

# Progress Report: REEDBEDS (adopted 2002)

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OBJECTIVES	Target	Progress with Targets (based on progress with actions reported between 2005-7)	Target Progress	Progress Summary	Plan Progress	HBA status *
A. To identify all remaining reedbeds in the county.	By 2003	<b>Some progress (behind schedule)</b> The HBA will identify any significant areas not previously documented	↑	<b>Reedbed creation at several WWT reserves plus the additional enhancements at Brandon are significant.</b>  <b>The new RSPB reserve at Middleton Lakes although straggling the county boundary with Staffs are likely to add additional areas of reedbeds to the Warwickshire's total</b>  <b>Any future reedbed extension at Ladywalk would be of great importance, and should be encouraged.</b>	↑	No change
B. Seek to ensure the survival of all reedbeds above 0.5ha	Ongoing	<b>Target achieved</b> No information indicating problems.				
C. To maintain and enhance the extent and quality of existing reedbeds with priority given to those holding UK Biodiversity Action Plan Priority Species & Red Data Book species	By 2005	<b>Target achieved</b> The large reedbeds at Brandon Marsh are subject to continual management particularly the removal of excess willow and birch scrub	↑			
D. Seek to ensure all sites above 2ha are managed primarily for their nature conservation interest	By 2004	<b>Some progress (behind schedule)</b> Information on some species of invertebrates is held by the WBRC but there is no information on management for them.	↔			
E. To secure at least one breeding pair of bitterns in the county	By 2010	<b>No progress</b> Wintering bitterns at Brandon and Ladywalk, and the continuing increase in the British breeding numbers give hope that birds may remain to breed	↓			
F. To create an additional 50ha of wet reedbed, two by 2010 of which to be at least 10ha	By 2010	<b>Some progress (behind schedule)</b> The second phase (2003) of the Newlands reedbed and additional excavation on the West Marsh at Brandon results in one area of 10ha being achieved. The new RSPB Middleton Lakes reserve on the county border with Staffordshire may result in the other 10ha area	↑			
G. To promote good management practice and to share knowledge	Ongoing	<b>Target achieved.</b> Brandon Marsh is a good example	↑			

