

## Biodiversity net gain

Kirknewton Solar and BESS Farm will conserve, restore and enhance biodiversity following national and local guidance.

### Bats

We aim to be bat-friendly. To support bats around the site, we will

- follow the most recent NatureScot guidance about bats and solar farms;
- create commuting corridors, stand-off distances from suitable habitat, and we'll supplement vegetation and hedging to support connectivity with woodland stands; and
- undertake ground-level tree assessments to look for trees with potential roost features and buffer these where appropriate.



### Birds

To benefit breeding birds and species like the yellowhammer, lapwing and wrens, we will:

- seed a wildflower and grass mix within the site that is appropriate to the local area; and
- create a strip between the solar panels and fencing, ideally around four metres wide, and leave it mostly unmanaged. This will create different heights of grasses, which is good for hunting.

### Trees and hedgerows

We will maintain existing and plant new trees and hedgerows to improve screening, as well as create new wildlife corridors.

If you have any comments or questions about any aspect of the project please talk to a member of the project team or visit our website.

