

# North West Local Biodiversity Recording Regional Review

Natural England

## Brief

BE Group has been commissioned by Natural England to review Local Record Centre (LRCs) services in the North West of England. LRCs collate and manage biological data. This is used to inform sustainable planning and economic development, as well as to improve understanding of climate change. The data is supplied to the National Biodiversity Network (NBN) that was set up by Defra to promote biodiversity.

The project has four main objectives:

- Achieve the efficient and sustainable management of LRCs and biological data
- Promote consistent data collection and management
- Increase geographic and taxonomic coverage
- Raise awareness of biological recording, and increase its use in decision making.

LRC governance and structure, data standards and management vary considerably across the country. The project's overall aim is to maximise the potential of LRCs and their relationship with the NBN.



## Activities

- Visits to each LRC
- Stakeholder workshops
- Data audits (taxonomy, coverage, application, etc)
- Management/structure/governance review
- Consultations with users and potential users
- Consultations with data providers
- Gap analysis
- Project identification and prioritisation
- Action plan.



## Outcome

Awaiting completion of the project.

