

# Nature/Conservation:



## What we can do:

- Volunteer for one of the local organisations.
- Learn more about nature/conservation.
- Visit places and enjoy nature.
- Take up a nature/conservation activity.
- Pray for action to address climate change.

## Local Information/Organisations:

- **Arocha:** Caring for God's Creation: <https://arocha.org.uk/>
- **Canal and River Trust:** Ripon Canal: <https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/>
- **Diocese of Leeds:** Caring for God's Creation: <https://www.leeds.anglican.org/environment>
- **English Heritage:** St Mary's Church Studley Royal, Marmion Tower West Tanfield, Thornborough Henges, Aldborough Roman Site and more: <https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/>
- **Friends of Hell Wath:** Hell Wath Nature Reserve and Playing Fields Ripon: <https://www.fohw.co.uk/>
- **Inland Waterways Association:** Ripon Canal and River Ure: <https://waterways.org.uk/>
- **Knaresborough Forest Park and Longlands Common:** Community owned greenbelt and woodlands in Harrogate and Knaresborough: <https://www.knaresboroughforestpark.org/> and <https://www.longlandscommon.org/>
- **National Trust:** Fountains Abbey and Studley Royal Water Garden and Deer Park, Brimham Rocks and more: <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/>
- **North York Moors National Park:** Osmotherley, Sutton Bank and more: <https://www.northyorkmoors.org.uk/>
- **Ripon in Bloom:** Making a positive effect on Ripon using flowers and plants: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/RiponInBloom/>
- **RSPB:** St Aidan's, Fairburn Ings and more: <https://www.rspb.org.uk/>
- **Skell Valley Project:** Creating a sustainable future for the Skell Valley: <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/yorkshire/fountains-abbey-and-studley-royal-water-garden/skell-valley-project-at-fountains-abbey-and-studley-royal>
- **Woodland Trust:** Hackfall Woods, Grewlethorpe and more: <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/>
- **Yorkshire Dales National Park:** Lower Wensleydale, Nidderdale and more: <https://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/>
- **Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust:** Rivers2U, iNidd and more: <https://www.ydrt.org.uk/>
- **Yorkshire Wildlife Trust:** Ripon City Wetlands, Bishop Monkton Railway Cutting Nature Reserve, Burton Leonard Lime Quarries, Staveley Nature Reserve and more: <https://www.ywt.org.uk/>

## Tips and Hints:

- Put up bird and bat boxes in your garden: <https://www.rspb.org.uk/helping-nature/what-you-can-do/activities/build-a-birdbox> and <https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/actions/how-build-bat-box>
- Leave piles of leaves and/or build a hedgehog box: <https://www.gardenersworld.com/garden-advice/hedgehogs-in-the-garden/>
- Leave the grass to grow in your garden and don't mow it at certain times of the year such as 'No Mow May': <https://www.plantlife.org.uk/campaigns/nomowmay/>
- Plant wildflower borders and/or plant plants suitable for pollinators such as bees: <https://www.wwf.org.uk/wildflowers/how-to-grow-wildflowers>

#### Facts and Figures:

- More than one in seven native UK species face extinction and more than 40% are in decline (WWF).
- 30% of UK birds are threatened with extinction (WWF)
- Mistle Thrush populations have declined significantly since the 1970s. In the last 13 years the species has moved from the green list of Birds of Conservation Concern to the red list because its decrease had worsened so dramatically (WWF).
- Pollinators like this bumblebee are in decline and struggling because of habitat loss, due to increased urbanisation and industry, the intensification of agriculture, the heavy use of pesticides and herbicides and a loss of wildflower meadows (WWF).
- Since the 1950s the number of hedgehogs have declined by 95% (State of Nature Report 2019) and have plummeted by a half in the UK since 2000 (WWF)
- 26% of the UK's mammals are at a very real risk of becoming extinct, while 22% of seabird species studied have declined in the last five decades (state of Nature Report 2019)
- Since the 1950s the number of turtle doves have crashed by 98% and even numbers of the common toad have fallen by 68% (State of Nature Report 2019).