

Action Plan Objectives & Targets Some dates reviewed 2008	Actions	2007 Target trend & progress (Tony Beysens)	2007 Plan trend & progress (Tony Beysens)	2007 * HBA status	2008 Target trend & progress	2008 Plan trend & progress
A. To record all known examples of biodiversity rich field margins By 2010	RM1 RM2	<p>↑ Some progress (on schedule)</p> <p>Recording at County level is being promoted, but the need to prioritise will point resources towards “at risk” and rarer habitats.</p> <p>The new HLS process records these features in the farm environmental plan.</p>	<p>↑</p> <p>The new agri-environment schemes encourage Target A and it is quite a popular option.</p> <p>Recording is difficult outside the formalities of the schemes (FEP) as it requires a reasonable degree of knowledge and funding is not available to facilitate recording,</p> <p>Target B is progressing well, but in the medium / long term margins could lose out to strategically important food/power demands, or to under-management if funding is not maintained.</p>	Increase	<p>↑ Some progress (on schedule)</p> <p>Now attempted in the new book Warwickshire Wildflowers for hot spots (Newbold on Stour, Oxhouse Farm) but not individual sites.</p> <p>BSBI do regular surveys.</p> <p>John Bowley reports no change for birds.</p>	<p>↑</p> <p>Progress continues.</p>
B. To maintain the existing overall area of conservation field margins by increasing the extent of the habitat by at least 40ha per year 2004-2015 annually	PL1 SM1 SM2 SM3 SM4 A1 A2 RM1 RM2	<p>↑ Some progress (on schedule)</p> <p>Cross compliance and agri-environment schemes are delivering significant increases.</p> <p>Expiring CSS holders will not automatically get transferred into the new HLS so potentially some existing areas may be lost unless the farmer is willing to transfer to the ELS which is not as remunerative in a lot of cases.</p>	<p>↑</p> <p>The new agri-environment schemes encourage Target A and it is quite a popular option.</p> <p>Recording is difficult outside the formalities of the schemes (FEP) as it requires a reasonable degree of knowledge and funding is not available to facilitate recording,</p> <p>Target B is progressing well, but in the medium / long term margins could lose out to strategically important food/power demands, or to under-management if funding is not maintained.</p>	Increase	<p>↑ Some progress (on schedule)</p> <p>Achieved by the promotion of proper management through the HLS scheme (guidance published in 2005)</p> <p>WWT – ongoing action undertaken as part of the general advisory work offered to all farmers and landowners.</p>	<p>↑</p> <p>Progress continues.</p>