

Northstone's Connecting Communities to Nature

Northstone's Connecting Communities to Nature Commitment is an overarching statement of intent outlining the aims of current and future Northstone developments, aiming to improve the natural capital assets of the area, underpinned by people and development.



- 1** Strive to voluntarily increase biodiversity on our sites by at least 10 percent for the benefit of local residents and wildlife.
- 2** Support local wildlife by incorporating bat boxes, bird boxes, hedgehog-friendly fences and refugia into our plans, ensuring site layouts facilitate the movement of local wildlife.
- 3** Implement an extensive Landscape Design Code for each site, incorporating hedgerows, trees, and evergreen perennial shrubs.
- 4** Enhance existing urban woodland and ponds where possible.
- 5** Follow best practice in habitat management and aim to maintain local distinctiveness by using native plants where possible.
- 6** Aim to build a habitat network throughout the built environment, providing residents with frequent interactions with nature and its associated health benefits.
- 7** Integrate sustainable urban drainage schemes, where appropriate, that benefit local wildlife as well as improving water management.
- 8** Increase access to nature where possible by incorporating health walks and play areas throughout our schemes.
- 9** Provide wildlife education boards for residents at interesting points around our sites.