



**Wildwood
Ecology**



**Ecological
Consultancy**





About Us

Established in 2008, Wildwood Ecology is an award-winning and fully independent ecological consultancy. We provide ecological surveys alongside a professional advisory service for England and Wales

People Planet Purpose

As the first ecological consultancy in the UK to certify as a B Corporation, Wildwood Ecology prides itself on using its business as a force for good and driving positive change. Certified B Corporations are companies who meet the highest standards of social and environmental performance, public transparency and legal accountability to balance purpose and profit.

Our valued and professional team of licensed and experienced ecologists are here to help support you. We provide results within hours and deliver your report within days. Our passion for the planet means that it's in our nature to work that bit harder for the right result. We go that extra mile to deliver pragmatic and cost-effective ecological solutions for all.

Our vision

The protection of the natural environment is vital to the continued existence of us all. Our actions in developing the built environment must seek to enhance biodiversity, contribute to halting climate change and create a better planet for the benefit of future generations.



Ecological Impact Assessment

Our Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA) is the combination of a desk study and field survey of your site, undertaken by an experienced ecologist. Our assessment and report will inform of any ecological issues likely to arise from your proposal and how they will be resolved.

The PEA can assist with your planning proposal or land purchase by:

- **Identifying the presence or likely absence of protected species or habitats;**
- **Providing guidance on wildlife legislation obligations and Local Planning Authority (LPA) and Statutory Nature Conservation Organisation (SNCO) requirements;**
- **Making appropriate ecological recommendations for further actions in order to progress the development;**
- **Outlining the benefits of protecting, managing and enhancing a site's biodiversity value.**

The PEA can also be adapted to maximise the ecological credits under Building with Nature, BREEAM and the Home Quality Mark Assessment, or as a supporting document to a Parkland Management Plan under the Higher-Level Stewardship Scheme.





Protected Species Surveys

Wildwood Ecology has extensive expertise in undertaking surveys for protected species, providing robust advice and novel solutions.

Where development is likely to have impacts, surveys are essential. Early engagement and proactive ecological consideration from the start avoids costly problems and subsequent delays.

We undertake surveys species including:

- Bats (all species)
- Dormouse
- Otter
- Badger
- Water vole
- Birds
- Great-crested newt
- Reptiles

We provide results within hours and a report within days.

Preliminary Roost Assessment

The Preliminary Roost Assessment (PRA) is the first stage of any bat survey (suitable for all buildings, trees and structures), and conducted by a licensed bat ecologist in accordance with the latest published guidance.

All structures, other than those with negligible suitability, may require additional bat emergence surveys.





Development Licences and Mitigation

Where a development or activity destroys habitat or disturbs a legally protected species, a mitigation licence may be required for works to be lawfully undertaken.

Our specialists will prepare the licence application on your behalf before implementing the strategy, supervising high-risk works and undertake any remaining post-construction monitoring and reporting.

Specialist and Low Impact Class Licenses

Wildwood Ecology can also assist in obtaining licenses for bats under the Bat Mitigation Class Licence (BMCL) and the Great Crested Newt District Licensing scheme.

Working without a licence

In certain circumstances works may be undertaken without the need for a licence. Our team will work with you to demonstrate there is minimal impact on the protected species.

“We have almost exclusively engaged Wildwood on all our projects, time and time again. This is because they have provided a far superior service than others we have engaged.”

Davies Sutton Architects



Ecological Management Plans

Incorporating biodiversity management into each stage of the planning process is essential. This can be achieved in the design and implementation of an Ecological Management Plan, including:

- **Ecological Impact Assessment**
- **Ecological Constraints and Opportunities Plan**
- **Construction Environmental Management Plan**
- **Landscape and Ecology Management Plan**

Ecological Clerk of Work

Implementation of any conditioned report advice or approved Management Plan will typically require supervision by an ecologist. Our involvement will ensure that biodiversity issues on a site are integrated correctly, without the risk of any remedial action at a later stage.

Green and Blue Infrastructure

Working alongside our Approved Assessors for a new set of design standards called Building with Nature, we can assist in the design and implementation of green infrastructure that benefits people and the planet. Such as:

- **Green roofs and walls**
- **Permeable pavement**
- **Newt-friendly kerbs and gulley pots**
- **Reedbed filtration systems**
- **Community orchards**
- **Sustainable Draining Systems (SuDS)**



Continued Professional Development

Complementing our ecological consultancy services, we offer Continued Professional Development (CPD) support including our popular Planning and Ecology Discovery Webinar and Masterclass. These can be delivered in a relaxed and open environment during your lunch-hour, or in a longer session tailored to address specific requirements. Content includes:

- **Legislation and Policy**
- **Protected sites and species**
- **Ecological surveys and mitigation**



"The CPD seminar we were given by Wildwood Ecology was informative, enlightening and very worthwhile. For once it was well attended and all staff felt it was the best CPD we have had for a long time. Many other companies could learn from the way Wildwood presented their information."

Shaun Prichard, RIBA,
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