

South West Wetland Strategy Group

Terms of Reference

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1. The group will be made up initially of representatives from South West Water (representative for Lundy and Isles of Scilly), Wessex Water (representative for Bristol Water and Bournemouth and West Hampshire Water), the Environment Agency (including Biodiversity, Flood Risk Management and Fisheries sections), Natural England, the RSPB, the Regional Wildlife Trusts and the Water for Wildlife UK Manager. To be chaired in rotation.
2. To meet at least twice a year, with communication as needed between these times.
3. To take and maintain a strategic view of wetland work across the South West Region, defined as the counties of Cornwall, Devon, Somerset, Dorset, Isles of Scilly, BANES (Bath, Avon and North East Somerset), Wiltshire, and Gloucestershire.
4. To inform WfW and wider wetland work regionally, identifying key priorities and issues to be dealt with.
5. To support the wetland Biodiversity Implementation Plan for the South West, reviewing actions and supporting project development and delivery.
6. To maintain contact and links with other partner developments such as Water Framework Directive, AMP / PR09, and Rebuilding Biodiversity.
7. To take an overview of current and potential resources, and use them to support and direct wetland projects.
8. To communicate out to, and back from, the local elements of the partner and linked organisations.
9. To input to monitoring, reporting and evaluation of wetland work within the region.