

## End of Project Report

Information provided in this report will be used to showcase your project on the Biodiversity Partnership web pages. Please expand boxes as needed or use a separate sheet.

### Project title:

Orchard Phase 2 Survey

Date of Project report submission: December 2010

Date of Application: February 2009

### Sites/Location (if applicable):

Cambridgeshire

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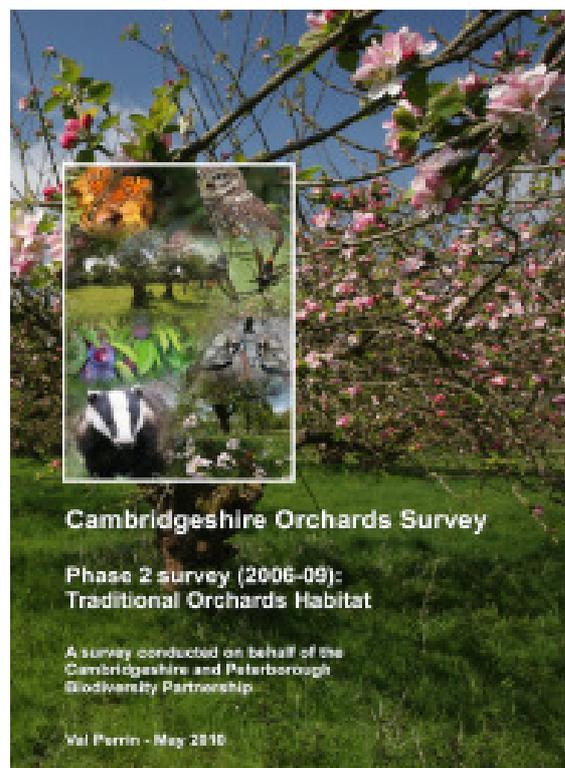
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## Objectives

- comprehensive information about location, size, fruit tree composition
- identify orchards with potential to become CWSs

### Please answer the following questions about your project:

If any aren't applicable insert N/A.

For Biodiversity Action Plans (BAPs) please see:

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/environment/countryside/natureconservation/action/partnership/baps/>

- \* If your project involved habitat work, how much habitat area in terms of BAP habitat has been created/restored (please cross out accordingly)?  
**Only surveyed, not restored/created. Designating the high value orchards as CWSs might help with their restoration where necessary.**  
Which habitat(s)? **traditional orchards**
- \* Which BAP species have benefited (or other species)? **The survey identified species that thrive in traditional orchards - several of them, e.g. mosses, lichens, butterflies, moths, birds, bats are being looked at in more detail in specialist Phase 3 surveys**
- \* Did the project contribute to other Biodiversity action plan targets and actions? Which ones and how? **No**
- \* Did the project generate ecological data? **Yes**  No

Has the data been submitted to the Biological Records Centre?

**Yes**  **No**

If no please state the reason why data has not been submitted. \_\_\_\_\_

\* How many volunteers have been involved in the work? **22**

\* How many volunteer hours have gone into the project? **About 400**

\* Any other information you would like to tell us about? **More information is available from the Phase 2 survey report itself, available from [www.cpbiodiversity.org.uk/publications.php](http://www.cpbiodiversity.org.uk/publications.php) - Biodiversity Partnership Reports**

**Please provide a summary report of your project:**

What worked well, was/were your main successes?

What was difficult/challenging? What lessons have you learnt that could be shared with other projects, can be learnt for future projects?

**What worked well:** persistence and ongoing engagement with surveyors on the survey coordinator's part eventually led to a well put together survey report; good cooperation with Hunts District Council Designers and Printers for producing the report.

**What was difficult/challenging:** tracking down landowners – some of them had settled abroad; we couldn't get permission to survey all orchards, relying on volunteers for the survey slowed the activities down a lot, as many volunteers were enthusiastic at first, but then took a long time (and several reminders) to carry out the agreed work. Big efforts were made to keep volunteers interested and engaged, e.g. meeting up to share preliminary findings, and eventually offering students payment for their survey efforts – made possible by the Biodiversity Partnership grant!

**Lessons learnt:** to allow for more time when mainly working with volunteers; importance of regular communication with volunteers including face to face meetings to keep up the enthusiasm

**In this space we are interested in receiving your feedback on all aspects of the application process so that we might improve it in future.**

It's great that we can use the grant underspend to fund more Phase 3 Surveys. Great to have this flexibility!

**Are you happy to share this information with other projects? Yes**  **No**

**Thank you!**

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