



Attracting wildlife to your clubhouse

In the garden and landscaped area surrounding the clubhouse we recommend you plant shrubs for their visual impact and their flowers and berries. These will attract butterflies, moths, bees and birds.

Grow plants with purple, violet, orange or yellow flowers such as buddleia, hebe and most herbs to attract butterflies. Bats can be further encouraged by planting flowers that attract insects; night-scented stock, evening primrose and lavender would look beautiful in pots near the clubhouse. In return, bats will lessen any midge problems you may have as they can eat up to 3000 every night.

Plants such as yarrow, marguerite and French marigold, asters and coreopsis will attract lacewings, ladybirds and hoverflies.

Evergreen shrubs provide winter foliage and shelter and window boxes with pollen-rich plants and herbs look and smell attractive not just to the golfer but to wildlife too.

For more detailed information refer to:

<http://www.butterfly-conservation.org/>

<http://bumblebeeconservation.org/>

<http://www.rspb.org.uk/makeahomeforwildlife/wildlifegarden/>

<http://www.rspb.org.uk/advice/gardening/insects/bees.aspx>

Local schools or volunteer groups might be able to help with planting projects, a good way of connecting with the local community in a positive way.

The club can also link in with wider initiatives such as your Local Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP) or survey work led by RSPB, Scottish Wildlife Trust (SWT) or Scottish Ornithologists' Club (SOC). In this way, the course and its management can actively become part of the wider local environmental education programme.

Furthermore, current government funding is available for this particular type of community involvement, details of which are available from your local authority. Decisions for these community grants are often determined by local Councillors.

As well as planting you can attract wildlife to your clubhouse with the use of feeders and boxes. Feeding the birds all year round is a brilliant way of encouraging more species to your clubhouse and helping them in a wider sense. Trees such as crab apple, rowan, hazel, holly and bird cherry provide an important, and attractive, focal point. They provide nectar-rich blossom or catkins for insects and berries or nuts for birds and mammals. You could consider growing an old Scottish variety of pear, plum or apple tree.

You can also put up nest boxes, bat boxes or solitary bee homes. For more information please refer to the Scottish Golf download '[Further Conservation Management.](#)'