



Loggeries (inset) provide an ideal habitat for the rare stag beetle

A hard day's work for the beetles

BUGS and insects on Stoke Newington Common have a new habitat to explore.

A group of boys from the Sonshine Club helped Council staff and Stoke Newington Common User Group (SNUG) to create 'insect loggeries' on the common.

Loggeries are made by sinking a pyramid of logs

into the ground to provide a habitat for insects, such as the rare stag beetle.

These insects then form part of the food chain for birds and other wildlife.

The Council is putting loggeries in a number of parks to provide homes for wildlife. Many insects and bugs need dead wood either for food or shelter, but urban parks often

don't have enough to support such an array of insect life.

The Sonshine Club is a Charedi Jewish organisation that provides healthy, out-of-school activities for young people. The Council arranged for tools and logs to be on site for the project and two SNUG volunteers taught the

young people how to construct loggeries and use tools safely.

MORE INFO

To get involved in future projects call: **020 8356 3438**; e-mail: kate.mitchell@hackney.gov.uk; or visit: www.hackney.gov.uk/biodiversity

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