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Bee friendly, and give our native species a home!

As you probably have guessed here at the zoo we are animal mad, but we don't only support exotic animals we support our native species too! The European Association of Zoos and Aquarium (EAZA) new campaign for 2016-2017 is called



'Let it Grow' and its aim is to increase native wildlife and protect their habitats; by educating people about our local animals and teaching them how to create homes for minibeasts, birds and hedgehogs amongst many others.

Here at Blackpool Zoo we have two sustainability gardens that we have set aside for native species, which include ponds and hedgehog homes.

Please keep a look out for activities that we are planning in support of the campaign...and we'll keep you updated on what we are doing!

How can you help?

- Plant bee and butterfly friendly plants in your gardens, which include some very beautiful and tasty plants like lavender and strawberries. For more information about how you can make your garden wildlife friendly you can visit the RHS and Wildlife Trusts collaboration, **Wild about Gardens** at: <http://wildaboutgardens.org.uk/index.aspx>
- There are still a few more days to take part in the Friends of the Earth, **Great British Bee Count**, which runs until the 30th of June. To download the App or to find out more about bees spotted in our area visit: <https://www.foe.co.uk/page/join-great-british-bee-count-today>



CONSERVATION MATTERS

It's going to be a busy summer!

Summer 2016 sees the launch of a new initiative for the Blackpool Zoo conservation team. Our traditional approach to conservation education has had a face-lift!



Lenny and Arnie from the Playbarn in training for the summer!

Starting this summer our team will be mobile around the zoo with our conservation station displaying artefacts, pictures and showing films to help all our visitors understand more clearly why conservation is so important to us.



We are also launching our most ambitious project yet - **'Pedal to Protect Wildlife'**. With the use of static exercise bikes our staff and visitors will be uniting to pedal 30,000 miles. This target mileage is the distance from Blackpool Zoo, travelling around the world, stopping at each of the 8 international conservation projects we support.

The journey between each project will be an opportunity to further talk to visitors about the incredible work happening each and every day in the field. It will also be an opportunity for us to thank visitors and celebrate many years of conservation support. Please come and pay us a visit – and even have a pedal!

Members—a date for your diary!

Our VIP conservation evening will be held on **Friday July 15th at 6.30**. Our special guest Pablo from the CBD Habitat will be joining us to tell us more about the incredible work his team does and to celebrate the birth of 23 new pups at the 'Costa de las Focas' reserve.

