



## Summer 2023 News

### **We're back**

Great news! Following our appeal for new committee members in your last newsletter, several willing folk came forward and your new committee met at the end of June. We're now putting the pieces into place to restart our autumn/winter programme of talks; in time, we hope to offer different activities for you to get involved with too.

Please come along and support your local group as we find our new feet; we assure you a warm welcome, interesting and inspiring talks and a cracking cup of tea!

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### **Dates for your diary**

We're still working on details of the talks but please pop the dates in your diary. We'll meet at 7.30pm on the second Wednesday of the month. Talks cost just £2.50 per person.

**Oct 11th:** Gordon Forrest

**Nov 8th:** TBC

**Dec 13th:** Christmas wildlife quiz and social

**WHERE:** Winyates Green Community Centre, Furze Lane, Winyates Green, B98 0SE

<https://rubiconleisure.co.uk/winyates-green-community-centre/>

Please keep check the events pages of the Trust's website for details of our talks and what's happening across the county [www.worcswildlifetrust.co.uk/whats-on](http://www.worcswildlifetrust.co.uk/whats-on)

### **Your local nature reserve - get involved**

If you'd like to get involved with practical conservation right here in Redditch, take a look at our Ipsley Alders volunteering page for more information

[www.worcswildlifetrust.co.uk/volunteering-opportunities/practical-conservation-ipsley-alders-marsh](http://www.worcswildlifetrust.co.uk/volunteering-opportunities/practical-conservation-ipsley-alders-marsh)



# Nextdoor Nature (in Redditch)

How did summer arrive so soon? It doesn't seem like five minutes since I was updating your spring newsletter with chatter about my work to help you improve life for people and nature in communities across Redditch.

So, what have I been up to since then? As well as developing a 12-month Youth Action for Nature Award programme, I've met LOTS of lovely people and it's been so heartening to talk to so many of you who are keen to help wildlife right on your doorsteps. I met two fantastic people who live just down the road from a little green patch in Headless Cross and who want to see this small parcel of land turned into a space that better serves the local community as well as providing space for nature to thrive. I was also invited to meet someone in Winyates West who is saddened by the amount of litter in her neighbourhood and by the removal of trees and shrubs and would like to see her community do more to help wildlife and to become caretakers of where they live.



In both instances these are people who are already champions for their communities, whether it be helping out at the local foodbank or going out with a bag and a litter picker to clean up the local area, but they also share a desire to incorporate that sense of community and 'taking care of your local patch' into taking action for nature and helping wildlife to thrive.



Let's say you're a person who shares that desire to help your local community and wildlife but you don't know where to start or you feel like you don't have enough time, that's where I can help! There's probably a tonne of other people in your community who feel the same and many hands make light work! You just need to find them. I can support you, as an individual or as an existing group, to

develop skills with, to listen to and connect, the people in your community who share that same desire.

Next time you're walking around your local area, start to notice where the little green patches are. Do they look a bit sad or are they bursting with wildlife? Does your area have no green patches at all? Could you do something (even something small) to make it better for you, your community and for wildlife?

I'm continuing to reach out and listen to communities across Redditch and would love to hear from you if you're keen to help wildlife in your neighbourhood. It's short notice but we're holding a Nextdoor Nature celebration on Friday 21st July from 10am to 3pm in Redditch town centre. Please email me if you would like to join us for food, workshops and short films of community groups making a difference for wildlife. All are welcome.



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