

Course Information Sheet

Biodiversity in Homes and Gardens



Transform your home and garden into a haven for wildlife! Explore practical steps to create a biodiverse haven for you and nature.

Course Description:

Unleash the wonder of nature on your doorstep! This engaging 4-week course, Biodiversity in Homes and Gardens, equips you with the knowledge and tools to create a thriving ecosystem in your own space. Explore the importance of biodiversity, discover how gardens support wildlife, and learn practical ways to attract a variety of creatures. From planting pollinator-friendly flowers to building bug hotels, this course empowers you to make a positive impact on the environment, right outside your window. Join us and create a haven for nature's wonders!

What will I learn?

- **Week 1:** The Biodiversity Buzz - Understand the importance of biodiversity, explore the threats it faces, and discover the benefits of a biodiverse garden.
- **Week 2:** Planting for Pollinators - Learn about the vital role of pollinators, explore pollinator-friendly plants, and design a flowering haven for bees, butterflies, and other beneficial insects.
- **Week 3:** Welcome Wildlife Wonders - Discover how to attract a variety of creatures to your garden, explore the benefits of different wildlife habitats like ponds and bird feeders, and learn how to create them for your space.
- **Week 4:** Living in Harmony with Nature - Explore sustainable gardening practices, understand the importance of natural pest control, and discover how to create a garden that benefits both you and wildlife.

How will I be assessed?

- **Formative:** Interactive quizzes and discussion forums will test your knowledge and encourage you to share ideas for creating a biodiverse haven.
- **Summative:** Develop a personalised plan to create a wildlife-friendly space in your home or garden, outlining specific actions and plant choices.

Who is this course for?

This course is open to anyone interested in creating a more biodiverse space, attracting wildlife, and supporting the environment.

Who is your target audience?

This course is designed for learners hoping to develop their understanding of biodiversity and its importance, and take action to create a haven for wildlife in their own homes and gardens.

Progression Opportunities:

After completing this course, you can delve deeper into specific areas like wildlife gardening techniques, habitat creation for specific species, or citizen science projects monitoring wildlife. Consider volunteering with conservation organisations or pursuing qualifications in horticulture or ecological landscaping. Numerous universities across the UK offer further studies in Ecology, Conservation Biology, and related fields.

Career or Job Enhancement Pathways:

This course can be a stepping stone towards various careers in conservation and environmental fields, including:

- Wildlife Gardener
- Ecological Consultant
- Conservation Officer
- Environmental Educator

How do I enrol?

If you are paying the full fee, the quickest way to enrol is online at www.oucoursesouthwest.co.uk, simply create an account and select enrol now. Alternatively, you will need to speak to one of our customer service team on 01752 660713.

How will the course be delivered?

This is a practical course, and the sessions will include tutor-led demonstrations, learner-led group activities, instruction and repetition. These will form part of the delivery together with one-to-one support as required.

Will I need to practise outside the classroom?

You will be encouraged to review your notes between lessons to ensure maximum benefit from your course. It is always useful to practise your skills between sessions. Your tutor may encourage home learning, or independent research.

How will I know I'm making progress?

During the first session, your tutor will discuss your goals and current level in relation to the course. Based on this assessment, you will agree individual targets which you will record in your individual learning plan (ILP). You and your tutor will review your targets regularly to ensure that you are making progress; these will be written in your individual learning plan.

What will I need?

Please bring a notepad, and pen to each session. You may wish to bring a file for any handouts. A laptop with internet access is required for completion of coursework and home learning outside of the classroom.

Please note:

Most courses attract a subsidy from the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA). It is a requirement of the ESFA that you complete various forms at different stages of your course, further information is available on request. Courses are subject to a minimum number of enrolments and could be cancelled if recruitment is low. In some cases, an alternative class at a different location may be offered.

Terms and conditions are available at

<https://www.onsouthwest.co.uk/learner-information/essential-information-for-every-learner>

Room numbers are subject to change - please check when you arrive at the venue.

