

Toad Survey Report 2022

Toads were recorded from 30 locations in 2022 but only 11 of these records were sent by members of the general public. The others were generated by idverde staff and sub-group members. There was evidence of breeding in 16 ponds, 1 of which was a garden pond in Chislehurst which had not been recorded before. A total of about 93 locations including 33 breeding ponds have now been recorded since the survey began in 2017. However, there remains a lack of records from some urban areas where toads might be expected to be present e.g. Beckenham, Langley Park, Eden Park, Elmers End, Penge, St. Paul's Cray, St. Mary Cray, parts of Orpington and Biggin Hill which suggests there is a need to better publicise the ongoing survey.

All records received have been sent to the local records centre, Greenspace Information for Greater London (GiGL) and Kent Reptile and Amphibian Group (KRAG).

A toad factsheet can be found on this website under 'Biodiversity, Useful Documents' together with mapped records from 2017-2021. The results for 2022 have not been mapped.

Bromley Biodiversity Partnership Actions for 2023:

- Improve publicity of toad survey especially in areas of the borough where toads have not been recorded but may be present.
- Maintain and enhance LBB toad population through the promotion of actions in the Toad Species Action Plan at <https://www.bromley.gov.uk/planning-policy/bromley-biodiversity-species-action-plan-toad>
- Send records to LBB Planning Department so that if a major development is planned in an area currently used by toads consideration can be given to the installation of a pond suitable for these animals as part of mitigation/Biodiversity Net Gain.
- Send records to GiGL & KRAG

We are very grateful for all the records sent to us. They help in the understanding of how toads are distributed in Bromley borough, highlight some areas important for breeding toads and suggest where efforts to link greenspaces should be concentrated.

We would really appreciate help and support for this survey in 2023, so please send your records (preferably accompanied by a photo) to bromleybiodiversity@gmail.com. If you live in one of the areas for which we have few or no records (listed above), or if you know someone who lives in these areas, please send your records and/or encourage others to do so. The more toad records we receive from all parts of the borough the more complete the picture of toad distribution in Bromley borough. Posters promoting the Toad Survey are available on the biodiversity page of this website under posters. Please share the information on social media if you can.

Toads are a London Borough of Bromley Action Plan Species, so information regarding how to help toads is also available at

https://www.bromley.gov.uk/info/200023/conservation/1567/bromley_biodiversity_species_action_plan_toad

Thank you for any help you can manage

Judith John, Bromley Biodiversity Partnership Species & Habitats Group

January 2023