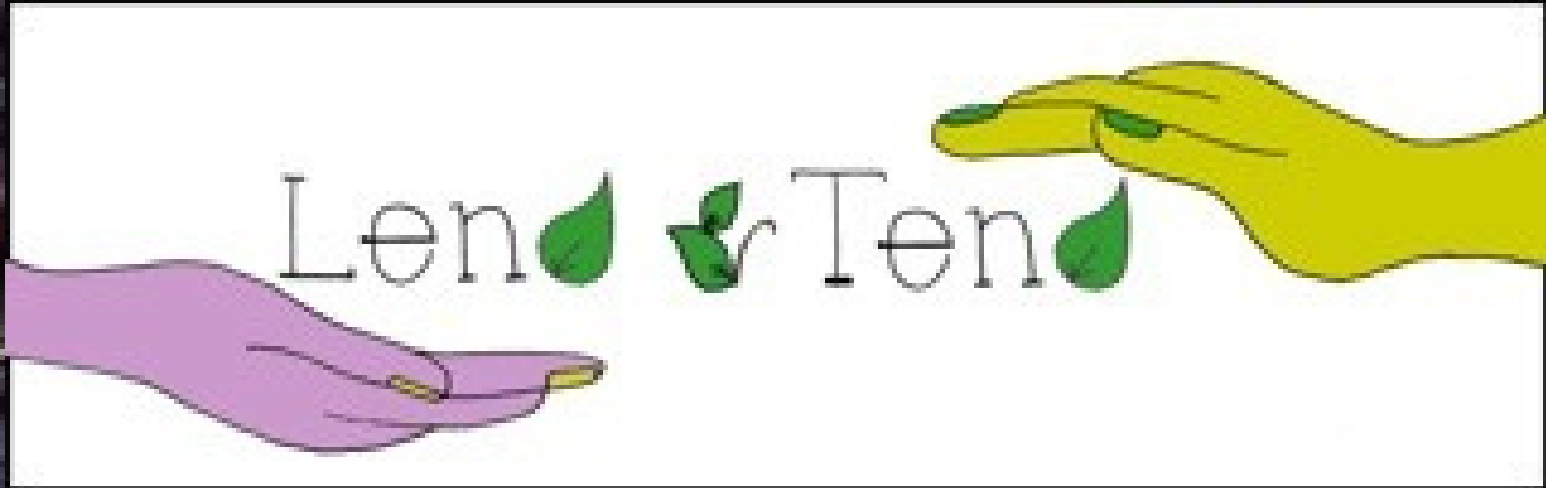
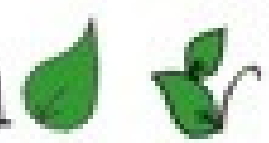


The background of the entire image is a close-up photograph of dark, rich soil teeming with several earthworms of various sizes and colors, including reddish-brown and purple. The worms are shown in various stages of movement, some curled and some extending across the frame. The soil is dark and textured, with some small bits of organic matter visible.

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The logo for 'Lend and Tend' features the words 'Lend' and 'Tend' in a simple, sans-serif font. Between the two words are three small green leaves. To the left of the text is a stylized purple hand with fingers slightly curled, and to the right is a stylized yellow hand with fingers slightly curled, as if they are holding or supporting the text and leaves.

Lend  Tend

Joyce Veheary's Talk Summary: Protecting Front Gardens
with the Wilder Gardens Initiative from Lend and Tend:
Introducing the Garden Biodiversity Certificate (GBC) &
Neighbourhood Nature Reserves (NNR)



Give back to nature

Take our survey and get a FREE

Garden Biodiversity Certificate (GBC)

Take your pledge to Give Back to Nature by observing what's in your garden.

No matter where you're at, from beginner to seasoned pro, start by noticing, listening and making conscious garden choices doing what you already love—spending time in your space with care.

When you take the garden survey, you'll receive your free Wilders Gardens Garden Biodiversity Certificate.*

*Free for a limited time only



Click
Survey.
to Start



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Make your pledge to 
Give back to nature

**Become part of a Wilder Gardens NEIGHBOURHOOD NATURE RESERVE (NNR)
Map your Garden Biodiversity Certificate score
and show you care with one of our garden mascots!**





'Neighbourhood Nature Reserves' for 2026

A bold but grounded goal: 100 ponds, 10 communities - 1 connected city

Our Mission in Bristol

This summer, Wilder Gardens invites Bristol to give back to nature—one pond at a time. We aim to co-create and define 10 'Neighbourhood Nature Reserves' across the city, each linked by water and built in partnership with local residents. Our target: 100 ponds. 10 in 10 areas—restoring biodiversity, increasing community resilience, and celebrating local connection.

Why Neighbourhood Nature Reserves? There's huge opportunity for untapped landscape scale change, in recognising the power of gardens.
Water connects us - By linking and recognising green spaces through water, we're restoring ecological corridors and helping manage rain water at...home
Biodiversity matters - Each pond becomes a mini-habitat, supporting pollinators, amphibians, and plant life.

Community-powered - From design to delivery, we work with residents, not just for them.
Rooted in place - We focus on visible, meaningful changes that residents can see, care for, and share.

How It Works
We follow a simple but effective three-stage approach:

- 1. Discovery**
 - Review LNRS priorities and local NBN data
 - Identify opportunities with communities
 - Define scope and goals together
- 2. Delivery**
 - Co-design pond & reserve sites with locals
 - Launch with hands-on community builds
 - Track biodiversity impact and social engagement
- 3. Celebration**
 - Host local events and seasonal check-ins
 - Share stories citywide
 - Connect to wider nature networks

Why Now?
With 22 million gardens across the UK, nature is no longer "out there"—it's right here. Bristol is poised to lead with locally owned, LNRS-aligned action. Wilder Gardens brings energy, visibility, and proven engagement to the task.

Let's make it happen—one pond, one street, one neighbourhood at a time.



Our Ecosystem

Wilder Gardens A tested community engagement programme, launched with government pilot funding. Turns ordinary gardens into extraordinary habitats. Connects gardens to landscape-scale action through Local Nature Recovery Strategies.



Neighbourhood Nature Reserves
Connects people to place, ecosystems, and each other through creative ecology.
Gives hyper-local communities a shared sense of purpose in biodiversity uplift.
Provides recognition of collective action for ecological impact at scale.

GBC (Garden Biodiversity Certificate) A garden biodiversity certification scheme. Assesses ecological potential of gardens. Generates personalised improvement plans and recognises action. Aggregates data to map ecological health and impact across communities.

Our team
The Lend and Tend Team



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Our Vision for Every Garden

Wilder Gardens is the garden network for nature recovery, we apply local data to create local actions that work from the microscopic scale to support landscape scale nature recovery. The Wilder Gardens ecosystem provides gardeners with all the inspiration, help, advice and connections to support local wildlife in their gardens and neighbourhoods. We encourage every garden owner to connect with their neighbours to multiply their actions and impact. We also enable local groups and organisations to connect with gardeners to help individual species. Wilder Gardens helps garden owners make better (data driven) choices for biodiversity, second nature.

