

# Brunningshams Farm Great Crested Newt

9<sup>th</sup> September 2025



## Images of the dried up pond





# Emails from pond owner



**Mary Brunning**  
Re: Pond Surveys

24 April 2025 at 21:28



Hi

Thanks for the update, the pond at the front of mums house is all dried up, no water in it at all now.

Thanks Mary



**Mary Brunning**  
Re: Pond Surveys

25 April 2025 at 10:57

[Details](#)

Hi

Yes it's dry all the time, I'll be over there Tuesday next so can send picture then, unless you're there before.

Mary

# Correspondence from Arbtech regarding GCN

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Hello,

Thank you for sending across the photos.

My final assessment is that because the pond is likely to be dry throughout the breeding season for GCN (April-June) that it is not likely to be a breeding pond, and that we can't carry out eDNA if the pond is dry. In addition, a quick check of the BRD shows no GCN records within 2km. The aerial imagery does show the pond containing water, but this is likely to be during winter with more frequent rainfall.

So I won't proceed with eDNA and state in report that pond is unlikely to be a GCN breeding pond.

**OB** Oliver Bevilacqua  
Re: Pond Surveys

30 April 2025 at 10:38

Hello

Thank you for sending across the photos.

My final assessment is that because the pond is likely to be dry throughout the breeding season for GCN (April-June) that it is not likely to be a breeding pond, and that we can't carry out eDNA if the pond is dry. In addition, a quick check of the BRD shows no GCN records within 2km. The aerial imagery does show the pond containing water, but this is likely to be during winter with more frequent rainfall.

So I won't proceed with eDNA and state in report that pond is unlikely to be a GCN breeding pond. However, it is possible that the LPA may double check imagery and request DLL at a later date. Hopefully it doesn't come to this as we have some justification against.

Kind regards,

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