



Things to think about before you start...

- Who uses the space?
- Who owns the space?
- Who will manage the space?
- What is under the paving?
- What will you do with the paving once you dig it up?
- Can you get help to dig it up?
- What will you put in the space to make it a good green space for water and nature?



Still interested?

For more information or advice on how you can start a de-pave revolution in your back yard contact the Rivers Team at Shropshire Wildlife Trust.

You can...



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DEPAVE UK



Free your soil and give nature a chance to breathe!

We need clean water to drink and our wildlife and plants need it to live in. By removing a little bit of the hard surfaces around us and letting the water soak into the soil we can make a big difference to our local wildlife and waterways.



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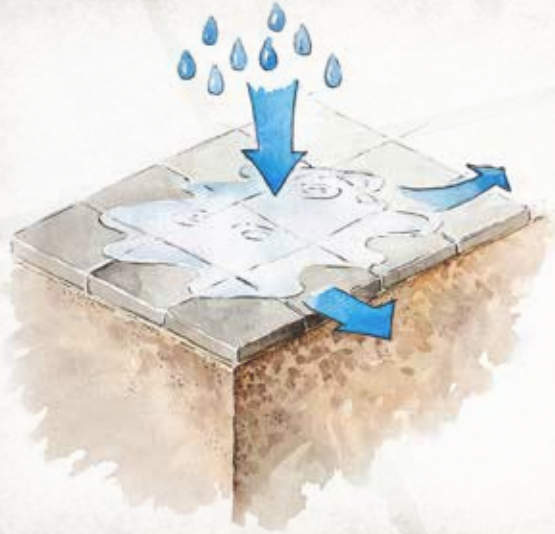


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What's it all about?

Hard surfaces, such as driveways, car parks and buildings get in the way of the natural water cycle by stopping rain water from soaking into the ground. This can increase problems such as flooding and the pollution of our rivers and streams. These hard surfaces also reduce the space available for plants and animals to live in.



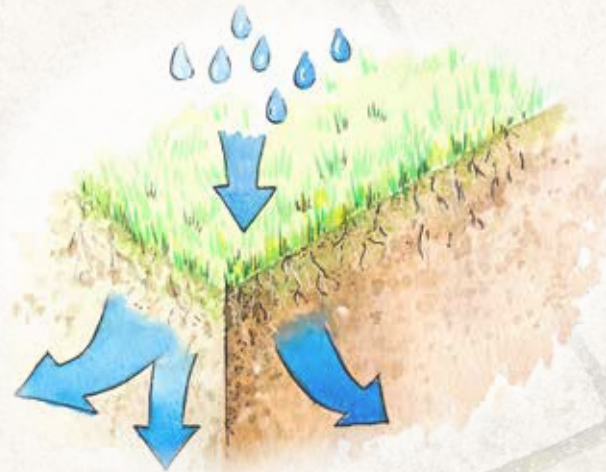
The rain that falls on the pavements in our cities and towns picks up chemicals, rubbish, grease, dog mess and anything else that gets in its way. These things are carried by the rain water that flows over the pavements into our rivers and lakes.



What can we do?

By removing pavement and replacing it with trees, bushes or grass we are increasing the time it takes for water to reach the drains and waterways, recharging our groundwater supply, and creating places for our local wildlife to live.

BEFORE



How can I free my soil?

It can be as simple as changing your tarmac drive to gravel or even creating a whole new garden in a previously unloved space.

Making our hard surfaces into green spaces helps to slow the flow of the water into our drains and waterways. Not only does this help with the problems of flooding but the permeable surface can act as a sponge, holding the water for a while and trapping some of the dirt.

