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No matter what size of business you have, you can get involved in making changes to help nature thrive in Dorset! Whether you're a business with a large green space or if you have limited green space on a high street, there's something here for everyone.

A new Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) is being created in Dorset to identify the best opportunities to restore, grow and connect nature across the county. Find out more about Dorset Local Nature Recovery **Strategy**

Businesses with an outdoor space: Farmer Palmer's Farm Park

Action	Complete ?	Please give us some details of how you completed the action
Create one of these to help wildlife thrive in your garden: A log shelter, a pond, a bee hotel, a bat box, a hedgehog home, a hedgehog hole or a bug hotel.	Yes	We have a Kestrel Box that hatched 4 baby kestrels this year. Also bat boxes down by the river. Natural habitat left i.e fallen trees and reeds resulting in hedgehogs, bees and butterflies. We have 8 beehives on our land and make our own honey.
Grow plants to attract butterflies and bees - Try planting a mix of colourful, scented flowers alongside a mix of herbs in a sheltered sunny spot to attract lots of pollinators to your space. Find more info here	Yes	The wildflower mix we use is excellent for pollinators. Fields are left with hedgerow strips.
Plant a tree! Check out the <u>Dorset Community Tree</u> <u>Fund</u> and this <u>handy guide to plant a tree.</u>	Yes	NFU & Woodland Trust gave us UK native cell grown 1-2 year old 20-60cm heigh trees in 2023. Wildlife Pack: 15 x Elder, 15 x English Oak, 15 x Rowan We planted the Flowering cherry trees. We planted the lime and take great care to maintain the many trees.
Plant a native hedge or a shrub garden for wildlife. Native trees provide the greatest benefits for insects, birds, small mammals, reptiles and other wildlife. Speak to your local garden centre to learn more about native plants and their benefits! #shoplocal	Yes	Our established hedges are vital for local wildlife. We do not cut hedges between March and September to preserve nesting. As above and doing well
Reduce your mowing schedule in parts of your garden and let your grass grow long. Did you know long grass is home to all sorts of creatures, big and small? Went left to grow, the grasses will set seed, wildflowers can bloom and provide nectar, and the longer stems will create a sheltered microclimate.	Yes	Within our farm management plan and minimal nitrogen creation within Poole Harbour Agricultural Group we have areas where we may mow one flowered crop (i.e. buttercups) to allow the clover to flourish giving pollinators variety and longer season. Other areas are left long to self seed and wildflowers bloom encouraging butterflies, moths, bees and pollinators.

Leave a wild patch to attract pollinators. When planting a pollinator-friendly garden, it's essential to include a variety of flowers that bloom at different times throughout the growing season to provide a continuous food source for pollinators. Additionally, opting for native plants can help support local pollinator populations. Ask your local garden centre for advice if needed. #shoplocal	Yes	We plant wildflowers near the tractor ride and in 2024 by the route to the woodland walk from seed. We plant maize and sunflowers each year. We planted kale for the butterflies.
Start collecting rainwater for watering plants – <u>How to</u> install a water butt Dorset Wildlife Trust	Yes	We have some rainwater collection from the farm roofs but we could possibly collect more within the Health & Safety guidelines of its use after collected.
Choose to never use chemicals or pesticides in your outdoor space. By committing to a pesticide-free and organic approach in your outdoor space, you contribute to a healthier and more sustainable environment. Encourage all employees to say no to using any chemicals in their own gardens too which will protect pollinators, improve biodiversity, promote soil health and protect human health.	Yes	As part of our commitment to a healthier and more sustainable environment, and our commitment to our Nitrate reduction requirement we use pollinator friendly chemicals if we need to use them at all i.e docks and thistles will multiply ferociously if left unchecked. Ragwort must be pulled from animal land but there is plenty flowering and going to see on verges this year.
Always choose peat free compost. Peat soil is a non- renewable resource and preserving rare peatlands is vital for the unique biodiversity they support, as well as for the wider environment.	N/A	We do not buy compost
Upcycle and reuse materials in the garden rather than buy new.	YES	Our Garden is our farm. We use recycled cable reels for goat enrichment, we reuse aluminum signs by recovering with stickers.
Provide an outdoor seating area for your staff to spend time outdoors. Spending time in nature can have a positive impact on employee health and wellbeing.	Yes	We provide seating outside on picnic tables for the public and our team use this area too or under the overhand of the restaurant. Meetings can be held walking around the park. Our woodland walk is incredible for some quiet time. Wildlife caught on camera includes: Watching damsel flies, mayflies Water snails, watching trout, Swans, Canada Geese, pheasants, (all raising their babies here) cormonant, barn owls, heron Otters, Red deer, foxes,

