As our climate changes, gardens are becoming even more vital to wildlife and people. They can provide shade, absorb carbon, soak up flood water and help to cool buildings. A well managed network of gardens stretching across Sussex would also help wildlife to move more freely and adapt to climate change enabling us to create a living landscape.

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6. Fill the gaps in the pallets with your material. Use the bottom level for larger items, such as pots, bigger pieces of wood or piles of sticks and leaves. Don’t worry if you don’t have enough material to hand. You can add more over time as the wall develops.

7. Cover the top of the wall with bark. We recommend you get this from a local tree surgeon. Don’t disturb old pieces of bark, which may already be sheltering insects.

8. Once you have filled the gaps, don’t disturb the wall and give wildlife a chance to establish.

For small scale bug homes see our creature comforts factsheet.

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