

UNIVERSITY OF EXETER

CAMPUS BIODIVERSITY MANAGEMENT

PRINCIPLES FOR GROUNDS/ESTATES

1. As far as is practical, preserve and enhance existing valuable habitats.

Action :

All known habitats to be recorded and mapped. Habitats to be surveyed annually and all species recorded.

2. Identify specialist treatments/protection measures for vulnerable species. E.g. protection around known badger sites.
3. Erect interpretive signboards in proximity to valuable habitats to explain species present, management techniques employed, and value of habitats.
4. Review management techniques annually to reduce the use of residual pesticides and increase the use of non-residual and biological/non-chemical control techniques, e.g. use of bark mulch and natural predators.
5. Preserve the current policy of putting ZERO GREEN WASTE to reduce our contribution to landfill and resulting Greenhouse gases.
6. Introduce sympathetic management techniques to leave 'eco-strips' near streams and watercourses, around woodland edges, and create wildflower meadows, to stimulate natural habitats.
7. No non-urgent tree felling works to be carried out on trees during the bird nesting season (March-September) to protect nesting sites. Essential hedge maintenance will only be carried out after checking hedges to make sure nesting birds will not be disturbed by the proposed activity.

8. Habitat piles will be left in appropriate areas to provide sources of food , shelter and hibernation sites.
9. Bird and Bat boxes will be erected at suitable locations throughout the campus and monitored annually.

10. All new and replacement planting schemes will use a variety of plants, trees and shrubs, with varying growth patterns and flowering times to encourage year round animal, bird and insect activity.

Conclusion

The Biodiversity Management principles shall be reviewed annually to determine their impact on the number and range of species, recorded on campus, through survey, observation and web cam info. The review will also compare actions and observations against relevant legislation.