**FIRE-BELLED TOADS**

*Bombina species*

Identification:
- Adults up to 5cm in length.
- Dark muted colouration on back with bright green patches (colour varies among species).
- Black with very bright yellow, orange or red patches on belly.

Distribution:
- Non-native species.
- Native to parts of Europe and Asia.
- Released from the pet trade and found in several sites across the UK.

Ecology:
- If threatened they play dead by rolling onto back, exposing the bright colouration on their belly.

N.B. The release of exotic species into the wild is a criminal offence under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.