



# Our nature

## In this session, young people will...

- Do some hands on local planting.
- Engage in final fireside reflections.

## The aim of the session is to...

1. Build on learning from Grow Wilder.
2. Develop a youth-led project idea.
3. Embed passion for impacting and nurturing nature locally.
4. Reflect on the project and next steps.

## Activity 1: Check the mammal trap

In this activity, young people see what prints have been left in the mammal traps. They compare the prints to images of native mammal prints and discuss what is likely to be around locally.

### Accessibility

Print several animal print pictures so young people can compare themselves.

#### Talking points

- Which mammals are most likely?
- Where might these mammals shelter/eat/drink?
- How can we make the space around the youth club safer and friendlier for this kind of wildlife?

#### Resources

- Mammal trap.
- Animal print pictures.

### Extensions

- Cut and stick prints into scrapbooks.

## Activity 2: Planting

In this activity, young people find spots around the youth club or plant up hanging baskets to take home. They plant hardy native flowers that support wildlife and pollinators and that might grow back next year.

### Accessibility

Provide gardening gloves.

Break activity into bitesize steps and pair young people up – planting is easier with two pairs of hands.

Provide other tasks like preparing ground and watering new plants for anyone who would rather help than plant.

### Talking points

- How can we look after our new plants?
- Why is it a good idea to plant native species?
- How might these plants benefit the local environment?

### Resources

- Native plants.
- Gloves.
- Trowels.
- Soil.