



Droitwich Local Group

Spring 2021 News

Greetings to you all and welcome to the spring edition of our newsletter!

After months of uncertainty, anxiety, reflection and self-preservation, hopefully, there is some light at the end of the Covid tunnel, with more and more people having received vaccinations against the virus that has blighted our lives for the last year.

Whilst 'normality' may still be far on the horizon, we were able to buy WWT Christmas cards and calendars from the Droitwich Heritage Centre, facilitated by a band of willing, socially distanced volunteers, all proceeds benefitting the trust. Thank you for your support!

We've enjoyed more online talks, brightening up the long winter evenings, in the comfort of our own homes – the talks have kept us all connected to nature and given us the opportunity, for some perhaps, to spot faces of friends and acquaintances not seen for some time. One highlight in particular was the talk, arranged by our group, showcasing the magnificent photography of Andrew Fusek Peters. Some of you may have spotted some of his work on national television. On a similar note, popular local speaker and wildlife expert, Rosemary Winnall was interviewed on 'Winterwatch' earlier this year.

Our season of Zoom talks is being extended, bringing in much needed revenue for the Trust and helping to keep us connected to nature and each other. Several online events for late spring and early

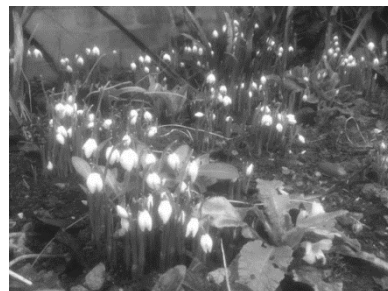
summer are in the planning stage - please check the Trust's website regularly for up-to-date information on what we hope will be monthly meetings:

www.worcswildlifetrust.co.uk/whats-on

Meetings start at 7:00 pm and last for 40-45 minutes, with time for questions at the end.

A donation of £2.50 for each viewer is requested please. Money well spent!

Also on a positive note, when current social restrictions are eventually eased, we are hoping to rearrange the postponed walks, held over from previous seasons. These include a heathland walk led by Adam Wright on The Devil's Spittleful, Rifle Range & Burlish Top; a visit to Chaddesley Woods with Gordon Forrest and a self-led Droitwich local group walk around The Knapp and Papermill nature reserve and local area. Fingers crossed that we can organise these soon - please check the Trust's website for details, which will be posted as soon as we can safely organise these.



Celia
Your newsletter editor

Seasonal notes

Please do keep an eye out locally for wildlife on our doorsteps. Extreme winter weather has restricted our forays into the countryside but encouraging signs of activity can be seen regularly and most unexpectedly. On our local walks, we have spotted roe deer and hare; evidence of badger activity has markedly increased; hedgehog boxes have been disturbed and we've noticed a sparrowhawk flightpath through our garden, which is certainly keeping our other garden visitors on their toes.

Meanwhile, we hope that you all keep safe and well and we look forward to arranging activities that don't have to be crossed out on calendars and in diaries!

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