

		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Desk Study	Record Search	Possible anytime of year												
	Surveys (Phase 1 and hedgerow)	Sub-optimal survey time			Optimal survey time							Sub optimal survey time		
Habitats	Mitigation	Planting and translocation	Not possible								Planting and translocation			
	Surveys (woodland)	Sub-optimal time		Optimal			Sub-optimal time							
Vegetation (NVC and other Phase II/III)	Surveys (grassland)	Sub-optimal time			Optimal			Sub-optimal time						
	Mitigation	Planting and translocation		No mitigation for majority of species							Planting and translocation			
Badgers	Surveys	Search for setts can be carried out any time of year but most effective in spring and autumn/winter. Bait marking possible autumn/winter.										Bait marking not possible		
	Mitigation	Building of artificial setts. No disturbance of existing setts						Disturbance of existing setts-blocking of entrance holes, sett destruction				See Jan-Jun		
Bats	Surveys	Inspections of hibernation, tree and building roosts			No surveys		Activity surveys and inspection of building roosts, emergence counts				No surveys		Inspection of hibernation, tree and summer	
	Mitigation	Works on maternity roosts		Works on maternity until mid May. Works on hibernation			Hibernation roost works			Hibernation roost works until Nov.		Maternity roost works		
Birds	Surveys	Winter bird		Breeding birds/migrant			Breeding birds		Breeding birds/migrant			Winter birds		
	Mitigation	See Sept - Dec	No tree, hedgerow or scrub to be removed without a breeding bird survey						Works possible but must stop if breeding birds found					
Dormice	Surveys	Nut search	Nut search	Hair tube and cage trap surveys to mid-October. Nest surveys. Nut searches from September							Nut and nest surveys (optimum)			
	Mitigation	No clearance works				Clearance works	No clearance works			Clearance works (optimum time)		No clearance works		
Fish	Surveys	Where applicable migration patterns of the species affected will need to be considered. Fish breeding periods vary between species and this may need to be considered when planning surveys												
	Mitigation	Water courses require protection at all times of year. Mitigation for particular fish species will need to be timed to avoid the breeding season.												
Great crested newts	Surveys	No surveys		Pond surveys for adults.				Larvae surveys to mid August		Terrestrial habitat surveys		No surveys		
	Mitigation	No newt trapping. Pond and habitat management		Newt trapping programs in ponds and on land				Newt trapping on land only				No newt trapping. Pond and habitat management		
Natterjack toads	Surveys	No surveys			Surveys of breeding ponds for adults. Surveys for adults on land.			Surveys for adults on land			No surveys			
	Mitigation	Pond management works		Trapping of adults on land. Trapping of adults in ponds from April-July.						Pond management works				
Otter	Surveys	Surveys can be undertaken year round although seasonal variation in vegetation and weather may affect survey efficiency												
	Mitigation	Mitigation can be conducted at any time of year although breeding otters should not be disturbed.												
Pine Martin	Surveys	Survey possible		Den survey can be carried out between March and May							Survey possible			
	Mitigation	Works in area of used habitat and dens		No works in pine martin habitat							Works in areas of used habitat and dens			
Red squirrels	Surveys	Survey possible throughout year			Survey possible throughout year							Survey possible throughout year		
	Mitigation	Avoid all works in known red squirrel habitat										Optimum time for works in red squirrel habitat	See Jan-Sept	
Sand lizards, smooth snakes & common lizards	Surveys	No surveys		Activity surveys to be conducted March-June and Sept-Oct. Surveys limited by high temperatures in July and August							No surveys			
	Mitigation	Scrub clearance		Scrub clearance. Capture and translocation while animals active from March-June and Sept-Oct. Surveys restricted by high temperatures in peak summer months of July and August							Scrub clearance			
Other reptiles	Surveys	No surveys		Surveys possible			Surveys possible		Surveys possible			No surveys		
	Mitigation	Scrub clearance		Scrub clearance. Capture and translocation of animals possible			Scrub clearance and capture translocation		See March to June			Scrub clearance		
Water voles	Surveys	Activity low	Search for field signs and latrines.		Search for field signs and Activity low latrines.		Search for field signs and Activity low latrines.			Initial surveys possible	Activity low			
	Mitigation	Avoid all works in water vole habitat			Works possible	Avoid all works in water vole habitat			Works possible		Avoid all works in water vole habitat			
White clawed crayfish	Surveys	Activity low			Surveys possible	No surveys		Optimal survey time				Activity low		
	Mitigation	Avoid capture programs			See June- Oct	Avoid capture programs		Exclusion of crayfish from construction areas				Avoid capture programs		
Other aquatic invertebrates	Surveys	Sub-optimal survey time		Optimal survey time			Sub-optimal survey time			Optimal survey time		See Jan-Feb		
	Mitigation													

Optimal time

Sub-optimal time

NB: This timetable should be used as a reference guide only with advice also being sought from a qualified ecologist as site and project specific constraints may alter seasonal windows.

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