

Applying a wilding approach, we ensure that not only are our Wildlife Reserves a haven free from persecution, but also a place that encourages wildlife to thrive. Head of Conservation and Education, Paul Tillsley shares some of his key tips into how you can create a kinder place for nature in your garden.

A kind approach to rewilding your garden

- Mowing your lawn less frequently will provide an opportunity for flowers to grow, alongside giving time for small creatures to breed
- Leaving a small patch of uncut grass will provide wildlife with the needed shelter to remain safe
- Log piles offer small animals' shelter, and when decomposed provides essential nutrients for insects and fungi
- Let all the seeds disappear before cutting seed heads; offering more time for birds and other animals to eat
- Create a loving home for hedgehogs and other animals by sweeping up your leaves into one large pile and tucking it under vegetation
- Leaving just eight dandelions in your garden will provide enough food for 15,000 bee visits per day
- Attract an array of wildlife by introducing a pond to your garden, or if you do not have the space, even a shallow bowl of water will work enormously.

