



Sculptural Benches Commission – Wildlife Information

We have worked with Surrey Wildlife Trust to put together this list of potential species to attract or protect as part of this commission. We advise artists to choose **one** species or group and research into ideal habitats for inspiration on your designs.

Of course, the sculptural benches themselves will be surrounded by trees and native planting that provide important nectar for pollinators, shelter for a whole range of wildlife.

Potential local species to research:

Stag Beetles : potentially an adjoining Stag Beetle stumpery. Stag beetles require deadwood buried underground to complete their lifecycle with the grubs spending 3-4 years underground before emerging as adults. There have been sightings of stag beetles very close to the Tongham pocket park. Further info on Stag Beetles here

<https://ptes.org/campaigns/stag-beetles-2/>

Hedgehogs: There are records of hedgehogs around Tongham and seem to be doing better in suburban areas, probably due to availability of food and nesting sites, including refuge in gardens etc. <https://www.hedgehogstreet.org/about-hedgehogs/>

Birdlife: There will be a variety of garden birds that visit the pocket park such as blackbird, wren, robin, blue tits, possibly even house sparrows, particularly in the bramble scrub.

Insects – Good to attract as a food source for other wildlife.

<https://www.surreywildlifetrust.org/actions/how-build-bug-mansion>

Bees: Solitary and Bumble Bees – different size holes attract different types of bees.

<https://www.bumblebeeconservation.org/>

<https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/blog/ryan-clark/identify-solitary-bees-uk>

Butterflies: Butterflies need shelter. Narrow slots measuring 10mm x 100mm are suitable. <https://butterfly-conservation.org/>

