



## Wye Woodland Windows

We want to celebrate the Wonderful Wye Valley River Festival 2020 by bringing the woodland into your homes. We are asking households to create their own woodland by using paper cut outs and decorating their front windows. There is a unique mix of woodland, animals and wildlife in the Wye Valley so we are expecting unique woodland windows too!

### **For this activity you will need:**

- Paper/card or other suitable material for cutting (we recommend searching in your recycling box)
- Scissors and/or a craft knife
- Example templates from the website - these can be printed out or you can copy by eye
- Glue and/or tape
- String
- A window
- Your imagination!

If possible, take a look at the online Tutorial with Beck and Faye from Priormade for additional tips and ideas. When you have your materials ready, head to the Wye Valley River Festival website to view, download and print the wildlife templates. There are two ways to use these depending on your access to a printer.

### **If you have a printer:**

- Print the sheets you want to use and cut out the leaves/animals. These will be your stencils.
- Place the stencil onto any card/paper you are using for your display and draw around it and cut it out.
- Reuse the stencil as many times as you like until you have enough for your display.

### **If you do not have a printer:**

- Take a look through the wildlife sheets and choose some you want to copy.
- Get a piece of paper/card and a pen.
- Copy the outlines by eye - remember you have freedom to make it as big or small as you want!
- Cut out the drawing and repeat as many times as you like until you have enough for your display.

Once you have lots of leaves and animals cut out you can start sticking them to the window. You could add depth by sticking some onto cardboard and hanging it from the curtain rail. This will make a nice layer effect and allow for creative lighting and positioning too. You can cut out most of the templates with scissors but if you are using a craft knife please keep your fingers out of the way and get help if you need it.

When you have created your display please take a photo and share on social media using our tag: #wyewoodlandwindows. You can also print the official festival logo from the website to add to the window for passers-by to see you are taking part. Happy Creating!