

Droitwich Local Group

Spring 2022 News



Worcestershire
Wildlife Trust

We hope this finds you all well, safe and that you have enjoyed a variety of wildlife encounters whilst out and about.

We've heard of snow bunting on the Malvern Hills, Egyptian geese at Grimley, a grass snake in January (relishing the mild weather) as well as an abundance of roe deer and foxes to name but a few.



A snow bunting on the Malvern Hills

Looking back since our last newsletter, we can reflect on having enjoyed some entertaining and informative Trust Zoom talks on such diverse subjects as sustainable food production, rewilding and bringing beavers back to Britain. Did we see you there too?

As I write, snowdrops proliferate and crocus and daffodils are beginning to make their appearance. We look forward to the following online meetings:

Thursday 17th March

The Lives Of Dormice

Discover more about the lives of these adorable mammals with expert Andy Bucklitch

Thursday 21st April

Sandy Badlands - wasteground, highwaymen and wildlife

Andy Harris, Reserves Officer, and Beccy Somers, Saving Worcestershire's Heathland Project Officer, will explain more about the Trust's newest nature reserve at Dropping Well Farm.



Stonechat at The Devil's Spittleful
by Ion Riley

To enjoy these online talks, please visit: www.worcswildlifetrust.co.uk where booking information can be found. All talks start at 19:00 and last for about an hour with time for questions. A donation of £2.50 per participant is requested – money well spent!

Please see over for our planned walks.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Celia
Your newsletter editor

Join us for a walk

Following our successful autumn walks, and as the clocks go forward, we can start to enjoy more time exploring the great outdoors. With this in mind, we are planning some spring walks...

Saturday 30th April

Upper Hollowfields Farm, Hollowfields Road, Hanbury, Redditch B96 6RJ

Join us on this guided walk around the farmland, sympathetically managed to benefit wildlife and landscape features. We will meet at 10am and should take a maximum of two hours. Sturdy footwear should be worn and please note that it is not possible to bring dogs on this occasion. As usual, a donation of £2.50 per walker is requested please.

To book a place, please contact Tony Barnby at ag_cmbarnby@hotmail.com or telephone 01527 821642.

For more information about the work at Hollowfields, please visit their website www.wildhollowfields.co.uk

Two more walks are at the planning stage so if you would like to join us, please register your interest by contacting Tony by email or phone. We can then let you know when details have been finalised.

If you have ideas about suitable wildlife walks, please do get in touch to make suggestions.

Discover more about wildlife

We hope that by the time you read this the sun will be shining, buds will be bursting, birds will be singing and spring will be underway. How do you know what to look for or how to identify what you see?

Our friends at HQ have been busy making lots of videos and writing blogs to help you track what's going on through the seasons. Visit the Trust's YouTube channel to watch our changing seasons through short intros from staff

www.youtube.com/c/WorcsWildlifeTrustUK1

There are also videos explaining some wildlife words and ones that look more closely at how the Trust helps wildlife and how you can apply the same ideas to your gardens or community greenspaces.



Hazel catkins by Kay Croft

If videos aren't your style, try the blogs section of the website instead – there's one dedicated to seasonal changes but you can also see what the conservation trainees are getting up to on a regular basis too www.worcswildlifetrust.co.uk/blog