

Local Wildlife



The Great Park supports a rich mix of species, including:

- Skylarks
- Great crested newts
- Barn and tawny owls
- Kestrels and sparrowhawks
- Muntjac deer
- Bats such as pipistrelles and natter's

Grassland, hedgerows and ponds create a network of wildlife corridors that help these species move, feed and thrive.



Get Involved

Volunteer

Join our parks volunteers and help create wildflower meadow, nurture habitats, survey wildlife and maintain ponds.

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Protecting Beaulieu's green spaces



Beaulieu's parks and natural areas are at the heart of the community. From the historic Grand Vista to Boleyn Gardens, **Chelmsford City Council** cares for these local environments to ensure these green spaces offer places to relax, exercise and spend time in nature.

Supporting wildlife with grassland management

The city council manages grassland carefully, following the advice of national and local advisory bodies. This gives flowers and insects space to thrive.

Beaulieu's green spaces are home to a huge range of wildlife. Wildflowers, ponds, hedgerows and grassland provide food and shelter for insects, birds and mammals, helping to sustain the pollinators vital to our food systems.

A place steeped in history

New Hall, once transformed into a royal palace by Henry VIII, inspired the name Beaulieu, meaning "beautiful place". The surviving Great Park and Grand Vista remain living reminders of this Tudor heritage.

Today, **Chelmsford City Council** cares for the green spaces shown on the map. Boleyn Gardens, Beaulieu Park Recreation Ground and the Grand Vista hold a **Green Flag Award** thanks to their high standards in environmental management and community use.

New space to enjoy - The Great Park

Once royal hunting grounds, The Great Park is now a much-loved open space with informal pathways, species-rich grassland and an abundance of wildflowers. The Great Park is also a fantastic place for dog-walking. To protect wildlife – and your four-legged friends – please keep away from areas protected for ground nesting birds and grazing animals.

Wildlife can mistake litter for food or nesting material. Please help protect these habitats by taking rubbish home or using the nearest bin.

Let us know if you spot any issues that need attention - scan the QR code to access the contact form on our website.



Note: Map for illustrative purposes only. Not to scale.

Key

- Tall species-rich meadow grassland
- Mown grass
- Park/sports area
- Hay crop/future legacy cattle grazing
- Native wood pasture
- Hedgerow and vegetation
- Trees
- Woodland
- Road
- Path
- Informal mown paths
- Ponds/SuDS (Sustainable Drainage Systems)
- Green Flag Award



The tall species-rich meadow grassland is cut and cleared annually, usually in autumn, although this depends on weather and ground conditions at the time.



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