

Who are we?

The Urban Wildlife Trust is a **national** charity **representing** all urban wildlife in the UK. Not only do we rescue urban wildlife that are injured or in danger, but we also work on educating the public. We feel it is important that the public know how to make their gardens wildlife friendly and why these urban creatures should be our friends rather than pests.

The Urban Wildlife Trust has a rehabilitation centre at our **headquarters** in Kent. The centre is staffed by wildlife experts and we have our own **veterinarian** who can treat the animals coming in that need urgent help.



The centre is open to the public who can meet some of the urban wildlife that have been rescued and learn about the **species** of animals that they may find in their towns and cities in the education centre.

During school holidays, we hold workshops for children aged 5 – 12 on various themes such as building homes for wildlife and making bird tables. Please contact the education centre for more information.

Opening Times and Amenities:

The centre is open daily from March 1st to Dec 1st, 9am – dusk.

The centre is wheelchair **accessible** and disabled parking is available in marked bays.

Due to the animals we have at the centre, dogs are not **permitted**.

How to find us:

By car – From the M89 take Junction 5a. Turn off the B6799 at Howarth and follow the signposts for Urban Wildlife Trust (may appear as UWT on signs).

By train – Take the Newton Valley line to Howarth. From the station the Urban Wildlife Trust is a 1½ mile walk along a country lane and is fully signposted.

By bus – Take the 79 bus from Newton which will take you directly to Howarth Train Station. At Howarth, the Urban Wildlife Trust is a 1½ mile walk along a country lane and is fully signposted.

For further information, ideas and support please see our website;

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across the **nation**

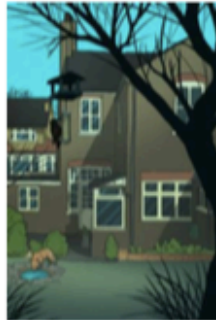


Your guide to protecting
our wildlife

Do you have a wildlife-friendly garden?

In order to help our wildlife neighbours, we need to **provide** as many habitats as we can. Your garden is the perfect place, not only for small creatures but for mammals such as hedgehogs too!

It doesn't matter if you have a large garden or a small garden, you can create the perfect animal hotel right in your own backyard. In fact, it's even more important to have a wildlife-friendly garden when you live in the city. It provides a haven for all sorts of urban wildlife that have **limited** green space anyway.



It's as simple as putting out a dish of water for your urban wildlife to drink from. You could also provide lots of shelter for the wildlife to hide from nasty weather, a hedge or bush would do a great job!

Here are our top five ideas to get you started;

- provide water
- leave grass to grow long
- plant wild flowers
- make a shelter from logs or leaves
- add a tree to your back garden

There are lots more ideas for making a wildlife-friendly garden on our website. Please visit www.urbanwildlifetrust.org to download our helpful 'top tips' booklet.

What is Urban Wildlife?

Urban wildlife is a term given to animals that live in our towns and cities. These animals can be found in gardens, parks, **wastelands** and sometimes in the streets. Unfortunately, many people see these animals as pests and the Urban Wildlife Trust is working hard to educate the general public on this.

Types of Urban Wildlife

The Fox

There are around 33,000 urban foxes in UK towns and cities. They mostly live off leftover food in bins and skips. They have a life **expectancy** of two years and are nocturnal animals.



The Badger



Sticking to small **territories**, the urban badger tends to live in graveyards and **allotments**. Badgers are **secretive** animals and are rarely seen on the streets.

The Hedgehog

Hedgehogs eat food scraps and cat food. Hedgehogs love bushy areas in gardens and piles of leaves to hide under. Hedgehogs can be seen at dusk and at night in gardens across the UK.



How can you help?

The Urban Wildlife Trust is in **desperate** need of **donations** to keep the **rehabilitation** centre open. Without the rehab centre, we would not be able to care for the injured animals and help **prepare** them to be released back into the wild.

Become a Member

Annual membership starts from only £35. You will have free entrance for the year to our rehab centre and workshops as well as regular updates from the team in our handy **quarterly** "what's happening" newsletter.

Donate

We are always in need of money to support our work. The money you donate goes to running the rehab centre where injured animals are cared for until they are ready to go back into the wild. We also provide a call out service where the general public can let us know if there is a sick or injured animal that needs help. Your money supports this service and **directly** helps the animals in need.

Volunteer

You can also donate time as well as money. The Urban Wildlife Trust relies heavily on its volunteers to keep the rehab centre open. These volunteers also help to educate the general public by providing educational talks in schools and colleges. They may also help to build new urban habitats for our friendly wildlife.

Shop

The rehab centre has a shop which sells wildlife themed gifts. Money spent in the shop will directly support the trust and its work.

