

A Gateway to Nature

Bowes Valley Nature Reserve



SITA UK delivers a wide variety of recycling and waste management services to businesses and residents throughout the UK.

Our services include: recycling, composting, business waste, security shredding, residential waste, energy from waste, green energy generation, landfill engineering, environmental compliance, bulk haulage, street cleansing, civic amenity site management, and transfer station management.

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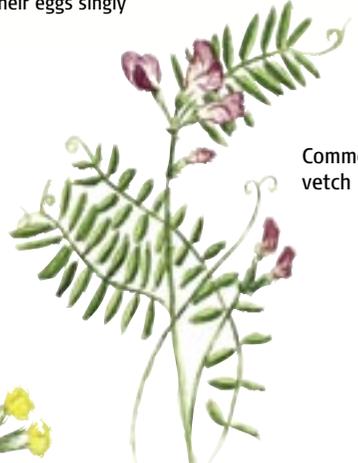
Common frog

With wetlands in decline nationally, the wetlands at Kibblesworth attain more importance than ever. Look for the swarming tadpoles in April and the emerging juveniles, still with remnants of tails in May and June.



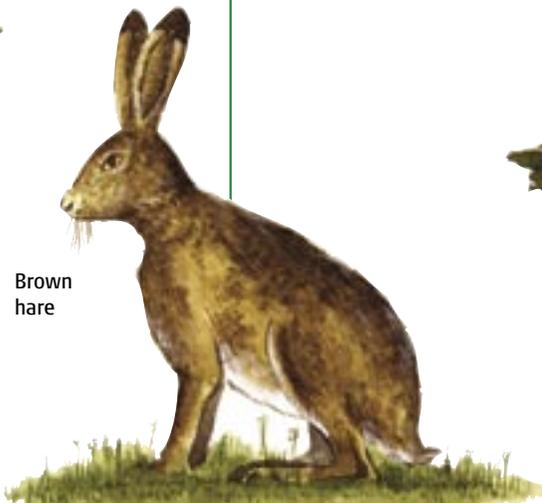
Smooth newt

Newts were once common and widespread, but have suffered due to the decline of wetland areas in which to breed. Unlike frogs, they lay their eggs singly under leaves.



Common vetch

Cowslip



Brown hare



Welcome to Bowes Valley Nature Reserve

This was the site of a clay pit and brickworks in an area with a history of coal mining. The clay pit was used in the 1990s as a landfill site and has been gradually restored by the waste management company Sita UK.

It is now a nature reserve with a network of new public rights of way forming a green space for people and wildlife.

As you walk across the site you will see nature starting to take hold, with skylarks singing high overhead and wildflowers growing in the meadows. The information boards show the birds, flowers and other wildlife to look out for.

You will also see evidence of the landfill management systems, where liquid is collected and piped to the adjacent water treatment works and landfill gas is collected and used to generate green energy which is fed into the national grid.

Bowes Valley Nature Reserve is part of the Great North Forest, with large large areas of trees planted with grant aid from the Forestry Commission. Representatives from the Great North Forest, Gateshead Council and other local groups were closely involved in Sita's design of the reserve and continue to be key to the ongoing management.

