

TOAD PATROL REPORT 2023

A great year for our toads, the best for some time although other sites are reporting a fall in numbers .

Summarised as follows;

Toads saved going :378

Toads saved returning :49 Note we have never recorded many returning, I assume they move at night or stay in the vicinity until they decide it's time to go. Either way we now rarely see any casualties.

Toad casualties: 14 Note this is a low number looking at other sites, mainly due to the quiet road and of course our patrols.

Frogs saved:37

Common Newts saved :8

We started the patrols on 15th February had a spell of cold weather until 12th March, then it was all systems go when the weather warmed up, until last week ,when we started to see them returning. Patrols finished 25th March.

As usual a huge THANK YOU to all the patrollers for your commitment and dedication in supporting this conservation project. Particularly, this year where we still covered every night despite losing several supporters from last year. I hope like me, you feel you have done something very special and worthwhile in helping nature in this way.