



Would you like to set up a Nature Project in your community?

Does your School, Parish Council, Church Group, WI Group, Young Farmers Group, Nursery, Scout Group, Village Hall or other community group want to help wildlife in your area?



Blackdown Hills Natural Futures can support YOU to set up and run a nature project in your community. For example, you might like to:

- Find out more about the wildlife in and around your village
- Create a wildflower meadow on the edge of a playing field, in a churchyard or along a road verge
- Put up bat boxes, bird boxes, or owl boxes
- Plant an orchard or woodland
- Create a wildlife friendly pond
- Create a 'green roof' on a community building
- Convert a derelict building into a bat house
- Produce a nature trail/wildlife walk leaflet
- Set up a dormouse monitoring scheme
- Make an existing community garden more wildlife friendly

If the aim of your projects is to create new wildlife friendly space on areas of publicly accessible land, or improve an existing space for wildlife, as well as on raising local awareness of the value of wildlife and natural heritage, then we'd love to hear from you.

The Blackdown Hills Natural Futures project will help you to develop your project ideas, help you identify and apply for funding, advise on how to set up your group and how to raise awareness of your project. If you need specialist advice, local experts or volunteers from other community nature projects, these will all be available too.

If you have an idea for a community nature project please get in touch:

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The Blackdown Hills Natural Futures Project is an exciting new community wildlife project that aims to discover and record the diverse range of wildlife in the area and well as equipping people with the skills they need for its future conservation. Over the next three years (2015-2018), the project aims to discover, explore and promote the natural heritage of the Blackdown Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and to help local communities to build up the skills and confidence necessary to set up their own natural heritage projects. A wide range of fun and interesting activities are being offered through the project – see attached information for more details.

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