

David Bellamy Conservation Award Scheme 2014/15

Park: Appledore Park
Award 2014/15: Silver



Message from David Bellamy:

Welcome aboard and very well done.

I am writing to congratulate you and your team on all the wonderful work you have done for the environment in the last year and to let you know that your park has been awarded a richly deserved silver David Bellamy award for 2014/15.

I hope that you find the award useful as a way of letting everyone know that you are going the extra mile to help Britain's wildlife. I also hope that it will give your team a real pat on the back and encourage them to do even more for the environment in the future.

Your assessor, Chris, tells me that: "Appledore has achieved a very good environmental standard considering this is the first year the park has been open. Because the park is an informal, touring park only with no shop or restaurant, it is already performing well in Good Neighbours and Sustainability sections. As the planting matures and with good husbandry, biodiversity will increase further. With a bit of effort and implementation of some of the recommendations, I expect this site to achieve Gold award status next inspection." This is great – why not go for Gold.

To help you move forward, Chris has made a number of suggestions for how you can build on your achievements. If you are looking at prioritising your work for the coming season, can I suggest that you look at his recommendations relating to links with conservation bodies and projects, his thoughts on grassland management and his recommendations on tree and hedge management and veteran tree care.

Whatever you decide to do next, let me finish by wishing you 'good luck' for the year ahead. As always, if there is anything I, or my team, can do to help, then please just get in touch.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Bellamy". The signature is written in a cursive style and is accompanied by a small drawing of a flower or plant stem to the right.

David Bellamy
BH&HPA President