

Hildersham Nature Recovery Plan: Garden Wildlife Questionnaire

The purpose of the Hildersham Nature Recovery Plan, supported by Hildersham Parish Council, is to create an extensive and accessible nature recovery landscape with the aim of benefiting and supporting wildlife. We therefore hope to establish a medium-term program for creating and improving more nature-rich habitat in the village and surrounding countryside. (For more details, see <https://hildershamparishcouncil.org.uk/> - Links – [Natural Hildersham](#)).

As part of this strategy, gardens play a key role: connecting habitats, providing safe refuges for wildlife, and helping people see first-hand the positive impact of any initiatives to encourage flora and fauna.

In order to better understand what wildlife we have in our gardens, we first need to know what habitats and species they currently support: hence this questionnaire.

The questionnaire requests your name and contact details in case we want to follow up the information you provide. House names would enable us to map locations within the village. No personal information will be shared with third parties without your permission.

When completed, please return to **The Stables, Blench Lane**; or **the cardboard box in the telephone kiosk**; or scan and email to **jeshere1@yahoo.com**.

Name Postcode

How big is your garden (front and back combined? You can measure this by pacing; one pace measures approximately 0.75 metres or 30 inches)

- Small (up to 100m²)
- Medium (from 100m² to 300m²)
- Large (from 300m² to 500m²)
- Very large (over 500m²)

Which of the following features do you have in your garden?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Small trees/shrubs (up to 3m) | <input type="checkbox"/> Gravel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trees (over 3m) | <input type="checkbox"/> Drystone wall |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fruit trees | <input type="checkbox"/> Compost heap |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hedges (tidy, regularly clipped) | <input type="checkbox"/> Piles of deadwood |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hedges (bushier, occasionally clipped) | <input type="checkbox"/> Piles of stones / rocks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife pond | <input type="checkbox"/> Wild area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | <input type="checkbox"/> Fish pond |

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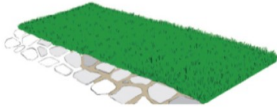
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Which land-use types do you have in your garden and how are these managed (linked to the illustrations on the next page)?

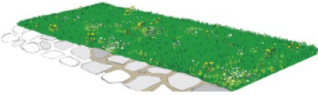
- Lawn Meadow patch Flower bed Veg patch

2.1 Which of the following pictures most resembles your lawn around the beginning of summer?

- There is no lawn in my garden
- My lawn most resembles this picture



- My lawn most resembles this picture



- My lawn most resembles this picture



2.2 Which of the following pictures most resembles your meadow around the beginning of summer?

- There is no meadow in my garden
- My meadow most resembles this picture



- My meadow most resembles this picture



- My lawn most resembles this picture



2.3 Which of the following pictures most resembles your flower-beds in summer?

- There are no flower-beds in my garden
- My flower-beds most resemble this picture



- My flower-beds most resemble this picture



- My flower-beds most resemble this picture



2.4 Which of the following pictures most resembles your vegetable patches in summer?

- There are no vegetable patches in my garden
- My vegetable patches most resemble this picture



- My vegetable patches most resemble this picture



- My vegetable patches most resemble this picture



Which features do you have to encourage wildlife into your garden?

- Bird feeder
- Bird bath
- Nest box (bird)
- Nest box (bat)
- Insect hotel
- Hedgehog house and/or gaps in fences to provide access into garden
- Other (please specify)

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Which of the following do you have?

- Birds nesting in house (e.g. House Sparrow, Starling, Swift). Please specify

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- Birds nesting in garden (e.g. Blackbird, Robin, Dunnock). Please specify

- Other birds using your garden (e.g. on feeders). Please specify

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- Bat roost (in your house, in a tree, in a bat box)
- Bats flying in garden

- Hedgehogs
- Foxes
- Squirrels

- Other mammals (e.g. Badger, Shrew, Mole, Muntjac). Please specify

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- Reptiles (e.g. grass snake, common lizard). Please specify

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- Amphibians (e.g. frogs, newts). Please specify

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If you keep records of widespread groups of insects (e.g. butterflies, moths, bumble bees, ants), please tell us about this further down in the question on records. Otherwise, we're particularly interested to know if you have any of the following:

- Grasshoppers
- Bee nests (e.g. burrows in the ground)

- Dragonflies / damselflies
- Glow worms

If so, please specify any species if known

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If you take any notes or keep records of the wildlife in your garden please specify (e.g. species of butterfly, moths caught in a moth trap, anything that looks interesting)

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Tick if you are you happy to share your records with us (we will then contact you using the email or telephone number provided)

Would you be interested in volunteering to help with nature recovery activities in this parish)?

- Yes
- No
- I already volunteer

Anything else you'd like to tell us?

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Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire, and help us learn more about the wildlife where we live.

Data Protection

Hildersham Parish Council Nature Recovery Plan will hold the information taken from this survey, including personal contact details, securely. This information may be classed as Personal Data, or Sensitive Personal Data, under the Data Protection Legislation (which includes but is not limited to the General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679) and the Data Protection Act 2018 to the extent that it relates to processing of personal data and privacy).