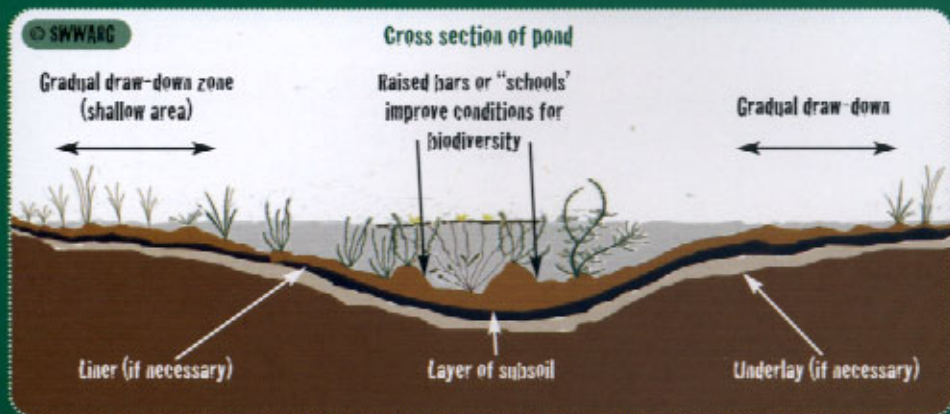


Amphibians & Reptiles

in South Wales



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Build a Hibernation Site.

Cutaway showing...



Hay can be added for extra warmth

Suitable hibernation sites or "Hibernacula" are extremely important for herpetofauna of all kinds and can be lost due to development, often without anybody even knowing. Such tragedies can seriously deplete a colony if the hibernation site is destroyed whilst in use.



Placing a heap of hay on top of a pile of logs is another method of boosting heat and invertebrate levels

Creating suitable hibernacula for herpetofauna is simple enough. Materials such as hardcore, rubble, brush or logs can be built into a pile and left undisturbed in a quiet area of the garden. If you position your pile or bank of material from east to west, it will be naturally south facing and receive sunlight for the majority of the day as long as it is not shaded by buildings or trees. If you