

# **Alton & Villages Local Action for Nature AVLAN**




**A checklist for  
wildlife-friendly gardens**



# How wildlife friendly is your garden?

## How many boxes can you tick?

- Nectar-rich flowers from spring to autumn (look for the RHS *Perfect for pollinators* logo  on plants and seed packets).



- Seed heads and berries left through the winter.



- Dead wood, log pile, stone pile, dead leaves.
- Fruit trees, berry-bearing shrubs, climbing plants on wall, fence or trellis (e.g. Ivy, honeysuckle, clematis) to provide food, shelter and nesting sites.

- Some lawn left to grow long for wild flowers.
- A way for hedgehogs to move in and out of your garden.



- Wildlife pond or sunken container, however small.



- A bird bath.
- Compost heap, compost bin or wormery.
- Rainwater butt.
- Compost which is peat-free.
- A chemical-free garden i.e. no pesticides, weed killer or non-organic slug pellets.

## HELP AT THE CLICK OF A MOUSE

There are lots of organisations whose websites can give you ideas and advice.

- Royal Horticultural Society
- Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB)
- The Woodland Trust
- The National Trust
- Wildlife Trusts
- Butterfly Conservation UK
- British Hedgehog Preservation Society

## SOME EASY-TO-FIND PLANTS TO ATTRACT BEES AND BUTTERFLIES

### Spring

- Crocuses
- Pulmonaria (lungwort)
- Primroses (*Primula vulgaris*, not polyanthus)
- Cowslips

### Summer

- Agastache, e.g. Black Adder
- Buddleia
- Catmint
- Echinops (globe thistle)

- Foxgloves
  - Geranium Rozanne\*
  - Lavender
  - Marjoram
  - Scabious
  - Verbena bonariensis\*
- Autumn (*\*summer plants still flowering in Sept/Oct*)

- Caryopteris
- Michaelmas daisies
- Sedums

**AVLAN**, part of *Alton Climate Action & Network (ACAN)*, is exploring ways to increase the planting of trees and wild flowers in and around Alton to improve biodiversity.

New volunteers are very welcome - to find out more, get occasional newsletters, get involved - contact



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