



How to lobby your MP for nature

It may seem challenging to know how best to communicate with your MP, but MPs want to know what you care about!

As 6 out of 7 Gloucestershire MPs are newly elected, it's important to tell them what you want to see from them. Here are a few tips to help you get started:

Before you contact your MP

- **Research your MP** - find out what they care about, what they did before becoming an MP or what they focused on in the run up to the election. This can help you understand what they think is important.
- **Work out how you want to contact them** - You could write a letter or email, book an in-person meeting (once they have organised an office), or use social media.
- **Think about what actions you want them to take** - To have the biggest impact, consider what actions you think would be achievable for them. This could be work in the local community, or backing important bills in Parliament.

When you contact your MP

- **Use your personal experience** - When communicating with your MP, you could use a personal experience to explain why you care about what you're contacting them about.
- **Give them context** - Explain the information behind your reason for contacting them. Has something happened in the news or your community recently that's relevant? They may not be aware, so it's good to keep them informed.
- **Always add your address** - Add your full postal address to any communications so the MP can check that you live in their constituency.
- **Don't give up** - MPs are going to be very busy right now. Don't be disheartened if they don't respond right away, and feel free to send them a follow-up if they haven't responded. It's important to keep trying!

Check out our News and Blogs pages on our website for some inspiration on wildlife issues that you could contact your MP about!