**Conservation** - to promote the conservation of both the animals and their habitats. This is achieved by undertaking practical habitat management work and by providing advice to landowners and land managers.

**Raising awareness** - to help increase knowledge about amphibians and reptiles. We do this through publicity and by responding to enquiries from the public and professionals.



*If you own a site where ponds could be created or managed to benefit amphibians, please contact us and we'd be pleased to discuss ways we can help.*

## What areas do we cover?

Most **ARGSL** activities take place in South Lancashire, between Bolton and Preston.

**However, we're pleased to receive amphibian and reptile records from the Lancashire, Greater Manchester and Merseyside areas.** This helps us to build up a good understanding of amphibian and reptile distribution patterns.

## When recording amphibians and reptiles...

You don't have to be a member of **ARGSL** to help with the recording of amphibians or reptiles and we're interested in knowing where any of these species can be found.

You can give us your information online by using the **ARGSL** website or you can use the short form on the back of this leaflet. If you have any queries please e-mail us at [argsl@btinternet.com](mailto:argsl@btinternet.com)

Some things to bear in mind:

- *Reptiles are scarce in the north west, so if you've seen any of these animals we'll be particularly keen to hear from you.*
- *It's important to know where amphibians are breeding, so the best time to look for these animals is in the spring when it's possible to find spawn or eggs.*
- *All records are important to us, whether you've seen anything unusual or not. The most important thing is to ensure that any information you give us is accurate - if you've any doubts or queries about what you've seen please contact us for advice.*

**ARGSL** will share your records with local records centres, though your contact details will not be made public.

Keep an eye on the **ARGSL** website for our latest initiatives!

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