



The *100% Fund* is a small grants scheme supporting practical projects carried out by Amphibian and Reptile Groups. It is very efficient conservation. All money donated to the fund is awarded to conservation projects with nothing spent on overheads.



Some 100% Funded Projects....

Pond Creation Pond creation can be the most cost-effective action for wildlife conservation. Carefully planned new ponds create an almost instant habitat for a range of species and are essential as amphibian breeding sites. The *100% Fund* has supported, partially or wholly, the creation of 16 new ponds supervised by the ARG of South Lancashire, Essex ARG, Herefordshire Amphibian and Reptile Team and South and West Wales ARG.

Sand Lizard Captive Breeding A grant awarded to North Merseyside ARG purchased materials for the construction of a breeding facility for sand lizards as part of the rearing and release scheme coordinated by Amphibian and Reptile Conservation. Lizards were installed in the spring of this year and the first eggs are expected shortly.



Great Crested Newt Introduction A grant awarded to North, East and West Yorkshire ARG contributed towards health screening that was required as part of a great crested introduction project. Over a period of three years great crested newt eggs have been introduced to a pond in West Yorkshire to extend the species' local range – the only project of this type that we know of.

Adder Genetics Normally *100% Funding* is awarded only to Amphibian and Reptile Groups but an exception was made earlier this year when ARG UK agreed a special allocation to help purchase laboratory chemicals for a project to investigate the conservation genetics of adder populations coordinated by Natural England and the Institute of Zoology.



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- 🕒 Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.
- 🕒 The maximum award is usually £250.
- 🕒 Projects that include funding from other sources or involve partnership working are looked upon favourably.
- 🕒 Costs supported include purchase/hire of equipment or payment of contractors' fees for practical work.
- 🕒 The fund does not support administration or training costs or survey work.
- 🕒 The application form is available from the ARG UK website www.arguk.org

Please contact John Baker johninhalesworth@aol.com to discuss options.

If you want to donate to the *100% Fund* please contact David Orchard ARGSL@btinternet.com.

The Amphibian and Reptile Group network is grateful to generous donations in support of its work from:



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