

Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) Statement

Project: Construction of 10m x 3m Concrete Sectional Garage (Store)

Location: 22nd Central Barnsley Scout Group Headquarters

Date: October 2025

1. Project Description

The proposal comprises the construction of a 10m by 3m concrete sectional garage (30m² footprint) to be used as a store within the Scout Headquarters grounds.

2. Baseline Conditions

Current Habitat: Regularly mown amenity grassland.

Area affected: 30m².

Ecological Value: Very low distinctiveness, poor condition, minimal species diversity.

3. Predicted Impact

Permanent loss: 30m² of low-value amenity grassland.

No impact: on trees, hedgerows, watercourses, or designated sites.

4. Mitigation and Enhancement Measures

To secure Biodiversity Net Gain, the following measures will be implemented on site:

1. Wildflower Planting – Establishment of a 50–60m² native wildflower margin in suitable areas within the Scout HQ grounds.
2. Wildlife Boxes – Installation of 2 bird nest boxes and 1 bat box on suitable structures/trees.
3. Management – Reduced mowing in selected areas, with wildflower margins cut once annually after seed set.

5. Net Gain Outcome

The enhancements will create habitats of greater distinctiveness and ecological value than the mown grass lost, contributing to local biodiversity and pollinator networks. The measures are proportionate to the scale of development and will ensure a measurable Biodiversity Net Gain is achieved.

Statement of Commitment:

The 22nd Central Barnsley Scout Group commits to delivering and maintaining the above biodiversity enhancements as part of this development.

Signed: PD SYKES

On behalf of: 22nd Central Barnsley Scout Group

Date: 26/10/25