

# Droitwich Local Group

## Winter 2021 News



**Worcestershire  
Wildlife Trust**

Although many of us are relishing seeing loved ones once again, this year has continued to offer up challenges, with Covid cases ever present. Recently, it has seemed much closer to us all than previously with many of us now knowing close friends or family members who have caught the virus as it rages through our schools and closer communities.

With this in mind, and our concerns to keep us as safe as possible, it has been decided not to hold any indoor meetings for the foreseeable future. Obviously, we are keeping this under constant review as we would dearly love to see you all soon. For now, though, we recommend that you tune into the Trust's Zoom meetings, where there have been some excellent talks on a wide range of subjects, all in the comfort of your own homes! Check the events pages of the Trust website to keep up to date and book your spot.

We have held a few well-attended outdoor meetings, enabling us to enjoy some late summer and early autumn fine weather.

The first of these was a walk around Burlish Top, Rifle Range and The Devil's Spittleful nature reserves and the newly acquired Dropping Well Farm. This informative and fascinating excursion was led by knowledgeable ranger Adam Wright, who explained all we needed to know about heathland

habitats. We hadn't bargained however, for the sight of rhinos

grazing in the safe enclosure of the West Midlands Safari Park!

The second of our outings was to Chaddesley Woods, led by Mervyn Needham. Again, an excellent and informative walk. It was so good to be able to meet again and welcome some members who had travelled from as far away as Malvern to join us. We were able to learn so much about woodland management and the superb diversity of the Worcestershire countryside.

Ideas are already being formed to organise springtime walks/outdoor meetings. Details will be published on the Trust's website so please check regularly in order to stay in touch.

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

Online talks start at 7pm and last for about 45 minutes with time for questions at the end. A donation of £2.50 per viewer is suggested and we think this is money well spent!

*Celia  
Your newsletter editor*

## We've got Christmas all wrapped up for you

Although we're not having any indoor meetings this year, don't worry because you can still spread the wild word with Worcestershire Wildlife Trust cards, calendars and gifts.

The Trust's online shop has the full range of Christmas cards, calendars, wildflower seeds, soaps, bags, adopt-a-species, rent-a-nest and virtual gifts.

[www.worcswildlifetrust.co.uk/shop](http://www.worcswildlifetrust.co.uk/shop)

Don't worry if you're not able to do your shopping online, cards are also available from the Droitwich Heritage Centre, Gwillams Farm Shop on the way to Worcester, Nature's Intention Zero Waste Shop in Bromsgrove and a number of other locations (see your magazine for a full list).



*A small selection of photos from our heathland walk...*



*...we're looking forward to seeing you in 2022. Until then, we wish you a very happy festive season and a healthy New Year.*