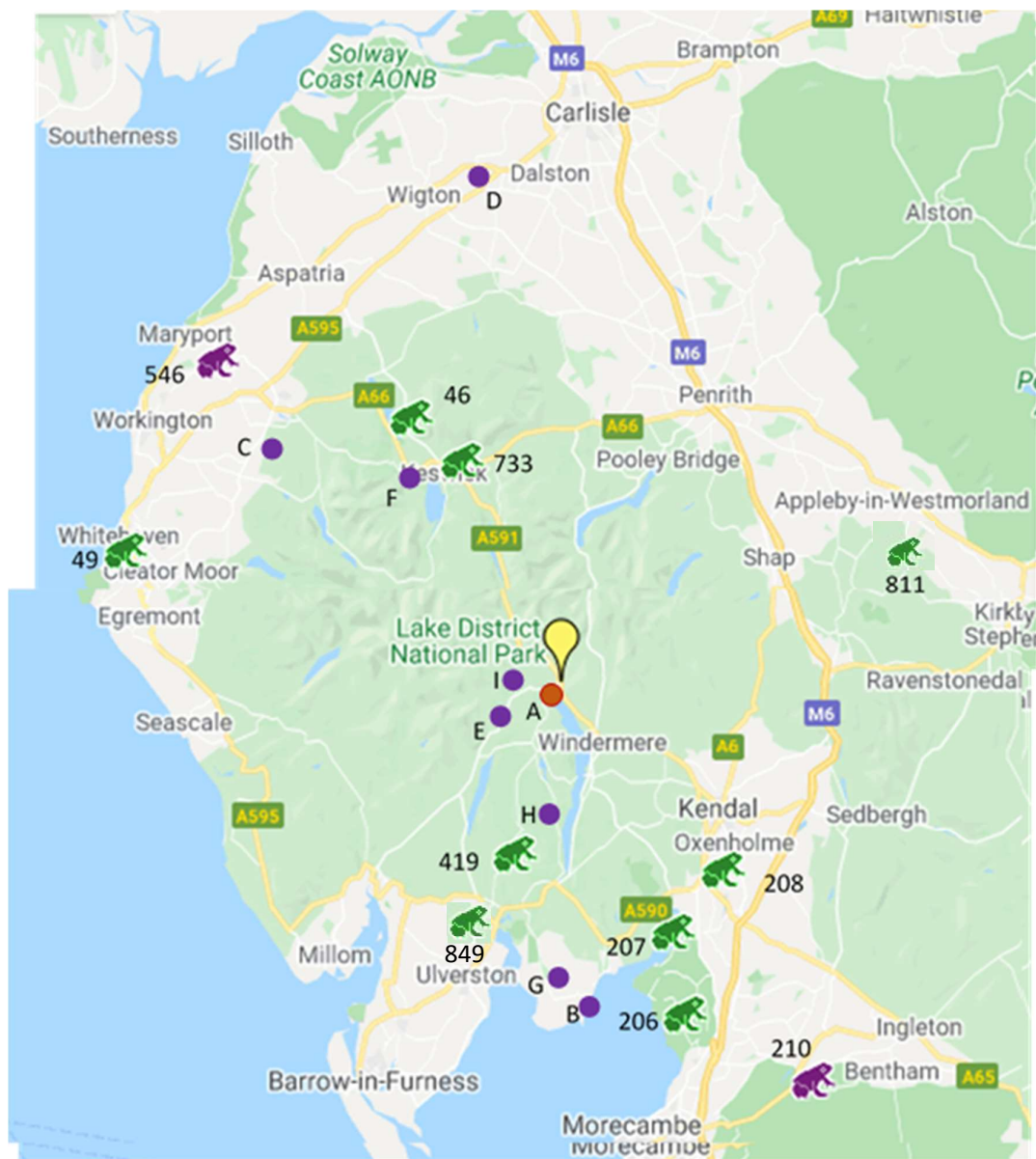


## Current Toad Patrol Situation for Cumbria (Jan 2021)



Green toads should show active patrols  
 Purple toads should show inactive patrols.  
 Red dot shows potential new patrol  
 Purple dots shows historical information/patrol

Site	Current situation
Hay Bridge Nature Reserve (419) Situation – needs new manager	<b>Matt</b> has tried to contact but no reply. Froglife have had no contact since 2014 so site presumed as not patrolled. <b>Bethany (lakes aquarium)</b> was going to try and contact the reserve and see what's going on. She's now at Manchester museum so not sure if it will happen
Nest Brow (733) Situation – needs new manager	WCRT currently manage. <b>Cathy</b> mentioned that they are very busy so will continue to manage but would be happy if someone else wanted to take over. No real patrols for 2 years
Stainton Lane (208) Situation – running ok, new patrollers welcome	<b>Matt and Marie manage</b> . Small site but would like more patrollers
Storth (207) Situation – needs checking and possible new manager	not patrolled – <b>Matt and Marie</b> looked at the site in 2018, not many moving and no information about where they are going so decided to leave for now. Would be nice if someone wants to look at it again
Dodd Wood (46) Situation – needs new manager	WCRT manage – as Nest Brow. Issues with access last year but these should be sorted now
Drybeck Road (811) Situation – running ok, new patrollers welcome	<b>Suzanne</b> taken over. Small site not much patrolling required

Silverdale (206) Situation – running ok, needs more patrollers	matt manages – very large site. Can cope with as many volunteers as available
Mirehouse Road (49) Situation – unknown, needs new manager	The current contact person on the froglife site has now moved to the North East. 2 people showed interest in taking over last year. Not sure what happened as only minimal contact from them are looking at taking over. Possibly still needs new manager and patrollers .
Beck bottom (849) Situation – all ok, potentially needs more patrollers	New patrol registered last year. Contact made, new manager who needs support
Moor Road (546) Situation – needs new manager	not patrolled, potential interest shown but needs following up
Hill Crest (210) Situation – needs new manager	not patrolled

### Potential new sites:

Ambleside – Brathay (A) – Kathryn is in communication was in touch with Brathay trust and along with some fellow students carried out some surveying/patrolling last year. Discussion had around the fact that there needs to be a contact person and whether this is a tutor of a student and whether it is viable to change as students leave etc. Ashleigh has taken over this year and will continue the process. Site will need registering with Froglife. Matt will support this as availability allows.

Info below is from Froglife and “includes crossings we have archived due to no toads being recorded for many years”

This is the information currently received. Grid references may be available if anyone is interested in exploring the site further.

Grange-Over-Sands/Lindale (Lindale) (B) –last year a volunteer contacted Matt to say she has now moved to Grange-over-Sands (previously helped at Silverdale site). There are toad warning signs on Meathop Road (between Lindale and Grange). She was going to try and get out and survey last year to see if there is any movement. Matt will support as availability allows. No further contact so assume no interest.

Paddle School (Eaglesfield) (C)

Crofton (D)

Red Bank (Nr Skelwith Bridge) (E) – this may relate to the brathay site being explored by Kathryn?

Portinscale (F)

Cartmel (Allithwaite) (G)

Cunsey Beck (Nr Dub How Farm) (H)

Loughrigg Tarn (I)

Whins Mill (Unknown location)

### What to do if you want to get involved:

- Existing patrol: if you want to join an existing patrol check out <https://www.froglife.org/what-we-do/toads-on-roads/tormap/> here you can find the patrol you want and there is a form to fill out to contact the patrol manager. Also check out Froglife’s patroller pack and declaration forms in the files section.
- To take over the management of a site: you can contact Matt via email: [mail@wildlifeoasis.co.uk](mailto:mail@wildlifeoasis.co.uk). He can give you the grid references for the site and potentially other information depending on the site. It would then be worth visiting the site and getting an idea of where the toads/frogs are moving from and to as this will dictate how the patrol will work. Some sites the amphibians are simply crossing the road to get to other side so will simply need picking up and moving across the road. At other sites they use the roads to travel

along and so often need picking up and putting in a bucket and then taking as close to their spawning site as possible. Froglife will need contacting to change the manager. There is a patrol manager pack (created by Froglife) in the files section.

- To set up a new site: if you are aware of a site that may need patrolling as above you will need to visit the site to work out where the amphibians are moving from and too. You will also need to get an idea of how many amphibians are moving and how busy the traffic is. The sites that most need patrolling are those where there is a high risk to a good number of amphibians. Please be aware that if any of the site is on private grounds you will need permission from the landowner. Froglife need contacting (form in file section) to add the new patrol.