

# Montgomeryshire Against Pylons

## NATURE SUB-GROUP



The Montgomeryshire Against Pylons Nature Sub-Group are a group of environmentalists, naturalists, semi-experts and interested others who are working hard to protect the existing natural habitats of the Vyrnwy Valley from the threat that is proposed via mass wind farm applications in the Uplands of Powys. These necessitate the potential for a 20 acre sub station at (possibly) Cefn Coch, and the associated 400KV, 150feet high string of pylons to connect to the national grid near Shrewsbury.

Through protecting these habitats we will help to maintain **biodiversity** (biodiversity is the variety of life in all its forms, levels and combinations). Unfortunately, natural habitats and their ecosystems are more and more endangered because of the damaging environmental effects of growing human populations everywhere.

### What you can do to help.

It is vital that we know, and have confirmed by experts, what species are living and breeding down the Vyrnwy Valley – and indeed all along the proposed routes of the pylons. So, as you look out of your kitchen window, from your garden or as you walk the family dog take note of what you see, photograph or video them.

1. What do we have, and what is their conservation status in terms of:-
  - a. Birds
  - b. Animals
  - c. Insects
  - d. Amphibians
  - e. Flora and Fauna
  - f. Trees
  - g. Woodland / Ancient Woodland
  - h. Local Wildlife Sites
  - i. Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust Nature Reserves
2. We have downloaded lists of protected species for you to use as a reference point and made them available for you via the [Downloads](#) page of our website.

NOTE: If what you see is not on the list note it down anyway.

3. We must then log our sightings / photographs, with as much detail as possible (using 6 digit Ordnance Survey (OS) grid reference points where possible), to the Biodiversity Information Service for Wales (<http://www.b-i-s.org/node/14>).

If the sighting is an important one and relates to a protected or threatened species, they will send out County Recorders to confirm the sighting – initially it goes on their website as unconfirmed.

4. Visit the b-i-s website for more information on this and log what you see online or complete their downloadable forms which are also available via the [Downloads](#) page on our website.
5. If you are worried about how to find your OS Grid reference then please follow the instructions found in our downloadable document '*Map Reading Made Easy*', again available via the [Downloads](#) page on our website.

## **Summary of how you can help.**

1. Find out the OS Grid Reference for where you live or where you walk.
2. Walk and note what you see, photograph it if you can.
3. Log each and every one of your sightings on the b-i-s website or their downloadable form and send it to them at;

Powys and BBNP Biodiversity Information Service  
UNIT 4 ROYAL BUILDING,  
6 THE BULWARK,  
BRECON,  
POWYS.  
LD3 7LB

**Thank you in advance for helping, you are doing a vital service  
for our Campaign**