

# BIODIVERSITY

**1** Farmers work with nature to balance food production with a rich, living and thriving environment. Protecting and enhancing biodiversity is essential for the sustainable production of food and other agricultural products.



**2** Over 70% of the UK is farmland. Our landscape is shaped by farming. As custodians of the countryside, farmers play a critical role in managing our precious natural resources, our landscape and its wonderful wildlife.

**3** Farmers improve wildlife habitats and the farmed environment through tree and hedge planting, creating ponds and reservoirs, managing field margins as well as through careful soil cultivations, water management and crop protection strategies.

**4** Thriving on-farm biodiversity helps support a wide range of 'ecosystem services' including pollination, pest control, flood prevention, clean water and air and productive soils as well as helping to support rural communities.



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