



GUILDFORD ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM BIODIVERSITY GROUP.
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OVERALL AIMS.

The Biodiversity Group aims to preserve and enhance biodiversity within the Borough of Guildford, but also beyond where this is appropriate. In this we aim to avoid duplicating the activities of other organisations, but can assist them in their work.

Our existing main activities cover a) communication/education, b) consultation comment, c) facilitation of projects, d) promotion of the activities of others, e) generating new ideas and potentially some campaigning. They could also include research if resources became available.

DETAILS

A. In the communication area we provide information both to the public (including those who do not have any significant pre-existing interest) and to people who are involved in wildlife activities. Our main communication routes are our public meetings addressed by specialist speakers, that are usually held every two months, articles in the GEF Newsletter, stands at events when opportunities arise, and increasingly via the website.

B. Consultation responses can reach from local to national level and are not confined to specifically wildlife issues but can include the biodiversity impacts of other policies.

C. Project facilitation is essentially about putting the right people in touch with each other on an ad hoc basis. Promoting the work of others is mainly pursued through our existing communication routes.

D. Organisations that we work with include the Guildford Borough Council, Surrey Wildlife Trust, Guildford in Bloom, area specific local groups (especially Pewley Downs Volunteers), local schools and of course other groups within GEF.

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