

COUNTRYSIDE ART LTD: BIODIVERSITY POLICY

The photograph below is part of our wildlife area which incorporates a pond to encourage a wide diversity of plants and animals.



Biodiversity Principles

To minimize the impact Countryside Art has on the local and global environment and wherever possible, through its actions increase biodiversity.

Compliance with Legal Requirements “We will comply with all applicable local, national, and international laws and regulations related to biodiversity conservation.” We will also, whenever possible, further enhance the biodiversity of the area put aside to nature conservation.

Awareness and Education

We will raise awareness amongst our employees, suppliers, and stakeholders of the importance of biodiversity and our commitment to its conservation.

Biodiversity Assessment

Countryside Art will monitor the impact of its biodiversity program and endeavor to enhance its effects based on actual evidence.

Biodiversity Conservation

Biodiversity is central to Countryside Arts decision making processes.

Any opportunities that arise to increase biodiversity on a local level shall be implemented. For example, Countryside Art has opened its grounds to a local beekeeper that will improve pollination to the surrounding area. We also dug a pond in 2019 which has attracted the following wildlife. Smooth newts, dragonflies, damsel flies, silver water beetle, Greater diving beetle, pond scatters, grass snakes plus a myriad of aquatic invertebrates have colonized the pond. The pond has been visited by badgers which have built a set in an old the old railway cutting. The cutting has mature trees and is part of our site. Plus hedgehogs have appeared recently, taking advantage of the biodiversity created, and Muntjac and fallow deer have been seen.

In the railway cutting some of the trees needed trimming two years ago. We created wood piles with excess wood to provide habitat for invertebrates, especially beetle larvae and hedgehogs.

Sustainable Sourcing

Countryside Art will only use suppliers that show an active interest and commitment to sustainability and biodiversity. (The necessary documentation is available).

Habitat Restoration and Enhancement

Countryside Art has areas of land that are not needed for the buildings or car parking. We have enhanced this area with tree planting, meadow grass, wildflowers and the construction of a pond. The following trees have been planted and their choice was influenced by their impact on increasing the local fauna.

The list of trees is as follows:

- Beech
- Black thorn
- Birch
- Cherry
- Crab apple
- Guelder rose
- Hazel
- Lime
- Mountain Ash
- Plum
- Quick thorn
- Walnut
- Apple
- Sycamore
- Olive
- Gorse
- Lilac
- Ash
- Buddleia

Reporting and Transparency

We will constantly monitor the biodiversity and health of the area set aside for nature. Any loss of diversity or gains shall be noted and acted upon. If in the future more opportunities arise in improving the biodiversity we shall endeavor to implement the measures needed.