



What should we do to help nature?

An umbrella organisation bringing together

National Trust Wildlife Trust Natural England RSPB
and many others. It has a vision to double nature in the county
supported by all the local authorities

Cambridgeshire is nature depleted and the least-treed county in
the country

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<http://www.damp.cam.ac.uk/user/pvl/>

Why should we care?

Absorb carbon

Bees and other insects under threat

All waterways in bad condition and we are taking far too much out of the aquifer

Much of our soil is in poor condition and the peat is blowing away

Access to nature is important for our health and the local economy

What to do?

Get help from experts to put things right and apply for grants

<https://naturalcambridgeshire.org.uk/docs/local-nature-recovery-toolkit.pdf>

- First investigate the state of your nature:
- Make a simple map of wildlife habitats in your area – hedges, ditches, trees, ponds, flower-rich field margins and road verges,
- Investigate state of water bodies – good flow all the year? good habitat for animals and birds? variety of plants and no invasive species? banks in good condition?

Then some things you can do:

- Plant trees – the right varieties in the right places – and look after them
<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/schools-and-communities/>
- Put up nest boxes and help hedgehogs move around
- Leave your garden wild, and plant wild flowers
- Get water butts and make parking areas permeable
- Create community farms and orchards

