



Hello, Hertford's Future Change-Makers!

It's time to take the next step in building a greener and more sustainable Hertford. The Hertford Town Council is fully committed to its **Hertford 2030** campaign—aiming to become carbon neutral by 2030. While the Council is working to achieve this within its own operations, we want to inspire and empower the entire community, especially you, to join us in embracing sustainable practices. Your actions and ideas play a crucial role in building this future together.



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# SMALL CHANGES - MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Let's learn how small actions can make a big difference for our planet.



## PLANT POWER

Planting just one tree can provide enough oxygen for a family of four to breathe for a whole year!

## TRASH TO TREASURE

Recycling one aluminium can saves enough energy to power a TV for three hours.

## BEE KIND

Bees pollinate around 70% of the crops that feed 90% of the world's population. Planting flowers and avoiding pesticides help protect them!

## POLLUTION SOLUTION

Each person who walks or bikes to school instead of being driven can prevent about 1,500 pounds of carbon dioxide emissions per year.

## WATER WISDOM

Turning off the tap while brushing teeth can save up to 200 gallons of water per month!

That's approximately 3,200 glasses of water.

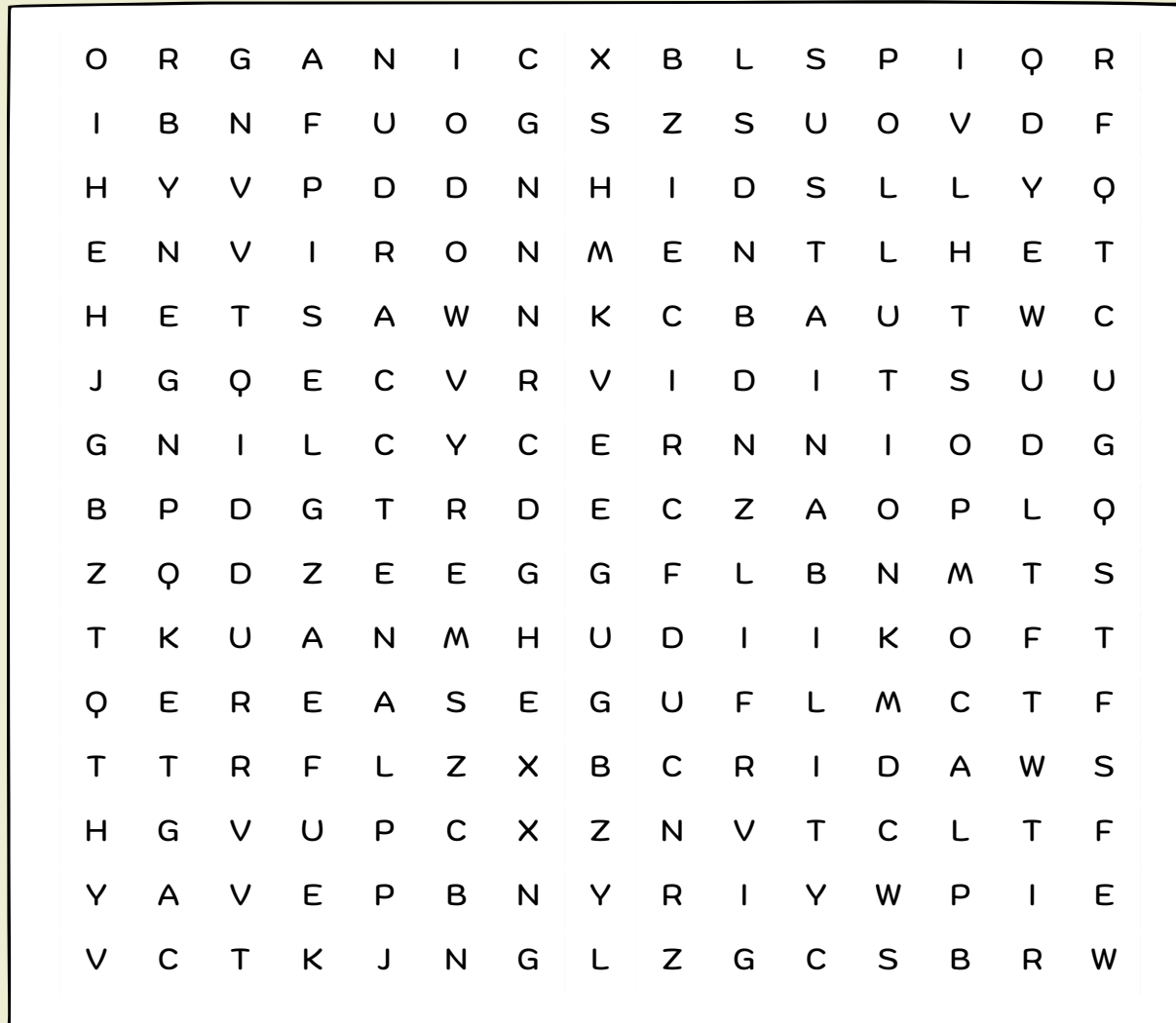
## WATER WISE

Refilling a reusable water bottle instead of buying single-use plastic bottles saves hundreds of plastic bottles from ending up in landfills and harming wildlife.



# WORD SEARCH

Find 12 words associated with our planet and the environment in the word search below.



Cross the words off as you find them.

- PLANET**
- ENVIRONMENT**
- CLIMATE**
- POLLUTION**
- ENERGY**
- WASTE**
- COMPOST**
- ORGANIC**
- WILDLIFE**
- RECYCLING**
- SUSTAINABILITY**
- EARTH**



# REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

What changes do you already make at home, and what else can you do to help the environment?

I CAN REDUCE



I CAN HELP BY



I CAN REUSE

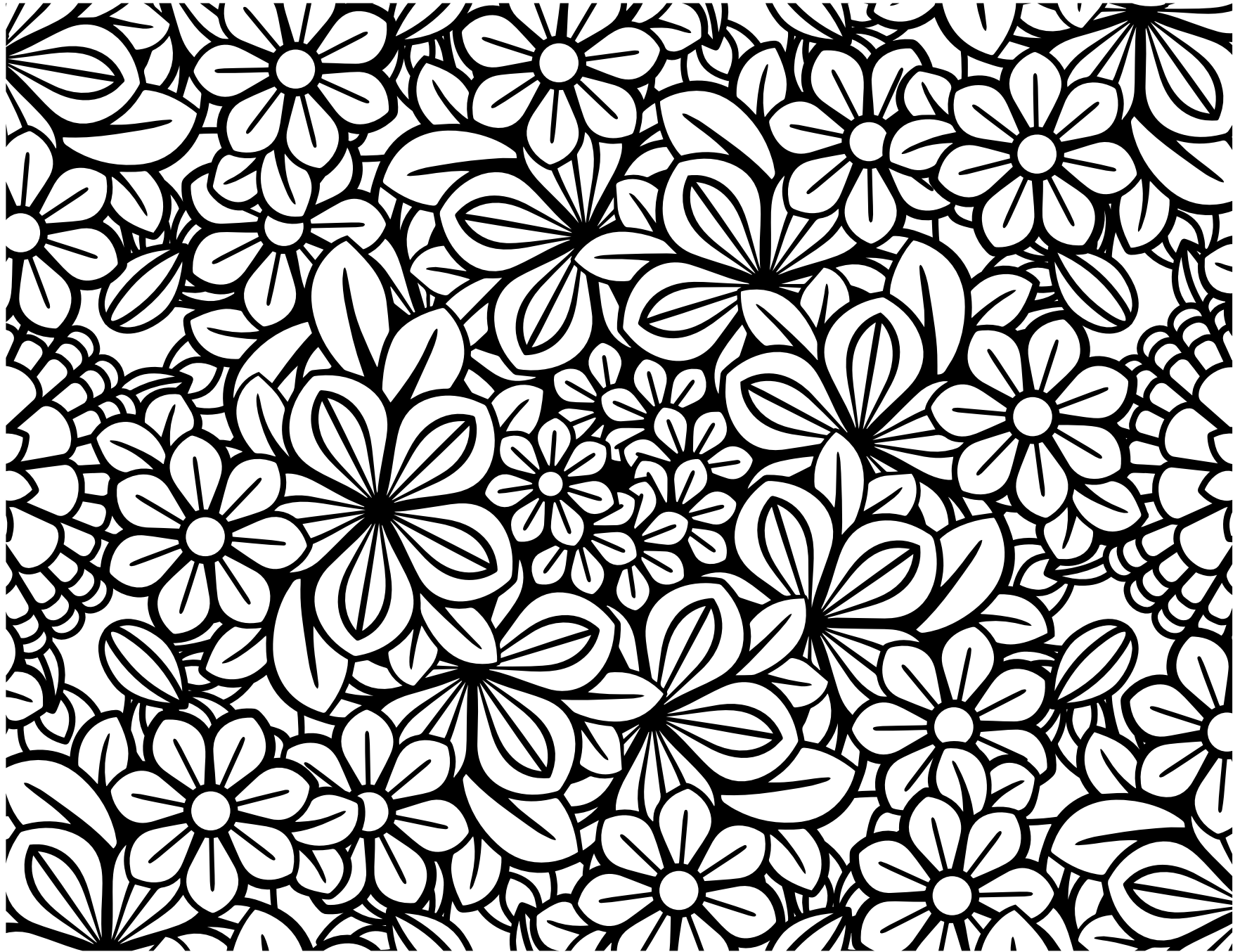
I CAN RECYCLE



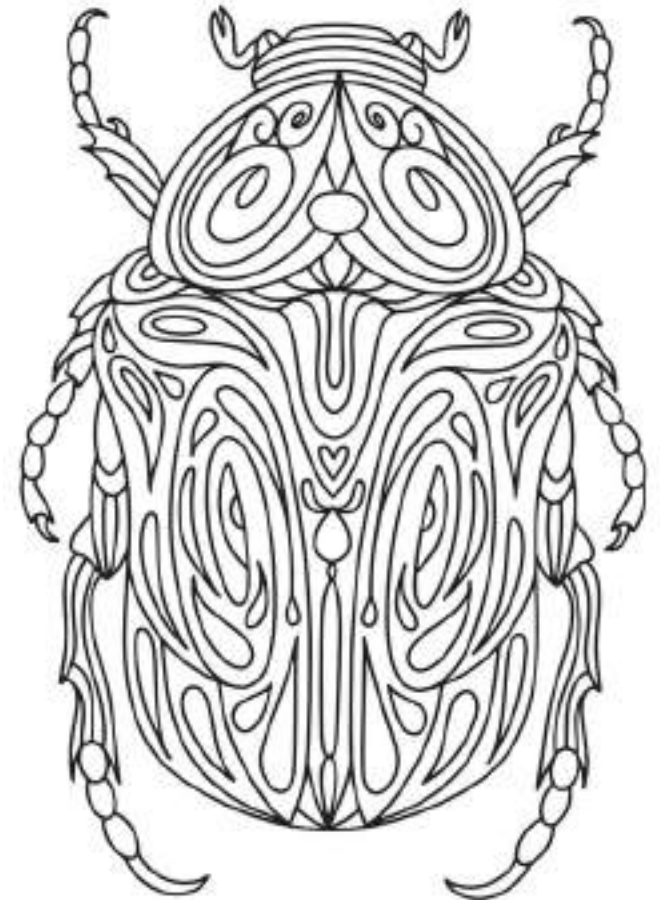
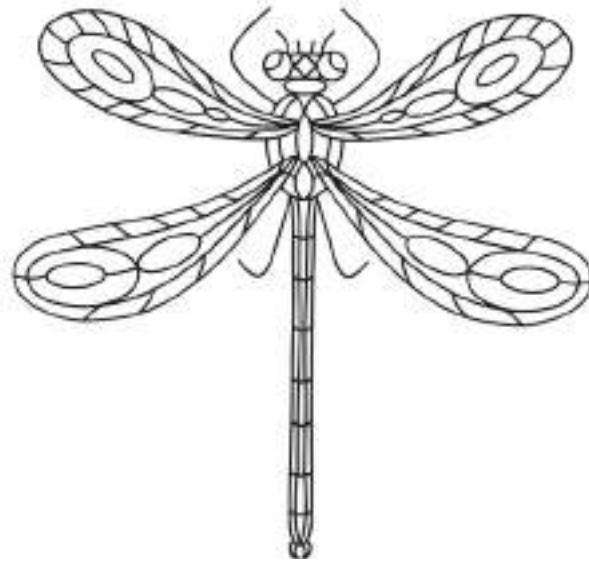
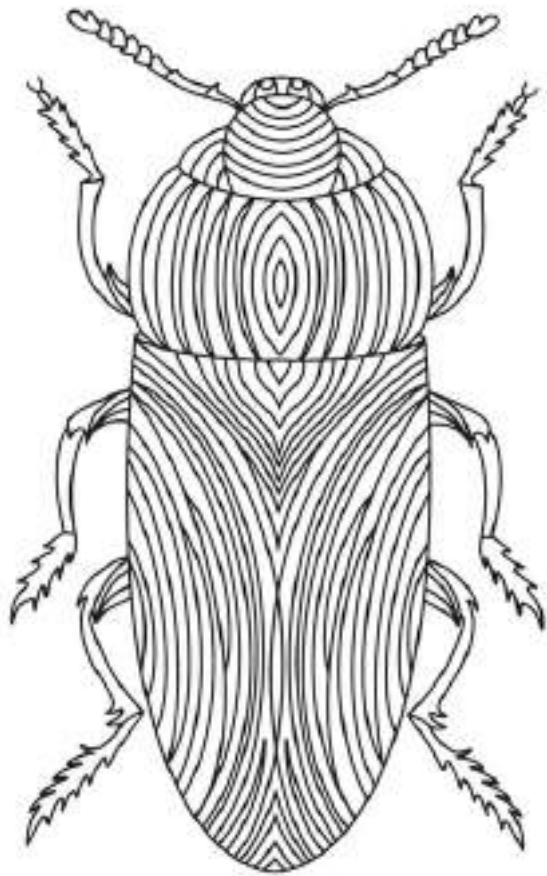
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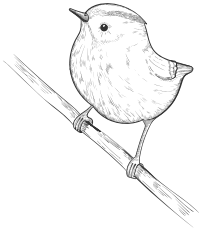


# COLOURING NATURE



# COLOURING BUGS





# WILDLIFE DIARY



## INSTRUCTIONS

Print out these diary pages and start your own daily wildlife log! Each day, you can draw pictures and write notes about the animals and plants you see. It's a fun way to keep track of all the amazing wildlife around you!

Date : \_\_\_\_\_ Weather: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Wildlife Spotted:





Date : \_\_\_\_\_ Weather: \_\_\_\_\_

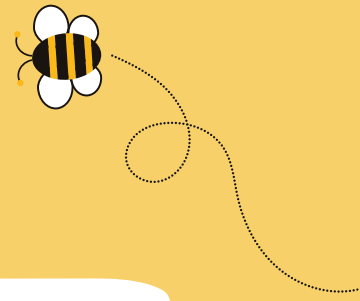
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# GARDEN GUARDIANS - MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Here are some ways you can help plants, insects and animals in your garden or in the local countryside

## GROW A PLANT

Plant your seeds or bulbs in a sunny spot, water them regularly, and watch them grow!

Go large and plant a tree or shrub

## HAPPY BIRDS

Build, install, and maintain a bird feeder, bird table, nesting box, or bird bath to help support and nurture local bird populations.



## BEE & BUGS

Create a bee hotel using bamboo sticks to give bees a safe place to rest. Bug House

Build a bug house with twigs, leaves, and stones to shelter insects.

## START A COMPOST BIN

Composting food waste instead of throwing it away can reduce greenhouse gas emissions, as decomposing food in landfills produces methane, a potent greenhouse gas.

## NEW IDEA...

Come up with your own creative ideas to help plants, insects, and animals in your garden!



## WILD GARDEN

Creating a wildlife-friendly garden with plants native to Hertford can attract butterflies, birds, and other local wildlife, helping to maintain biodiversity right in our own backyards!





# How to build a bug hotel



## You will need:

- Wooden pallets



- Bricks



- Plastic bottles\*



- Bamboo canes



- Straw



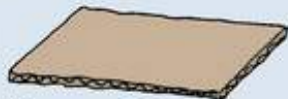
- Leaves



- Tiles



- Cardboard



- Stones/pebbles

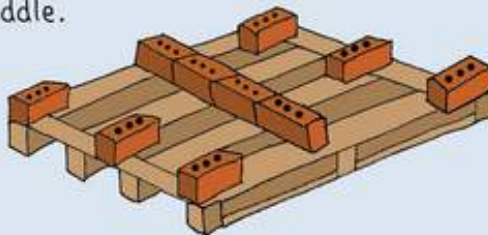


- Twigs/loose bark



\*Use old plastic bottles for this, and always recycle after use.

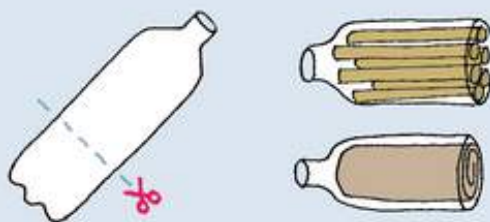
- 1 Place a wooden pallet in your chosen location. On top of the pallet, line bricks around the corners and across the middle.



- 2 Place your next pallet on top of this and repeat the process for all of your pallets.



- 3 Cut off the top two-thirds of your bottles. Fill up half of them with bamboo canes and the other half with rolled up cardboard. Place these inside the hotel.



- 4 Fill in the remaining spaces with bricks, leaves, pebbles, stones, tiles, loose bark and straw.



- 5 Add in any extra materials that you want to recycle e.g. old pipes, carpeting, toilet tubes, old plant pots. Be creative - add a welcome sign or give your hotel a name!



# HAVE A DEBATE...

By engaging in discussions and debates, this creates a deeper understanding of environmental issues and the importance of collective action.

## GUIDE TO CONDUCTING YOUR OWN DEBATE

### PREPARATION:

Divide students into small groups.  
Assign each group a discussion points or let them choose one.  
Allow time for research on their topic.

### DEBATE STRUCTURE

Each group presents their findings and arguments on their topic  
(3-5 minutes per group).  
Encourage groups to include different perspectives and solutions.

### DISCUSSION

After each presentation, open the floor for questions and discussion.  
Encourage respectful debate and ensure everyone has the opportunity to speak.

### CONCLUSION

Summarize the key points discussed.  
Highlight any consensus reached or ongoing disagreements.  
Reflect on how the discussions can lead to actionable steps in their school or community.

DEBATE IDEAS...

CLIMATE CHANGE

BIODIVERSITY

WATER CONSERVATION

WASTE MANAGEMENT



# HAVE YOUR SAY...

Scan the QR code to share your thoughts in our quick survey.

Tell us what's important to you and help Hertford Town Council reach our environmental goals by 2030!



Your feedback will shape Hertford's path to a greener future!



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*Don't forget to share your thoughts and photos with us on social media or email. We would love to know what you are doing to help the environment.*

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