

# Earthly Matters



## Cemex & RSPB Partnership Blog July 2025



Welcome to the July 2025 edition of **Earthly Matters**, the blog dedicated to the partnership between Cemex and the RSPB.



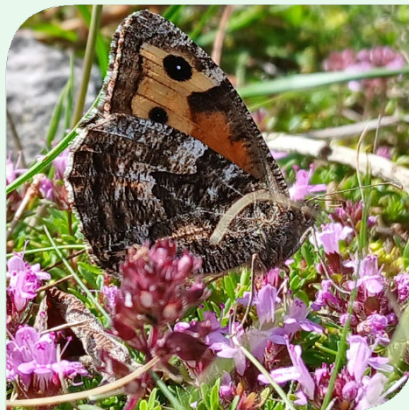
### Partnership Update

By Carl Cornish, RSPB Senior Business Conservation Adviser

I recently spoke at the Lower Trent Summer event about the area north of Newark, Nottinghamshire and the vision for how the restoration of sand and gravel quarries can provide landscape-scale habitats for wildlife. This was a great opportunity to advocate for the value of mineral sites and their restoration for biodiversity with partners and stakeholders. Cemex's Cromwell Quarry is in this area, just across the river from a RSPB reserve, Langford Lowfields, a restored sand and gravel quarry.

My road trip to see new sites with Sean Cassidy, Cemex Biodiversity Manager EMEA, took me to North Wales. We visited Halkyn and Raynes Limestone quarries. Both are important sites for biodiversity and the calcareous grasslands were alive with butterflies. The inland limestone scree at the top of the quarry at Halkyn was being used by Grayling butterflies – a habitat that quarrying can provide.

On Cemex land outside Halkyn Quarry there are areas of Calaminarian Grassland, a rare habitat in the UK. It's a post-industrial habitat created by the spoil from old lead mines. This makes the soil toxic for most plants but there are specialist metal-tolerant plants (known as metallophytes) that can thrive and are characteristic. Spring Sandwort (aka Lead Sandwort) is one such plant and was frequent on the hummocks and hollows by disused mine shafts.



Grayling



Spring Sandwort



Carl presenting at Lower Trent Summer event

### Actions for Nature

#### International Bat Night

On warm summer evenings, bats fly to catch insects. Female bats need to eat thousands of insects to feed their pups with milk. Bats are the only truly flying mammals and use echolocation to hunt. Contrary to the myth, bats can see.

Many Cemex sites help bats by installing bat boxes, which provide a safe place for them to rest and raise their pups.

The weekend of 30 to 31 August is International Bat Night, with events across the UK. Joining a bat walk is a great way to learn more about bats and see them in action.

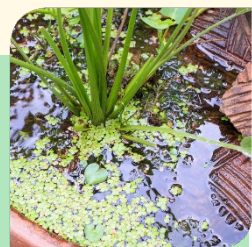


For more information, visit the Bat Conservation Trust website: check out <https://www.bats.org.uk/>

#### Keen to design your own wildlife garden?

Transform your garden into a wildlife haven with the RSPB's planting plan. Discover which trees, shrubs, and flowers attract birds, bees, and butterflies, providing vital food and shelter year-round. Whether you have a large garden or a small space, the guide helps you choose the best plants to support nature and create a colourful, vibrant outdoor space.

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