



Otters and development, including mitigation focusing on highway projects

This advanced course is aimed at people who have attended our 'Otter ecology and survey' course or are already experienced in undertaking otter surveys and have a good understanding of otter ecology. Following attendance, you should be able to design appropriate survey and mitigation strategies and successfully apply for otter mitigation licences.

Course content:

- Legislation, protection and planning considerations
- Impacts of development proposals on otters
- Licensing
- Survey requirements
- Mitigation techniques, including habitat enhancement, replacement holt construction, fencing from roads and fisheries, and providing safe crossings for otters under roads
- Case study reviews, including good and bad practice

A course certificate will be issued following completion of a test.