

Water And Climate Change In Horsham Park

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Water is hugely important to wildlife and people, without it no life can survive. Wetlands, rivers and ponds are essential to sustaining a biodiverse landscape, while also providing our towns with natural flood defences and drinking water.

Horsham Park pond is brimming with wildlife. Spot 3 species you can see enjoying the pond?

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Recycle

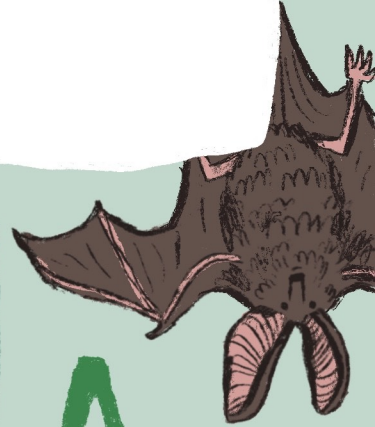
In periods of drought, it's important to save and recycle water.

You can easily save water in your home by:

Reusing the washing up water, left over drinking water and shower water to water the plants.

Think before buying a plant at the garden centre. How much water will it need to grow? Buy sustainable plants, adapted to climate change.

Put the dishwasher and washing machine on full loads.



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Are you brave enough to go bat hunting?

Daubenton's bats, also known as the 'water bat' has been spotted flying at dusk in Horsham Park Pond.

Daubenton's bats feast upon insects that are found in their thousands flying above open water.

Did you know, if a bat misjudged the distance of its prey and lands in the water, they can swim?

How many bats can you spot on a summer's evening in Horsham Park Pond?

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Our environment is changing.

Our climate is warming and water is drying up. Our plants in the park are finding it difficult to survive.

However we can adapt to climate change by planting plants that are adapted to droughts and floods.

Visit the Park House Sensory Garden to see the sustainable drought tolerant raised flower bed.

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The cooling effect of trees reduces the temperature of cities in the summer by up to 12°C.

Can you find the largest, most shady tree in the park and draw it below?

