

Droitwich and Worcester Local Groups

Summer newsletter 2026



**Worcestershire
Wildlife Trust**

Get involved

If you can spare a few hours a month to help relaunch a local group in Worcester or Droitwich we'd love to hear from you. You don't need to know lots about wildlife, just have passion for your local area and enjoy chatting to people.

There are volunteers waiting in the wings, eager to get a group off the ground, but they need a couple more people to give it a boost. Once everyone's on board, the group will host a programme of wildlife-themed talks and, hopefully, walks throughout the year.

Want to know more? Take a look at the local groups page on our website for information about what our groups get up to www.worcswildlifetrust.co.uk/local-groups and fill in the form at the bottom or drop me a line elizabeth@worcestershirowildlifetrust.org

I look forward to hearing from you.

Liz

Senior Supporter Development Officer



Members of Worcester Local Group on a visit to Wilden Marsh in 2019 by Brian Taylor

Walks, talks and days out

Thursday 23rd July

Garden Open Day

Join the Trust's volunteer garden team and discover how they manage Lower Smite Farm's garden for wildlife and people.

Thursday 30th July

Trip to three Shropshire Wildlife Trust nature reserves, organised by Malvern Local Group.

Wednesday 19th August

Family Nature Day

Bring a picnic and the little ones to Lower Smite Farm and get closer to nature.

Wednesday September 9th

A talk about dinosaurs: what we know and how we know it, hosted by Redditch Local Group

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A talk about the Trust's woodlands, hosted by Southeast Worcestershire Local Group

Sunday 13th September

A 'slow' walk around Pound Green, organised by Wyre Forest Local Group

Monday 14th September

A talk about wildlife in Sri Lanka, hosted by Bromsgrove and Northeast Worcestershire Local Group

Friday 25th September

A talk about the conservation of snakes, hosted by Stourbridge & Hagley Local Group

**For more information visit
www.worcswildlifetrust.co.uk/whats-on**

Neighbourhoods Nurturing Nature Near You

The Neighbourhoods Nurturing Nature (NNN) project has been running for two years and we are all amazed as to how time does actually fly when you're having fun. We completed our end of second year celebration event with a bat walk in the Lido Park, Droitwich, and the bats did not disappoint. In fact, they were right on time and in full force; common and soprano pipistrelles, Daubenton's and noctules.

One of our biggest achievements is to create wild gardens that are in easily accessible spaces, we have one in the centre of Worcester and one in Westlands, Droitwich.

Worcester Community Garden

Worcester Community Garden (WCG) is on the edge of Pitchcroft, Worcester racecourse. The team follow organic and no dig principles to produce vegetables, fruit and flowers, meaning the beautiful produce is grown with zero chemicals and zero air miles. In a partnership agreement, we have planned and created a wildlife garden within this half acre site.

Volunteers from WCG and students from Heart of Worcester College have worked with us to create dead hedges, hazel hurdles, a stumpery, a wildflower area including woodland edge flora, a hedge, a pond and a beautiful bench from which to enjoy it all. We are creating a biodiverse area that's akin to a woodland glade with shaded areas and sunny spots.



As the community garden is open to the public at specific times and days, and always has site supervisors that can show people around, it is a great opportunity to demonstrate the actions for nature you could take in your own garden. Please visit the WCG website for opening times if you are interested in what we are doing or want to volunteer.

Droitwich Wellbeing Hub

Droitwich Wellbeing Hub provides free or low cost counselling for Droitwich residents facing anxiety, depression or relationship issues on the Westlands estate. The building itself had an overgrown garden (beech trees and bramble) that is being transformed into a wildlife haven and peace garden.

Volunteers from the Droitwich area have worked tirelessly to make this a fantastic space in which to work or simply to enjoy. Wildflowers grace the sunny beds, a stumpery takes an impressive spot under the trees and a hedge provides a highway for the many hedgehogs of Westlands (commonly seen). Further work is being carried out to install a firm accessible base to the clover-infused footpath that takes you into a sitting area. The next-door First School are enthusiastically building a splendid bug hotel for pollinators and minibeasts to enjoy.



It's taken time and patience but the best gardens evolve better that way. Nature is good at slowing us down and reducing the cortisol levels that often make us anxious or stressed; this garden will definitely be a peaceful place to sit and chat...and maybe plant a few flowers.

The garden will have access during opening hours but if you are interested in visiting or helping in any way then please contact me, Julie, on julieg@worcestershirewildlifetrust.org

