

HELP BUILD A WILDLIFE HOTEL IN ST GEORGE'S PARK...

A LOCKDOWN PROJECT FOR FAMILIES AND EVERYONE.



WHAT IS A WILDLIFE HOTEL?

A Wildlife Hotel is a home to many creatures, helping to provide a sanctuary for pollinators, hedgehogs, toads etc, & help with our efforts to counterbalance the decline of wildlife due to habitat loss. The latest State of Nature report finds that 41% of UK species have declined since the 1970's, including a 50% of hedgehogs, 72% of beetles, 76% of butterflies, to name but a few.

HOW CAN I TAKE PART?

Build a layer of the hotel with the kids at the weekend in the park, one family at a time (as per Govt. COVID rules).

Take any precious bits you have up to the park with you. Meanwhile we are having a village wide request for materials: clay pipes, 12 old bricks, bamboo canes, straw, old plant pots, twigs, large logs for the top, bark, stones and pebbles. (We'll avoid plastic please). Please take these up to the park and leave them by the pallets or use them of course.

We also need 6 more pallets which can be dropped off at the park or at 16 Crowe Hill. You could add wood with drilled holes, as in the photograph, for the bees.

How to build a bug hotel



You will need:

- Wooden pallets x4
- Bricks
- Plastic bottles*
- Bamboo canes
- Straw
- Leaves
- Tiles
- Cardboard
- Stones/pebbles
- Twigs/loose bark

*Use old plastic bottles for this, and always recycle after use.

- 1 Place a wooden pallet in your chosen location. On top of the pallet, line bricks around the corners and across the middle.
- 2 Place your next pallet on top of this and repeat the process for all of your pallets.
- 3 Cut off the top two-thirds of your bottles. Fill up half of them with bamboo canes/plastic straws and the other half with rolled up cardboard. Place these inside the hotel.
- 4 Fill in the remaining spaces with bricks, leaves, pebbles, stones, tiles, loose bark and straw.
- 5 Add in any extra materials that you want to recycle e.g. old pipes, carpeting, toilet tubes, old plant pots. Be creative - add a welcome sign or give your hotel a name!

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WHERE IS THE HOTEL?

If you go to the flat top of the park to the left, you will see we have started the first storey. Please take leftover bits home.

For further projects go to:

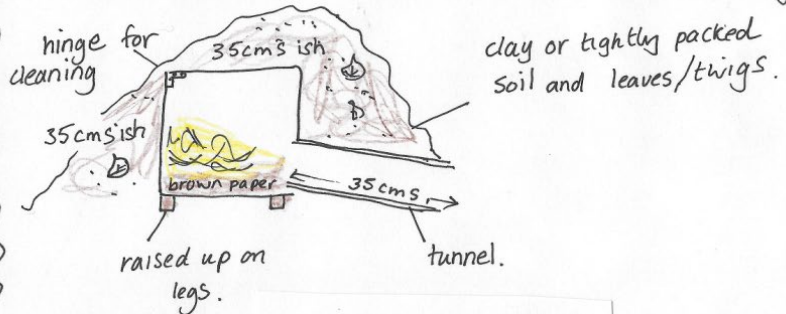
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Make a hedgehog house for your garden.

Ingredients:

- hammer, nails
- 2 hinges
- 20mm boards or planks, Plywood box
NO WOOD TREATMENT
STAIN OR PAINT
BIRCH, PLYWOOD, PLANKS
- Soil
- Dry leaves / twigs
- straw, dry grass
- Brown paper scrunched
- Your box can be a wooden tea box so you don't have to make it.

1 Make a box or use a tea box. Remember, no wood treatments as they are poisonous.



or use bricks and slabs



WHY NOT MAKE A HEDGEHOG BOX FOR THE GARDEN IN LOCKDOWN?

A video link can also be found on [Limpleystoke.org](https://www.limpleystoke.org/):

<https://www.nhm.ac.uk/discover/how-to-make-a-hedgehog-house.html>