

STATE OF NATURE REPORT 2019

FEEDBACK FROM MEMBERS AT MEETING 10 MARCH 2020

Question asked at the Meeting: *What can we do when faced with the declines of species as reported in the State of Nature 2019 (and elsewhere)?*

Theme	Comments
Communicating our Message	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use Facebook to share our concerns</li> <li>• Provide information for the local press</li> <li>• Encourage the involvement of young people</li> <li>• Help people to value the environment more</li> </ul>
Indoor Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More talks about species decline and climate change</li> <li>• Explain how loss affects people</li> <li>• Promote the talks more widely</li> <li>• Educate adults and children</li> </ul>
Personal Initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide for wildlife habitats in our gardens such as ponds and bug hotels plus plants to encourage wildlife</li> <li>• Don't use pesticides</li> <li>• Explore nature more in our local areas</li> <li>• Get involved in projects eg with MKNHS</li> <li>• Reduce the consumption of meat</li> <li>• Buy organic</li> <li>• Don't buy exotic foreign grown foods</li> <li>• Avoid processed foods</li> <li>• Take more domestic holidays</li> <li>• Reduce flights</li> <li>• Reduce car use</li> <li>• Downsize your accommodation</li> <li>• Car sharing</li> <li>• Put up nest boxes</li> <li>• Share our individual knowledge/expertise</li> <li>• Reduce consumption</li> <li>• Use your vote to benefit the environment</li> </ul>
Recording	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carry out more recording of species and pass on information to the relevant organisations</li> <li>• Indicators of the 'health' of our environment</li> </ul>
Conservation Organisations/Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support organisations of this kind especially BBOWT</li> <li>• Encourage return to mixed farms (reduce monoculture)</li> <li>• Support green MK, support the Parks Trust</li> <li>• Support the planting of trees in MK in context of CO2 sequestration</li> </ul>
Feelings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feel helpless in the face of massive building in my area</li> <li>• Explain how loss affects people and places</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sharing sadness at loss</li> <li>• Importance of interconnectedness</li> <li>• Share together as we are all in this together</li> </ul>
Plans and Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Get more involved in the planning system at national and local levels</li> <li>• Make comments on plans and developments and object where necessary (lobby) representatives</li> <li>• Argue for new developments to include environmental benefits eg swift nest boxes, woodland</li> <li>• Protest, don't 'sit on the fence' anymore</li> </ul>

Note: 35 feedback cards were received on the night.