THE GREAT BRITISH QUIZ

AT CHESTER ZOO

2012 celebrates the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and with it all things that make Britain Great including our wildlife. Conservation starts at home. Discover something new today with a self-guided quiz to complete during your visit. The answers are on the information panels so happy exploring and your first stop is the Acting Locally Hut on arrival.

ACTING LOCALLY HUT

Chester Zoo works very hard for UK Wildlife. Over 1,500 species have been recorded on the zoo estate including Barn Owls and Kingfishers.

A WILD PLANTS

From the information panels in the hut, can you find out how many wild plants in the UK are endangered?

(Clue: find this answer on the tree trunk)

B HARVEST MOUSE RESEARCH

The Harvest Mouse is the smallest of our UK rodents and is a species we need to look after.

It weighs less than a 10p coin!

Harvest Mice live amongst tall grasses in meadows, field margins and reed beds.

The scientific name for Harvest Mouse is micromys minutus. What does this name mean?

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Since 2002 we have released over 1,000 Harvest Mice at Chester Zoo in a reintroduction study. They are still here today!

OUK BATS - GOING BATTY!

There are 16 different bat species in the UK. What are the three main causes of reduced food for bats?

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During your visit to Chester Zoo you can see some of our Rodrigues Fruit Bats living in Fruit Bat Forest. At night we turn the lights on so the bats go to sleep and during the day we turn the lights off and the bats are awake and fly around.

Walk through Fruit Bat Forest and look out for the large Fruit Bats.

Draw a bat hanging upside down or with its wings open...

SAVING THE WATER VOLE - NOT A RAT!

Walk out the Acting Locally Hut and near the elephant reed bed, you can read more about the Water Vole. Water Voles are the largest of the UK voles; they weigh the same as a can of pop!

Water Voles have a short furry tail, rounded nose, hidden ears and red-brown fur.

What is the length of a Water Vole?



If you are eagle-eyed you may see one peek out to say hello near the elephant reed bed!

BLACK POPLAR

Chester Zoo is helping to protect rare Black Poplar trees which are situated along the canal near Butterfly Journey and the Jaguar Coffee House.

Black Poplars are either male or female and it is important that male and females grow close together to produce pure Black Poplar seeds.

Can you draw the trees or some leaves on the trees?

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Did you know? The wood is soft and is used to make floorboards, clothes pegs and clogs.

SAND LIZARD

The Sand Lizard is the UK's rarest lizard.

Sand Lizards like sand dunes and dry heaths.

If the temperature is above 12°C Sand Lizards can be seen sunbathing but if it's below 12°C they will be in their burrows hibernating.

Sand Lizards are one of 6 reptile species in the UK - 3 snakes and 3 lizards.

Can you name the other two lizards:

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WILDLIFE GARDEN

Gardens and allotments in the UK cover more than 4,000 km². That is twice the size of Cheshire or about 600,000 football pitches!

Take a look at the back of the garden and see if you can guess what might shelter in the boxes on display.

Can you spot which animals are hiding in the garden?

Did you know?

There are 25 species of bumblebees in the UK.

What did the bee say to the flower?
What time do
you open!

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