



Ecological Surveys and Strategic Studies

Ecology, Land and People



Effective ecological surveys and studies provide a robust basis for decision making in the management and improvement of the environment. They can also contribute to the achievement of statutory environmental targets (such as those set under the Water Framework Directive).

Our highly skilled in-house team deliver a wide range of ecological, physical, and water quality based studies and assessments for habitat improvements, monitoring projects, management strategies, planning and development.

We have specialist experience in wetland and aquatic ecology and much of our work is conducted in designated or protected areas. We are framework advisors to Natural England on wetlands, and our work contributes directly to the management and conservation of nationally and internationally important habitats.

“We really value working with your brilliant team”

*Andrea Kelly, Head of Conservation,
Broads Authority.*



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We have an outstanding portfolio of work in ecological survey and strategic studies focusing on wetland, riverine and terrestrial environments. Our client base includes RSPB, Natural England, Broads Authority, Environment Agency, The National Trust, Water Companies, Wildlife Trusts, Local Authorities, Network Rail and many others.

Our services include:

- * Ecological Survey including:
 - Habitat Assessment (Phase I)
 - River Habitat/Corridor Survey (RHS/RCS)
 - Vegetation Survey (NVC)
 - Protected Species Survey
 - Aquatic Macrophyte Survey
 - Fisheries and Aquatic Ecology Survey
 - Site Condition Assessment
 - Topographical Survey and Interpretation
 - Soils Survey
 - Landscape Character Assessment
- * GIS Habitat Modelling and CAD Design
- * Ecological Impact Assessment (EclA)
- * Ecological Monitoring and Risk Assessment (ERA)
- * Environmental Statements (ES)
- * Ecological Resource and Mitigation Planning
- * Water Quality and Nutrient Management
- * Hydrological Assessment for Management Planning
- * Water Level Management Plans
- * Site and Habitat Management Plans
- * River Management Plans
- * Green Infrastructure Planning
- * Access and Interpretation

Please contact us if we can be of any further help. All the services we provide follow recommended Codes of Practice and national guidance.



Case Study: Broads Fen Survey, Norfolk Broads

OHES have been engaged in a long term survey of plant communities in the Norfolk Broads, undertaken on behalf of the Broads Authority. Following a successful pilot study carried out in 2005, we were commissioned to undertake an extensive survey of the reedbeds, reed fens and wet fen meadows within the Broads Authority's executive boundary.

The NVC survey collected over 7000 sample plots over three consecutive years and OHES has also conducted the analysis of the data set.

The findings of this study will form the basis for decision making in several aspects of the Authority's management programme for the Norfolk Broads.

OHES has also conducted peat coring studies, fen creation projects, a reed pelleting study, and a manual for wetland enhancement for the Broads Authority.



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