



## Licence Application Form

Application for a licence to take wild plants:  
Survey, science, education and conservation

Wildlife Licensing  
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- Please complete this application form using **dark ink** and BLOCK CAPITALS.
- Return the completed form to the address shown.
- All questions should be answered as appropriate. Questions marked with '\*' are mandatory and failing to complete these may result in delays to your application.
- If there is insufficient space for completing answers on this form, please attach a separate sheet.
- Natural England will aim to determine the outcome of a completed licence application within its published service standards.
- If you experience any problems completing this application – please contact Wildlife Licensing.

<b>For Office Use Only</b>
Ref No:

### 1. Applicant Details

Please enter the details of the person who will become the licensee.

#### (a) Customer Details

*Please note: If you are the agent registering on behalf of the applicant you will need to provide their full authorisation with this application.*

\*Email Address

\*Title (please tick as appropriate) Mr  Mrs  Ms  Other  (Please Specify)

\*Forename  Middle Name  \*Surname

Professional Membership (e.g. CIEEM, IEMA, etc)

*If you represent an organisation please complete (i) (ii) and (iii)*

(i) *Business Title	(ii) *Company	(iii) *Position
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

House Name / No.	<input type="text"/>		
*Address Line 1	<input type="text"/>		
*Address Line 2	<input type="text"/>		
Address Line 3	<input type="text"/>		
Town	<input type="text"/>	*County	<input type="text"/>
*Postcode	<input type="text"/>	Country	<input type="text"/>

*Either 'Telephone No.' or 'Mobile No.' must be completed.*

Telephone No.	<input type="text"/>	Mobile No.	<input type="text"/>
Fax no.			<input type="text"/>
*Customer Type (e.g. Farmer, Householder, Ecologist, etc.)			<input type="text"/>

#### (b) Alternative Applicant Contact Details

In the event that the applicant is unavailable to discuss the application, it would be helpful if alternative contact details could be provided. By completing this section you are confirming that this contact is authorised to act on behalf of the applicant.

Name:	<input type="text"/>
Tel Number:	<input type="text"/>
Email Address:	<input type="text"/>

## 2. Agent / Named Ecologist Details

(a) Will an agent / named ecologist be used in conjunction with this application?

Yes  No

**(b) Named Ecologist**

Please note: If you are the applicant registering on behalf of the agent / named ecologist you will need to provide their full authorisation with this application.

\*Email Address

\*Title

(please tick as appropriate) Mr  Mrs  Ms  Other  (Please Specify

\*Forename

Middle Name

\*Surname

Professional Membership

(e.g. CIEEM, IEMA, etc)

If you represent an organisation please complete (i) (ii) and (iii)

(i) \*Business Title

(ii) \*Company

(iii) \*Position

House Name / No.

\*Address Line 1

\*Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Town

\*County

\*Postcode

Country

Either 'Telephone No.' or 'Mobile No.' must be completed.

Telephone No.

Mobile No.

Fax no.

\*Customer Type (e.g. Farmer, Householder, Ecologist, etc.)

**(c) Alternative Ecologist Contact Details**

In the event that the named ecologist is unavailable to discuss the application, it would be helpful if alternative contact details could be provided. By completing this section you are confirming that this contact is authorised to act on behalf of the named ecologist and has a detailed knowledge of the application.

Name:

Tel Number:

Email Address:

### 3. Communication Preferences

Please indicate who should be contacted if we need to discuss this application:

Applicant  Agent / Ecologist

Please indicate to whom the outcome documentation for this application should be sent:

Applicant  Agent / Ecologist

Applicant preferences: Email  Post  Telephone

If 'Yes' for telephone, please provide a contact no.

Agent / Ecologist preferences: Email  Post  Telephone

If 'Yes' for telephone, please provide a contact no.

### 4. Previous Applications

(a) \* To your knowledge, have there been any previous applications or licence decisions concerning this site?

Yes  No

*If 'No' please go to the next section. If 'Yes' to (a), please complete the following.*

(b) \*Date of most recent application:

(c) \*What was the subject of the previous applications?

(d) \*What is the application or licence reference number?

(e) \*What was the outcome of the previous application? (Please select one of the following)

Granted  Not Granted  Advice Only  Deferred  Not Yet Known

### 5. Purpose

(a) \* Confirm the purpose of the application:

- Science or education, under section 55(2)(a) and/or section 16(3)(a)
- Conserving wild plants, under section 55(2)(c) and/or section 16(3)(c)
- Introducing wild plants to particular areas, under section 55(2)(c) and/or section 16(3)(c)
- Protecting any botanical collection, under section 55(2)(d) and/or section 16(3)(d)

(b) What are the main aims?

(c) \* What publications have you produced or contributed to regarding this topic?

(d) \* Is data being collected? If yes, please describe what it will be used for.

## 6. Justification

(a) \* Please provide a summary of your need to apply:

(b) \* If you are applying in relation to damage to land, crops, fisheries, or property, please provide the extent of damage and dates (including previous years if appropriate)

(c) \* Have you taken any action to prevent the problems outlined above?

Yes  No  N/A

*If 'Yes' to (c)...* \* Please provide details of the actions taken:

*If 'No' to (c)...* \* Please explain why no actions have been taken?

## 7. Site Details

\*Is the address for the site or premises to be licensed different to the applicant's address? Yes  No

If 'Yes' ... For each Site / Location to be licensed, please complete **all** of the following details:

If 'No' ... Please complete Site / Location Name and OS Grid Reference boxes only.

*(For linear projects, please add the start and end points separately)*

	Site 1	Site 2	Site 3
*Site / Location Name:			
House No:			
Address Line 1:			
Address Line 2:			
Address Line 3:			
Town:			
*County:			
Postcode:			
*OS Grid Reference: <i>(In format XX123456)</i>			

## 8. Conservation Considerations

(a) \*Will any part of the proposed activity fall in and/or adjacent to a Designated Site?

Yes  No  N/A

If 'Yes' to (a) please complete the table below. If 'No', please go to the next section.

Please indicate whether the activity will fall on and/or adjacent to a designated site:	Designated Site Name:	Type of Designated Site <i>E.g. National Nature Reserve (NNR), Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), Special Protection Area (SPA), Special Area of Conservation (SAC), Ramsar Site, Ancient Monument, Marine Nature Reserve (MNR), Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)</i>
On <input type="checkbox"/> Adjacent to <input type="checkbox"/>		
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(b) Have you received permission from all the designated site managers?

Yes  No  Not Known

(c) Have you consulted with Natural England for advice on the implications of the application on the designated sites?

Yes  No  Not Known

(d) Please give either the outcome of your consultations or the reason why you have not consulted us. Please provide any relevant correspondence and the name of the local Natural England adviser or reserve manager consulted.

(e) Will work extend into future years?

*(If 'Yes' please state how many years it will extend for)*

Yes  \_\_\_\_\_ years No

(f) Is work part of a wider project or contributing to local Biodiversity Action Plans?

Yes  No  Not Known

## 9. Authorisation

(a) \*Is the applicant the owner / occupier of the land? Yes  No  N/A

If 'Yes' to (a) please go to the next section. If 'No' to (a) please answer (b).

(b) Have you received the owner occupier's permission to apply? Yes  No

Please note that it is your responsibility as the applicant to obtain the owner or occupier's permissions to act under licence on their property.

You may be asked to provide documentation which confirms that you have owner or occupier's permissions and we will contact you if this is necessary.

## 10. Application Details

(a) Please add details for all licensable actions you wish to perform:

	Licensable Action 1	Licensable Action 2	Licensable Action 3
Application Subject	<i>Wild plants - survey, science, education and conservation</i>		
* Species			
* Activity	<input type="checkbox"/> Collect <input type="checkbox"/> Cut <input type="checkbox"/> Damage <input type="checkbox"/> Destroy <input type="checkbox"/> Kill <input type="checkbox"/> Mark <input type="checkbox"/> Pick <input type="checkbox"/> Possess <input type="checkbox"/> Sell <input type="checkbox"/> Take <input type="checkbox"/> Transport <input type="checkbox"/> Uproot	<input type="checkbox"/> Collect <input type="checkbox"/> Cut <input type="checkbox"/> Damage <input type="checkbox"/> Destroy <input type="checkbox"/> Kill <input type="checkbox"/> Mark <input type="checkbox"/> Pick <input type="checkbox"/> Possess <input type="checkbox"/> Sell <input type="checkbox"/> Take <input type="checkbox"/> Transport <input type="checkbox"/> Uproot	<input type="checkbox"/> Collect <input type="checkbox"/> Cut <input type="checkbox"/> Damage <input type="checkbox"/> Destroy <input type="checkbox"/> Kill <input type="checkbox"/> Mark <input type="checkbox"/> Pick <input type="checkbox"/> Possess <input type="checkbox"/> Sell <input type="checkbox"/> Take <input type="checkbox"/> Transport <input type="checkbox"/> Uproot
* Method or Field Technique	<input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol <input type="checkbox"/> Benthic sediment cores <input type="checkbox"/> Clipping <input type="checkbox"/> Core sampling by hand <input type="checkbox"/> Digging <input type="checkbox"/> Grappling <input type="checkbox"/> Hand <input type="checkbox"/> Hand held tools <input type="checkbox"/> Leaf clip	<input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol <input type="checkbox"/> Benthic sediment cores <input type="checkbox"/> Clipping <input type="checkbox"/> Core sampling by hand <input type="checkbox"/> Digging <input type="checkbox"/> Grappling <input type="checkbox"/> Hand <input type="checkbox"/> Hand held tools <input type="checkbox"/> Leaf clip	<input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol <input type="checkbox"/> Benthic sediment cores <input type="checkbox"/> Clipping <input type="checkbox"/> Core sampling by hand <input type="checkbox"/> Digging <input type="checkbox"/> Grappling <input type="checkbox"/> Hand <input type="checkbox"/> Hand held tools <input type="checkbox"/> Leaf clip
Number			
Plant Part			
County			



OS Grid Reference <i>(or 10km grid square)</i>			
Detailed Location			
Proposed Date From			
Proposed Date To			

(b) \* Does the work involve translocations (introductions, re-introductions or moving species)? Yes  No

*If 'Yes' to (b)...* \* Have you evaluated the proposal against NE's translocation guidance on native plants?

## 11. Authorised Individuals

\* Will any additional authorised individuals / accredited agents be required to act under this license?

Yes  No

*If 'No' please go to the next section.*

(EPS only) N/A

*If 'Yes', for each additional authorised individual / accredited agent, please complete the details below:*

	<i>Person 1</i>	<i>Person 2</i>	<i>Person 3</i>
*Title:			
*Forename:			
Middle Name:			
*Surname:			
House No.:			
*Address Line 1:			
*Address Line 2:			
Address Line 3:			
Town:			
*County:			
*Postcode:			

*Please note: The licensee and anyone acting under the licence are responsible for their actions and for complying with the licence conditions. In addition, no-one under the age of 18 may be authorised by the licensee without specific written permission from Natural England for licences that permit shooting.*

## 12. Qualifications

If you have not held a similar type of licence within the last 3 years you will need to supply references to support your application. You must follow the guidance on our [website](#) with regard to the number and content of references required. If you submit the incorrect number of references or references with content which is not as described, it is likely your application will be refused.

(a) \*Are you providing references?

Yes  No

If 'Yes'  
to (a) ...

Please provide details of referee(s)

(b) \*Do you have qualifications and/or experience of the methods and procedures proposed?

Yes  No

(c) \*Please provide details of relevant experience and qualifications.

## 13. Supplementary Information

Please provide any additional information you may have to support your application.

## 14. Charge Screening

Natural England will use this section to assess whether you need to pay for your licence.

Remember to save your changes before sending your application.  
If you do not complete your form correctly, your request might take longer.

### 14a. Applicant Screening

#### Charge screening for modifications or renewals to a wildlife licence granted before 7 December 2020 only

Enter your licence reference number

I have read and understood the [terms and conditions for payment](#) in respect of an existing wildlife licence and agree to pay relevant charges.

#### 14b. Is there a charge for your licence?

Your answers must be the same as question 5 on your licence application form. Is the main aim of your project either:

- construction or development, which includes improvement or maintenance
- filming or photography

Yes

No

If yes, you will need to pay a fee for this licence.

If you ticked 'no', is the purpose of your licence application for:

science or education

conserving wild plants

introducing wild plants to particular areas

protecting any botanical collection

use only by a volunteer

If you ticked one of the purposes, your licence may be exempt from charges. You do not need to complete the rest of section 14.

## 14c. Invoice Details

**Only complete this section if your licence is charged for.**

Please note:

- if the section below needs to be completed and is left blank, the form will be returned to you for completion. Licence assessment will not commence until these details are provided
- requests for changes to invoice details made after an invoice has been issued (including missing purchase order numbers) will be subject to a £121 administration charge

Contact details are the same as the applicant details Company

Name

Address including postcode

Telephone number

Mobile number

Email address for invoices

Contact name for invoices

Email address (if different from invoice email address)

Do you use a purchase number for company invoices?

Yes

No

If yes, enter the purchase order number

## 14d. Licence Cost

The cost of this licence is calculated to the nearest quarter of an hour, based on an hourly rate of **£121**. Likely costs are:

- new licences between £121 and £500
- modifications between £121 and £250
- renewals between £121 and £500

Complex cases are likely to cost more, such as:

- projects using unusual, new or contentious methods
- applications or project plans that have incomplete or inaccurate details
- applications or project plans with unnecessary additional information
- issues with ecologist experience or poor references
- surveys that do not follow guidance or are limited or constrained
- phased or multi-plot developments
- applications where compliance issues have been identified or have previous police involvement
- applications without relevant planning permissions (or other consents) in place; that do not have conditions or reserved matters fully discharged; or that propose the use of exceptional circumstances
- applications affecting a protected site

Read and sign section 15, 16 and 17 section.

Send this completed licence application form A31 to:  
[wildlife.scicons@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:wildlife.scicons@naturalengland.org.uk)

## 15. Using and Sharing Your Information

How we use your personal information is set out in the Wildlife Licensing privacy notice which can be found here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/natural-england-privacy-notice>.

### **Important Advice:**

- **If your application is made under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) or the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017, any person who in order to obtain a licence knowingly or recklessly makes a statement or representation, or furnishes a document or information which is false in a material particular, shall be guilty of an offence and may be liable to criminal prosecution. Any person found guilty of such an offence is liable, on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale, or to both. Regarding other wildlife legislation, we will look to provisions in the Fraud Act 2006 (as amended) in respect of applicants making any false representations.**
- **Natural England or the Secretary of State can modify or revoke at any time any licence that is issued, but this will not be done unless there is good reason for doing so. Any licence that is issued is likely to be revoked immediately if it is discovered that false information has been provided that resulted in the issue of a licence.**

## 16. Declaration

### 16a. Convictions

\* Have you or any person listed in the application been convicted of any wildlife-related or animal welfare offence? Yes  No

If 'Yes': Please provide details of the convictions: *(including dates)*

The offences we are referring to relate to persons convicted on or after 1 January 2010 of an offence under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, the Conservation (Natural Habitats &c.) Regulations 1994, the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), the Protection of Badgers Act 1992, the Deer Act 1991, the Hunting Act 2004, the Wild Mammals (Protection) Act 1996, the Animal Welfare Act 2006, the Protection of Animals Act 1911 and the Invasive Alien Species (Enforcement and Permitting) Order 2019 (all as amended). You do not have to declare conviction if the person concerned is: (1) a rehabilitated person for the purposes of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and their conviction is treated as spent; or (2) in respect of such an offence, a court has made an order discharging them absolutely.

### 16b. Applicant Declaration.

I have read and understood the privacy notice in section 15 above.

- Where required, I undertake to obtain permission from landowners / occupiers of land to exercise any licence resulting from this application, and to allow any employee or representative of Natural England to monitor or inspect the work described in this application.
- I have read and understood the guidance provided in the application form and on the Wildlife Licensing Internet guidance pages. I declare the particulars given are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
- I declare the particulars given are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I apply for a licence in accordance with the information I have provided.
- I have read and understood the [Terms and Conditions](#) for payment in respect of Wildlife Licence Applications and agree to pay all the relevant charges due

I agree to the declaration above.

Signature of Applicant:

For electronic applications, please insert an electronic signature above or tick this box to confirm with the declaration.

Name: *(In BLOCK letters)*

Date:

16c. Ecologist Declaration

I have read and understood the privacy notice in section 15 above.

- I can confirm that I have visited the site.
- I have designed and inputted into the licence proposal.
- I declare the particulars given are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I agree to the declaration above.

Signature of Ecologist:

For electronic applications, please insert an electronic signature above or tick this box to confirm with the declaration.

Name: *(In BLOCK letters)*

Date:

17. Annex - Application Notes

*Applicant*

The applicant is the person submitting the application (usually the landowner or occupier) who, if the licence was granted, would become the licensee. The applicant may appoint agents to produce the application pack and act on their behalf. A person with specific skills and knowledge of the species concerned, such as a consultant ecologist, must be appointed to assist in the preparation and the delivery of the proposals that ensure the species protection requirements can be met.

*Licensee*

The "Licensee" named on the licence is responsible for ensuring that all activities carried out on site in relation to the licence comply with the terms and conditions of the licence. However, all persons authorised to act under the licence must comply with the licence and its conditions (see Regulation 60(1) of the 2017 Regulations). This means that all authorised persons have a responsibility for ensuring that the licence terms and conditions, including any annex special conditions, are understood and complied with. Failure to do so could lead to prosecution.

*Consultant/Named Ecologist*

The "Named Ecologist" is a professional ecological consultant who has satisfied Natural England that they have the relevant skills, knowledge and experience of the species concerned and is responsible for undertaking and/or overseeing the work undertaken in respect of the licensed species. The 'Named Ecologist' has a responsibility for ensuring that the licence is complied with. They are responsible for advising the licensee on the suitability and competence of any Accredited Agents or Assistants employed on site to undertake the required duties and may include the direct supervision of Assistants where appropriate. More information about the experience required to become a name ecologist can be found here: [http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140605090108/http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/Images/bat-mitigation-guidance\\_tcm6-10534.pdf](http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140605090108/http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/Images/bat-mitigation-guidance_tcm6-10534.pdf)



### *Accredited Agent*

An “Accredited Agent” is a suitably trained and experienced person who is able to carry out work under a licence without the personal supervision of the Named Ecologist. Any Accredited Agent must be appointed by the Licensee and be in possession of a letter signed by the Licensee confirming their appointment. Agents shall carry a copy of the said letter when acting under the licence and shall produce it to any police or Natural England officer on request. .

### *Assistants*

An “Assistant” is a person assisting a Named Ecologist or Accredited Agent. Assistants are only authorised to act under this licence whilst they are under the direct supervision of either the Named Ecologist or an Accredited Agent.