

BIS Scale of charges Policy (1st August 2019)

SUMMARY OF PRINCIPLES:

- *As a not-for-profit company BIS's charging policy must be transparent to its users*
- *BIS is a service provider and all charges are set to meet the costs of providing data services*
- *BIS charges are set on a sliding scale to benefit charities and those who have invested in BIS establishment or who provide financial security through Service Level Agreements (SLAs).*

1. POLICY STATEMENT

- 1.1. The Biodiversity Information Service for Powys and Brecon Beacons National Park (BIS) is a non-profit company, which provides data and information services to a range of users. There is clearly a cost to running such a service and this must be met by its users for BIS to be a sustainable proposition.
- 1.2. BIS charges are set to recover the costs of time spent accessing, collating, processing and managing data, as well as supplying data to end users. These costs include staff time and the overheads associated with running BIS. No charge is made for the actual data or information, which is passed on to users, as BIS is neither the owner of the data, nor did it bear the cost of data collection.
- 1.3. The hourly charges which are set out in the tables below have been set to take into account the following considerations:
- Whether the user has contributed to the establishment of BIS.
 - Whether the user has an SLA with BIS.
 - Whether the user has charitable status.

| | HOURLY CHARGE | WHO |
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| A | £140 (PRIMARY – FIRST HOUR) £110 (STANDARD – ADDITIONAL HOURS) | COMMERCIAL USERS |
| B | £90 | COMMERCIAL USERS (WITH SLA) |
| C (NEW) | £75 | NEW NON-COMMERCIAL USERS (WITHOUT SLA) |
| D | £70 | NEW NON-COMMERCIAL USERS (WITH SLA) |
| E | £65 | NON-COMMERCIAL USERS WITH LONG-STANDING RELATIONSHIP WITH BIS (WITH OUT SLA) |
| F | £60 | NON-COMMERCIAL USERS WITH LONG-STANDING RELATIONSHIP WITH BIS (WITH SLA) |
| G | £55 | NEW CHARITABLE USERS (WITHOUT SLA) |
| H | £50 | NEW CHARITABLE USERS - (WITH SLA) |
| I (NEW) | £47.50 | CHARITABLE USERS WITH LONG-STANDING RELATIONSHIP WITH BIS (WITHOUT SLA) |
| J | £45 | CHARITABLE USERS WITH LONG-STANDING RELATIONSHIP WITH BIS (WITH SLA) |

- 1.4. The following users will normally be exempt from charges (although BIS reserves the right to make charges in the event of requests that would take a large amount of staff time):
- School and university students.
 - Local natural history societies or groups.
 - Members of the public (unless representing a commercial interest).

- 1.5. BIS Commercial services are now completed through [Aderyn](#) and are charged by package as below. The initial prices shown are based on a point search. If a polygon / polyline is supplied thus enlarging the search area, the price will increase incrementally based on the overall area of search.

| Package | Description | Price £ + VAT |
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| A | Bats to 2km, Roof-nesting Birds to 150m and SSSI's and SAC's designated for Bat features to 10km. Perfect for small projects (point searches only) | 100 |
| B | Species/Sites/Habitats - 1km buffer Up to 5km ² | 140 |
| C | Species/Sites/Habitats - 2km buffer Up to 15km ² | From 180 |
| | Up to 30km ² | 250 |
| | Up to 60 km ² | 300 |
| D | Species/Sites/Habitats - 5km buffer Up to 80km ² | From 320 |
| | Up to 120km ² | 340 |
| | Up to 175 km ² | 360 |
| | Up to 250km ² | 380 |
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- Charity users may be given a 33% discount.

- 1.6. BIS shares its data with the Local Environmental Records Centres Wales Limited consortium which then makes non-sensitive summary data freely and publicly available via its [Aderyn](#) web portal.
- 1.7. Coarse level data is also made available for non-commercial use via the NBN Atlas.