Worcester and Droitwich Local Group

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Worcestershire
Wildlife Trust

A new local group for Worcester and Droitwich

At the time of writing we're in the process of forming a new committee of volunteers to run a new Worcester and Droitwich Local Group.

As soon as the new group has a venue in place and they've had a chance to plan their regular meetings, we'll let you know via this newsletter and also via our monthly email newsletter, Wild*News*.

If you'd like to be involved, there's still time to throw your hat into the ring. Drop me a line at elizabeth@worcestershirewildlifetrust.org or call me on 01905 754919.

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Liz Painter
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Members of Worcester Local Group on a visit to Trench Wood by Kevin Williams

Walks, talks and days out

You're welcome to join in any of the walks, talks and other activities organised by the Trust's local groups across the county. Visit our website for more information.

Thursday 3rd December
Wonderful winter wildlife with Ashley Grove
Hosted by Malvern Local Group

Wednesday 9th December
Fun wildlife-themed quiz with Redditch Local Group

Wednesday 13th January
The birds and history of Upton Warren with Gordon Forrest
Hosted by SE Worcesterhire Local Group

Wednesday September 9th
A talk about the Trust's woodlands, hosted by Southeast Worcestershire Local Group

Sunday 10th January
Beavering to the beavers - walk nr Bewdley led by Richard Jeynes & Joan Kearton-Jones of Wyre Forest Local Group

Monday 11th January
Worcestershire Woodlands with Ion Riley.
Hosted by Bromsgrove and Northeast Worcestershire Local Group

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Be at one with nature in the heart of Worcester

Visitors to the small wildlife garden at the back of Worcester Community Garden often comment on how you can feel completely alone with nature, despite being so close to the city centre.

The garden is next to Pitchcroft, Worcester's racecourse, and has been created to showcase positive ways to manage a small garden space with nature in mind. Visitors can take inspiration from a range of features including a pond, bulbs, hedges and plants for pollinators.



Volunteers and community groups have been working hard to create an inviting space for wildlife, helped and advised by the Wilder Worcestershire: Neighbourhoods Nurturing Nature (NNN) team at Worcestershire Wildlife Trust (WWT).

Worcester Community Garden (WCG) contains twelve 'display gardens' to illustrate a selection of ways to manage an outdoor space. Examples include balcony gardening, wetland creation and an orchard.

The NNN team has been collaborating with WCG volunteers for some time and work on the wildlife garden began in mid-2025, creating opportunities for several schools and community groups to work on the various wildlife features. As well as the volunteers and trustees from WCG, the team has collaborated with Heart of Worcester College, Mencap, local metal workers, Worcester City Council and many more, creating a space for people to enjoy nature in the middle of the bustling city.

Heart of Worcester students planted a range of bulbs, plants, hedges and saplings and also helped to install the new pond. Garden volunteers created a small stumpery (an arrangement of tree stumps) and the council brought in their grabber lorry to build an additional larger stumpery.



Roving volunteers from WWT created dead hedges (stacked branches and twigs) and hazel hurdles (woven fences) using coppiced hazel from Monkwood. A trail camera has been installed so students and others can understand more about the animals using the space when people aren't around.

Now that the wildlife garden is open to the public, it's also being used for activities including art classes and forest bathing. The garden is growing in popularity as a space to get away from the busy, urban environment. One volunteer commented, "As I go into the wildlife garden, I feel embraced by the trees and plants encircling me with a sensation of calm and peacefulness and yet also a pleasing awareness of being a visitor to the home of the many creatures who live in this overgrown neighbourhood and who share the increasing benefits."

If you'd like to learn more about the garden or even drop in for a visit, there's more information on the Worcester Community Garden website: https://worcestercommunitygarden.org.uk

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