

Nature Towns

BCP Area
16,132 hectares


Home to over
400,000
people

700 hours
per month
volunteering
in greenspaces

14% Green Space

c. 2,500 hectares
managed by BCP Council

24% Residential gardens

3,872 hectares

★ **Nationally and internationally
recognised sites for nature**

67 SNCIs (160 hectares)
sites of nature conservation interest

19 SSSIs (769 hectares)
sites of special scientific interest

25 LNRs (505 hectares)
local nature reserves

**21% of the
conurbation
is covered
by trees**

270 species,
the most common
being pines and oaks

86 woodland sites

8 of those being
ancient woodlands

64,000 council owned trees
outside woodlands

Grazing

60 cattle, ponies,
sheep and goats help us
maintain habitats across
our nature reserves

5,000+ species

recorded in BCP
since 2010 including:

6 of the 7 UK **amphibians**
all 6 native species of **reptile**
14 of the 18 UK species of **bat**
31 of the 68 other UK **mammals**
40 of the 59 UK **butterflies**

45% of UK **bird** species
49% of UK **moths**
10% of UK **true bugs**
31% of UK **bees, wasps & ants**
20% of UK **spiders**
50% of **vascular plants**

**BCP's top
14 species**

sand lizard
european nightjar
stag beetle
hedgehog
natterjack toad
green woodpecker
heath spotted-orchid
silver-studded blue butterfly
golden-ringed dragonfly
brown long-eared bat
eurasian otter
waxcaps
swift
glow-worm

Monitored
as a guide to
the general
state of nature
in BCP

Sand lizard
in our rare heathlands

Poole Harbour

**Stour
Valley**

**Avon
Valley**

Christchurch Harbour

White-tailed eagles
are local residents

Hengistbury Head -
regionally important
archaeological site
with over 12,000 years
of human activity



**Bournemouth,
Christchurch and Poole:
Nature Towns**

