

Did you know that there are over 4000 species of beetle in Britain? Beetles vary in size, but tend to be quite pea-shaped or sausage-shaped, and are often shiny. The stag beetle is particularly special as it is Britain's largest beetle and is uncommon. It is mainly found in London and south-east England. The adult only lives for a few weeks. When they are young, they look like fat, white worms and are called grubs. They feed on rotting wood until they are about 5 years old. They then change into adults. Unfortunately adult stag beetles are clumsy fliers and sometimes land on pavements and roads where they get squashed.

Can you see any rotting wood along your route where stag beetle grubs might be feeding?

Would stag beetle grubs do well in your area?

What could be done to improve things for them?

Think up a Green Cross Code for adult stag beetles.

How could they safely get from one place to another along your route, without getting squashed by people or road traffic?



Adult stag beetle



Stag beetle grubs in logs

*If you come across a stag beetle on your route, we'd like to know about it! Please send details to [conservation@bromley.gov.uk](mailto:conservation@bromley.gov.uk). It will help us find out how stag beetles are doing locally.*