

Bromsgrove & Northeast Worcestershire Local Group

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Hello from Worcestershire Wildlife Trust!

We wanted to start with a short update on the Local Group situation for your area. Currently, a new committee are busy behind the scenes getting up and running and planning to deliver some talks in Bromsgrove in the New Year – so keep an eye out for those! However, we always welcome volunteers for the local group, and in other roles across the Trust, so if you feel that you have the time to give to such a role, please get in touch with me.

In the meantime, please check our what's on pages to see talks and walks run by other groups across the county, which you are more than welcome to attend.

Finally, we'd love to see you at our popular Christmas Craft Fair at Lower Smite Farm, between Worcester and Droitwich on Saturday 25th November



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Thank you

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Nextdoor Nature in Bromsgrove

Hi folks! Well, what a busy summer it's been, despite the rain. Last time you heard from me, I wrote about community-led action for nature and a bold ambition of one in four people doing their bit to help wildlife, for themselves and for the people in their community.

So, what does community-led action for nature look like? Great question but the truth is, there is no one-size fits all approach, there is no 'right or wrong' when it comes to people or wildlife. There is such beautiful diversity in the way that we can all help wildlife and connect with each other. The students at Bromsgrove School would like to create a nature and creativity trail around the school grounds using QR codes to share information with their peers, for example. Community members in Perryfields, however, would like to create a wildlife-friendly pump track. In Charford some community members want to grow food and develop a community garden whilst others want to learn to build homes for wildlife, like bird boxes and bug benches.

Just 10 minutes down the A448, people in Webheath have been upskilling to develop a neglected field into a wild space (mini nature-reserve) to be managed and enjoyed by the local community. In Headless Cross, Woodrow and Batchley folk are moving towards growing fruits and veggies to feed their community and make space for nature.

When action comes from us as individuals through our own interests and motivations, the results will be just as unique as we are. Imagine what people could do if they joined with other members of their community, where everyone brings their own unique set of skills, experiences and knowledge. You might be thinking 'but what knowledge and skills could I possibly bring?'. Trust me when I say, your community needs what you have to offer, even if that is curiosity and enthusiasm to learn from others; what you bring to the table is important.

As we part ways for now, I'll leave with a question - what does community-led action for nature look like for you? Why not ask friends, family, neighbours and colleagues what they think. When you have an answer, I'd love to hear it.

Speak soon
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