

## Summary of Service

1. **Phase 1 Habitat survey** to support any community development work for Community Groups,
2. **Surveys** will be carried out at the optimum time of year,
3. **Survey results** will be issued in the form of a report,
4. **The cost:**  
Phase 1 Habitat Survey £500 ,
5. **Fee includes:** Site survey and report with site map and images, travel and subsistence.



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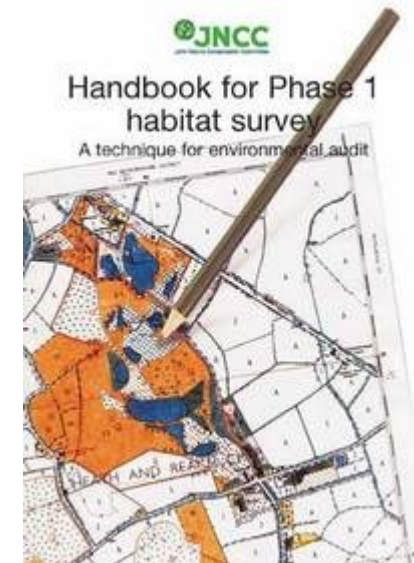
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Phase 1 Habitat Survey  
For Community lead Projects

## Phase 1 Habitat Survey Service for Community lead projects.



## Community Groups— in need a Phase 1 Habitat Survey?

### What is a Phase 1 Habitat Survey?

A Phase 1 Habitat Survey is a standard method of environmental audit. It involves categorising



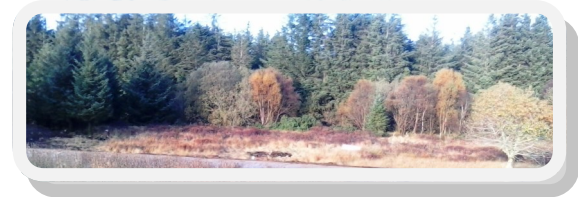
different habitat types and habitat features within a survey area. The information gained from the survey can be used to determine the ecological value of the site, and to direct any more specific survey work which may need to be carried out prior to the start of work examples include Otter, Badger, Pine Martin, Red Squirrel, Barn Owl, Bats, Reptiles, Natterjack toad, Great Crested Newt, Water Vole and Arboricultural surveys. The standard Phase 1 survey includes Invasive Non-Native Species and can be extended to target note signs of protected species.

### Why carry out a Phase 1 Habitat survey?

Carrying out a Phase 1 survey early in your planning process will give an early indication of any potential ecological issues, and help Community Groups to schedule their work on a realistic timeline. Finding protected species onsite mid-project will cause delays, and could lead to legal action, fines and even a custodial sentence. Protected species survey, licensing and mitigation work can be expensive, and so surveying a site before it is acquired will give a more accurate cost of the project as a whole.

### When can the survey be done?

Phase 1 surveys can be done at any time of the year, but the optimum time is through the summer months when more plant species can be seen, and more bird species are active.



### What does a Phase 1 Habitat survey cost?

#### Phase 1 Habitat Survey Fee:

- £500
- Site Survey and Report with site map and images,
- Travel and subsistence.

