



Wildlife Friendly Gardening

Issue Three

Plants



Martlesham
Parish Council

Planting for Wildlife



Choosing wildlife friendly plants

Climbing plants for growing on fences and walls provide:

- Nesting and roosting opportunities for birds.
- Shelter for insects and small animals.

Native Trees

Suitable native trees include:

- Bird Cherry
- Crab Apple
- Hazel
- Whitebeam

[The Woodland Trust](#) provides a guide on what trees are suitable for your garden and how to plant them.

Native Shrubs

Recommended native shrubs include:

- Blackthorn
- Dog Rose
- Elder

[The Woodland Trust](#) provides a guide on what shrubs are suitable for your garden and how to plant them, [The Wildlife Trusts](#) also have a page dedicated to this topic.



Flowers and pollinators

Choose nectar and pollen rich plants such as:

- Verbena
- Scabious

For butterflies and moths, select simple flowers that provide easy access to nectar.

Detailed guidance can be found at:

- [The Wildlife Trusts](#)
- [RHS](#)
- [Bumblebee Conservation Trust](#)



Plant types explained

- Perennials

Plants that return year after year

- Biennials

Plants that germinate in one year and flower the following year.

- Annuals

Plants that complete their lifecycle within a single growing season

- Bulbs

For spring flowers, plant bulbs between October and November. Many species return every year.

