

How can we help insects?

In the UK we have...

250,000 miles of road verges

430,000 hectares of gardens

27,000 public parks



- What spaces do we have for insects in the school?
- How can we make them better for insects?
- Can we create new insect friendly habitats?
- How can we better join them up?

Follow the principles of:

- **Bigger habitat patches** — expand the habitats you've already got and when creating new habitats make them as big as possible
- **Better management of existing habitats** — make sure there is good understanding of what each area of site could or should have and work towards that
- **More habitats** — create new high-quality wildlife-rich spaces wherever you can
- **Joined up** — link up wild places to help insects and other wildlife move between them.





Ponds, bogs and wet areas... one of the best things you can do for insects and other wildlife! Can you create more wet areas?



Wildflowers, native plants and fruit trees are great for pollinators. Any space for these in your school?



Artificial light can confuse moths and other insects. What lighting do you have at your school?



Bug hotels, log piles, rockeries... where can you create homes and hiding places for insects?



Road verges support 45% of our native plants — any verges around your school?



Compost heaps are great sources of food and provide homes for insects.



Wild corners and weeds... let the grass grow and leave areas untidy.



Harmful chemicals directly kill plants and insects and cause pollution of our water.

Can we stop using chemicals unnecessarily?

- What chemicals do we use in our school and for what?
- Can we find safer, different alternatives?