

Toad Survey Report 2023

Toads were recorded from 38 locations in 2023. 12 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 23 ponds including 3 breeding ponds not previously recorded- 1 in Chislehurst and 2 near Crofton Woods. Within Bromley's Local Nature Reserves, 2 ponds in High Elms Country Park, 2 in Jubilee Country Park, 3 at Keston and 7 in Scadbury Park reported evidence of breeding.

A total of about 96 locations including 36 breeding ponds have now been recorded in the London Borough of Bromley since the survey began in 2017. There remains a lack of records in some more urban areas e.g. Beckenham, Langley Park, Eden Park, Elmers End, Penge, St. Paul's Cray, St. Mary Cray, parts of Orpington and Biggin Hill. There is a need to better publicise the ongoing survey and encourage more people to submit records.

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

The toad factsheet and report for 2023 is available on the biodiversity page of Bromley Friends Forum website <https://www.bromleyfriendsforum.org> under, 'Useful documents' together with mapped records from 2017-2021. The results for 2022 and 2023 have not been mapped.

Bromley Biodiversity Partnership Actions for 2024:

- 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 the 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

If you know anyone who lives in one of the hard-to- reach areas listed above, please ask them to look out for toads as it is important to fill in some of the blank spaces. Posters promoting the Toad Survey are available on the biodiversity page of Bromley Friends Forum website under posters. Please share the information on social media if you can.

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