

WILDLIFE THREATENED BY HOUSING PROPOSAL?

**DO YOU HAVE A GARDEN POND
WITH NO OR FEW FISH?
HAVE YOU SEEN TOADS, FROGS
BROWN NEWTS, OR BLACK
NEWTS WITH YELLOW
BELLIES IN YOUR GARDEN, WITH
OR WITHOUT A POND?**

**SAVE
OUR
GREEN
FIELDS**

Window poster



Great Crested Newt adults

DO YOU HAVE FROGSPAWN?

IF SO, PLEASE LET ME KNOW STRAIGHT AWAY. YOU CAN SEE PHOTOS OF NEWTS ON MY WEBSITE: DAVE BENTLEY ECOLOGY SERVICES.

I AM NOT WORKING FOR A DEVELOPER; I AM HOPING TO FRUSTRATE THEM IF WE CAN, AND GET A BETTER DEAL FOR LOCAL WILDLIFE. FOR ME THIS IS VOLUNTARY WORK. **YES WE KNOW NEWTS LIVE IN THE OLD PONDS, BUT DO THEY LIVE IN GARDENS/GARDEN PONDS ADJACENT THE FIELD?**

IF YOU HAVE DEBRIS IN YOUR GARDEN PLEASE LIFT IT AND TAKE A LOOK. USE YOUR CAMERA. THIS COULD BE LOOSE FLAGSTONES, ROTTING TIMBER/LOGS, RUBBLE, POLYTHENE SHEETING.

If you find amphibian please get in touch: BIG3@DAVEBENTLEYECOLOGY.CO.UK. If you have a fish-free garden pond please send me a photo. I MAY WANT TO VISIT. Please keep an eye out over next few weeks and months. **BRAND NEW FACEBOOK PAGE: BURY WILDLIFE & GREENBELT DEFENDERS.** The window poster above can be copied from there for printing at home.

HANDLING AND PHOTOGRAPHING NEWTS

Handle them only enough to take a photo of topside and bottomside. They will be cold and almost lifeless right now. Young newts and some adults may still be on land. If you have a pond without fish they may possibly breed there. Do not pick amphibians up by head, tail or leg. Be extra careful if you have long nails. A scoop with the whole hand is needed. Put them straight into a tub until you can take a photograph. Release animal within minutes. Put the refuge item, flag, log whatever down, and then allow the amphibian to crawl back under. Don't put a stone or log on top of the animal. If you do this in your garden, or a neighbour's, you'll be following my directions, so all will be within the law. I may ask to visit to see the pond for myself. Any photo you email me must be date stamped so please make sure if you use a camera the correct date is set. A phone automatically gives the date. Use macro/the yellow flower function, if your camera has it, to photograph amphibians.

NB Bury's Labour Councillors support the destruction of the Greenbelt at Elton/Withins Reservoirs. If you value wildlife and countryside please don't vote for them in 2018's local elections.

I ONLY NEED TO HEAR FROM THE HOUSEHOLDS THAT BACK ONTO THE FIELDS OR THE BROOK.

Thanks,

Dave Bentley