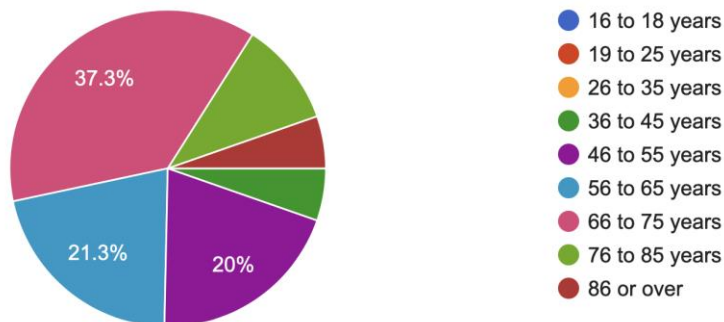




Appendix A: Residents' Panel June 2026 Summary

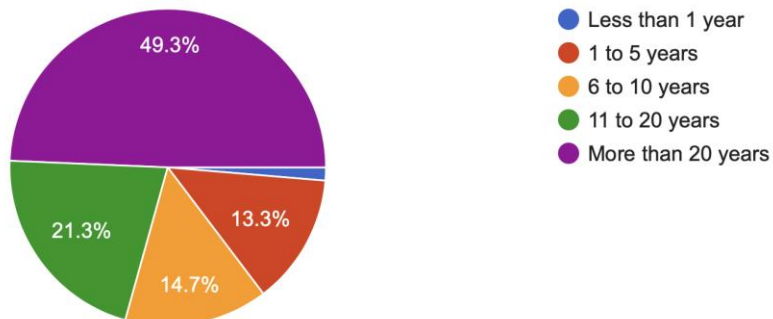
How old are you?

75 responses



How long have you lived in Bradford on Avon?

75 responses



Panellists are evenly spread across the town.

Section 1 - Garden Wildlife

Bradford on Avon recognises there is a climate and ecological emergency. The loss of biodiversity and wildlife over the last decades have been devastating, but we can make a difference.



Our gardens, big and small, together account for a significant area of greenspace, especially in urban areas and can provide important opportunities to support wildlife to flourish such as water, food and shelter.

We hope to improve the understanding of how valuable our gardens are and to encourage greater connectivity, by developing a Green and Dark Corridors Policy in our update of the Bradford on Avon Neighbourhood Plan.

The efforts you make in your garden/outdoor space are so valuable we would like you to answer the questions below to help map green spots across the town.

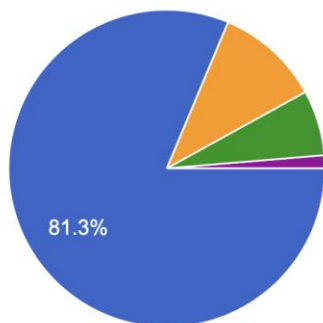
This will be useful data to start a Rewild Garden project, similar to the successful and well-researched Freshford Nature Chain project.

More information about rewilding and biodiversity can be found here: www.naturechain.co.uk/garden-for-wildlife.

1. Do you have a garden (including shared) and/or allotment?

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75 responses



- Yes - garden only
- Yes - allotment only
- Yes - both
- No - but I have planters on a hard-surfaced outdoor space such as a courtyard/balcony
- No, I don't have any outdoor space at my dwelling

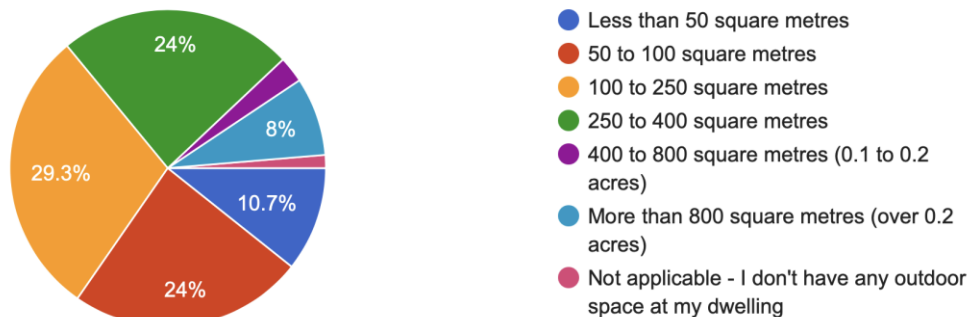
2. If yes, approximately how big is your outdoor space? Provide a combined amount if you have a garden/courtyard and allotment.

If it helps, for reference, the size of a tennis court is 260 square metres



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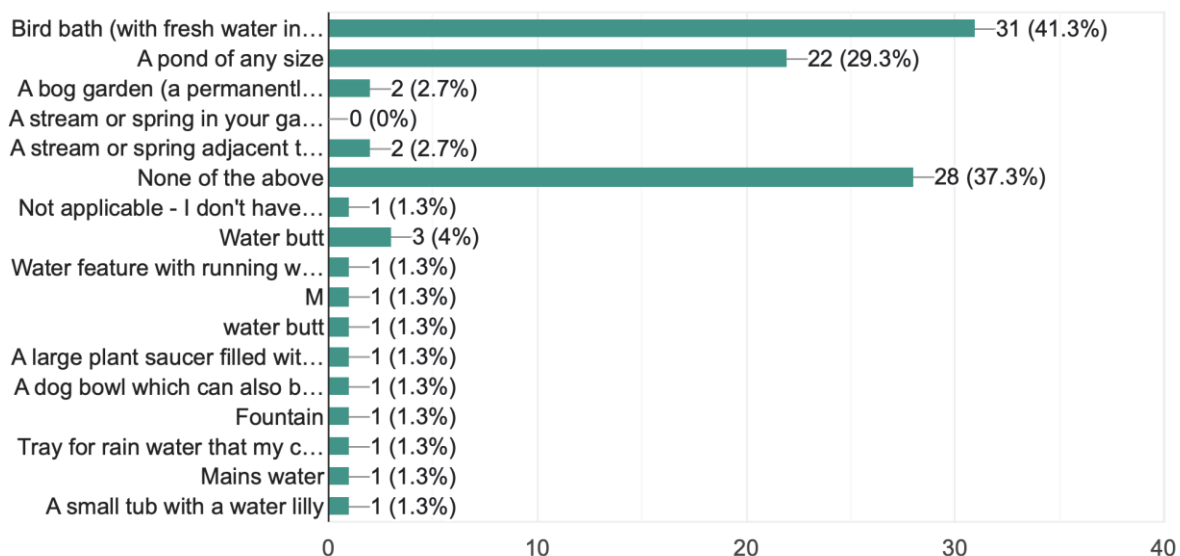
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3. Which of the following sources of water do you have in your garden/allotment?

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75 responses



4. Do you select plants for your outdoor space which provide food for wildlife?



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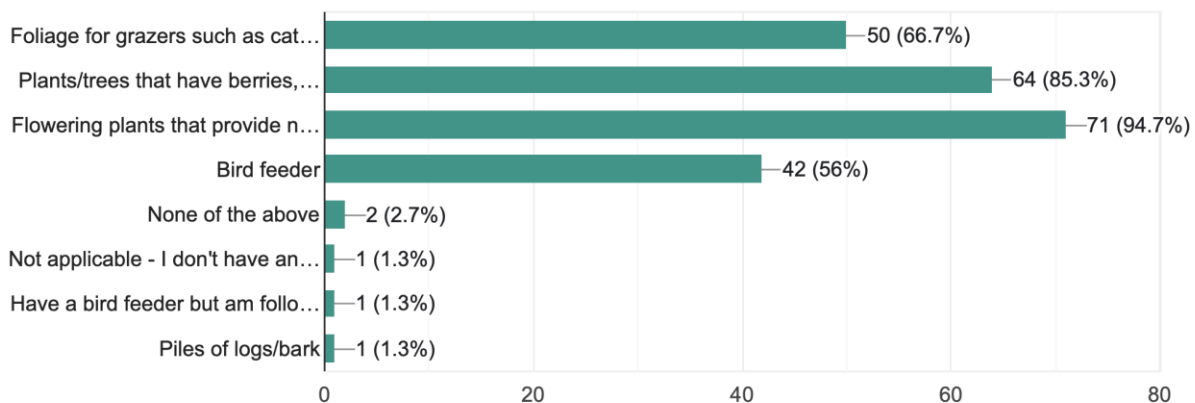
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5. Which of the following food sources do you have in your outdoor space?

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75 responses

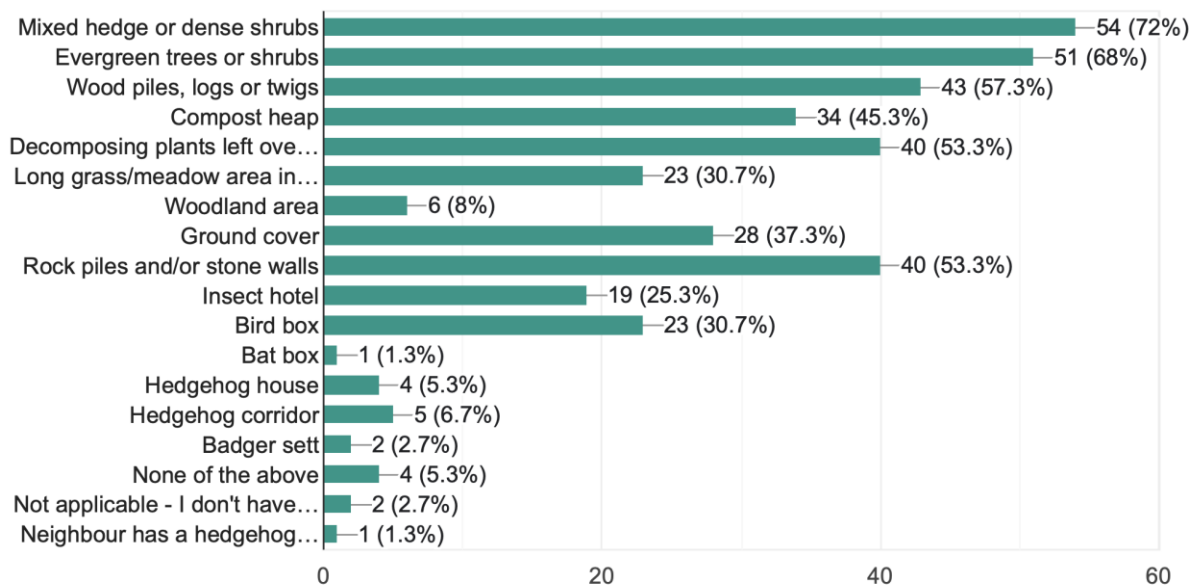


6. Which of the following forms of shelter does your outdoor space provide for wildlife?



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75 responses



7. Are you aware of any wildlife regularly nesting/living in your outdoor space? If yes, please provide detail.

There were 49 responses to this question. 4 of which said they were not aware of any wildlife regularly living in their outdoor space.

Numbers after items indicate the number of respondents that listed them, if more than 1.

General birds (17)

Wood pigeons (10)

Squirrels (9)

Blackbirds (8)

Blue tit (7)

Rodents (7)

Robins (6)

Badger (6)

Hedgehog (5)

Slow worms (5)

Frogs (5)



Fox (4)

General insects (4)

Great tit (4)

Common newts (3)

Toads (3)

Deer (3)

Rabbits (2)

Butterflies (2)

Bees (3)

Wren (2)

Starlings (2)

Sparrows (2)

Tawny owl

Long tailed tit

Coal tit

Goldfinch

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Crows

Magpies

House martins

Heron

Ducks

Grass snake

Snails

Solitary bees

Moths

Dragon/damsel flies

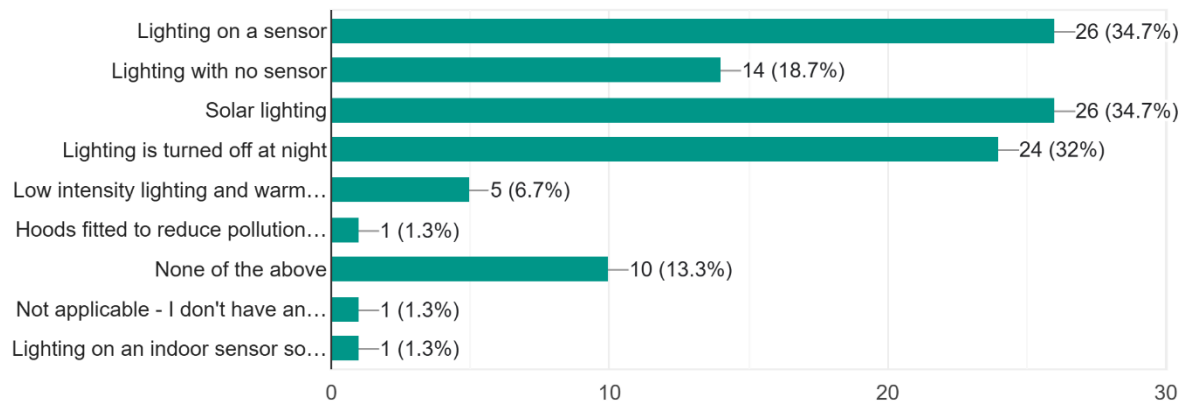
Bats

8. What sort of outdoor lighting do you have and how is it used.



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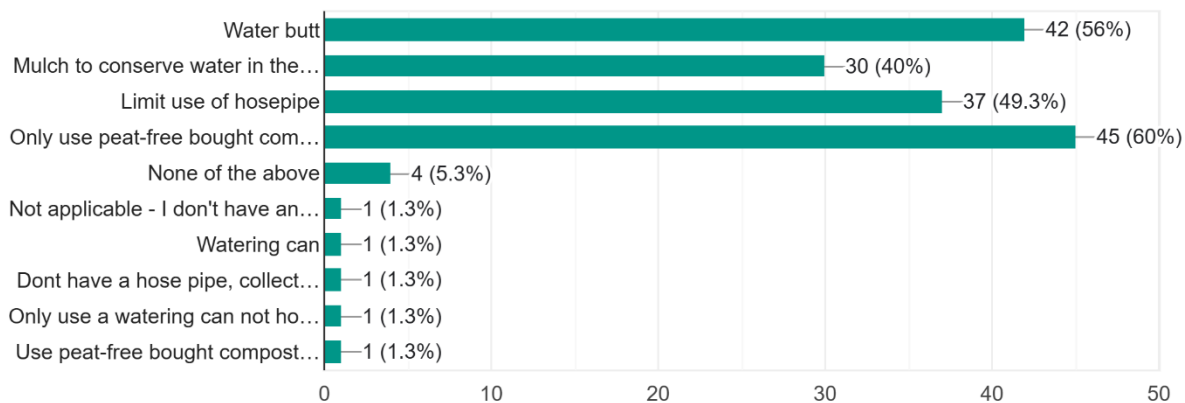
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9. What, if any, of the following soil and water conservation measures, do you use in your outdoor space?

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75 responses

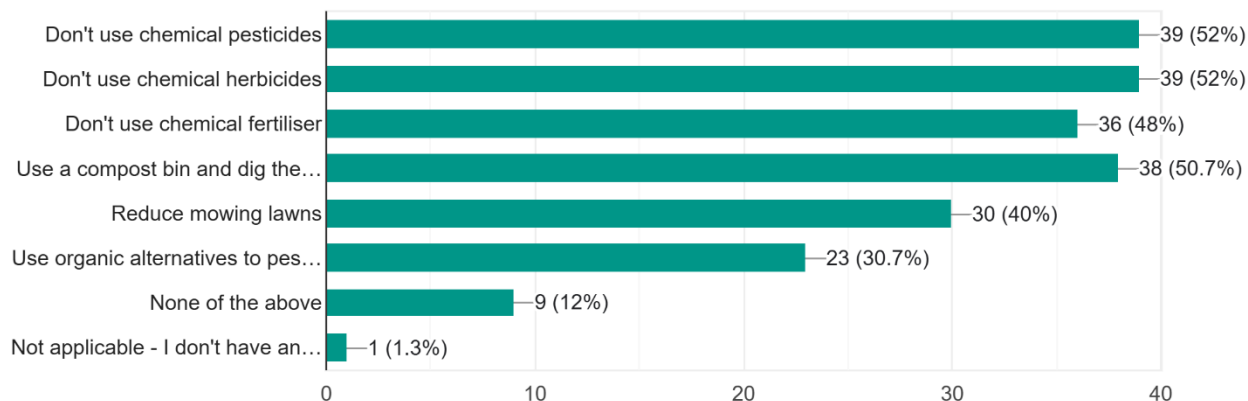


10. Which of the following organic practices have you implemented in your outdoor space?



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75 responses



11. Which of the following wildlife visitors do you see in your outdoor space?

There were 75 responses to this question. Respondents were given a list of species as well as the option to add additional species.

Hedgehog	15	Shrews	7	Honey bees	62	Newts	7
Badger	17	Greenfinch	22	Butterflies	69	Grass snakes	5
Bats	41	Goldfinch	27	Ladybirds	70	Slow worms	23
Fox	28	House sparrows	53	Dragonflies	42	Slugs and snails	66
Grey Squirrel	37	Blackbirds	65	Frogs	21	I don't see any wildlife	0
Voles/mice	20	Owls	8	Toads	20	Not applicable	1

Additional answers were:

Cats, jays, roe deer, bumblebees, hoverflies, ants, mason bees, moths, sparrowhawk, rats, pigeons, nuthatch, woodpecker, coal tits, wood pigeon, robins, magpies, owls heard but not seen.



12. Have you noticed the absence of specific wildlife in recent years that previously visited your outdoor space regularly? If yes, please provide details.

36 people responded to this question.

9 people said they had not noticed an absence of any specific species.

Others noted the following:

Small birds/songbirds (fewer) (5)

Hedgehog (4)

Starlings (4)

Sparrows (4)

Badger (3)

Thrush (3)

Swifts (2)

Slow worms (fewer) (2)

Frogs (2)

Finches (2)

Butterflies (fewer) (2)

Newts

Green woodpecker

Woodpecker

Jay

Chaffinch

Great tits

Blackcaps

Hoverflies

Ladybirds

Muntjac



13. Do you have anything else you'd like to share about your outdoor space?

22 responses.

Comments included:

“I would like the council to plant trees on the grass verges on Culver Road.”

“I replaced standard lawn turf with wildflower turf and it's been a huge success. Drought tolerant, lots of cover, successional food source for different species. And low maintenance.”

“Keep it as wild as I can.”

“Not having used any chemical pesticides or insecticides for over a decade there's a huge increase in ladybirds and fewer blackfly and greenfly”

“swift box built into house wall”

“Too many seagulls”

“Very limited to what kind of tree I am allowed to plant.”

“We adjoin allotments so it's a fantastic wildlife corridor.”

“We don't own a cat, but our garden is a thoroughfare for all those in the neighbourhood, which may have had an impact on the blue tits not nesting this year”

“We had a moth survey done (overnight moth trap) by a local expert about 5 years ago. He identified over 100 species and said it was the best total in Wiltshire he had had. Though we have bats flying at night, before our roof was repaired we had a bat survey and no evidence of a roost inside was found.”

“We have hedgehog holes in the fence but haven't see one since we moved here 8 years ago.”

“We live near Westbury Gardens, which provide another source of food for the birds in our garden.”

14. To help us map the wildlife-friendly spaces across the town, please provide ideally a [What3Words](#) location for your outdoor space(s). Alternatively, please provide your postcode.

Responses to this question are redacted for internal use only.



15. Would you be interested in more events and information to help you rewild your outdoor space?

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74 responses

