



BUILD A

BUG HOTEL



HERE AT PAULTONS PARK WE HAVE MANY WILDLIFE-RICH ZONES, INCLUDING LARGE AREAS OF PRECIOUS NEW FOREST WET WOODLAND HABITAT THAT CONTAINS LOTS OF NATIVE INVERTEBRATES INCLUDING BEETLES, BUTTERFLIES, LADYBIRDS, WOODLICE, SNAILS, AND MILLIPEDES. YOU MAY HAVE SEEN TWO LARGE BUG HOTELS LOCATED ON OUR DISCOVERY TRAIL.

BUGS ARE ESSENTIAL TO MAINTAIN BALANCED ECOSYSTEMS; THEY CLEAN UP THE ENVIRONMENT, POLLINATE FLOWERS, CREATE AND MAINTAIN SOIL, AND PROVIDE FOOD FOR BIRDS, FISH AND OTHER ANIMALS.

YOU CAN HELP BUGS AND MINIBEASTS IN YOUR GARDENS BY BUILDING THEM THEIR VERY OWN BUG HOTEL! THEY WILL FIND SHELTER IN ALL TYPES OF SMALL CRACKS AND CREVICES BUT SOMETIMES THEY NEED A LITTLE EXTRA HELP. USING UP-CYCLED MATERIALS IS A REALLY EASY WAY TO DO THIS.

WHAT YOU CAN USE



WOODED PALLET/
OLD PIECES OF WOOD



LEAF LITTER



STRAW



BRICKS/ STONES



TWIGS/ STICKS/ LOGS



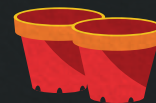
CARDBOARD



PLASTIC BOTTLES



OLD CERAMIC POTS



PLASTIC PLANT POTS



HOLLOW CANES/ BAMBOO



- 1 CHOOSE AN APPROPRIATE SITE THAT IS LEVEL. THE MATERIAL SHOULD BE STRONG AND DURABLE.
- 2 OLD PALLETS CAN BE A GOOD START POINT, AS THEY HAVE READY-MADE GAPS TO ADD OTHER MATERIALS TO IT.
- 3 YOU CAN BUILD SEVERAL LAYERS DEPENDING ON HOW MUCH MATERIAL YOU HAVE.
- 4 ALWAYS REMEMBER TO ADD A ROOF TO THE STRUCTURE TO KEEP EVERYTHING DRY!
- 5 THEY CAN BE AS SMALL AS YOU LIKE. EVEN A TINY HOTEL WILL ATTRACT PLENTY OF WILDLIFE.
- 6 LOG/STICK PILES CAN BE ANOTHER GREAT WAY TO ATTRACT WILDLIFE TO YOUR GARDEN.

TOP TIPS

