

**AWT**  
**ecological consultancy**



Innovative solutions to benefit clients and wildlife



## About AWT Ecological Consultancy

AWT Ecological Consultancy is an expanding service that has been established to provide a comprehensive range of high quality ecological consultancy services to clients:

- **Environmental Impact Assessment**
- **Ecological Survey and Assessment**
- **Biodiversity Benchmark**
- **Land Management, Habitat Creation and Restoration**
- **BREEAM Assessment**
- **Training**



## Ecological Survey and Assessment

AWT Ecological Consultancy's experienced team of ecologists offer the complete range of ecological surveys following recognised guidelines:



- Desktop searches for information on legally protected species, statutory and non-statutory designated sites, Biodiversity Action Plan species and habitats
- Protected species surveys, including bats, great crested newt, white-clawed crayfish, otters, badgers, water voles and dormice
- Site scoping, including further survey requirements and identification of potential constraints and issues
- Extended Phase I Habitat Survey, full botanical surveys to NVC level, River Corridor Survey
- Surveys of breeding birds and wintering birds
- Reptile and invertebrate surveys
- Ecological Clerk of Works – watching briefs

## Environmental Impact Assessment

- We provide EIA scoping studies
- Full evaluation and ecological impact assessment
- EIA project management
- Advice on legal compliance, planning matters and licensing, including European Protected Species
- Design of ecological impact mitigation measures





## Biodiversity Benchmark



Developed by the Wildlife Trusts, this is the first recognised scheme to award an organisation for the continual biodiversity protection and enhancement of its land holding.

We provide advice in setting up a biodiversity management system to the required standard. We also provide the auditing service.



## BREEAM

AWT Ecological Consultancy can provide 'Suitable Qualified Ecologists' (membership of IEEM) who have extensive experience of the BREEAM process.

We are able to provide advice and prepare BREEAM Assessments in order to maximise available Land Use & Ecology credits for a wide range of developments.

Further support can be provided in the form of management and partnership work.

## Land Management, Habitat Creation and Restoration

AWT Ecological Consultancy advise on habitat design, creation, management, restoration and monitoring:

- We offer our extensive expertise in designing and implementing mitigation measures for species and habitats, including species translocations
- We prepare site management plans for habitats and species
- We offer invasive species control strategies
- We provide conservation advice for landowners, including preparation of Environmental Stewardship applications

## Training

We have an excellent track record in providing high quality training and continued professional development, including courses on species, habitat survey and monitoring methodologies.





AWT Ecological Consultancy has a comprehensive network of clients throughout the region, including private sector clients such as planners, civil engineers, landowners, architects and developers; and public sector clients such as local authorities, statutory nature conservation organisations and community groups.

Set out below are brief details of a number of projects AWT Ecological Consultancy has recently undertaken to demonstrate the range of services which we have successfully completed.

- **West of England Partnership**  
Green Infrastructure study
- **Environ Ltd**  
Survey and assessment of water vole interest at Severnside, near Bristol
- **May Gurney Integrated Services plc**  
Ecological Survey in relation to a sewer improvement scheme
- **Jones King**  
Bridgwater College BREEAM survey and assessment
- **Northern Slopes Initiative**  
Ecological Management Plan
- **Bath and North East Somerset Council**  
Great crested newt survey and mitigation proposals, Folly Farm redevelopment
- **South Gloucestershire Council**  
Compilation of Local Nature Reserve management plans, large scale veteran tree survey, breeding bird survey, BREEAM assessment for King's Forest Primary School
- **Bristol City Council**  
Provision of interpretation and ecological advice for the CREATE Centre
- **Keir Weston**  
BREEAM assessment for Fosseyway School
- **Defra/Natural England**  
Preparation of ELS and HLS Environmental Stewardship agreements for wildlife sites
- **Mendip Hills Bat and Dormouse Project**  
Farm visits, ecology survey and advice to support the projects



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