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BRINGING REEDBEDS TO LIFE

The RSPB is bringing reedbeds to life across the UK –
every *buzzing, crawling, slithering, fluttering* part of them.

Bringing reedbeds to life is a new initiative, taking a more rounded view of reedbed wetlands.

We are trying to discover more about what makes them tick for the variety of wildlife that lives inside them.

- What makes for fishy heaven or froggy hell?
- What makes beetles beam or caterpillars cry?
- And, of course, what makes bitterns boom?



Bringing reedbeds to life will be carrying out wildlife surveys and research, across a series of reedbed wetlands, to answer these questions and more.

We will attempt to relate what we find to the management and habitat functions of each site. We want to get a better understanding of how to replicate the heaven and avoid the hell for our reedbed wildlife – every *buzzing, crawling, slithering, fluttering* part of it!



GET INVOLVED

We will be travelling the country, sharing best practice with our partners and coming up with new ideas on the best ways to manage reedbeds. We will provide practical tips, carry out habitat audits – and just provide another point of view.

There will be training courses and conferences, informal workshops and machinery demos. You may want to receive new practical management guidance and reports, based upon our findings, or provide a case study to help others facing similar issues.

We hope there will be an opportunity for all those interested in reedbed conservation to get involved, bringing reedbeds to life across the UK – every

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The RSPB speaks out for birds and wildlife, tackling the problems that threaten our environment. Nature is amazing – help us keep it that way.

Common frog by Chris Lloyd, otter by Danny Green, four-spotted chaser by Mark Hamblin, close up of reeds by Andy Hay, reeds in wind by David Tipling, reedbed by Andy Hay, drinker moth caterpillar by David Norton, water vole by Danny Green, bittern by Richard Brooks, (all rspb-images.com)

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