

Adders are Amazing! Gwiberod Gwych!

# 7. WIND SNAKES

## INTRODUCTION

We love this idea sent to us by Kelvin Lawrence of the Derbyshire Amphibian and Reptile Group (DARG). It works well in a number of settings, requires little by way of materials and is very fun and effective. Kids love them!

## MATERIALS:

- Paper plates (DARG suggest green coloured works well, but white is also fine)
- Wool
- Scissors
- Pencils
- Awl tool or compass (optional)
- Felt tips/marker pens (Sharpies) (optional)
- Pictures of native snakes (optional)

## MAKE IT!

**1** Turn the plate upside down and draw a snake head near the edge, followed by a spiral to form the snake's body, working towards the tail in the centre of the plate.

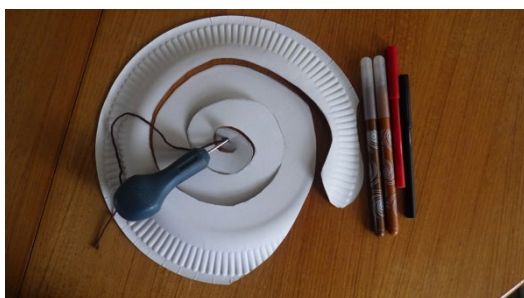
**2** Carefully cut out the head, working inwards towards the centre (tail). Trim off any excesses.



## MAKE IT!

**3**

Make a small hole in the centre of the plate, on the end of the tail. Use a sharp pencil, compass or awl, as pictured here. Use this to thread some wool through. Tie it on the other side to secure and suspend.



**4**

Decorate your snake if you like! Here is a plain snake that DARG have created using a pale green paper plate.



**5**

You could try turning your snake into an adder! Here's one we made...



**6**

...or maybe try a grass snake, smooth snake or even a slow worm! Offer different options on the stall and supply pictures to guide people.



**7**

Show participants the effect of wind on their snake! Maybe have some suspended to draw attention to a stall. They spin beautifully!

