

Habitats Regulations Report **underscores the need for urgent action** **to restore nature in Northern Ireland**

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) has, for the first time, published a comprehensive statutory report on Northern Ireland's implementation of the Habitats Regulations for protected habitats and species. The report which covers the period 2019-2024 underscores the urgent need for decisive action to restore nature.

ApprenticeshipsNI and Higher Level **Apprenticeships in Further Education:** **Academic year 2024/25**

The Department for the Economy has published statistical reports on ApprenticeshipsNI and Higher Level Apprenticeships in Further Education in Northern Ireland, academic year 2024/25.

Stricter BVD measures to be applied **from 1 February 2026**

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) is reminding herd keepers that the next phase of Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (BVD) controls will take effect from 1 February 2026.

Kimmins announces £662,000 resurfacing

scheme on the A512 Creighton Road, Belfast

Infrastructure Minister Liz Kimmins has announced that a £662,000 carriageway resurfacing scheme on the A512 Creighton Road, Belfast commenced on Thursday 29 January 2026.

Northern Ireland local authority collected municipal waste management statistics released 29/01/26

Provisional Northern Ireland local authority collected municipal waste management statistics for July to September 2025 have been published today by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA).