

2021 Project Overview



In partnership with



idverde Bromley Biodiversity Champions, Allotments



Respect



Innovation



Responsibility



Focus



Integrity



Collaboration

Introduction

idverde are responsible for managing London Borough of Bromley's parks and open spaces. This includes a role supporting Bromley Allotments & Leisure Gardens Limited in their management of the Borough's 52 allotments. In 2021 idverde launch the idverde Bromley Biodiversity Action Plan (iBBAP) which lays out a 5-year plan of actions to improve biodiversity and its management in the Borough's parks and open spaces. As part of this initiative we are delighted to launch the idverde Bromley Biodiverse Allotments.

The aim of this programme is:

- Provide biodiversity training to Bromley allotment holders
- Support individual allotment holders to become a "Biodiversity Champion" for their allotment
- Collate species data from Bromley's allotments

What does the programme entail?

The programme will consist of 3 elements:

- Annual biodiversity training aimed specifically at allotments & allotment holders
- Volunteer Biodiversity Champions for allotments
- Citizen science surveys

Biodiversity Training

idverde has committed to delivering annual biodiversity training to BALGL allotment holders for the next 5 years (2021-2026). This training will initially focus on promoting biodiversity friendly practices on allotments, key species and how to improve allotments for biodiversity. Due to Covid-19 this training will initially be online in 2021. Over the duration of the programme it is anticipated that this training will develop as participants become more biodiversity aware but will always welcome new participants each year.

Our first training session will take place on **29th April 2021** and will be held online via Zoom. Participation in this course will be bookable via <https://www.bromleyparks.co.uk/beeche/>

Biodiversity Champions

Upon completion of the training we will seek enthusiastic volunteers who wish to take on the challenge of becoming a "Biodiversity Champion" for their allotment. This voluntary role will be flexible and work around you, your interests and the time you have to dedicate to it. The key responsibilities of the "Biodiversity Champion" are:

- First and foremost to be an advocate for biodiversity on your allotment. Promote good practice and encourage others to do the same
- Support idverde in collating species citizen science data for your allotment. This will involve setting up a system for allotment holders to record pre agreed species on site and sharing the results with idverde.
- Act as a liaison between your allotment and idverde as well as the allotment committee on biodiversity issues.

We would advise discussing your interest in becoming a "Biodiversity Champion" with your individual allotment committee prior to nominating yourself. It is important that your committee is supportive.

Citizen Science Projects

Each year *idverde* will run at least one project aiming to increase our knowledge of species present on Bromley's allotments. In 2020 this will consist of two projects:

- Hedgehogs on Allotments- Using hedgehog tunnels to survey for the presence of hedgehogs on a sub set of BALGL allotments. Separate training will be provided for this project.
- Allotment Species Sightings- Using either an electronic (via mobile device or home computer) or paper form submit any sightings of a set of specific species likely to be present on Bromley allotments to *idverde*.

We ask that any records of the following species are submitted. We have asked for details on life stage/age and numbers observed however if this has not been possible please don't worry and submit your record anyway. Simply knowing which species are present on which site is important to us. You can submit by clicking [here](#)

- Common frog
- Common toad
- Smooth newt
- Palmate newt
- Great crested newt
- Common lizard
- Slow worm
- Grass snake
- Hedgehog
- Greater stag beetle
- Bullfinch