

Droitwich Local Group Worcester Local Group

Winter 2024



Worcestershire
Wildlife Trust

Hello

As we turn the corner into winter we are noticing the natural slowing of activity from wildlife around our headquarters at Lower Smite Farm. While things may seem quieter outside, there's a lot going on behind the scenes, both from the wildlife preparing for the long, cold days ahead and from our conservation teams who are currently in one of the busiest periods of the year – taking advantage of reduced foliage, visitor numbers and wildlife activity to get on with the larger maintenance and conservation projects.

Our work continues throughout the seasons and we are especially grateful to our volunteers who keep going for wildlife in all weather. If you are interested in getting involved with volunteering in your local area you can find more on our website www.worcswildlifetrust.co.uk/volunteer

If you're ever visiting Lower Smite Farm, don't forget to stop by and visit me and Jo Kelly, your membership team, we are always happy to see you and hear how you've been connecting with wildlife in your area.

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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

Sun 17th November 10am–12noon **Wildlife Watch Group (ages 5-11)** Lower Smite Farm

Sat 23rd November 10am–4pm **Craft Fair** Lower Smite Farm

Wed 11th December 7.30pm–9.30pm **Quiz Night** Redditch Local Group

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

Wed 1st Jan 2pm–4pm **New Year's Day Amble** Southeast Worcs Local Group

Mon 13th Jan 7.30pm–9.30pm **Birds, bats and bricks** Bromsgrove Local Group

Wilder Worcestershire – Neighbourhoods Nurturing Nature

Earlier this year with the help of the National Lottery Heritage Fund, we launched our Wilder Worcestershire – Neighbourhoods Nurturing Nature project and it is now in full swing. From Droitwich to Worcester, along the rivers Salwarpe and Severn, action is being taken to improve nature and biodiversity in neighbourhoods. From planting seeds to redesigning whole community spaces, communities are coming together to ensure that nature is thriving in their (and your) neighbourhoods.

Led by Julie Grainger and supported by Connor McGoldrick and Lucy Thirkell, the Wilder Worcestershire project team are particularly focusing on equipping youth in our communities (ages 13-25) to create wilder spaces. This team has years of combined experience engaging with different groups to inspire, educate and empower the next generation of nature lovers and conservationists to step up.

You can find out more about our work with communities and see how people around the county are helping wildlife in their areas www.worcswildlifetrust.co.uk/community-action

If you, a group that you're involved with or someone you know would like to get involved and create a wilder space in your neighbourhood, get in touch with Julie at julieg@worcestershirowildlifetrust.org



Photo by Oliver Carpenter

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