



## Cardiff Local Nature Partnership

### Newsletter – May 2022

Welcome to the Cardiff Local Nature Partnership (LNP) newsletter.

The Cardiff LNP was established in 2020 as part of the Welsh Government funded LNP Cymru project, encompassing every Local Authority and National Park in Wales. More information can be found on the LNP Cymru website [Local Nature Partnerships Cymru - Home \(lnp.cymru\)](http://LocalNaturePartnershipsCymru-Home(lnp.cymru))

Funding for the original LNP Cymru project has now ended however Welsh Government will continue supporting the LNP Cymru network until March 2023 through their 'Local Places for Nature' capital grant scheme.

### Cardiff Nature Recovery Action Plan

One of the objectives of the Cardiff LNP is to produce a Local Nature Recovery Action Plan (NRAP) which identifies the local priorities for action to protect and enhance biodiversity. A draft Cardiff NRAP is currently being prepared which will be shared with the Cardiff LNP for comment later in the year.



### Community Project Fund

The Cardiff LNP Community Project Fund offers plants and equipment up to a value of £500 to community groups to support projects and activities which benefit biodiversity.



Over the last two years we've supplied bird, bat and hedgehog boxes, bug hotels, pollinator friendly plants and seeds, gardening tools, wildlife identification guides and equipment.



We are hoping to offer funding to community groups again this year. Details will be circulated through the Cardiff LNP mailing list.

## Local Places for Nature projects

The Cardiff LNP has received annual grant funding from Welsh Government's '**Local Places for Nature**' Capital Fund. This has supported the Cardiff Green Wall project and the Cardiff Pollinator project

### Cardiff Green Wall project

Working in partnership with the Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales, green walls have been installed at Dusty Forge community centre, Kitchener Primary school, Birchgrove primary school, Ysgol Mynydd Bychan, Cardiff Central fire station, Ely Fire station, and Whitchurch fire station.



These 'living walls' will enhance biodiversity and improve air quality. Air quality monitoring undertaken by Shared Regulatory Services, has indicated a 20-30% reduction in Nitrogen Dioxide concentrations around the buildings compared to the roadside.



Any other suggestions for public buildings in Cardiff which could benefit from a green wall are welcome.

## Cardiff Pollinator project

Funding has been used to purchase machinery, tools, plants and seeds, to improve the management of grassland and create and enhance areas of pollinator planting across the City.



Working in partnership with the Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales, a series of free wildlife identification workshops were run last year and proved to be very popular. 25 volunteers surveyed over 50 parks and open spaces to monitor the impact of reduced mowing frequencies on plant diversity. The data will be used to support changes to grassland management to enhance biodiversity.



More volunteer training courses and survey opportunities will be offered this year.

Details will be circulated through the LNP mailing list.

## Hedgehog Awareness Week (1st - 7<sup>th</sup> May 2022) – free giveaway!



Information about hedgehogs and ideas for making your garden or local green space more hedgehog friendly can be found on the following websites;

[www.hedgehogstreet.org](http://www.hedgehogstreet.org)

[www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk](http://www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk)

Something as simple as making a hole in your garden fence or gate can help hedgehogs find more food to eat and a safe place to nest.



To celebrate hedgehog awareness week we're giving away free hedgehog fence plates (see photo above) to the first 20 people to email us at [Biodiversity.Team@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:Biodiversity.Team@cardiff.gov.uk) and tell us about steps they've taken to help hedgehogs in their neighbourhood.

## Further information about the Cardiff Local Nature Partnership

The **Cardiff LNP steering group** is made up of organisations with a City-wide interest in biodiversity, chaired by Councillor Bob Derbyshire. The group meet on a quarterly basis to direct and support events, projects, and activities undertaken through the Cardiff LNP.

Current members are WCVA, Wales Biodiversity Partnership, Natural Resources Wales, Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales, RSPB, Buglife Cymru, Plantlife Cymru, Woodland Trust, South East Wales Biodiversity Records Centre, Cardiff Civic Society, Cardiff University, Glamorgan Bird Club.

**Wider Partnership** –The wider partnership comprises local community groups, organisations, businesses, volunteers and interested individuals. The mailing list now contains over 400 contacts. The wider partnership is kept up to date with news about events, activities, and projects to support biodiversity in Cardiff, including consultations, surveys, and practical volunteering opportunities.



## Your feedback

We hope you have enjoyed this newsletter. If you'd like further information about any of the articles or wish to join the Cardiff LNP mailing list, please contact Local Nature Partnership Coordinator Samantha Eaves at [Biodiversity.Team@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:Biodiversity.Team@cardiff.gov.uk)