



# Tonbridge RSPB's Wildlife Fair - Bug Hotel Competition 2015

## Rules and Entry Form

### What is a bug hotel?

A bug hotel is somewhere small creatures can live, take shelter or hibernate during the colder months of the year. They can be made in all shapes and sizes from a range of materials such as bricks, logs or even old pallets. A sunny spot in the garden is best to keep the inhabitants cosy.

### Rules

For our competition we want you to think small! Your creation should be no bigger than an average sized shoe box and should be designed to give shelter to a range of insects and other creepy-crawlies or just one species. There are two age groups: 9 years and under, and 10-16 years. You need to bring your creation along to the Castle Lawn in Tonbridge on the day of the Wildlife Fair, June 28 from 11am, together with a completed entry form (see below). Judging will take place at 3:30pm and there will be a prize for the winner of each age group. Only one entry per person please.

### Tips



A range of recycled materials can be used. Plastic bottles, bamboo canes, guttering, twigs or pine cones are ideal. Remember, bugs prefer old wood and won't like anything that is painted or treated with chemicals. Be creative and have fun!

There are loads of resources online to give you ideas. Try the RSPB and Buglife websites:

[www.rspb.org.uk/makeahomeforwildlife/advice/gardening/insects/building\\_homes.aspx](http://www.rspb.org.uk/makeahomeforwildlife/advice/gardening/insects/building_homes.aspx)  
[www.buglife.org.uk/activities-for-you/children-and-schools/bug-makes](http://www.buglife.org.uk/activities-for-you/children-and-schools/bug-makes)

## Entry form

Name:.....

Which age group (please tick): 9 years and under  10-16 years



Who do you think would like to live in your Bug Hotel?

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Are you a member of the RSPB Wildlife Explorers (please tick)? Yes  No

Please get your parent/guardian to complete the rest!

I give permission for..... (name of child) to enter the Bug Hotel competition. Signature of parent/guardian:.....

Contact telephone number:.....



The winner will be informed on the day of the event.  
 The decision of the Tonbridge Local RSPB Group is final.

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