

Loders Wildlife Conservation Group

Biodiversity Charter

The Parish of Lodders and Uploders, as with the entire UK, is experiencing a crisis in biodiversity: the balance of nature, our evolutionary understanding of the co-dependence of our natural world is challenged by pollution, climate change and loss of habitat.

In some small way, our parish is trying to highlight the problems with the creation of this Charter. Our local natural world has many areas that we residents can positively promote:

Gardens and public spaces

- Leave some areas wild
- Choose the right plants to promote wildlife and insects
- Preserve dandelions and nettles for insects and consider mowing less
- Think hedgehog! Make provision for their movement and habitat
- Keep cuttings piled up for insects
- Preserve/encourage hedges – they are motorways for wildlife, including dormice
- Preserve trees – Ash dieback is not a death sentence for these trees
- Encourage birds by feeding them
- Consider composting or natural ways of managing garden waste
- Provide water, anything from a pond to a small bowl

Our riverbanks

- Keep trees and shrubs in check to allow sunlight to promote river plant-life
- Don't allow chemicals or slurry to get into our rivers
- Do not allow garden waste to enter water courses

On and in our buildings

- Promote places for birds to nest and bats to roost by preserving natural openings in buildings
- Provide nest boxes (Parish group has already built nest boxes for swifts)
- Light pollution: consider the impact on birds and insects

Consider your actions

- Don't kill moles, they too are threatened
- Avoid chemicals in the garden, look for natural solutions
- Birds and animals can be harmed by eating poisoned rodents, slugs etc.