



● **Down to earth:** Llanfyllin School pupils and European Education Specialists, paid an educational visit to Lake Vyrnwy.

Euro guests fly in for RSPB project

RSPB Lake Vyrnwy recently hosted a study visit from European Education Specialists and decision makers, as part of the LIFE Active blanket bog in Wales Project.

Fifteen students and a teacher from Llanfyllin High School accompanied teachers from countries such as Austria, Greece, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Spain and Turkey on a visit to the reserve, which is the only project of its kind in Wales, and one of only three in the UK.

Many of the students from Llanfyllin High School are young farmers in the local area, with the visit giving teachers an opportunity to see how the students interact with such projects, and witness RSPB educational methods in practice.

LIFE Project Manager, Mike Morris, said: "The teachers and students were taken onto the moor to see the project and to understand how important it is to educate local students and farmers about the value of globally important habitats. We can also give them essential information about what they can do to manage and protect them."

The visit also coincided with a trip to RSPB Lake Vyrnwy Farm, the largest organic farm in England and Wales, where teachers and students could see how animals benefit from this type of restoration work.

The five-year project is responsible for restoring active blanket bog in the Berwyn and Migneint Special Areas

of Conservation, and is on track to achieve its targets by 2011.

Anyone interested in learning more about the project can visit the LIFE Project website at www.gorgorgscymru.org.

● **Hands-on experience:** Below. RSPB Officers and LIFE Project workers were on hand to teach Llanfyllin School students about the LIFE Active blanket bog in Wales project.

