

Recording in Shropshire

Biological recording is organised by **SEDN** – the Shropshire Ecological Data Network, which consists of:

- Shropshire Wildlife Trust
- Shropshire Council
- Natural England
- The local natural history societies

SEDN appoints (and pays) **Tsars** to computerise data and supply it to the SEDN Hub. In 2 years the hub has grown to include 400,000 records. It contains

- All records of bats
- All available records of invertebrates
- 100,000 plant records
- Half of all records of fungi

Over the next year or so it will receive the other half of the fungus records and all mammal and amphibian records.

What happens to the SEDN data?

- Copies of the entire SEDN database are held by SWT, SC, NE, the Tsars, and SEDN.
- It is used by Shropshire Wildlife Trust to report to consultants (**axiophytes** and **axiozoa** only)
- It goes on Shropshire Council's Natural Shropshire web site
- It goes on the NBN Gateway, where anyone can access any of the records in full

NB. No other databases or records are used for any of these purposes. Only data supplied via the Tsars is used.

To whom should I give my records?

- Your **county recorder**. They will also help you design a good recording protocol.
- If you are a county recorder (or other acknowledged expert), you can give your records to your Tsar. The Tsars are:
 - Invertebrates – Pete Boardman
 - Vascular plants – Sarah Whild
 - Mammals – John Macintosh
 - Bats – John Morgan
 - Amphibians – Fran Lancaster
 - Fungi – Roy Mantle