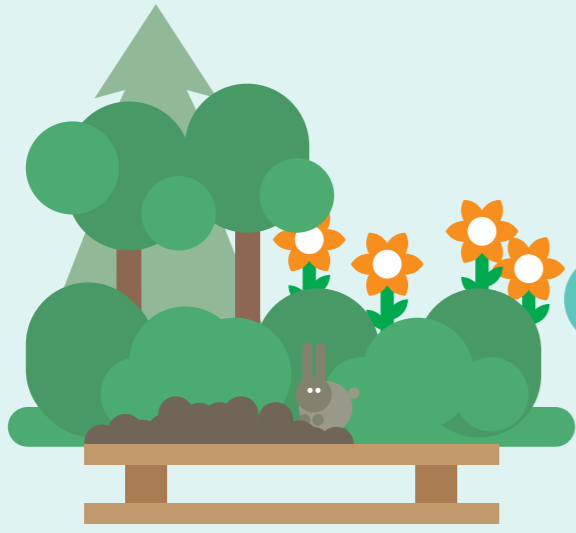


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## Biodiversity Net Gain & Natural Capital

Biodiversity generates stocks of 'natural capital' such as trees, plants, animals and soils.



*These stocks give humans unseen benefits called Ecosystem Services.*



For example woodlands are capturing our carbon... wetlands are storing, cleaning and slowing our floodwaters...



Hedgerows are home to bees that pollinate our crops...



*To carry out all this work ourselves would result in huge costs for society.*

Calculating Natural Capital values helps us to improve an infrastructure project so that it delivers long-term and meaningful benefits.



The financial benefits we gain from Ecosystem Services can be calculated using a process called Natural Capital accounting.

