



Hello

Spring is springing and we're excited for what the season ahead holds. Whilst we don't currently have an active group in your area, there are six other Local Groups running walks and talks across the county. You're welcome to join any or all of them - find out more by heading to our website www.worcswildlifetrust.co.uk/whats-on

If you are interested in getting a group going in your area, please do get in touch for a chat about how to get started.

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A message from Monkwood

In Monkwood, our volunteers have been working hard in the rides and glades by coppicing sections on rotation. We do this every winter to ensure that across the woodland there is a wonderful diversity of structure; from grassy wildflower areas to bramble patches and young thickets of blackthorn, hawthorn and hazel. This variety brings in lots of sunlight that encourages plants like bluebells and wood spurge to flourish as well as all the insects that might be looking for nectar, basking spots or to set up territories.

Our restoration project at Green Farm, next to Monkwood, is underway with new fencing, new gates, new bridges and new hedgerows! This will all help to create a more diverse landscape of orchards, meadows, woodland and ponds. 250m of new hedge was planted in December with the help of local schools, Scout groups and our wonderful volunteers. It contains 15 tree and shrub species, with climbers like honeysuckle and dog rose mixed in too. We've also started to recreate a small orchard; the team from Wild Goose Rural Training Centre, based near Hallow, planted 15 apple trees with us in January.



Huge mixed flocks of redwings, fieldfares and meadow pipits were seen across Monkwood and Green Farm over winter. They seemed to have been drawn in by the Bulmer's orchards to the west but came back to the wood at dusk to roost. We wish them a safe passage back to their breeding grounds!

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