



# **Biodiversity Blitz 2013**

## **Llantarnam Abbey, nr Cwmbran**

### **Saturday 17th August,**

### **10am - 4pm**

This is a unique opportunity to visit the privately-owned Llantarnam Abbey, located near Cwmbran. The present Abbey is built on the site of a medieval Cistercian Monastery, and the property was used as a family home, until it was bought by the Sisters of St Joseph in the 1940s.

The site encompasses c.35 ha of land, and comprises a variety of habitats including wet pasture, deciduous woodland, ponds, wet woodland, marshy grassland, hedgerows, and a small orchard within a walled garden. The Afon Llwyd and Dowlais Brook border the site to the north and south.

The grounds are not particularly well recorded but records of white-clawed crayfish, dipper and kingfisher are known from the river; whilst pipistrelle bats, nuthatch, songthrush, and great spotted woodpecker have been noted on the site. Insects such as short-winged conehead, elephant hawkmoth, and meadow brown have also been spotted within the grounds; and in 2012, ten species of waxcap fungi (*Hygrocybe*) were recorded on the Abbey lawns.

The site is sure to contain a wealth of interesting species which are as yet un-recorded. **Join us on the biodiversity blitz and help us add to the existing knowledge about the site.**



**This FREE event is open to all wildlife recorders, so please feel free to pass this information onto other naturalists who may be interested in attending. Please note that Llantarnam Abbey is an active convent, so please ensure you register your interest with us so we can send you further details of the event.**

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