



MERCi

Bio-diversity Policy

A lot of work has gone into reducing the environmental impact of MERCi and Bridge-5 Mill. To compliment this work MERCi has adopted a series of measures to improve the impact the building and adjacent land has on the wild life in the area. The canal is an important wildlife corridor however increased development in the area will have a detrimental effect on many species including bats, birds and plants.

MERCi has therefore adopted the following measures. It is envisaged that these measures will also act as an educational tool, with clear labelling and information available around Bridge-5 Mill:

Bat boxes

All bats are protected under law however as mills are demolished and refurbished their breeding and resting places are being destroyed.

Bird table

A bird table in the garden would support birds in the winter.

Bird feeders

Mounted in the trees these would also support birds in the winter.

Nest Boxes

A number of nest boxes could be installed including:

- Peregrine and Kestrel nest boxes on the main roof.
- Small bird nest boxes in the garden.
- House martin and swift nest boxes under the eaves.
- A floating nest box on the canal for coots and moorhens

Newt ramp

A small ramp from the canal up to the garden.

Bee wall

A small mud wall with holes in it to encourage bees, wasps, ladybirds etc to breed.

Plant & flowers

A planting scheme that encourages wildlife including the common orchids growing near by.