

As for wildlife, Among the mammals are Squirrels, Voles and Mice, Moles, Hedgehogs and Bats. Urban Foxes have been spotted occasionally. There are also a few reptiles including Toads, Grass Snakes and Slow Worms. These are generally found in the areas where there are compost, log piles and longer grass.



Insects are everywhere in fact, the flower banks attract bees, moths and butterflies such as the Comma, Painted Lady and Common Blue. And, of course, we have plenty of spiders and beetles. Love them or hate them, even the bugs all have a vital part to play in the ecology of the Cemetery.



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The Flora and Fauna of Tower Hill Cemetery



Tower Hill Cemetery is a haven for a diverse range of wildlife and wildflowers. It is managed and maintained with this in mind.



Our Grounds Maintenance contractors are 'Hedgehog Heroes' who routinely check for hedgehogs and other mammals before using strimming and mowing machinery. Working in partnership with local organisations we have installed bird and bat boxes in both cemeteries.



Once part of Wychwood Forest, the cemetery boasts a huge variety of mainly native trees, some of which are quite ancient. There is even a surviving elm on the Curbridge Road side.

Others include:

- Common Lime
- Large leaved Lime
- Lawsons Cypress
- Horse Chestnut
- Yew
- Western Red Cedar
- Strawberry Tree
- Whitebeam
- Hawthorn
- Norway Maple
- Flowering Cherry
- Hornbeam
- Silver Birch
- Holly
- Purple Beech
- Monkey Puzzle
- Nootka Cypress
- Scots Pine
- Wellingtonia
- Box
- Sycamore
- Wild Cherry
- Red Norway Maple
- Blackthorn
- Rowan
- Cherry Plum



There is a wildflower board on the path in the older part of the cemetery near the work sheds that will help you tell your *Ranunculus Bulbosus* from your *Primula Veris*.

Wildflower banks exist within the older section of the cemetery too and can be identified by the fact that they are less regularly manicured than other areas!

Lichens and mosses grow on the stone wall and other stonework. Some are as old as the gravestones themselves.