

The Tanyptera Project



Dedicated to invertebrate conservation in North West England

Funded by the Tanyptera Trust and delivered by National Museums Liverpool, The Tanyptera Project is an exciting five year initiative (2017 - 2022) promoting the study and conservation of insects and other invertebrates in Lancashire, Cheshire, Merseyside and Greater Manchester.

Work is co-ordinated by a full-time project officer, based in the Entomology section of Liverpool's World Museum, and is supported by an annual budget to deliver a wide-range of activities and projects.

Growing the region's entomology skill base

An extensive programme of very successful identification and recording workshops, delivered by national and regional experts, helps recorders develop their entomology skills.

High quality tuition is supported by regular drop-in sessions at World Museum and at Local Environmental Record Centres.



Supporting recorders and promoting conservation



Sibianor laeae

Richard Gallon

A small grant scheme encourages individuals, groups and organisations to record invertebrates, digitalise and summarise data, attend training courses and deliver training and networking opportunities.

Recent highlights include the discovery of a new jumping spider in Britain; the development of a recording programme for springtails; new insight into the ecology of two caddisflies and survey support for a bush-cricket with the intention to inform a re-introduction programme.

Co-ordinating information

A dedicated website promotes events and funding opportunities. It also provides a reference point for regional checklists, atlases, survey reports and historical literature. See www.northwestinvertebrates.org.uk

Over time, the website will develop to include a wide range of species accounts and taxonomic reviews.



Ammoecius brevis

Darren Mann

Improving understanding of threatened species and habitats



Atylotus plebeius

Specific projects are commissioned to gain detailed information on rare and threatened species and to provide information on habitats and sites of special invertebrate significance in North West England.

This work has already led to the rediscovery of two species thought to be extinct in the UK - the Cheshire Horsefly (*Atylotus plebeius*) from Delamere mosslands and the dung beetle *Ammoecius brevis* on the Sefton Coast.

Commissioned projects include a survey of lowland bog spider assemblages and a desktop survey of invertebrate river shingle habitat in North Lancashire.