

Worcestershire Wildlife Trust
Speaker's Directory
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This directory is designed for the use of Worcestershire Wildlife Trust's Local Group committees and other external individuals, groups or organisations for booking talks and walks for their programme of events. It provides groups with a list of people willing to share their knowledge and experiences of wildlife in its many forms. The list includes a range of speakers whose details have been provided to us, some of which are connected to the Trust as volunteers and others who are not directly connected. Inclusion on this list does not mean the Trust endorses all views, and we suggest speaking to any possible speaker before finalising a booking.

All details are correct to the best of our knowledge as of May 2026. It is intended that the directory will be updated regularly. If you hear of any changes or new speakers please let us know enquiries@worcestershirewildlifetrust.org

Some of the speakers/leaders on the list ask only for their travel expenses and a donation to either Worcestershire Wildlife Trust or another wildlife charity. All of these speakers/leaders generously give up their free time and for this the Trust is very grateful. Others ask for a fee and this is indicated in the particulars given for each person.

If you wish to contact a speaker or walk leader, please do so directly by using the contact details given. It is helpful to the speakers/leaders if you could then confirm the details arranged between you with an email or written letter. This might include details of the talk / walk, equipment you are supplying/expecting them to bring, fee and clear directions for finding the venue. If a speaker is booked well in advance, you may also like to give them a reminder letter, email, or phone call to confirm they are still able to attend.

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Name	Address	Telephone	Email address	Do you offer talks / presentations?	Do you provide guided walks?	Do you offer other events/activities?	Fee	Equipment required	Biographical information	Area/s covered	Any other information
Alan Peace	13 Springhill Lane, Penn, Wolverhampton, WV4 4SJ	07791 900445	alopeace@btinternet.com	a) Himley Hall – Past, Present and Future - Concentrating mainly upon the social history of the Himley estate and the many notable people who have visited such as Edward VIII, Charles 1st and General Montgomery. b) The Barn Owl – Its Flight and the World Owl Trust - Slide talk about the most beautiful but endangered owl in the UK. I have been "involved" with owls since 1971 and the talk is built around the life of "George" a barn owl I hand reared from an egg and who lived in the house and the work of the World Owl Trust. (www.owls.org) N.B. No live birds are used in this talk. c) Across the Roof of Africa – Dare to Dream - The story of the successful realisation of my personal dream, held for 37 years, to climb Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. At 5,895 metres it is the highest mountain in Africa and the highest free standing mountain in the world and I stood on its summit on my 54th birthday. d) Never Work With Children or Animals (By the man who has done both and survived!) An anecdotal and light-hearted look at some of the comical situations I have found myself in during over 40 years of working with children and animals. e) Assault on Aconcagua: 23,000 feet = £23,000 - Share the Adventure. In December 2004 and again in January 2006 I was a member of expeditions attempting to climb Aconcagua, the highest mountain outside the Himalayas. The mountain is almost 7,000 metres (23,000 feet) high and these were serious expeditions. I was there to raise funds for Cancer Research UK. f) John O'Groats to Lands End – Bike vs Bus - The story of a "Top Gear" type challenge between a chronologically challenged senior citizen using his bus pass on regular service buses and two fit young cyclists to see who could complete the John O'Groats to Lands End journey the fastest. g) The 1000km Stroll – Backpacking the South West Coast Path. In May 2021 I travelled to Minehead in Somerset to begin backpacking the 1000km long South West Coast Path in aid of Cancer Research UK. This is the story of that eight week expedition.	No	No	Minimum £40 depending upon group size plus travel at 40p per mile. All fees go to Cancer Research UK or the World Owl Trust.	I can bring everything I need but if a screen is available that helps.	I began my working life as a printer but have also been a youth worker and a professional climbing instructor. My high altitude climbing career has taken me around the world to places such as The Alps, Russia, Argentina, Norway, Italy, Morocco, Tanzania and Mongolia. I've spent ten years as a volunteer lorry driver with the German Red Cross delivering humanitarian aid throughout Eastern Europe and for 27 years was the Senior Warden of the Himley Park estate near Dudley. I sit on the Board of Trustees for an international owl conservation charity and am an Ambassador and volunteer fund raiser for Cancer Research UK.	Worcester;Malvern;Bromsgrove;Redditch;Droitwich;Pershore;Evesham;Kidderminster; Herefordshire, Warwickshire, Shropshire;	
Alison Wakeman		07825 371137	alisonwakeman@hotmail.com	Awareness of Bees and their importance in the Environment.	No	No	£65 plus 45p per mile	Two tables	In January 2015 I created Alison's Bee Class, an educational business delivering a self-written programme entitled "Awareness of Bees and their Importance in the Environment". Whilst it was originally directed towards educating primary school children in Shropshire, following the national curriculum for Science, it soon became apparent whilst attending community events that there was also a need to expand the business to include training adults to become beekeepers as well as informing numerous community groups about the importance of bees, so I began to offer Guest Speaker work. Since walking into that first classroom in 2015, I've engaged with 1000's of people of all ages and inspired many to either become beekeepers or commence bee-inspired projects within their place of work/learning or home.	Bromsgrove;Droitwich;Kidderminster;Redditch;	
Andrew Forecast		01684 891810	aforecast@yahoo.com	Practical conservation	Walk around Hollybed Farm Meadows	No	None	Projector and HDMI connection	Happy to introduce myself on the occasion.	Malvern;Castlemorton;	
Ashley Grove	16, Lint Meadow, Holywood, Worcestershire, B47 5PH	07704 189835	experiencenaturetours@gmail.com	I've been giving talks illustrated with my own wildlife photographs since 2006. Talk subjects as follows: a) Shetland to Scilly, Birds of the British Isles b) Jewels of The Gambia c) Crane Spotting... Wildlife of Swedens Lake Hornborga d) Trinidad & Tobago, Home of the Hummingbird e) Vivrant Sri Lanka f) A Beginners Guide to Birdwatching g) Lammergeiers of the Spanish Pyrenees h) Wonderful Winter Wildlife i) Around the World in 3650 Days, 10 years of leading wildlife holidays. j) Great British Birds Detail of all the talks can be found on my websites 'Lectures Page' http://www.experiencenature.co.uk/enlectures.php	Have previously led walks for the Trust and RSPB locally. I also lead regular walks at Otmoor RSPB Oxfordshire. Happy to look at any enquiry.	I have my own established wildlife watching holidays business 'Experience Nature Ltd' so have run holidays for groups across the UK and overseas for 12 years now.	Talk fee £90 plus 35p per mile travel.	Projector screen and projector stand / table and extension lead.	From a very young age I have had a passion for nature and the great outdoors. Initially I took inspiration from my parents and I was soon pointing out new species of birds to them in their Warwickshire garden. Life does however have it's restrictions, the need for a "proper" job being one of those, so Birds and Photography were relegated to hobbies for some time. However along side the day jobs I volunteered for the RSPB for many years and was asked by my local group in 2006 to give a talk, being already established as a very capable wildlife photographer. This was to be the beginning of a big change and now as a recommended speaker for the RSPB, BTO, Wildlife Trusts & Royal Horticultural Society, Ashley gives up to 50 talks a year. Subject matter for the talks is taken from his travels, which began in The Gambia and so became the obvious destination for his first guided tour. 'Experience Nature' have now run 20 holidays to The Gambia, many breaks to the Spanish Pyrenees, Trinidad & Tobago, Sri Lanka, Sweden and various British destinations, with more places in the pipeline at home and abroad. More info on my website if required - http://www.experiencenature.co.uk/index.php	Worcester;Malvern;Bromsgrove;Redditch;Droitwich;Pershore;Evesham;Kidderminster;Across the UK;	
Chantal Lyons	4 Baptist Close, Abbeymead, Gloucester GL4 5GD	07977 818660	chantallyons@gmail.com	Talk/presentation on two topics: 1) Wild boar in the UK (based on my book 'GROUNDBREAKERS') 2) Megafauna - their irreplaceable ecosystem roles and how to coexist with them (based on my forthcoming second book 'ONCE THERE WERE GIANTS')	No	No	Variable depending on the event/my availability - also happy to donate back for gift aid purposes (excluding mileage expenses).	AV equipment for PPT	Chantal Lyons is a naturalist and science communicator. Years previously, a Masters in environmental social science took her to the Forest of Dean where she stumbled on the story of the UK's biggest accidental experiment in rewilding and brought it to light in her 2024 book Groundbreakers: The Return of Britain's Wild Boar. The book won the BES Marsh Ecology Book of the Year Award, was shortlisted and 'Highly Commended' by judges for the Wainwright Prize for Conservation, and was reviewed widely in The Sunday Times, Guardian, New Statesman and beyond; it is for Hawk author Helen Macdonald called it 'one of the most notable works of recent nature writing'. Lyons now works with fishers in the UK and beyond to protect marine megafauna from bycatch, confronting the realities of coexistence in a crowded world. Her second book, Once There Were Giants: The Past, Present, and Future of Megafauna will be released in spring 2027.	Worcester;Malvern;Evesham;	
Derek Crawley	The Coach House Ellerton, Nr Newport Shropshire	07960 330615	derekcrawley@btinternet.com	UK mammals natural history of species, how to find and record species and groups.	No	No	£50	Have own equipment but, using venue screen is useful	Founder chair of the Staffordshire Mammal Group, Mammal Recorder for Staffordshire. Author of 'The Mammal Atlas of Great Britain and Northern Ireland 2000 The Mammal Society'.	Kidderminster;Worcester;Malvern;Bromsgrove;Redditch;Droitwich;Pershore;Evesham;	Happy to travel
Dr Richard Churchley		01527 892361	rchurchley@totalise.co.uk	I do many historical talks and musical presentations. See my website www.churchley.org.uk for details. Some of the historical topics are relevant to people interested in wildlife and the countryside. For example, Enclosure in the English Midlands.	No	Musical evenings	£60 plus travel costs from Redditch	Screen, table.	An ex-deputy headteacher, Musician and historical researcher. PhD in history of Worcestershire and Warwickshire from the University of Birmingham.	Worcester;Malvern;Bromsgrove;Redditch;Droitwich;Pershore;Evesham;Kidderminster;	I am a long-time member of the Worcestershire Wildlife Trust
Eden Tanner	Ledbury.	07767 411655	etanner@btinternet.com	a) 'Just Scratching the Surface' - An illustrated talk on parasites, A fascinating topic but not for the faint-hearted. b) 'A Quest for Emperors, Dragons & Fair Damsels' - An illustrated talk on dragonflies & damselflies, biology identification etc.	No	No	Usually expenses only	Projector with HDMI input & screen. Can usually borrow both if it's a problem.	I am a retired Veterinary Surgeon with a lifelong interest in all things to do with Natural History. I also spend a great deal of time photographing all things to do with Nature. I am Chairman and long-time member of Ledbury Naturalists' Field Club and member of Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust, WWT, RSPB, & Butterfly Conservation.	Worcester;Malvern;Evesham;Pershore;	Others possible according to distance:
Gordon Forrest		07885 632964		a) The Birds and History of Upton Warren Wetland Reserve. b) The Nature of the Anthill Meadows in Chaddesley Woods. c) The Wildlife of a Local Farm. Other topics also available.	A walk around Longmore Farm, Chaddesley Corbett	Charitable assistance if requested	Free to WWT groups. Other groups £40 + fuel	None required	Wildlife photographer and speaker. Author of eight books and two poetry collections. Others in process.	Worcester;Malvern;Bromsgrove;Redditch;Droitwich;Pershore;Evesham;Kidderminster;Anywhere in the Worcestershire and possibly wider.	Daytime talks available as long as the room has curtains or blinds to darken.
Graham Fisher	Drivers Barn, Whitney-on-Wye, Herefordshire HR3 6EU	07885 786826	grahamfisher@me.com	a) The formation and development of the new Stourbridge Glass Museum b) The Stourbridge Canal	The Stourbridge Canal via the towpath, featuring its industries including local glassmaking	No	£75 + expenses (negotiable)	Large projection screen appreciated	Graham Fisher MBE FRGS - please visit: https://grahamfisher.co.uk/about	Worcester;Malvern;Pershore;Kidderminster;Border area around Hay on Wye.	Supporting books and publications available - grahamfisher.co.uk/publications
Howard Drury	8 Bagnel Road, Kings Heath	07710 038467	howard@thedrury.com	See www.thedrury.com Choose services and lectures where there are over 120 talks listed.	No	Advice on gardening matters	£85 for small groups increasing slightly for larger groups plus travel	I provide all equipment inc. PA system if needed	Please visit www.the-drury.com	Birmingham :	

Ion Riley	Worcestershire Wildlife Trust, Lower Smithe Farm, Smithe Hill, Hindip, WR3 8SZ	07949 563430	ion@worcestershirowildlifetrust.org	I have two presentations from an engagement warden's point of view, one focussed on our woodlands and one on our heathland. They begin with an introduction into the work of the Trust, then an overview of the featured reserves and what I love about visiting them, wildlife-wise. I discuss the threats that reserves and wildlife face and end with how the public can help the Trust and an 'any questions' time.	I am happy to discuss the potential for guided walks at Upton Warren, Monkwood, The Devil's Spittleful, The Knapp and Papermill, Tiddesley and Grafton Woods.		Free to Worcestershire Wildlife Trust local groups. Suggested donation to the Trust of £60 but please get in touch even if your budget is limited.	I would require screen facilities and a table for leaflets etc. I have shared access to a projector so please let me know if your venue already has one.	I have been employed as Community Warden Officer for Worcestershire Wildlife Trust since June 2021 and my role is to engage with visitors on nine of our busiest reserves. I have been a keen birdwatcher since childhood and my interest today is very much centred around long term local patch recording. In the past few years I have also gained an interest in butterflies and dragonflies.	Worcester;Malvern;Bromsgrove;Droitwich;Perschore;Kidderminster;Redditch;Bewdley, Stourport;	
Jackie Harris	12 Coberley Road, Cheltenham, Glos	07710 281754	jackie.harris@wwt.org.uk	Talks on: a) The incredible life of Sir Peter Scott, the "Patron Saint of Conservation" [Sir David Attenborough] b) Blue recovery - how and why Wetlands are vital for our health, our wellbeing, for nature and for carbon storage. c) Saving Wetlands for Wildlife - the story of WWT's work in saving iconic wetland species around the world.	No	I am flexible and can offer some tailored content on wetland conservation	£75	Screen, projector, HDMI connector	I have worked and volunteered for WWT since early 2016 when I joined the organisation to manage plans for a £6m project to celebrate WWT's work over the last 75 years. £4m of this was funded by the National Lottery (thank you to all those Lottery players out there). I soon became "hooked" on this amazing organisation and its founder (Sir Peter Scott), its achievements and its ambition. I was privileged to open Scott's home as a museum during my Lottery project work. I have also worked with some of the world's experts on wetland species conservation. As a natural 'storyteller', I have been given the opportunity to tell some of WWT's most incredible stories through tours, talks and through building exhibits. Today I continue to work and volunteer for the Trust. I train all of the Trust's new starters (both volunteers and staff) to offer a half-day introduction to WWT's history, current work and future ambitions. I also run a range of engagement projects. I love sharing our conservation stories with others. I give my time voluntarily and ask for a donation towards the work of this incredible charity.	Worcester;Malvern;Perschore;	
John Medlock	Longdon, Cradley, Malvern, WR13 5LQ	01886 880590	nawsletter@themedlocks.co.uk	a) The importance of colour in the bird world. This talk looks first at what colours can birds see and how that affects their lives, then on to how feathers are coloured before leading us into a discussion to prove or otherwise Charles Darwin's hypothesis that animals and birds in particular are more colourful the closer one gets to the equator. The talk is illustrated with photographs taken from John's many visits to tropical countries with particular emphasis to those taken in Brazil's Atlantic Rainforest. b) Borneo - Land below the wind - the wonders, perils and future of this wildlife paradise. Having spent some considerable time exploring both the Malaysian and Indonesian parts of Borneo, the talk covers the amazing diversity of trees, plants, insects, birds and mammals to be found there. The talk also examines the pressures brought about by man's activities, through logging and the palm oil plantations, and discusses what the future may hold for Borneo's wildlife. c) Geology and wildlife of Namibia. This talk takes us from the Namib, the oldest desert in Africa, through the Ramsar site of Wavis Bay; the destination of many of our migratory birds, to Etosha National Park, ending up in the highlands big cat country. d) The Jaguar Kingdom, Birds and Mammals of Central Brazil The Mato Grosso area of South West Brazil encompasses both the world's largest wetlands; the Pantanal, but also the little known but equally fascinating Chapada dos Guimarães National Park. The talk investigates some of the 650 species of birds and 130 species of mammals recorded here. Jaguars are the 'top predator' and the talk includes a video of a jaguar attack on a caiman.	No	No	Free to Wildlife Trusts, RSPB Local groups etc. but contribution to travelling expenses would be welcome. Other groups £40 plus travel	Self-contained but happy to use venue equipment if available.	My educational background includes schooling at Cranbrook, Kent and an Economics degree from the University of Hull, followed by a career in construction materials, manufacture and chairmanship of a BSI committee that covers, amongst other things the design and installation of green roofs. Having been brought up in the Kent countryside, I have always had an interest in the countryside, but a career and growing family meant that I was not fully able to follow this passion until later in life. Now I have been lucky to travel to many places that my talks cover and enjoy imparting this knowledge to others.	Worcester;Malvern;Bromsgrove;Redditch;Droitwich;Perschore;Evesham;Kidderminster;Max approx 50 miles from Malvern;	
John Tilt	9 Meadow Close Kington WR7 4DE	01386 792458	john.tilt2@btopenworld.com	a) History and Natural History of Grafton Wood b) Hunting for British Orchids c) Butterflies of Limstone Grassland, Woodland Butterflies, Butterfly Recording and Conservation, British Birds	Butterflies of Grafton Wood	Work Parties	£50 for talks	None	WWT member for 40 years+ Butterfly Conservation - recording and website manager of Grafton Wood	Worcester;Malvern;Bromsgrove;Redditch;Droitwich;Perschore;Evesham;Kidderminster;	
Johnny Birks			mustelap@icloud.com	Talks on pine martens and, separately, ways to tackle the climate and ecological emergency - either the Extinction Rebellion talk 'Heading for extinction and what to do about it', or a version of that talk modified especially for a naturalist audience.	No	No	No fee, but a modest donation to an appropriate cause (pine marten conservation or Extinction Rebellion)	I can supply laptop and projector, so only need a big screen to be provided please.	I have worked in UK nature conservation and mammal research for most of my career. Now I am supposed to be retired, but cannot resist continuing conservation research work on pine martens as they try to recover. Also, the lack of effective government action to address the climate and ecological emergency has dragged me out of my comfort zone to press our government to act.	Worcester;Malvern;Droitwich;Perschore;Evesham;	
Kate Ashley	Unit 1, Hope House Farm Barns, Hope House Lane, Martley, Worcestershire, WR6 6QF	07579 032472	kate.ashley@severnriverstrust.com	Yes - about the work we do at Severn Rivers Trust including natural flood management and water quality testing.	No	We do river and nature-themed family workshops	Donation optional	Projector/screen	Kate Ashley is a River Engagement Officer for Severn Rivers Trust, an environmental charity working from source to sea to protect and enhance the River Severn and its tributaries. The Trust have been involved in many local projects, ranging from restoration of former river channels and creation of new wetlands, to woodland and hedge creation and barrier removal. Kate heads up the community engagement work in the Worcestershire Middle Severn area where we have an active team of citizen science volunteers collecting vital data on river health on local tributaries such as the Stour and the Salwarpe.	Worcester;Bromsgrove;Redditch;Droitwich;Kidderminster;	
Ken Cservenka	19 Overhill Road, Stratton, Cirencester GL7 2LG	01285 654480 / 07922 113405	ken.cservenka@sky.com	a) Wildlife of Exmoor. b) Collecting Butterflies with a camera. c) Australian Wildlife Adventure.	No	No	£50 + Fuel cost	I have my own	Amateur naturalist. No formal qualifications except enthusiasm.	Worcester;Malvern;Most of the above ;	
Matthew Terry		07793 441356	chair@worcestershirebats.org.uk	a) British bats b) Bats of Worcestershire c) The work of the Worcestershire Bat Group d) Curious bat facts e) The work of the Bat Conservation Trust	Guided bat walks. I can bring bat detectors for people to use.	No	A donation to Worcestershire Bat Group	For presentations: projector and screen, HDMI connection for a laptop.	I am Chair of Worcestershire Bat Group and also a trustee of the Bat Conservation Trust - Britain's leading bat conservation charity.	Worcester;Bromsgrove;Droitwich;Kidderminster;	
Mel Mason			mbg.records@btinternet.com	Talk a) Malvern Hills Lost Fritillaries Project & the reintroduction of pearl-bordered fritillary on to the Malvern Hills. b) Updated presentation called "Don't count your butterflies before they pupate".	Local butterfly walk with Malvern WWT	No	£25 for transport	Smartscreen or projector & screen plus sound if available (for very short videos) and necessary leads.	Editor of annual publication "Butterflies Around the Malverns". Vice-chair of Butterfly Conservation West Midlands. Project leader for BC reintroduction of PBF. Local coordinator for transect recorders of 15 local butterfly sites around the Malverns.	Worcester;Malvern;Bromsgrove;Redditch;Droitwich;Perschore;Evesham;Kidderminster;	Please try to arrange the talk / presentation as early as possible to avoid travelling too late in the day or evening. I am happy to share my mobile number with organisers of specific events.
Natalie Jaworska	Worcestershire County Council, Wildwood, County Hall Campus, Wildwood Drive, Worcester, WR5 2QT	07745 745290	njaworska@worcestershire.gov.uk	We would offer a talk on Worcestershire's Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS). For Worcestershire County Council's benefit, we would like to make this slightly more interactive and gather information on any local projects/project ideas that we could incorporate into LNRS delivery plans.	No	No	Free	Projector and screen	LNRS Officer for Worcestershire County Council	Worcester;Malvern;Bromsgrove;Redditch;Droitwich;Perschore;Evesham;Kidderminster;	
Nick Martin		07810 863177	nickmartin24@yahoo.co.uk	Nick offers a range of illustrated wildlife themed talks with a mixture of beautiful images, fascinating information and plenty of humour. Garden Wildlife b) British Mammals c) Wildlife Photography d) British Birds e) Wildlife of Sydney Australia f) Wildlife of the Forest of Dean g) Wildlife of the Cairngorms h) Wildlife of The Western Isles j) Wildlife of Wales	No	No	£75 plus 40p per mile from Solihull	I have a laptop and projector so just need a plug and a screen if available.	With a lifelong passion for nature and the countryside I have forged a long career in conservation, working for several wildlife organisations including the RSPB and Wildlife Trusts. I also work and volunteer for others including the National Trust, Canals and Rivers Trust and The Mammal Society. In addition, I am an accomplished wildlife photographer, a regular on the speaker circuit and founded the website www.allthingswildlife.co.uk.	Worcester;Malvern;Bromsgrove;Redditch;Droitwich;Perschore;Evesham;Kidderminster;anywhere within reach of the Midlands;	
Nicola Benhamada	40 Highfield Lane, Quinton B32 1QT	07401 738737	sab.girl.zulana@gmail.com	I do talks and/or presentations on raptors and discuss the work of my monitoring group	I am hoping to start doing these soon.	Courses	£50 plus travel expenses	Projector and screen	I hold a bachelors degree in Environmental Science and have worked with birds including curlew and been involved in a whinchat project. My biggest passion, however is raptors and I particularly enjoy studying their prey. I'm also a nest monitor for the British Trust for Ornithology.	Kidderminster;Evesham;Perschore;Droitwich;Redditch;Bromsgrove;Worcester;Malvern;	
Owen Raybould	3 Dog Lane, Bewdley, DY12 2EF	07525 261683	batesizeforaging@gmail.com	Yes I do indoor presentations where I talk about wild edibles, the laws around foraging and some of my experiences as a forager.	Yes I can provide a guided walk on any permissible natural space. My main teaching area is the Ribbesford Trail in Bewdley.	No	£230 daily rate, £150 half day rate, plus 50p mileage	I can supply all equipment including projector and screen	I am an experienced foraging instructor, having been foraging most of my life. I have been teaching widely to the public for 10 years now. I have also been a campaigner on the subject of healthy living and have provided guided walks as part of the NHS recovery college for mental health patients. Foraging is a part time activity / hobby and is something I mostly teach outside in the spring - early summer period. I can deliver the public talk throughout the year most evenings or weekends.	Worcester;Malvern;Bromsgrove;Redditch;Droitwich;Perschore;Evesham;Kidderminster;Nationwide ;	

Paul Wilkinon		079192 55257	pwilkinon@sky.com	a) Thinking outside of the box - the role of bat boxes in conservation b) The conservation of European bats c) The power of the pond - the role of pond habitats in conservation d) Subtracting grass snakes and dividing adders, the issues of conserving our snakes e) Waterway mammals f) The ecology of dogs g) The warty newt h) Small personal nature reserves - Rewilding gardens	No	No	£60 north Worcestershire, to £100 south Worcestershire	Screen	A have a life time of studying how to support wildlife in our back gardens, running the local amphibian and reptile group from 14 years old, to a 30 year professional career in conservation, from ecological consultancy, forestry and ecology. Research and conservation evidence are at the heart of my presentations.	Worcester;Malvern;Bromsgrove;Redditch;Droitwich;Persore;Evesham;Kidderminster;Evesham;	
Philip and Helen Mugridge	Glen Cottage, Church Walk, Viney Hill, Lydney, Gloucestershire GL15 4NY	01594 510384	p.mugridge@talktalk.net	Around 30 different wildlife talks from UK and abroad. A full list can be provided on request.	No	No	£50 plus travel	None	Philip and Helen are keen wildlife photographers and naturalists who live in the Forest of Dean, Gloucestershire. They are experienced speakers and can provide interesting and entertaining talks to groups of any size. They are very well travelled so their talks cover many far flung places but they also give talks about locations nearer to home, even their garden.	Worcester;Malvern;Bromsgrove;Redditch;Droitwich;Persore;Evesham;Kidderminster;	
Philip Seaton		07498 081219	philipseaton@gmail.com	Talks about conservation, especially orchid conservation.	No	No	Donation to King Charles 1 School orchid project	Laptop, projector and screen	Biology lecturer (retired). Project manager for Orchid Seed Stores for Sustainable Use (OSSSU) based at the Millennium Seed Bank (MSB) (retired). Co-chair Ex situ Conservation Group of the Orchid Specialist Group of the IUCN. I have written a number of books for Kew about growing orchids and orchid conservation. I run a voluntary orchid micropropagation lab at King Charles 1 School in Kidderminster.	Worcester;Malvern;Bromsgrove;Droitwich;Redditch;Persore;Evesham;Kidderminster;	
Prof. Duncan Westbury	Royal Agricultural University, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 6JS		duncan.westbury@rau.ac.uk	a) Gardening for wildlife b) Sustainable Food production c) Delivery of ecosystem services	No	No	Tree planting!	Projector and screen	I am a long-standing professional ecologist with over 25 years experience working with farmers and growers in the agri-environment, primarily delivering benefits for biodiversity through agricultural landscapes. I achieved my doctorate from the University of Sheffield in 2001 having investigated the creation and restoration of species-rich grassland with an emphasis on the use of yellow rattle (<i>Rhinanthus minor</i>). In recent years my research has focussed on the sustainable production of fruit, including apples, cherries, oranges, and grapes. I have published numerous peer-reviewed journal papers and conference proceedings on such topics (https://orcid.org/0000-0001-7094-0362). From 2002 to 2011 I was an academic in the School of Agriculture, Policy and Development at the University of Reading, specialising primarily on arable and grassland systems. I joined the School of Science and the Environment at the University of Worcester in 2011 where I was a Principal Lecturer in Ecology and Environmental Management. In September 2023, I joined the Royal Agricultural University, Cirencester, as the Dean of Land & Property Management, and a Professor of Sustainable Agriculture.	Worcester;Malvern;	
Ray Sturdy	129 Northwick Road Worcester WR3 7EG	01905 456624 / 07831 422233	ray.sturdy@talk21.com	Social history, travellers tales. Go to www.raysturdy.com for details.	No	Slideshows and talks	£60 plus return travel charge up to 50 miles.	I have all my own equipment	I am a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society	Worcester;Malvern;Bromsgrove;Redditch;Droitwich;Persore;Evesham;Kidderminster;Up to 50 miles radius;	
Roger Butler	Hancock's Yard, Market Square, Kington, Warwickshire, CV35 0LP	07766 038934 / 01926 641301	roger522@btinternet.com	I offer a range of illustrated talks covering wildlife, travel and heritage. Examples include: a) Treasure Islands - exploring the Hebrides b) A week on St Kilda - Scotland's remote seabird archipelago c) The Monarchs of Mexico - travels in search of the amazing monarch butterfly d) Penguins and Patagonia - travels in wildest Chile e) The Magic of Morocco - exploring the Atlas Mountains f) Across the Roof of the World - a journey through Tibet and along the ancient Silk Road g) In the High Himalayas - trekking in Nepal h) Wildest Russia - the Caucasus Mountains i) Wild walks - across Britain's mountains and moorlands j) Canal History and Heritage - the wonder of our waterways k) Fifty years ago - A cruise through the West Midlands l) A Canal Honeymoon in 1962 - hilarious travels from the archives	Guided canal walks, both urban and rural, are arranged to explore and discuss our built and natural waterway heritage.	No	By negotiation	Digital projector at the venue is always preferred but can provide one if needed. Good screen needed too.	I am a writer, photographer and lecturer and contribute to several monthly magazines. I write about the countryside, landscape and heritage and am a specialist in canal history and heritage. I speak to a wide range of societies and organisations throughout the UK and am an accredited lecturer for the Arts Society. I am a landscape architect, a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and a Licentiate of the Royal Photographic Society.	Worcester;Malvern;Bromsgrove;Redditch;Droitwich;Persore;Evesham;Kidderminster;Happy to travel over a wider area - I speak throughout the UK;	Can normally speak at short notice if required. Information sheets are available.
Roger Umpelby	The Cottage, Elmley Road, Ashton-under-Hill, Evesham WR11 7SW	07835 236131	roger@bugman.free-online.co.uk	a) Bugs: the good, the bad and the ugly. b) All bugs bright and beautiful. c) Butterflies in Britain. d) Beneficial creatures in the garden e) Bredon Hill through the year: a nature-lover's view f) A close-up view of the Cotswold countryside (mainly macro-photography) g) Life in the local undergrowth (mainly macro-photography) h) The wonder of local wild flowers (mainly macro-photography) [A number of other talks are offered, these are mainly garden or travel related]	No	No	£20 for WLTs, minimum £60 for other organisations. Return travel expenses at 40 pence per mile.	None	Professional applied entomologist, now 'almost retired' worked primarily in horticulture, undertaking research and giving advice to growers, companies and government organisations. A passionate wildlife lover with an extensive library of digital images of local flora and fauna.	Worcester;Malvern;Bromsgrove;Redditch;Droitwich;Persore;Evesham;Kidderminster; Neighbouring counties;	
Rosemary Winnall	Bewdley, Worcestershire	07732 203393	rwinall@gmail.com	I offer illustrated talks about wildlife, exploration and history within the British Isles. A list of titles is available on request.	No	No	£80	A screen at the venue if possible.	I was a teacher by profession and prior to retirement worked as Education Manager with the Forestry Commission running the Wyre Forest Discovery Centre - an environmental centre for children and adults of all ages. I am a founder member and secretary of the Wyre Forest Study Group which is made up of biological recorders who meet regularly to record and study the wildlife of Wyre. I have recently been involved with others in writing a book about the natural history of the Wyre Forest: THE NATURE OF WYRE - a wildlife-rich area in the heart of Britain. Eds. Brett Westwood, Peter Shirley, Rosemary Winnall and Harry Green, (Pisces 2015) I am a member of the Worcestershire Recorders committee and write for the Worcestershire Wildlife Trust magazine. I was awarded the Worcestershire Wildlife Medal in 2011 for 'dedicated service to nature conservation in Worcestershire' and MBE in the 2015 New Year's Honours List for my 'services to the natural environment'.	Worcester;Malvern;Bromsgrove;Redditch;Droitwich;Persore;Evesham;Kidderminster;	
Severn Rivers Trust			admin@severnriverstrust.com	We can provide talks/presentations on a variety of topics relating to our work including natural flood management, river restoration projects, water quality monitoring and barrier removal.	No	No	Donation to our charity	Ideally a screen / wall to project against.	Severn Rivers Trust is an independent charity established in 2008 to protect and enhance the river Severn, its tributaries and streams. Our vision is to have a healthy, resilient river Severn for everyone.	Worcester;Malvern;Evesham;Persore;Kidderminster;Bromsgrove;Redditch;Droitwich;	
Simon Gulliver	South Birmingham		simgulliver59@btinternet.com	a) The Secret Life of Trees b) The Making of our Midland Landscape c) Around the World in 80 Plants d) Wildlife & Organic Gardening	No	No	Variable based on distance travelled and audience size, typically between £100 and £150.	Screen and tables for plant sales if desired.	I am a Gardens & Parks Consultant with the National Trust. I have higher degrees in both Historic Landscape Conservation and in Plant Taxonomy & Biodiversity (From Royal Botanical Gardens Edinburgh), and a first degree in horticulture.	Worcester;Malvern;Bromsgrove;Redditch;Droitwich;Persore;Evesham;Kidderminster;Anywhere in Midlands;	
Steve Dawes	Birchwood, Hinkshay Rd, Telford, Shropshire TF4 3PP	07979 706260	stevenc.dawes@gmail.com	I have a number of talks based on topics both in the UK in addition to a number overseas including Africa and India. Happy to provide further details to anyone interested in a talk via my email address.	No	No	£75 including travel	Ideally a screen, everything else required I have.	Shropshire-based wildlife enthusiast and photographer with a real love for birds. I enjoy everything about the great outdoors and use my photography to capture the landscapes and wildlife to be found. My presentations are a way of sharing some of my adventures and experiences I have been fortunate to see and capture over the years.	Worcester;Bromsgrove;Redditch;Kidderminster;	
Steve Woodison	Leewood house clows top DY14 9NY	07738 014884	scw1960@hotmail.co.uk	I am a falconer. I do talks to groups such as care homes, schools, wildlife groups, Scout/ Guide groups and W.I. My talks can last from an hour to two hours. I usually bring four or five owls and/or falcons. I am based at Clows Top and wouldn't normally travel more than 30 miles. I am available both day time and evenings.	No	I can do outside flying displays or stand alone static displays	My charges start at £55 for a one hour talk	No equipment required. I bring it all including protective sheeting in case of mess.	I have been a falconer for four years and have 10 owls and falcons. It has now turned into a business called Twit TwoFalconsy. I love what I do.	Worcester;Malvern;Bromsgrove;Droitwich;Kidderminster;	
Terry Green		01562 777411	terrygreen@btinternet.com	Illustrated talk on 'Hedgehogs and how we can help them' Talk lasts about 45 minutes.	No	No	Travel expenses at 45p per mile plus donation British Hedgehog Preservation Society if possible	Screen and table. I have my own slide projector but also have a digital presentation if a digital projector is available.	Lecturer in Animal Care at Pershore College before I retired. Have been delivering hedgehog talks for about 30 years to a range of groups including Wildlife Trust local branches, Gardening and Horticultural Clubs and general interest groups such as USA and WI.	Worcester;Malvern;Bromsgrove;Redditch;Droitwich;Persore;Evesham;Kidderminster; Neighbouring Counties	
Wade Muggleton	DY14 Postcode area	07771 842 863	w.muggleton@worcestershire.gov.uk	Talks on all aspects of orchards, various tree talks, talks on a range of wildlife subjects.	I can do orchard walks in suitable orchards potentially anywhere.	By arrangement I can offer Orchard courses on pruning, grafting, orchard management etc.	Depends on locations and travel but £100 upwards	For indoor talk a projector and screen is required	Author of three books: The Orchard Book, The Apples & Orchards of Worcestershire, The Worcester Black Pear. I have worked in the countryside sector for 30 years.	Will do online talks to any group but in person preferably no more than 30 mins drive from DY14 postcode area;	Courses and walks considered, fees and locations by negotiation.
Wilson Wall	20 Woodthorpe Drive, Bewdley, DY12 2RH	01299 400 536	wiswall@gmail.com	Cultivating native orchids in gardens and meadows. Developing a large or small meadow. Orchard hunters in the nineteenth century. Changing attitudes to fossil material.			£60	A screen for powerpoint projection	A professional scientist for many years, I now write science books, both popular science and textbooks. As a clinical geneticist I worked in the UK, Australia, New Zealand and India. I now concentrate on looking after my meadow and all things zoological.	Worcester;Malvern;Bromsgrove;Redditch;Droitwich;Persore;Evesham;Kidderminster;Anywhere within 80 miles of Bewdley.;	0