

# Toads on Roads: Summary 2025

## 2025 Data Collection:

Data collection is now complete for another year with results from 280 patrols processed. Totals for this year are shown in the tables below:

2025 (as of 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec)	Common toads saved	Common toads lost	Common frogs saved	Common frogs lost	No. of Patrols Returning Data
<b>Total</b>	156,227	17,251	15,794	1,539	280
<b>Average per Crossing</b>	563.66	62.27	57.01	5.55	

2025 (as of 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec)	Small newts saved	Small newts lost	Smooth newts saved	Smooth newts lost	Palmate newts saved	Palmate newts lost	GCN saved	GCN lost
<b>Total</b>	10,786	1,310	8,660	1,395	7,348	455	547	90
<b>Average per Crossing</b>	38.93	4.72	31.26	5.03	26.52	1.64	1.97	0.32

## Headline Figures Jan-Dec 2025:

	2024	2025
New Crossings Registered	74	<b>61</b>
Total Crossings (Not Archived)	958	<b>1021</b>
Number of crossings understood to be active	517	<b>414</b>
No. of Volunteers (Inc. Managers)	6296	<b>7804</b>
Offers of Online Help	1244	<b>1240</b>

## Season Summary

This season, thanks to the exceptional dedication of our Toad Patrols, 156,227 toads were rescued from road mortality and safely guided to their breeding ponds. This surpasses last year's record of 152,717, marking another outstanding achievement for the project and its volunteers.

### Patrol Participation



We also saw a record number of patrols submitting data, with 280 patrols returning information for 2025. In addition, 61 new patrols registered this year, bringing the total number of active patrols to 414.

This decrease in active patrols is as a result of our efforts to maintain an accurate and up-to-date database. This Autumn, we contacted all patrols who had not submitted data in the last two seasons or more to confirm their status. Patrols that did not respond by the deadline were set to inactive. We appreciate the many patrols who responded promptly and helped ensure the integrity of our records.

### Use of the Portal

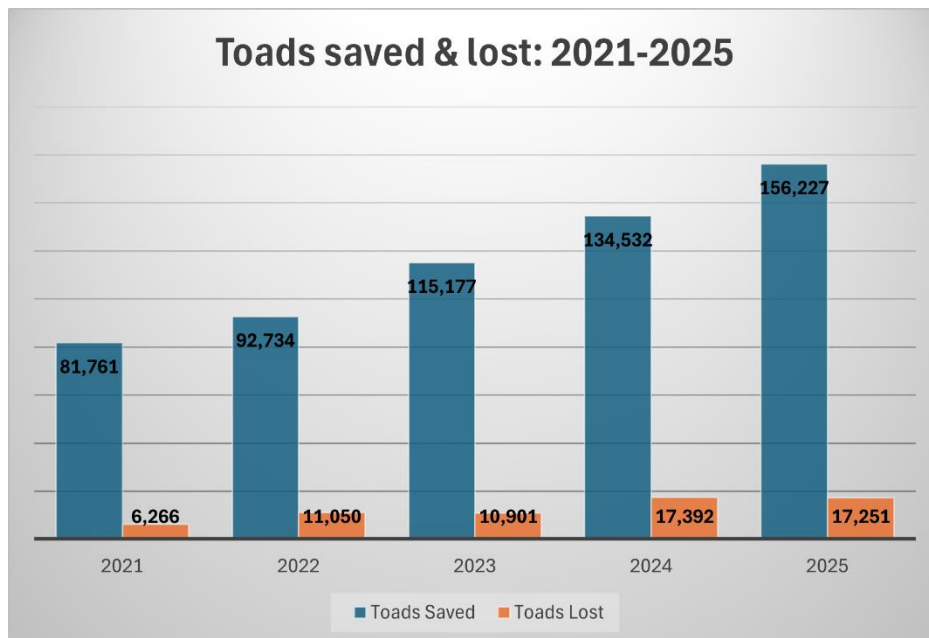
Of the 280 patrols that submitted data, 138 (49%) used the online portal. This is quite a significant decrease since last year, so if you are able, please use the portal to submit your data. It is a great resource, so we want to make sure everyone has the benefit of it. We extend a sincere thank you to those who continue to use the portal, as it greatly improves the efficiency and consistency of data collection.

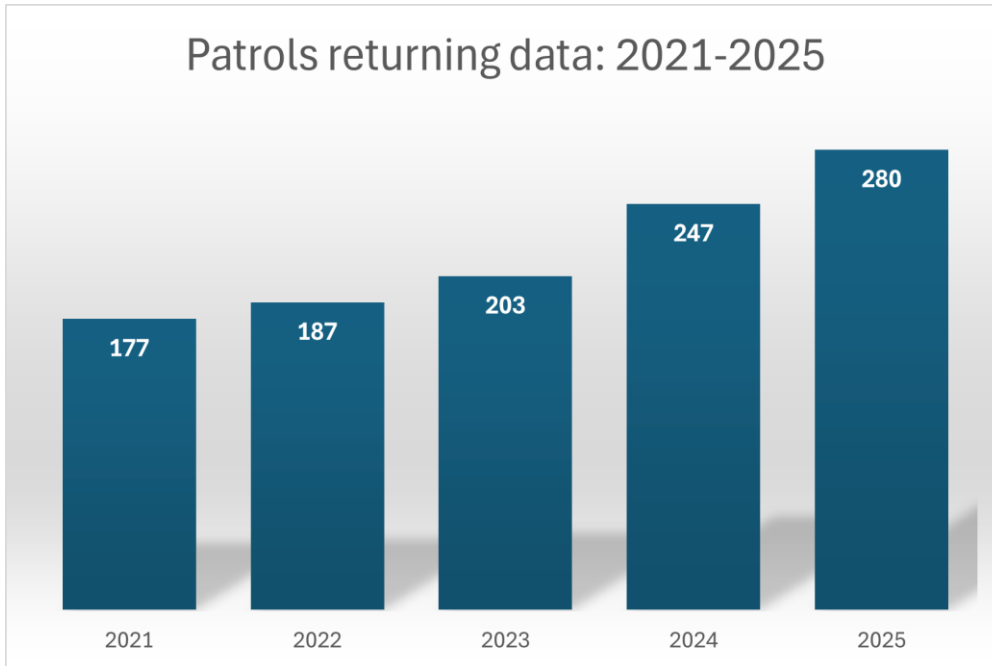
### Enquiries and Guidance Materials

The rate of general enquiries remained high throughout the season. However, the introduction of the Toads on Roads FAQs on the Froglife website helped streamline responses and allowed the Toads on Roads Coordinator to manage enquiries more effectively.

This year also saw the introduction of a new Volunteer Code of Conduct, now included in the Toads on Roads Patrol Pack. All patrol members are encouraged to familiarise themselves with this ahead of the 2026 season.

In addition, our Head of Science and Research has developed a method statement for handling amphibians, which has also been incorporated into the Patrol Pack to support best practice across all patrols.





## Notes for the Future:

### Press Day Announcement

Froglife will be holding a Press Day on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026** to highlight the incredible work carried out each year by our volunteers to help toads cross roads safely during the migration season.

We anticipate interest from a wide range of media outlets and would like to offer journalists the opportunity to speak directly with some of our volunteer Toad Patrol Managers and Toad Patrollers across the country. Personal experiences and stories are invaluable in raising awareness of the challenges faced by toads and the vital impact of your efforts.

If you or any members of your patrol would be willing to speak with the press, either on the day itself or shortly afterwards, please contact our Toads on Roads Coordinator at [toads@froglife.org](mailto:toads@froglife.org) Participation is entirely voluntary, and full guidance and support will be provided to anyone who agrees to take part.

On this note, can you please make sure you have confirmed if you would/ would not like to be contacted by the press via the options on the portal. You can do this by signing in, going to 'My Details' and scrolling down to 'Allow email address/phone numbers to be shared' and check the relevant boxes.



### **Support for Patrol Sites**

If you require additional volunteer support at your patrol site in the New Year, please tag us in your social media posts so that we can reshare on our platforms or send your requests to [toads@froglife.org](mailto:toads@froglife.org) so we can prepare and share social media posts to help recruit support.

### **Keeping the Portal Updated**

We kindly remind all patrols to ensure that their details on the Toads on Roads portal are kept up to date, including active/inactive status, personal details, and changes in patrol management. Keeping this information current helps us maintain an accurate and efficient system. Instructions on how to update your information can be found [here](#).

While we encourage as many patrols as possible to use the portal, we understand that this is not feasible for everyone. If you do not use the portal, please email any changes relating to your patrol directly to our Toads on Roads Coordinator at [toads@froglife.org](mailto:toads@froglife.org)

**A huge, huge thank you once again to all patrols for their efforts this season**