

# TOAD CROSSING SIGNS – advice for Toad Patrollers



*Toad crossing warning signs can be one tool to make drivers aware of toads crossing the road.*

Signs can only be displayed at sites approved by the Secretary of State as a 'Migratory Toad Crossing Point.' The register of approved crossings is held and maintained by Froglife under its Toad on Roads project work

## **Policy**

Installing signs would be seen as supportive of a council's general biodiversity duties under (Section 40) of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act (NERC).

Common toads (*Bufo Bufo*) are recognised as being of priority importance for the conservation of biodiversity under Section 41 of the NERC Act 2006.

Therefore, legislation requires that planning authorities need to ensure that common toads are protected from the adverse effects of development. It will always be very helpful to gain the support of a local councillor to help secure assistance from your council on this matter.

## **Application**

Signs will only be considered for registered locations where funding is available. Signage for sites may be provided by the local council – where the funds are available. A council is not under any statutory obligation to install these signs.

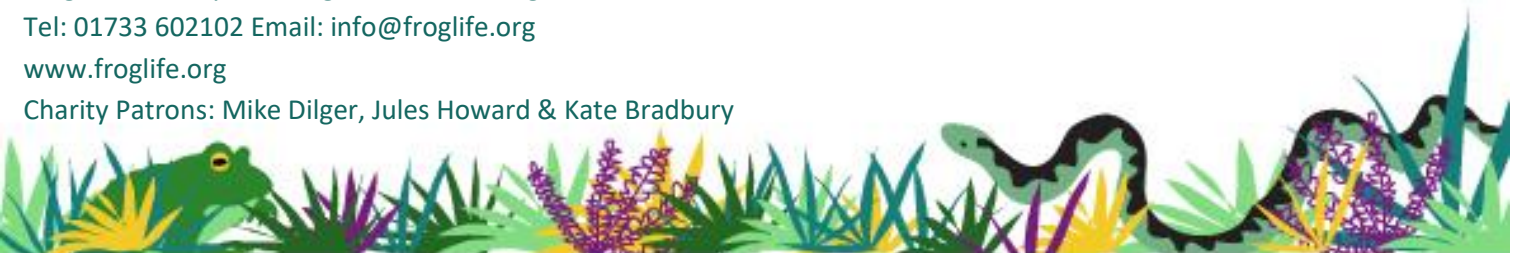
If you want to apply for signage, you would have to approach your local council's Highways Department (often this is handled by Traffic Management Officers). You will need a copy of the site's registration letter as evidence of registration as a toad crossing. Local council Highways Departments will have differing procedures as to how to apply for signs.

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To further complicate matters, traffic authorities are only permitted to display these signs between February and May (the toad migration period) and signs must be removed or covered at other times of the year. Consideration will be needed as to how this might be operated and managed.

**Please be aware that Froglife do not currently have the resources to directly engage with applications for signs or to take on any responsibility for the signs being put up or taken down.**



**Suppliers:**

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