

Habitat creation, restoration & enhancement

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What are my options?

Habitat degradation has been fundamental in the decline of species and plant communities across Britain. Many species have declined or even disappeared from many parts of the country, through a combination of factors including the introduction of invasive species, pollution and other human impacts. However, the underlying influence has often been sustained habitat damage, which has created vulnerable and isolated populations, which are exposed to a variety of environmental influences.

Habitat restoration through the enhancement of existing environments, and expansion through habitat creation, helps reduce biodiversity and species decline. We often think this has to happen on a large scale, costing a lot of money. However, small scale enhancement which links to existing communities or creates corridors, even within urban environments (Green Infrastructure) will benefit the long term survival of animal and plant populations.

We would promote these opportunities within any development, to integrate habitat enhancement. This needs to be part of the early design stages, with clients being fully committed to the process.

SERVICES:

- Habitat audits
- Ecological enhancements
- Habitat restoration advice and implementation
- Habitat creation for wildlife
- Habitat management advice
- Species specific habitat improvements

