



This month our focus is:

Encouraging Native Wildlife

What are the issues?

The term 'biodiversity', meaning 'biological diversity', refers to the variety of species present in an area and in the world.

The air we breathe, the water we drink and the food we eat all ultimately rely on biodiversity.

All species, from bacteria, to beetles, to birds, to buffalo, contribute to a finely balanced ecosystem.

In the UK, populations of insects, birds, and small mammals like hedgehogs are declining due to factors such as expanding development, increased consumption, population growth, and rising temperatures.

Promoting biodiversity in our local area and protecting native wildlife is one way we can be good stewards of Creation.



What can I do?

If you have access to an outdoor space, look into building houses or feeding stations for hedgehogs, birds, and insects.

Provide some water for local wildlife, such as a regularly watered puddle or old washing up bowl.

If you garden, either at home or in a community space, avoid harmful pesticides that might poison the food chain, and try organic pest management options.

Participate in national wildlife surveys or report animal sightings to help keep track of local populations.

Speak to the Eco Church team about getting involved in the St Andrew's church garden and find out what we're doing to support native wildlife in Whitehall Park.

Where can I learn more?

These posters will be available at standrewsn19.org/ecochurch

<https://www.wildlondon.org.uk>

<https://www.gardenorganic.org.uk>

<https://www.gardenbutterflysurvey.org>

<https://bighedgehogmap.org>

<https://www.arc-trust.org/report-your-sightings>

<https://friendsoftheearth.uk/bees/make-a-bee-house>

<https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/actions/how-create-mini-pond>

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/advice/how-you-can-help-birds>

<https://sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/news/how-to-build-a-hedgehog-feeding-station>

