

A shortlist of vulnerable wildlife species around Sandleheath

Fungi species

Earthstar fungus

A spectacular fungus needing woodland shade

Magpie Inkcap fungus

Woodland shady paths. Vulnerable to walkers

Scarlet Elfcup fungus

A small fungi which show up well in shady woodland patches. Frequent but slowly disappearing in disturbed SH woodland.

Bird species

Woodcock

Vulnerable to disturbance in SH woodland

Lesser Spotted Woodpeckers

Have been heard in woods around Sandleheath, but they are rare

Coal Tits

A delightful small Tit found in local gardens but requires wild places to forage in

Little Owls

Heard in the SH area but sadly disappearing from the local urban environment

Swifts

Now very uncommon in villages and farms around West Hampshire and East

Dorset. 'Swift Towers' should be constructed in all local villages and, if possible,

Swift nest boxes available to all house owners

House Martins

House Martins are also becoming scarce as a nesting species in the area. Nest boxes need to be made available

Common Partridges

Partridges have nested in the local woodland in the past, but it is now unlikely that these delightful birds are still around due to human and dog disturbance

Marsh Tits

Can be found in gardens next to woodland, but uncommon

Flower species

Yellow Rattle

A good environmental indicator plant. Now growing in Elms Close wildflower patches. Would be sad to lose

Common Spotted Orchids

Were growing on the Common but now uncommon along untreated pathways

Common Thistle

Becoming less common around SH due to the disturbance of natural grassland

Small Scabious

Found only in the Elms Close wild flower patches

Native Bluebells

Common in some local woodlands but vulnerable to hybridisation with more vigorous garden species (like Spanish Bluebell)

Oxeye daisies

There is a good shows of this species in the Elms Close wild flower patches

Animal & reptile species

Hedgehogs

Vulnerable and getting rare in gardens

Common Frog

Found in garden ponds but vulnerable to cats and local roads

Common Toad

Found in garden ponds but vulnerable to cats and local roads

Slow Worm

A healthy indicator species found in local gardens

Newts

Found in Sandleheath garden ponds. Vulnerable

Grass Snakes

Snakes of all species need undisturbed grassland and woodland

Insect species

All insect species

All invertebrate creatures in the SH area need consideration with the maintenance of wild patches (including bramble, fungi, grasses, trees, bare ground, rotting wood and wild flowers)

Willow Emerald Damselfly

A very rare species of dragonfly that has recently started breeding beside a stream in the SH area

Southern Hawker

A spectacular Dragonfly which is breeding in garden ponds in SH

Azure Damselfly

A bright blue Dragonfly which breeds local ponds

Broad-bodied Chaser

Another large Dragonfly which lays its eggs in SH ponds

Red tipped Clearwing moth

Rare. Has been found around trees on upper Common

Silver-washed Fritillary

A beautiful butterfly, found in local mature woodland but vulnerable to disturbance

Small Skippers

A small butterfly which likes rough grass patches

Common Blue

Delightful to see but needs rough meadows and grass patches

Holly Blue

A spring butterfly that likes garden Holly Trees

Small Tortoiseshell

An at risk butterfly in our gardens

Longhorn Beetles

An impressive beetle which frequents SH garden flowers