

## **Toad Patrol Volunteers Required.**

We are part of a national endeavour to try to halt the decline of amphibians, and our registered site at Manor Farm Pond, Ascott-under-Wychwood has provided useful statistics, although showing a falling population over the past few years.

Volunteers need to be able to commit to a named evening each week. The annual migration mating time may come at any time from early February to mid-April, but only when the dusk-time temperature is high enough and then only for a few hours of that evening.

Protective fluorescent vests and traffic warning signs are provided to alert road traffic of our activities. For more information about toads and the toad patrol statistics over the past few years at Ascott-under-Wychwood, take a look at <http://www.ascott-under-wychwood.org.uk> and enter the word "Toad" in the search box.

If you are interested in volunteering then please contact me, Paul Cunningham on 01993 832713 or e-mail [toadpatrol@ascott-under-wychwood.org.uk](mailto:toadpatrol@ascott-under-wychwood.org.uk).

I will be contacting previous volunteers shortly about their availability in the coming months.

## **The Ascott-under-Wychwood Web Site.**

The Ascott-under-Wychwood web site can be found at <http://www.ascott-under-wychwood.org.uk>. Currently the content is sparse, but it is hoped that the web site will grow as more contributions are made by local people. One of the benefits of having information online is that the AUW web site has its own internal search engine, which makes it far easier to locate an article using a few choice keywords or phrases. Clearly as more information is added, the web site will become a valuable tool for research and locating information about Ascott-under-Wychwood.

Another feature of the web site is the Ascott-under-Wychwood online forum. Here, anyone can create or join threads of discussions that are organised as a series of topics regarding AUW (or anything else for that matter). Presently, there is only a General topic active, more will be added as demands dictate. Again, the forum is searchable. If you want to start a new topic of your interest, e-mail one of the contacts below.

If you have any suggestions or want to contribute material (articles, photos, web links etc.) for the web site, then either e-mail the web site administrator, [webmaster@ascott-under-wychwood.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@ascott-under-wychwood.org.uk), or e-mail Paul Cunningham, [pjcunningham@borsuk.uk.net](mailto:pjcunningham@borsuk.uk.net) or telephone him on 01993 832713.

PS. You'll probably want to bookmark the URL for future use as it's quite a lengthy one (39 characters).