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In return, supporters, benefactors and those
donating more than £10 will receive:

- *Reduced rates at some ARG UK events*
- *Information (via e-mail) about projects
and national surveys.*
- *Reports on projects funded by the
ARG UK 100% Fund.*
- *Regular copies of ARG Today -
the e-mail newsletter of ARG UK.*

Please make cheques payable to "ARG UK"
and post them to us at this address:

ARG UK, c/o HCT,
655A Christchurch Road, Boscombe,
Bournemouth, Dorset, BH1 4AP



ARG UK working in partnership with the Herpetological Conservation Trust

ARG UK works closely with the Herpetological
Conservation Trust (HCT), the most influential
amphibian and reptile conservation charity in
the UK. Among its many achievements are:

- *establishing a network of nature reserves to
protect and ensure the survival of our rarest
amphibians and reptiles.*
- *the national sand lizard re-introduction
programme - thought to be one of the most
successful projects of its kind in the world.*
- *representing the interests of our native
amphibians and reptiles at a national and
European level.*

To find out more about HCT please take a look
at their website at

www.herpconstrust.org.uk

HCT gives practical support to the ARG
network and together we make a great team.

HCT is not a membership organisation, but if
you'd like to support our joint aims, of working
for the conservation of our amphibians and
reptiles, you can do so by joining your local
ARG or becoming a supporter of ARG UK.

If you live in Dorset, you may be able to help
HCT as a volunteer on one of its reserves.

To find out more contact HCT at:
enquiries@herpconstrust.org.uk

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Common toad - photo by Fred Holmes



Why not join your nearest
Amphibian and Reptile Group
or become a supporter of
ARG UK?



ARG UK

Amphibian & Reptile Groups
of the United Kingdom

www.arguk.org

What is an Amphibian and Reptile Group (ARG)?

Over 40 volunteer Amphibian and Reptile Groups (ARGs) exist across Britain and Northern Ireland. Each one is run entirely by volunteers who work to promote the conservation of our native amphibians and reptiles (together known as *herpetofauna*).

What do Amphibian and Reptile Groups do?

Since the first groups were formed over 20 years ago, ARGs have made a major contribution to conservation in the UK.



Most carry out surveys to gather data on the distribution of species, organize training events and carry out practical habitat management work such as pond creation and scrub clearance. Some groups also host public awareness events, helping to raise the profile of amphibians and reptiles. Groups can be involved in a whole variety of other work, such as advising on habitat management or planning applications.

photos by David Orchard

What will my local group be like?

Each Amphibian and Reptile Group is unique, its character determined by the skills and interests of its members. Some groups are small with maybe just a few members, while others are much larger. Each group depends on its members for success and new volunteers are always welcome.



Joining your nearest ARG is a great way of doing something positive for amphibians and reptiles. It's also a great way of meeting people with an amazing range and depth of expertise. Prior knowledge is not required as most groups offer training. (Terms of membership will vary between groups.)

How do I join an ARG?

Check out the "Local Groups" page of the ARG UK website www.arguk.org to find your nearest ARG. Make contact with the group by e-mailing or telephoning the person whose details are listed and they'll be able to tell you more about their group and how to join.

If you experience any problems please contact John Baker, the ARG UK secretary, at: john.baker@herpconstrust.org.uk

How can I support the work of ARG UK?

The best way of supporting ARG UK is to join your local Amphibian and Reptile Group. However, if you're unable to do this you can still become a supporter of ARG UK and help to promote amphibian and reptile conservation on a national scale.

(ARG UK is simply the co-ordinating body for all the Amphibian and Reptile Groups around the country, which is why you can't actually become a member of ARG UK.)

Can I donate to ARG UK?

Yes of course! Please see overleaf for further details

How will my donation be used?

Donations to ARG UK will be added to the ARG UK 100% Fund. This money is used directly for conservation work, so each donation gives unbeatable value for money. More information about these projects can be found on the ARG UK website.

Volunteers ready for scrub management

