

Lewisham Biodiversity Partnership – Achievements January –December 2021

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January – March 2021



Hedgehog captured by camera trap in Dacres Wood Local Nature Reserve (photo by Caitlin Pennington)

The first quarter of the year was a rather quiet one for the Partnership given Covid restrictions but activities have slowly started to return. Please let us know if you have any questions or comments on any of these and please don't forget to send Jess and Eszter your activities and biodiversity sightings so we can have an accurate record on what is happening in the Borough.

Many thanks!

Outputs for the quarter:

Lewisham Biodiversity partners carried out **40 events** (16 environmental education, 18 volunteering events and 6 walks and presentations). **110 adults** and **104 children** were engaged in activities in this quarter.

There were **26 surveys** carried out.

40m hedgerow and **35 trees** were planted.

Highlights for the quarter:

Buckthorne Cutting Nature Reserve was awarded Locally Important Geological Site status by the London Geological Society.

Hedgehog captured by camera trap in Dacres Wood Local Nature Reserve (photo by Caitlin Pennington) – see above

Start growing your flowers as the annual Flower show returns to Beckenham Place Park on 1st August! There will also be an art show, a fun dog show, local traders and live music at the community event.

Red kite was seen flying over Ladywell Fields

Palmate newts were seen in Beckenham Place Park

April – June 2021 Achievements



The second quarter of the year saw a huge increase in the number of activities that the partnership was able to hold. It was fantastic to be able to work with all the Friends and volunteers in Lewisham's green spaces again and I know that people were pleased to be able to get back to it.

Sadly our Lewisham Biodiversity Partnership meeting had to be held over Teams again, but it was still wonderful to see so many people and to hear about all the fantastic things they have been doing! Please see the most up to date minutes and slide show for more information.

Outputs for the quarter:

Lewisham Biodiversity partners carried out **250 events** (117 environmental education, 113 volunteering events and 20 walks and presentations). **1948 adults** and **2110 children** were engaged in activities in this quarter.

There were **41 surveys** carried out.

7m hedgerow and **5 trees** were planted

20 bird boxes and **5 bat boxes** installed

9 bug hotels installed

Highlights for the quarter:

The Kenneth White Legacy Award will fund 17 bird boxes, 7 bat boxes, 3 wildlife cameras, a hedgehog house, planting a hedge, native plants and fruit trees to improve 9 sites for biodiversity in Lewisham.

Peregrine falcon pair nesting on St Paul's Church in Deptford and other birds of prey spotted across the borough including tawny owl in Grove Park, and red kite and buzzard in Beckenham Place Park.

Friends of Hilly Fields published a booklet based on the monthly bird surveys they have been doing since 2007. *The booklet includes information on 51 bird species and other useful information on Hilly Fields and birds. Please see further details [here](#).*

3 Rivers Clean Up took place in May and June with 21 sessions organised by partnership members and involving 167 people, collecting 191 bags of litter and pulling over 5000 Himalayan Balsam plants (*photo by QWAG*).

July – September 2021 Achievements



Wasp spider egg nest found in BPP (photo ©Pedro Pires)

This quarter saw another increase in the number of events run by our partners. I think we were all relieved to be able to run sessions at full strength after various lockdowns and restrictions. Although we did start to see this increase in the last quarter, it really picked up again during the summer. A summary of these events can be seen in the table below.

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Outputs for the quarter:

Lewisham Biodiversity partners carried out **368 events** (172 environmental education, 161 volunteering events and 35 walks and presentations). **5077 adults** and **2625 children** were engaged in activities in this quarter.

There were **57 surveys** carried out.

3 stag beetle loggeries were installed

8 bird boxes and **2 bat boxes** installed

3 bug hotels installed

Highlights for the quarter:

The Great North Wood project extension was successfully funded, this will include activities in 4 LBL reserves (Buckthorne Road, Dacres Wood, Devonshire Road and Garthorne Rd)



Successful and fun First aid training for LewBP and parks groups.

Successful bid to the Treescapes Fund – funding for tree planting and watering in 5 parks of the Borough: Durham Hill, Home Park, Horniman Triangle, Ladywell Fields and Sydenham Wells Park. Total of 195 trees will be planted including a community orchard and encouraging the natural regeneration of 5 oak saplings within the project.

Lewisham Council, in partnership with Glendale won 15 Green Flags. Beckenham Place were also successful. The Borough also won, 6 Community Green Flags including 2 new ones at Dacres Wood and Garthorne Road. A fantastic achievement and a big thank you to everyone involved.

Garthorne NR/Mitie volunteer session with first records of common toad, and Sparrowhawk spotted. F/O Garthorne website has photos.

October – December 2021 Achievements

Thank you for all who joined our quarterly meeting in January. As usual we had a full agenda that started with a presentation about Green Social Prescribing by Fiona Kirkman.

There is a new Facebook group to your attention that Lawrence kindly set up for us to allow groups to advertise their events, and volunteers to find opportunities in Lewisham. The group is called Nature volunteering in Lewisham. Please join the group and post activities and events. And a big thank you to Lawrence for setting this up!

Also to let you know that the Horniman Museum is holding a Spring Fair on Saturday 16th April (Easter weekend) which will have a 'village fete' feel with the focus on the environment and biodiversity. They would like to have a few stands for local community groups to engage with visitors, try to enrol volunteers, raise awareness etc. Please let us know if you are interested in having a stall by the end of February and we will pass on your details.

Outputs for the quarter:

Lewisham Biodiversity partners carried out **240 events** (74 environmental education, 146 volunteering events and 20 walks and presentations). **1516 adults** and **1113 children** were engaged in activities in this quarter.

There were **16 surveys** carried out.

2 stag beetle loggeries were installed

46m hedgerow and **126 trees** were planted

3 bug hotels installed

Highlights for the quarter:

The Partnership's new Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) has been endorsed by Lewisham Council in November 2021.



Kingfisher spotter in Dacres Wood ©Ema Felix

Lewisham has kick-started an exciting year of events as London Borough of Culture 2022. We encourage you all to take part and enjoy the range of cultural activities on offer, including dance, art, poetry, music and much more taking place in parks, venues and streets across the borough. Please find further details [here](#).



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Brown Hairstreak (a protected butterfly) eggs found in Beckenham Place Park (photo ©Pedro Pires)

The 2021 Year in Summary

	EDUCATION			VOLUNTEER			ENGAGEMENT		
	Events	Adults	Children	Events	Adults	Children	Events	Adults	Awards
Totals for 2021									
January - March	16	3	192	18	65	12	6	42	2
April-June	117	425	1870	113	835	29	20	688	0
July-September	172	405	1842	161	876	24	35	3796	0
October - November	74	152	954	146	1011	29	20	353	8
Total	379	985	4858	438	2787	94	81	4879	10

Quarter	Hedgerow (m)	Loggery	Bird Box	Bat box	Bug hotel	Trees	Pond	Living roof	Other habitat with description	Locations
Planning Quarter 1 (January - March 2021)	10	5	32	20	0	12	1	364.86	Pond Wildlife Corridor Hedgehog hotel/highway Organic allotments	
Parks and NR Quarter 1 (January - March 2021)	40	0	0	0	0	35			7.5m dead hedge	Durham Hill - 10 Oak, 16 Maples and 8 Hazel
Planning Quarter 2 (April-June 2021)	50	0	15	6	0	0		404		
Parks and NR Quarter 2 (April-June 2021)	7	0	20	6	9	5	2	342	8 reptile refugia 50m2 meadow created 1 hedgehog house	
Planning Quarter 3 (July - September 2021)	0	0	8	4	4			1328.1		
Parks and NR Quarter 3 (July-September 2021)	FALSE	3	9	2	3					
Planning Quarter 4 (October - December 2021)	70	1	13	12	6			1809		
Parks and NR Quarter 4 (October - December 2021)	46	2	0	0	0	126				
Planning total	130	6	68	42	10	12	1	3905.96		
Parks and NR total	93	5	29	8	12	166	2	342		
Total	223	11	97	50	22	178	3	4247.96		