Dear Nature Street Resident

Thank you so much for volunteering to make space for wildlife in the gardens on your street. Nature Street is a project designed to inspire you to get together with your neighbours to create urban and suburban wildlife corridors and encourage more wildlife into gardens.

Maybe you want to help wildlife in your garden, but don’t feel confident about what to do first? Or perhaps you don’t think that your small terraced garden can make a difference. This project is a way to gain support from your neighbours and make the most of whatever outdoor space you have. Don’t think about your garden in isolation, think of what your whole street, cul-de-sac or block of flats can do together to help create a living, thriving landscape for the wildlife of Sussex.

The Sussex Wildlife Trust is the leading nature conservation organisation covering East Sussex, West Sussex and Brighton and Hove. We are always looking for ways to help create a living landscape, so that wildlife can travel more easily through Sussex. Creatures need to be able to move and react to changes in land use and climate that may otherwise leave them isolated and vulnerable.

Let’s say you want to encourage more frogs into your street. Rita at number 17 could put in a small pond, whilst Steve a few doors down could build a bog garden. Meanwhile Helen, Sam and Luke next-door, who don’t have much space, could add a small stone pile in the corner of their garden for the frogs to overwinter in. If you all make sure there are gaps in the bottom of fences and walls to allow these small creatures to hop around, then you could have a thriving frog community in no time.

By creating some small, co-ordinated wildlife-friendly features you can all make a huge difference.

To help you and your neighbours create your own Nature Street we have produced an information pack, which includes:

- Advice on how to start up Nature Street
- Materials to raise awareness in your street about joining the Nature Street project
- Guiding principles of Nature Street
- Information on how to record wildlife in your gardens

These resources are available to download from our website and we hope they will encourage and inspire you and your neighbours.

To join Sussex Wildlife Trust or learn more about our work please visit www.sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk

Thank you for helping the wildlife of Sussex to thrive.

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