

## Appendix 5: Notes on Existing Information and Policies to Protect Features of Natural History and Cultural Heritage

The Peak District Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) 2011-2020 is a blueprint, by the Biodiversity Partnership, to:

- describe the species and habitats of the area
- highlight the species and habitats of greatest importance or which are under the most severe threat
- identify priorities for conservation action
- set targets for enhancing biodiversity
- promote and outline actions which need to be taken to benefit wildlife, landscapes and people
- raise awareness and understanding of the value of biodiversity to society.

There are no Sites of Special Scientific Interest in the parish but the following are of local value:

- the river, banks and nearby semi-natural vegetation. Designated as Local Green Space
- Manners (Wicksop) Wood, part of which is ancient, semi-natural woodland. Designated as Local Green Space.
- Endcliffe and Catcliffe Woods. Designated as Local Green Spaces.
- the small part of Worm Wood which is in the parish. Designated as Local Green Space.
- verges of the Monsal Trail. Designated as Local Green Space.
- some flower-rich fields, particularly south of Bakewell. Hedgerows there support birds including yellow hammer. Parsonage Field is designated as Local Green Space.
- buildings used by bats, barn owls, house martins, swallows and swifts. During consideration of planning applications checks are made as to whether buildings and sites are used by protected species: eg, bats, barn owls, and swifts and also whether ponds on planning application sites are used by great crested newts.

The **Cultural Heritage Strategy** for the Peak District National Park states: *'The cultural heritage of the Peak District National Park includes all the evidence for past human activity and the associations that can be seen, understood and felt. It includes landscapes, buildings, sites, monuments and objects, records, archives and collections, as well as local customs, legends, traditions and arts. The cultural heritage includes the aesthetic appreciation as well as the physical evidence of human activity across thousands of years. .. It influences regional, local and cultural identity and makes a significant contribution to quality of life ..... It contributes to knowledge, education, understanding and the local and regional economy, .....*

**Scheduled Monument and Listed Building** status confer a high level of protection and the responsible authorities, the Peak District National Park Authority (as local planning authority) and Historic England (formerly English Heritage) are expected to continue to take necessary action to conserve and enhance them as opportunities present. The many Listed Buildings (which include some other structures) are listed at the end of the Conservation Area Appraisal. The (fewer) Scheduled Monuments in the parish are: barrows on Burton Moor and Bole Hill; the part of Ball Cross Iron Age Fort in the parish; the two pre-Norman crosses in the churchyard (inside the parish church is a collection of ancient carved stones said to be the best in the country); Castle Hill motte and bailey; Bakewell Bridge, Holme Bridge; and, at Lumford, the water supply works for Arkwright's third water-powered cotton mill and some remains of its original buildings (it burned down in 1868).

The older parts of the town are in the Conservation Area but this status gives extra control only

of demolition and tree felling, though the authorities give special priority to action to conserve and enhance features in the Conservation Area as proposed in the Conservation Area Appraisal.