



## **FROGLIFE**

### **Call for information on Peterborough's Ponds**

It is estimated that there are over 400,000 ponds in the countryside across England, Wales and Scotland. Garden ponds are a haven for a wealth of wildlife including frogs, toads, newts, dragonflies and beetles. They provide valuable habitats and are important stepping stones between urban areas and conservation refuges. Wildlife conservation charity Froglife is undertaking a project to find out more about the ponds in the Peterborough area and the species that they support. They have undertaken research which has already identified an amazing 193 ponds within Peterborough. This will help give us a greater understanding of the value of ponds, especially in urban areas and how Froglife can improve ponds in Peterborough to increase their value for wildlife. However, there are surely more to discover so Froglife would like to know if you have a pond in your garden and in particular, if any amphibians occur in your garden ponds such as frogs, toads or newts. Numbers of some amphibian species, such as common toads, have been declining in recent years. Records of amphibians are key to understanding these declines so that charities such as Froglife can help conserve these species. Please contact Froglife with the following if you have a garden pond:

- Please give a general indication of the size of your pond. Is it small (less than 1 x 1m), medium or large (more than 10 x 10 m)?
- Have you ever seen frogs, toads or newts in your pond? If so, let us know which species.
- Have you got fish in your pond?
- Do you have a problem with blanket weed or duck weed in your pond?
- Please let us know your approximate location (e.g. district) within the Peterborough area.
- Have you ever needed to manage your pond (e.g. remove excess vegetation or dead leaves)?
- Let us know if your pond needs improving.

Contact Froglife with all or some of the above information at: [laurence.jarvis@froglife.org.uk](mailto:laurence.jarvis@froglife.org.uk).

Froglife greatly appreciates your help in improving the wildlife of Peterborough.