

USEFUL LEAFLETS

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Biodiversity and Householder Planning Applications

**Biodiversity is the WOW factor - the
Wealth of Wildlife around us. It is all the animals
and plants which live on our planet.**

You can make a contribution to this wealth of wildlife too and ensure that
our children and grand-children can enjoy it in the future.

If you are planning work to your house here are some suggestions to help
protect and enhance the wildlife in your house and garden.

This leaflet also contains some advice about what to look
out for - some species are protected by law
and require special care.



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TREES

Plant native trees such as oak, ash and beech in your garden. These trees can support many different animals, birds and insects.

Old trees are a particularly valuable habitat - try to leave old trees standing, except where there is a safety issue.

Check with your District Council Tree Officer to find out if there are any Tree Protection Orders or hedgerow regulations on trees or hedgerows which will be affected by work.

WINDOW BOXES

Many plants and herbs will grow successfully in a window box if you don't have a garden.



IN THE GARDEN

Plant native wildflowers such as poppies and cornflowers which attract birds and insects.



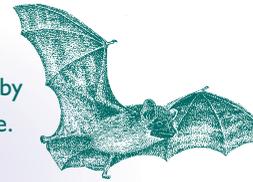
Some plants attract insects at night and encourage bats into your garden. Try night-scented stock and lavender.

The 'Gardening for Wildlife'

leaflet produced by the Wildlife Trust will give you more ideas.

BATS

If you are planning work on your roof, check for bats, which are protected by law. Contact English Nature to ask for advice.



You can provide a habitat for bats by installing bat boxes, bricks or shuttering in the eaves - ask English Nature for more details.

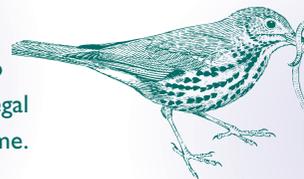


BIRDS

Include swift, swallow and house martin boxes. These birds are losing nesting areas - see the leaflet list for more information.

Roofing works may affect nesting sites so try to avoid work during the breeding season. It is illegal to damage nests or disturb birds during this time.

You can hang a bird feeder with nuts and seeds during the winter, even outside a flat window.



HEDGEROWS

Try not to cut your hedgerows every year.

If you trim half one year, and half the next you will leave berries and habitat for birds over the winter.

Leave the long grass under the hedge as somewhere to hide for small mammals such as field voles.

Leave a dead wood pile for invertebrates and hibernating hedgehogs.

MORE IDEAS

Why not create a pond? If you already have one check for great crested newts. These are a protected species and you should check with English Nature before carrying out any development which may affect them.

Grass snakes, slow worms and lizards are also protected by law so contact English Nature for advice.



Leave rough grass areas around the pond for small mammals, frogs and newts to live.

Make a compost heap and benefit from home-made fertiliser while helping to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill.

Collect rainwater from your roof and grey water from the bath in a water butt - saves money and helps the environment!