

FIELD AT CROSSGATES FOR EVIDENCE BASE

In the field there appears to be an ecological food chain, partially generated from keeping horses which attracts a lot of insects and dung beetles. The warmth of the manure also seems to attract worms in winter, which draw in the herons and many other birds. At the start of spring this year were 5 herons, 2 buzzards and 2 red kites, nesting swallows that return each year and a couple of bats that visit throughout summer together with blackbirds, thrushes and other regular bird visitors, including a mini flock of 7 gold finches. In addition the field is home to several hedgehogs, lots of slow worms and grass snakes.

This little chap is the latest visitor.

