Farm Buildings (Habitats & Species)

Traditional Farm Buildings GLAS Scheme
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Buildings are also Habitats...
Habitats (Living)

- Living Habitats:
  - Hedgerows
  - Trees / scrub
  - Grassland / meadow
  - Ponds
Hedgerows (& verges).
Trees & woodlands
Grassland (& Meadows)
Ponds (Farm Ponds)
Habitats (Non-Living)

- Non Living Habitats:
  - Buildings
  - Walls
  - Wooden Structures
  - Artificial
Buildings (Traditional Farm)
Walls (Stone)
Wooden structures
Habitats (Artificial)

- Straw, hay or dried grass pushed into gaps – for insulation and bug beds
- Butterfly box with a slit in the front and an old egg box inside (keep dry as possible)
- Bricks sideways with old bamboo pushed in – brilliant for bees
- Elder or hazel sticks in a tube
- Tube with plastic drinking straws in – good homes for mason bees
- An old birdhouse – could be used as a bird’s winter home or by spiders and beetles
- Leaves under a curved roofing tile – ideal for toads, frogs and even hedgehogs if there is enough space.
- Old terracotta pot for spiders. Logs with different sized holes in – wonderful for ladybirds and spiders (surrounded by twigs for all sorts of bugs)
- Pine cones stacked together and leaves bundled in – great for earwigs & woodlice
- Tube with corrugated card rolled up inside – perfect for lacewings.
- Old pieces of timber – you may get species of fungi here.

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