

A scenic view of a green field with trees and a building in the background. The foreground is a lush green field. In the background, there are several trees, some with bare branches and some with green leaves. A building with a dark roof is visible on the left side. The sky is blue.

Welcome to Wild Ashendon

# Wild Aylesbury Vale

- As part of the Wild Aylesbury Vale initiative Ashendon was awarded a small grant to implement a plan to place a number of features on Boughton's Peace to 'showcase' what we should all be doing in our gardens to help wildlife.
- This guide shares more details of the features that have been introduced to the Boughton's Peace space, and why.
- We hope it will inspire you to visit Boughton's Peace regularly and to use some of the ideas in your own space.



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BIRD BOXES



DRILLED LOGS



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COMPOST



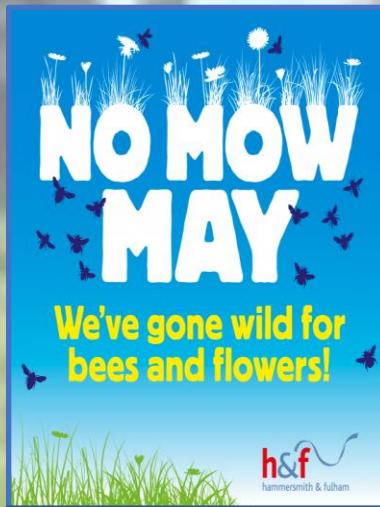
EDIBLE TREES



BIRD FEEDERS



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PRODUCE STALL

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# BIRD BOXES ARE BRILLIANT

[BBOWT ON BIRD BOXES](#) – Click this link to find out more from BBOWT

We chose boxes for 3 different species that are found in and around our village:



ROBIN BOX



TIT BOX



SPARROW BOX

- Choose the right box for you
- Locate in the right place for the bird
  - Sparrows on a flat surface
  - Robins tucked away for shelter
  - Tits with a clear line of sight
- Put out some bird feeders
- Grow plants with seeds and fruit
- Clean out in September – remove old nests and clean with boiling water
- Don't use insecticides or flea powder



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# DRILL LOGS FOR BEES AND BUGS

[DAVE GOULSON ON LOGS FOR BEES](#)

Click this link to find out more from Dave Goulson – a man who knows about bees!



CUT WOOD



DRILL HOLES

They are very useful as they pollinate fruit crops. Gardeners can easily encourage these bees by providing artificial nest sites, by drilling holes in dry logs or blocks of wood.

We cut wooden posts and put blocks of drilled wood on top.

You can drill holes straight into fence posts.

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# LOG PILE OR BUG HOTEL

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BUG HOTEL



LOG PILE

Ashendon got lucky with accommodation for bees and bugs.

Waddesdon Brownies donated us the bug house they won in the Wild Aylesbury Vale competition.

AND

Ashendon St. Mary's church donated us the wood that the church bells were once hung on to make a very posh bug hotel.

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# MAKE COMPOST

[MAKE COMPOST](#) - Click here for more about compost from Gardeners World



COMPOST

We have put a Green Johanna compost bin on Boughton's Peace.

It is designed to provide a simple, easy to use compost system to safely compost all degradable kitchen waste all year round!

We invite you to pop your waste in the bin when you pass BUT please be careful with what you add.

Compost has to be a mix of brown and green. Too much of one and it won't break down, too much of the other and it turns to sludge.

There's a notice on the bin, please read it.



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# EDIBLE TREES AND SHRUBS

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SHRUBS



EDIBLE TREES

We planted shrubs to attract butterflies and bees.

We planted edible crab apple trees with flowers to attract butterflies and bees, and fruit to feed the birds.

You can search the BBOWT guide to see what the plants and trees already in your garden will attract and to plan what you can add.

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# NO MOW MAY

[NO MOW MAY](#) – Click here to learn what Waddesdon Manor does in May



We will leave Boughton's Peace unmown during May.

# BRING AND SHARE YOUR PRODUCE



PRODUCE STALL

Volunteers in the village are building a stall which will be:

- Made from things that are being re-used/re-cycled
- A place for everyone to leave things to share:
  - Excess produce from your garden
  - Homemade goodies
  - Plants
- We hope we can soon share small bags of compost from our very own compost bin!



# Wild ASHENDON

**We hope you will embrace Boughton's Peace and the ideas we have shared.**

**We would welcome anyone who would like to help keep this beautiful space in our village a wonderful place to be.**

**Please speak to any Parish Councillor to share your ideas and offer your help.**