



HANDFORTH DEAN

Bug Guide

Small creatures,
big impact!

Bugs help our gardens grow by pollinating flowers, eating pests and recycling nutrients. Here's how you can help them thrive!



- 1 CHOOSE A SPOT**
In a quiet, sheltered place, facing south or south-east.
- 2 GATHER MATERIALS**
Use natural and recycled items.
- 3 BUILD YOUR HOTEL**
Fill a container or wooden frame with different layers and textures.
- 4 LEAVE UNDISTURBED**
Check occasionally but try not to move it once it's in place.

Use natural materials such as:

- Hollow stems
- Drilled wood
- Pine cones
- Dry leaves
- Bark chunks
- Straw or grass
- Terracotta pots
- Twigs & sticks
- Wood wool

Meet some helpful bugs



BEES

Pollinate plants so we can enjoy flowers, fruits and veg.



LADYBIRDS

Munch on aphids and other pests that damage our plants.



BUTTERFLIES

Pollinate flowers and add colour and life to our gardens.



LACEWINGS

Their larvae eat aphids, mealy bugs and other garden pests.



BEETLES

Help break down organic matter and keep our soil healthy.

More ways to help



PLANT FOR POLLINATORS

Choose a mixture of native flowers that bloom throughout the year.



PROVIDE WATER

A shallow dish of fresh water with pebbles helps bugs drink safely.



LEAVE IT WILD

Let some areas grow naturally and avoid tidying everything up.



GO PESTICIDE FREE

Chemicals can harm beneficial bugs. Keep it natural.