



Gloucestershire Centre for Environmental Records

Calling all Parish and Town Councils!

Are you preparing a Neighbourhood Development Plan,

Town Plan, Parish Plan or Village Design Statement?

Do you need information about wildlife in your neighbourhood?

GCER can help!



GCER is Gloucestershire's local environmental records centre

Our database of over 1.5 million plant and animal records provides information for local and national authorities, commercial consultants, researchers and NGOs.

Based at Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust's headquarters in Gloucester, we supply site and species data for planning consultations, ecologists' reports and a wide range of conservation projects. We also provide a mapping and interpretation service, data analysis and training.



Why might you need GCER?

All public authorities have a duty to take biodiversity into account when carrying out their objectives. However, making the most of opportunities to see and conserve habitats and species is difficult without knowing exactly where they are. GCER staff have a lot of experience at providing the information you need.

An important part of the NDP planning process is consultation. Presenting complex information in a way that is accessible to the public can be a daunting task, especially for Councils with limited staff and computing resources. GCER provides tailor-made maps for both technical and non-technical users.

We regularly provide sets of maps, species lists and related information to towns and parishes for use with a range of local plans and strategies. The minimum cost for preparing maps and other wildlife information for a Neighbourhood Development Plan is a day's work at £260 plus VAT. To find out more, please contact Linda Moore at the address below.

You can customise our outputs to exactly what you need, and add other GCER services if required. Initial assessments and quotes are free. Note that all groups writing a neighbourhood plan are eligible to apply for up to £9,000 in grant from the Department for Communities and Local Government - Gloucestershire Rural Communities Council (GRCC) can help groups to apply.

Visit our website at www.gcer.co.uk for more about GCER and to download our User Guide.

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