



Nature Focus 2013

Wildlife on NWL's sites



Picture of slow worm seen on Reptile survey at Hanningfield

This year's theme was all about celebrating the wildlife on our own sites. We have a huge range of sites from small pumping stations to large reservoirs that are host to a diversity of plants and animals. We have buildings that support important maternity and roosting colonies of bats, old disused lagoons with great crested newts and areas of ancient woodland and unimproved grasslands that support an amazing variety of butterflies and moths.



Installation of a summer and winter bat roost at a County Durham sewage treatment works



Refurbishment of an existing pond at Newton Aycliffe treatment works

A number of successful events and activities were organised this year to help NWL employees appreciate just how valuable our sites are to wildlife (as well as meeting their primary operational purpose of course!). Events included talks and presentations, wildlife surveys and walks, wildflower giveaways, quizzes and photo competitions. Cascade, NWL's internal intranet, was also launched this year and has been a great place to upload articles on wildlife for all NWL employees to peruse.

