



# Biodiversity Action Across Teignbridge Parishes

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## Exminster Promoting Wildlife Gardening

As part of a wider 'Nature Recovery' programme across Exminster Parish, the Greenspaces volunteer team set out to promote wildlife friendly gardening to households across Exminster.

The initiative started in 2022 and tied in with the launch of the Devon Wildlife Trust "Wildlife Garden Award" Scheme. By promoting this scheme within the parish the team were able to utilize DWT online resources and advice. Householders who make wildlife-friendly changes in their gardens can earn a plaque to display proudly on their garden gate!

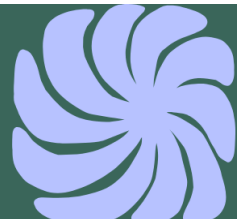




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### **Who Was Responsible**

The project was led and organised by the Exminster Greenspaces Team, including Parish Wildlife Wardens.

### **Community Engagement**

The DWT award scheme has seen great success in the area, with nearly 50 awards given out so far, making Exminster one of the leading areas for participation in Devon within its first year.

In 2023, a "Wildlife Garden WhatsApp group" was created as a space for sharing ideas and seeking help. Over time, members have enjoyed great exchanges about ponds, bee-friendly plants, bird sightings, and more.

### **Costs**

None. Existing communication channels were used to promote this, including Facebook, the village magazine, the school newsletter, posters and village events.

### **Benefits and Outcomes**

Wildlife-friendly gardens increase habitat and food availability for birds, invertebrates, and mammals.

Gardens that have achieved a DWT Wildlife Garden Award are marked on a parish map, highlighting potential wildlife stepping stones throughout the area.

### **Action**

Could your parish promote wildlife friendly gardening by utilising the Devon Wildlife Trust scheme?



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