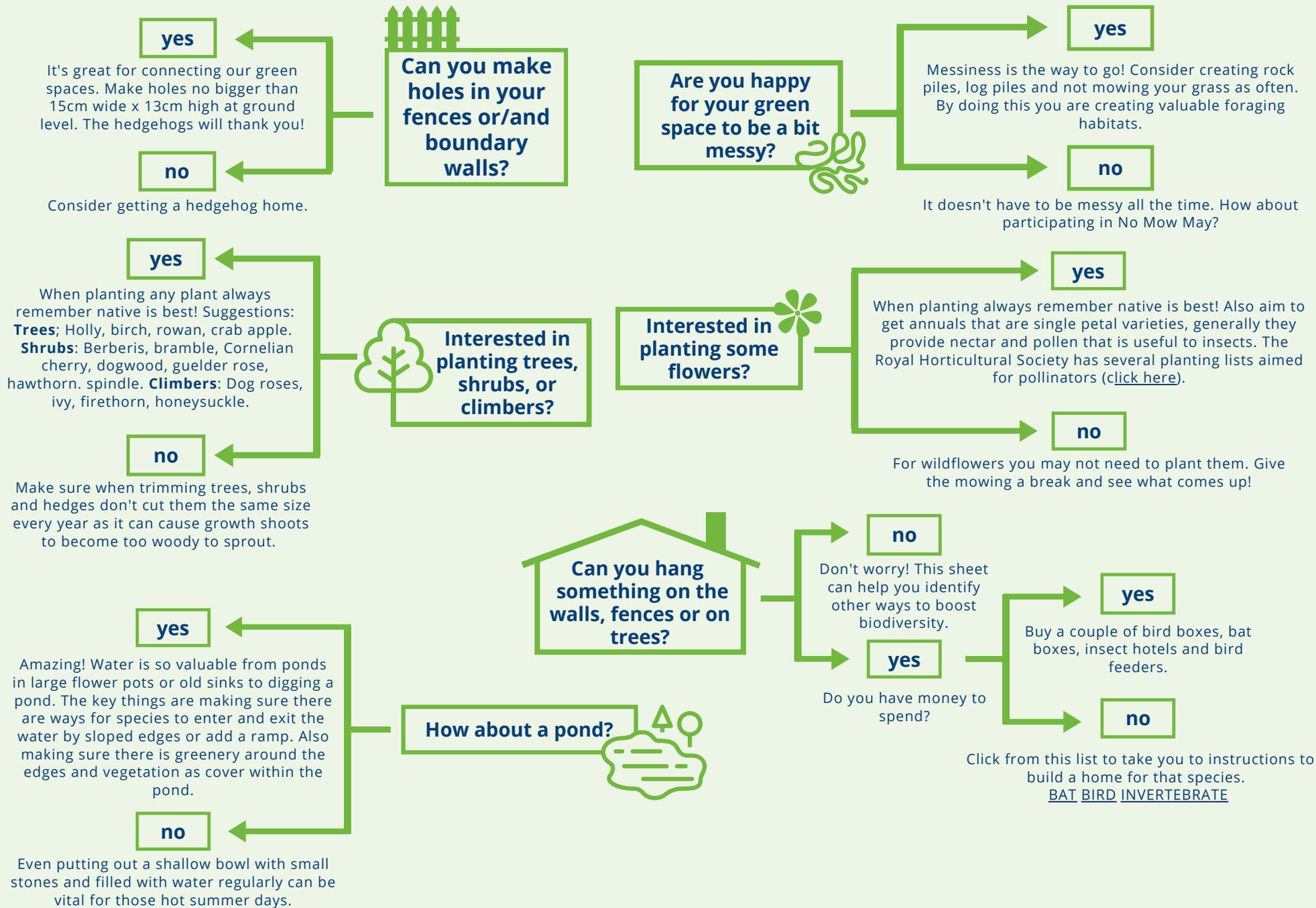


What can you do to help biodiversity?



Can you make holes in your fences or/and boundary walls?

yes

It's great for connecting our green spaces. Make holes no bigger than 15cm wide x 13cm high at ground level. The hedgehogs will thank you!

no

Consider getting a hedgehog home.

Are you happy for your green space to be a bit messy?

yes

Messiness is the way to go! Consider creating rock piles, log piles and not mowing your grass as often. By doing this you are creating valuable foraging habitats.

no

It doesn't have to be messy all the time. How about participating in No Mow May?

Interested in planting trees, shrubs, or climbers?

yes

When planting any plant always remember native is best! Suggestions: **Trees:** Holly, birch, rowan, crab apple. **Shrubs:** Berberis, bramble, Cornelian cherry, dogwood, guelder rose, hawthorn, spindle. **Climbers:** Dog roses, ivy, firethorn, honeysuckle.

no

Make sure when trimming trees, shrubs and hedges don't cut them the same size every year as it can cause growth shoots to become too woody to sprout.

Interested in planting some flowers?

yes

When planting always remember native is best! Also aim to get annuals that are single petal varieties, generally they provide nectar and pollen that is useful to insects. The Royal Horticultural Society has several planting lists aimed for pollinators ([click here](#)).

no

For wildflowers you may not need to plant them. Give the mowing a break and see what comes up!

Can you hang something on the walls, fences or on trees?

no

Don't worry! This sheet can help you identify other ways to boost biodiversity.

yes

Do you have money to spend?

yes

Buy a couple of bird boxes, bat boxes, insect hotels and bird feeders.

no

Click from this list to take you to instructions to build a home for that species. [BAT](#) [BIRD](#) [INVERTEBRATE](#)

How about a pond?

yes

Amazing! Water is so valuable from ponds in large flower pots or old sinks to digging a pond. The key things are making sure there are ways for species to enter and exit the water by sloped edges or add a ramp. Also making sure there is greenery around the edges and vegetation as cover within the pond.

no

Even putting out a shallow bowl with small stones and filled with water regularly can be vital for those hot summer days.