



Hello

It's been a busy first half of the year here at Lower Smite Farm. Our gardens are a hive of wildlife activity and our volunteer gardeners have been doing a wonderful job of managing it all. If you are creating your own wildlife garden and would like to learn more, pop along to our August drop-in sessions where our volunteer gardeners will be on hand to show you the ropes. Find out more overleaf where you'll see a full listing of this and other events in your area.

If you are ever at Lower Smite Farm, pop in and ask for Jo or Elise in the membership team – we love catching up with our members and hearing how you are connecting with wildlife in Worcestershire.

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Natural Networks

Your local area could soon be getting a wildlife boost thanks to the Natural Networks grants and advice scheme – a partnership between Worcestershire Wildlife Trust and Worcestershire County Council. By identifying project sites and providing surveys and advice, the scheme aims to increase the corridors of wildlife habitats between existing natural sites.

Most works are expected to start this autumn, with plans and improvements that include tree and wildflower meadow planting, path improvements, spring bulb planting, bug hotels, benches, raised beds, bird and bat box installation, natural hedgerows and more. By improving these habitats we hope to see an influx of our pollinators, birds, bats and mammals. Projects are happening across Worcester, Droitwich and further afield.

In Droitwich, for example, work is taking place at Spring Meadow and Copcut Park to enhance the habitat for wildlife and to provide enjoyable outdoor spaces for the community. Councillor Mrs Bowden, Chairman of the Droitwich Spa Town Council Community and Amenities Committee said "Droitwich Spa Town Council has benefitted from the maximum eligible grant towards this project. We are proud of the benefits and improvements that this opportunity will bring for these Community Green Space assets. Care for the environment and supporting our wildlife remain key priorities."

You can find out more about how Natural Networks has been improving and creating spaces for wildlife on our website www.worcswildlifetrust.co.uk/natural-networks

Local Events

Please note that some events require booking. Most events are free or have a small entrance fee.

For full details and more information about locations, please visit:

www.worcswildlifetrust.co.uk/whats-on

Sunday 21st July 10:00-12:00 **Wildlife Watch Group (ages 5-11)** – Lower Smite Farm

Thursday 25th July 10:00-14:00 **Family Nature Day** – Lower Smite Farm

Saturday 27th July 07:00-09:00 **Moth Trapping at Trench Wood** – Trench Wood nature reserve

Friday 2nd August 20:00-23:30 **Exploring Bats and Moths** – Lower Smite Farm

Thursday 8th August 10:30-13:00 **Open Wildlife Gardens** – Lower Smite Farm

Sunday 18th August 10:00-12:00 **Wildlife Watch Group (ages 5-11)** – Lower Smite Farm

Thursday 22nd August 10:30-13:00 **Open Wildlife Gardens** – Lower Smite Farm

Monday 9th September 19:30-21:30 **Wildlife & Work at Upton Warren** – Bromsgrove

Sunday 15th September 10:00-12:00 **Wildlife Watch Group (ages 5-11)** – Lower Smite Farm

Monday 14th October 19:30-21:30 **Worcestershire's Butterflies** – Bromsgrove

Wednesday 16th October 19:30-21:30 **Worcestershire Wildlife Trust AGM** – Lower Smite Farm

Sunday 20th October 10:00-12:00 **Wildlife Watch Group (ages 5-11)** – Lower Smite Farm

Wednesday 30th October 10:00-14:00 **Family Nature Day** – Lower Smite Farm

Sunday 17th November 10:00-12:00 **Wildlife Watch Group (ages 5-11)** – Lower Smite Farm

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