

# Bromsgrove & NE Worcestershire



**Worcestershire  
Wildlife Trust**

*Summer 2022*

## **The heights of summer**

I hope that you're all enjoying whatever summer is bringing to you. From the sound of screaming swifts over our streets to the buzzing of bees in our gardens and green spaces, I trust that you're managing to find the wild where you live.

Our talks programme begins again in September (see overleaf for details) and I hope to see many of you there. I was saddened recently when I discovered that a number of the Trust's local groups around the county have yet to restart their indoor meetings. In part, this is due to a change of committee or changes with their venues, whilst one has decided to concentrate more on organising walks.

Since the pandemic began and lockdowns meant that we were unable to hold meetings in person, the Trust established regular talks online via Zoom. These have been very popular but, for me and for many others, they don't in any way measure up to a 'live' meeting.

For me, our autumn/winter programme of talks is all about the social interaction that you get from meeting people face-to-face. Not only is this the best way to promote the Trust and the amazing world of wildlife but it also allows people the opportunity to mingle and chat about what the speaker

has said, what wildlife they've seen in the local area and how they are doing in general. I can appreciate that with Zoom there are no venue fees to pay, chairs to put out or cups to fill...but there is also limited social interaction, something that I think we have really missed over the last couple of years.

Many members visit other groups, as I do, simply for the sake of meeting others and to discover lots more about our natural world. Stourbridge and Hagley, Wyre Forest and Malvern local groups are all still holding talks and walks if you'd like to visit them as well as coming along to our own talks here in the Bromsgrove and northeast Worcestershire area.

Whilst the Trust is planning on continuing online talks via Zoom for those people who perhaps cannot get along to a live talk, I am very much hoping that our face-to-face meetings do not become a thing of the past and we will continue to meet as normal providing that you keep coming along to say hello.

*Best wishes*

*Gordon*

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## Indoor meetings

**Wed 5th Oct – The History and Natural History of Grafton Wood**

with John Tilt

**Wed 2nd Nov - Birds, Bats and Bricks**

with Steve Bloomfield

**Wed 7th Dec - Christmas Wildlife Quiz**

(subject to change)

Bournheath Village Hall can be found on Claypit Lane B61 9LA. We meet at 7.30pm and admission is £2.50. Refreshments will be available.

## Online talks

For forthcoming talks via Zoom and to book you place, please visit:

**[www.worcswildlifetrust.co.uk/whats-on](http://www.worcswildlifetrust.co.uk/whats-on)**

## Meet our new nature reserves team member



Hi, I'm Thomas Watkins and I'm the new Central Reserves Officer at Worcestershire Wildlife Trust.

I have been in post for three months and have got to know all the amazing reserves that are now in my care. I have come from Warwickshire Wildlife Trust where I was a Living Landscape Project Officer, delivering a variety of habitat creation projects and two dormouse reintroductions.

Managing a variety of very different nature reserves is a new and exciting challenge and one that I am looking forward to. I am looking after Beaconwood, Broadmoor Wood, Newbourne Wood, Grovely Dingle, Piper's Hill and Dodder Hill Common, Chaddesley Wood, Trench Wood, Naunton Court Fields, Piddle Brook Meadows and Droitwich Community Woodland, the latter of which is managed in partnership with Wychavon District Council.

I look forward to meeting some of you out and about on our reserves.



Piper's Hill & Dodderhil Common  
by Peter Hawcroft