



Community engagement

Local Nature Partnership Conference

Restoring Nature across Warwickshire

Monday 13 November 2023



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**Warwickshire Coventry & Solihull
Local Nature Partnership**

Community groups

- Arise from 'grass roots'
 - Led by enthusiastic individuals
 - Range of very useful skills
 - Engaged in a variety of activities
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- Differing relationships with Parish/Town Councils
 - Funding and 'communication routes' can be a limitation
 - Excellent support from Warwickshire Wildlife Trust and a number of donors/funders

SWAN for Wildlife

South Warwickshire Area Network for Wildlife

The South Warwickshire Area Network (SWAN) for Wildlife provides a forum or hub for local wildlife groups to get together to share ideas and initiatives.

Our aims:

1. Be an umbrella organisation, networking grass-roots wildlife groups in the South Warwickshire area, sharing information, knowledge, resources, skills and provide a link to national organisations.
2. Raise awareness of local nature and wildlife, inspiring people to make space for nature within their communities and encouraging them to value and protect it.
3. Support wildlife projects within members' groups, and the wider area of South Warwickshire.
4. Support and link with conservation-based groups and identify environmental issues and campaign for them.
5. Organise events to help to spread the wildlife message and to raise funds to support the operations of the SWAN network.

By joining up the efforts of individual wildlife groups, the network is supporting nature's recovery on a large scale across South Warwickshire.

"This network is doing such great things for wildlife and it has been a privilege to be involved thus far. It has been amazing to work with so many nature enthusiasts and witness the passion they have to help bring nature back. Hopefully this ripple effect will continue to radiate outwards, inspiring more positive action for nature."

Jo Hudson, Warwickshire Wildlife Trust

Join us!
If you belong to a wildlife group in South Warwickshire (south of A46 and west of M40) and are interested in joining SWAN for Wildlife, then please email tysoewildlife@gmail.com.



Tysoe Wildlife presents:

WARWICKSHIRE'S BUTTERFLIES

By Mike Slater,
Chair, Butterfly Conservation,
Warwickshire Branch

7pm on Thursday,
8th September
In St Mary's Church, Tysoe.

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION
WARWICKSHIRE



Just for fun! Mark your own answers

MOTHER NATURES Virtual Quiz
SUNDAY 14th MARCH

7PM FOR A 7:15PM START

If you cannot make it you still join the answers, join in and learn more about: Our Endangered species, Wildflowers, Birds, Recycling, Trees, Wildlife in Literature, Bird Songs

Tickets £5 each or £10 per household.
Eco-Friendly prizes & Furry awards
Email: tysoewildlife@gmail.com

Message us direct: Fb:@tysoewildlife or Call: 01295 680793 to buy your tickets

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NO MOW MAY

Leave your mower
in the shed for
#NoMowMay
and let the flowers grow!

#TEAMWILDER

Introducing the South Warwickshire Area Network (SWAN) for Wildlife

How community organising is helping nature from the ground up.

#TeamWilder is The Wildlife Trusts' new initiative to empower communities and individuals to take meaningful actions that bring about nature's recovery on land and at sea. We want to see at least 30% of our land and seas in recovery by 2030, but we can't do this alone. A community network group in South Warwickshire has been using the #TeamWilder ethos long before it was published, so we invited Shirley Cherry, from the South Warwickshire Area Network (SWAN) for Wildlife, to tell us how they are inspiring their local communities to act for nature. Hopefully, their story can inspire other communities to be on nature's side too.

Our Aims
The South Warwickshire Area Network (SWAN) for Wildlife provides a forum or hub for local wildlife groups to get together to share ideas and initiatives. The aim of SWAN for Wildlife is to learn from each other by exchanging ideas and experiences. We visit one another, collaborate on wildlife projects and provide extra resources when needed. All our members seek to engage with their communities, helping people of all ages connect with nature and make spaces where wildlife can thrive. By joining up the efforts of individual wildlife groups, the network is supporting nature's recovery on a large scale across South Warwickshire.

About our Members
The network already includes representatives from 13 villages and the list keeps growing! Some of the groups, like the Oxhill Wildlife Group (OWLG) and a group in Stratford-on-Avon, have been established for about 15 years. Others, like the groups in Cherington, Stratton and Lower are still in the early stages of establishing themselves within their communities. All of them share a love of wildlife and want to encourage it.

- 1 Cherington/Stratton
- 2 Wild about Clifford - Clifford Chambers
- 3 Epswell
- 4 Greening Mickleton
- 5 Innington 2020 Vision Group
- 6 Newbold on Stour
- 7 Oxhill Wildlife Society (OWLS)
- 8 Preston Environmental Group (PEG)
- 9 Stratton Town Council and St Edmunds Churchyard
- 10 Stratton Biodiversity Group
- 11 Tysoe Wildlife
- 12 Charcoate
- 13 Langley Group



TYSOE WILDLIFE AND DRAMA WORKSHOP, 8-12 AUGUST

SWAN – South Warwickshire Area Network for Wildlife

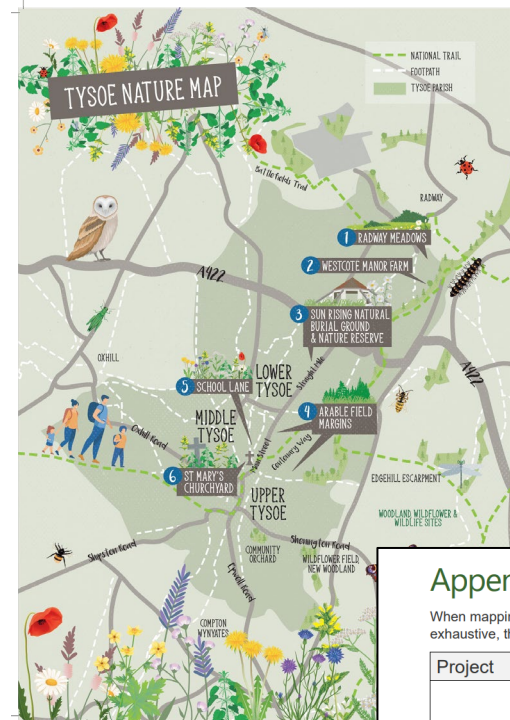


Impact

- Members of community groups really want to make a difference
- How can they have impact?
 - Raising awareness
 - Can influence other 'land managers' – Parish Council, local farmers, gardeners, churchyards, schools...
 - Community projects
 - 'No Mow May', managing community areas, bird boxes etc.
 - Monitoring/recording/mapping
 - What about verges?
- What else could they do?
- How can communities support the LNRS?

Local Nature Action Plans (LNAP)

- All local authorities including town and parish councils have a duty to have regard to biodiversity under the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006.
- A Local Nature Action Plan is the community's plan to declare what they will do to help nature's recovery.
- Parishes/towns do not need to follow every step and each plan will be slightly different, depending on resource availability.
- The document is not a statutory document, it is a guide to help communities take action if they choose to.
- Good advice available including from Warwickshire & West Midlands Association of Local Councils (WALC)



Appendix 1 - Ideas to get you started

When mapping your opportunities for nature, consider if any of the below suggestions are suitable for your town or parish. This list is not exhaustive, there are many ways to help nature recover. More information is included in the LNAP Supplementary Information Document.

Project	Methods	Benefits
Hedgehog recovery program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share the link to Hedgehog Highways online via local social media groups. www.hedgehogstreet.org • Put key information on the local council website • Put up a notice about their decline and action that can be taken on your fence line • Purchase a 13cm hole cutter for wood and/or stone, set up a volunteer hedgehog champion and advertise for people who will be happy to have hedgehog highways through their gardens. Lead the way by making sure all town and parish council land is accessible to hedgehogs • Part-buy hedgehog homes with residents to install on their properties e.g. you buy several and sell at reduced rate to residents • Install hedgehog homes on all town and parish council land • Ensure all planning applications receive a comment about hedgehog access needed for all boundary fencing. Produce a standard statement that the whole community can use, the more comments the better • Become a Hedgehog Friendly town or parish • Map new holes and hedgehog sightings on the map at hedgehog highstreets and contribute to national data gathering 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased biodiversity • Help prevent a species from going extinct • Family friendly species, great one to engage the public with • Low cost • Mental health benefits • Improved resilience of nature locally

The 'Biodiversity Landscape'

