

Nature Recovery Plan

BRANKSOME RECREATION GROUND



1 Native shrubs and hedges

Planting of native shrubs will provide refuge and nesting sites for songbirds and small mammals. The berries of hawthorn and blackthorn, and the nuts of hazel are a great source of food for them too.



2 A carpet of spring flowers

Under the oak trees, a colourful carpet of bluebells, anemones, clover and daffodils will provide an important source of nectar for insects early in the year.



3 The Wetland Garden

A small wetland garden, full of grasses, ferns and flowering plants will create a different kind of habitat. We hope to attract dragonflies and frogs.



4 Wildflower meadow

Great for bees, bugs and butterflies! This meadow will provide a home for our pollinators to feed and shelter in.



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We'll be creating areas of short vegetation amongst denser scrub and rocks - perfect for our local reptiles. Keep your eyes peeled for a lizard basking in the sun.

5 Reptile bank



Piles of deadwood make fantastic mini-ecosystems. Watch them evolve over time. The decaying wood supports a range of fungi and lichen.

6 Wood stacks



7 Bird & bat boxes

Installed throughout the park, these nesting boxes will help our local bats and birds thrive.



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A new Wetland Garden at BRANKSOME RECREATION GROUND

Proposal

A small bog garden full of grasses and flowering plants will create a new welcoming entrance to Branksome Recreation Ground, just off Playfields Drive.

The plants will help to regulate the drainage in this area as they thrive in moist conditions. At the same time, they provide a habitat for for different creatures, such as damselflies and frogs.

Purbeck stone blocks will create a playful path through part of the garden to allow children to step into nature.

Carefully placed stone boulders to the edges of the path and a knee rail provide structure to the space.

There will be an interpretation board with information on wildlife spotting and plant identification.

- KEY**
- 1 Stepping stones
 - 2 Interpretation board
 - 3 Wetland planting
 - 4 Knee rail
 - 5 Wildflower meadow



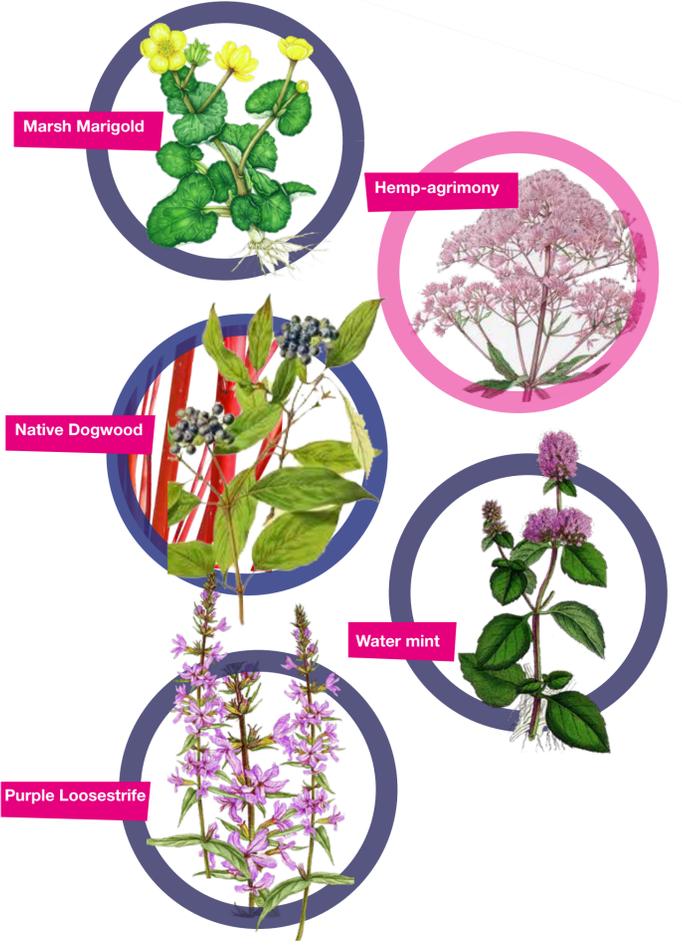
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Typical wetland plants



Reference Images



Stepping stones



Interpretation Board



Natural planting



Planting for the senses and wildlife

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