



The Green Camden Service

Empowering residents and community groups
to take green action

Green Camden Zones scheme

- A Green Camden Zone can be any community defined area
- Green Camden Zones in universities include Halls of Residence and university Green Groups
- A GCZ can register by filling in all or part of an audit of local buildings, infrastructure and green space and developing an action plan of local activities
- A GCZ will be able to pick from a menu of activities to run in the area and can identify others eg through [Transition Streets](#) and [EcoTeams](#)
- Members will get volunteering and training opportunities and can become qualified to deliver training, energy audits or workshops
- Formal recognition through our volunteering scheme, written confirmation of completed Green Zones and the chance to become a Green Champion.

Main topics:

Reducing carbon emissions
Adapting to climate change
Reduce, reuse, recycle
Improving air quality
Enhancing biodiversity

Green Camden Zones – reward measures

A range of low cost measures, some available from the council and others requiring funding

- **Energy saving measures** (but not installation): energy meters, radiator panels, draught-proofing, thermal curtain lining, cylinder jackets
- **Recycling**: food caddy liners, dry recyclables bags, compost bins, reusable canvas bags for local shopping, junk mail stickers
- **Travel/air quality**: cycle stands, cycling equipment, eco driving, car club bays, electric vehicle trials
- **Water saving**: water butts, hippos, spray taps, shower heads
- **Enhancing wildlife/green spaces**: nest boxes, bird feeders, birdbaths, wildflowers, food growing starter kit, trees, window boxes
- **Training**: home/school/business environmental auditing, efficient driving, cycling, Dr Bikes

University & College Green Zones

Activities include:

- Holding a Give and Take event
- Installing water saving devices
- Installing a public bike pump and repair kit
- Beekeeping
- Recycling
- Community composting



Biodiversity Green Actions



Take action to record Camden's wildlife

- Enter data in GiGL
- www.gigl.org.uk
- Help us to track and record Camden's Wildlife – record any wildlife sightings, such as bugs, insects, birds and animals on GIGL.org and help us to direct resources where needed to help our creepy crawlies survive



Join or set up a food growing site

- Camden has 83 food growing sites registered with Capital Growth. They have quarterly funding opportunities and a map where residents can find out where and volunteer at their nearest site.



Green garden

- If you have a garden, use native plants and shrubs to encourage butterflies and bees, and plants that produce berries or seeds for birds to feed on like teasel and sunflowers. Put up bird feeders and provide places in your garden for creatures to inhabit and shelter



Window boxes

- If you don't have a garden you can put up window boxes and wormeries
- Wormeries are perfect for households that would like to compost but don't have a garden - they are small enough to be kept on a balcony or even indoors
- Or install a green roof!



Biodiversity Action Plan

- Camden Biodiversity Action Plan Partnership was formed in October 2000.
- Current plan covers 2010-2013
- Partnership between Camden Council and other organisations such as BTCV, British Waterways, Corporation of London (Hampstead Heath), Highgate Cemetery, The Royal Parks
- Green Zones and other groups can get involved in the implementation of the plan
- Camden contact is Nature Conservation Officer – new officer will be in post late April

Biodiversity Action Plan - Aims

- To promote awareness and knowledge of the selected species and habitats in the Borough
- To protect, maintain and enhance current populations of the species and biodiversity of the habitats within Camden
- To increase the monitoring and knowledge of the species and habitats within Camden

Biodiversity Action Plan

Species

- Bats
- Hedgehog
- Stag Beetle
- House Sparrow
- Odonata – Dragonflies and Damselflies



Biodiversity Action Plan

Habitats

- Woodland
- Grasslands and Heath
- Waterways and Wetlands
- The Built Environment
- Canalsides and Railsides
- Small Parks, Gardens and City Squares
- Churchyards and Cemeteries

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