

The Super Important Must Do List

Each of these elements needs to be met

- ☒ Stop the use of harmful chemicals including herbicides, pesticides and artificial fertilisers.
- ☒ Have a variety of native wildflowers, shrubs and trees.
- ☒ Forget Fake Grass - remove artificial grass or commit to not introducing it to your outside space.
- ☒ A water source - large, small, a bucket or bowl or shallow dish.
- ☒ Use peat-free compost either bought or home-made.



To be granted the Wild Gardens Award you need to complete the following actions:

Read this leaflet carefully and tick off each of the elements you already have in your outdoor space.

Have you met all the criteria? If not what else can you do to welcome nature to your home?

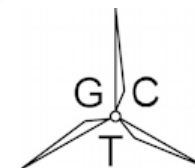
Once you have achieved the required number of elements for each category let us know by completing the google form which can be found here

<https://gamlingay-pc.gov.uk/climate-action-gamlingay>

Be sure to include photos of your actions for nature and the wild spaces you have created.

For more information have a look at the Menu of Opportunities on Gamlingay Parish Council website.

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In addition to the Super Important Must Do List, to fulfill the criteria you must complete the required number of elements from each of these four categories;

Habitat, Food, Soil, Water

Habitat - Complete 3 from this list

- ☒ A Hibernaculum
- ☒ Rock or Stone Pile
- ☒ Dead wood piles
- ☒ Dead Hedge
- ☒ Mow for Wildlife
- Leave long grass areas
- ☒ Have a good-sized pile of autumn leaves
- ☒ Two Hedgehog doorways
- An entrance and exit at different sides of the garden
- ☒ A landmark tree - Silver birch, crab apple, rowan, hawthorn
- ☒ Bird Box or built in bird nests
- ☒ Fruit and Nut
- ☒ Bug Hotels
- ☒ Bee bricks
- ☒ Bat roost



Food – Complete 3 from this list

- ☒ A Wild Corner of native plants
- ☒ A Native Hedgerow with seed-bearing trees
- ☒ Night-scented flowers - eg Honeysuckles, evening primrose
- ☒ Early Spring flowers - eg Wallflowers, primrose, crocus
- ☒ Meadow Wildflowers – eg Cowslip, clover, ox-eye daisy, snakeshead fritillary
- ☒ Late Autumn Flowers – eg Ivy, buddleia, michaelmas daisies
- ☒ Winter Flowers – eg Snowdrops, hellebores...
- ☒ Leave seed heads and stems uncut over winter
- ☒ Shade loving plants – eg Bluebells, sweet violets, wood anemone
- ☒ Fruit and nut trees
- ☒ Herbs - Rosemary, thyme, lavender, wild majoram
- ☒ Native seed bearing trees
- ☒ Vegetable Gardening
- ☒ Vertical Gardening – eg Honeysuckles, ivy, hops, dog rose
- ☒ Bird Feeders

Soil – Complete 2 from this list

- ☒ No-dig gardening
- ☒ Compost bin/ bay/ pile
- ☒ Wormery
- ☒ Ground cover - no bare soil - ferns, comfrey, thyme, clover, alpine strawberries.
- ☒ Mulch bare soil
- ☒ Use organic fertilisers such as seaweed formulas or your own comfrey brew.

Water – Complete 2 from this list

- ☒ Mulch garden beds, around trees and shrubs
- ☒ Water wisely
- ☒ Water butts
- ☒ Rain garden
- ☒ Bird Bath
- ☒ Ground-level, shallow water dish with stones for hedgehogs, bees and butterflies to drink
- ☒ A pond - large, small, a bucket or bowl or shallow dish
- ☒ Permeable surfaces, paths and driveways
- ☒ Green roof on shed or outbuilding

