

Bromsgrove and Northeast Worcestershire Local Group

Summer newsletter 2026



**Worcestershire
Wildlife Trust**

Dear member

By the time you receive this newsletter we will have enjoyed most, if not all, of the summer, with all the ups and downs it has brought us so far. How time flies! I do hope that you have been able to experience much of this county's wonderful wildlife over this period and have survived the heatwave without too much trouble.

Since our last indoor meeting in April, when Terry Green gave us a wonderful talk about hedgehogs and their preservation, we have had some very successful outdoor wildlife trips, including to Feckenham Wylde Moor and The Christopher Cadbury Wetland Reserve at Upton Warren. Attendees learnt a lot from these visits (and we all enjoyed lunch in the local pub afterwards). Many thanks to reserves officer Eleanor Reast and community warden officer Ion Riley for making these visits possible and for giving up their time to lead them.



Our autumn programme of indoor meetings will begin on Monday 14 September with Tom and Anne Wilkins talking to us about wildlife in Sri Lanka. On 12 October our talk is about Hill Court Farm and the Blacklands, a Trust nature reserve in the south of the county, and on 9 November we'll be hearing about Bredon Hill through the year. Put these dates in your diary now - we'd love to see you at the meetings.

Have fun, make friends, make a difference

You may have seen a recent message from Worcestershire Wildlife Trust headed 'have fun, make friends, make a difference'? This is all about volunteering to assist the Trust in its vital wildlife conservation work. Some 400 or more like-minded people (like us in your local group) are helping to protect Worcestershire's wildlife and countryside. There are opportunities in practical conservation, admin, engagement, local groups and much more. Whether you can spare a few hours or a whole day, volunteering for the Trust is a rewarding way to make a real difference for wildlife. To find out more just go to the Trust's website and click on the Get Involved tab (www.worcswildlifetrust.co.uk/volunteer).

You'll find details of our autumn programme on the back page; we do hope that you will be able to join us at one of our talks.

With all best wishes

Viv Chandler
Chair, Bromsgrove and Northeast
Worcestershire Local Group



Autumn talks - dates for your diary

Meetings start at 7.30pm and cost £3 (cash) per person
Amphlett Hall, Crown Close, off Market Street, Bromsgrove B61 8DW

Monday 14 Sep

Wildlife in Sri Lanka with Tom and Anne Wilkins, Redditch Local Group

Monday 12 Oct

Hill Court Farm and the Blacklands nature reserve by Tomos Holloway, Trust reserves officer

Monday 9 Nov

Bredon Hill through the year, a nature lover's guide by Roger Umpelby, local naturalist

A date in December

Following our enjoyable curry night last December, we propose to hold a similar event this year to bring our members together to celebrate the festive season. Date and venue to be announced in next newsletter.



Hill Court Farm and the Blacklands by Paul Lane

Environmental Concerns raised with MP

Members of you Bromsgrove and Northeast Worcestershire Local Group recently met the local MP, Bradley Thomas, to discuss our concerns about upcoming and potential development in the district.

One of the key issues raised was the potential development of land adjacent to 'Flora's Wood', planted by Dr. Jim Swire in honour of his daughter who tragically died at Lockerbie. Mr. Thomas shared our concerns and offered to liaise between us and the local golf club to discuss their planned disposal.

Mr. Thomas told us that he had won a slot for a Private Member's Bill on brownfield versus greenfield development. He also drew our attention to the importance of the volume of responses to planning applications. He suggested that we encourage individual responses from local Trust members when issues of development concern arise.

Finally, Mr. Thomas plans to use a photograph of local wildlife in winter on his next Christmas card and invited submissions.