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Ashfield District Council

CONDITION 3 – V/2025/0400

ECOLOGICAL ENHANCEMENT DETAILS

Schwegler 1B Nest box



2F Schwegler Bat Box



Hedgehog Nesting Box



Reptile & Amphibian & Insect Hibernacula

Build a hibernaculum

Great for amphibians and reptiles!



You will need:

- Spade
- Logs and branches
- Rocks and bricks
- 2-3 drainpipe off-cuts or cement pipes

If using plastic drainpipes, roughen the insides with sandpaper so that they are not too slippery for animals to climb.

- Turf or meadow flower seeds (optional)

1 In a sunny spot, dig a hole about 50cm deep and 1.5 metres across.

2 Fill with logs, branches, bricks and rocks, leaving plenty of gaps in between.

3 Insert entrance tubes (drainpipes) at ground level into the pile.

4 Cover the pile with soil (to about 50cm high).

5 You can plant meadow seeds or turf over the mound.

Be careful not to build your hibernaculum on free-draining sites or where the soil gets waterlogged.

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Hibernacula

Log and stone pile to be constructed to a height of 0.6m using natural logs between 50 and 150mm in diameter, together with site-won stone between 50-200mm particle size, creating crevices and gaps throughout the structure.