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Welcome to Warwick districts Green Conversations 2 Tuesday 7th May



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Welcome and housekeeping



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Our Goal:
We will help 1 in 4
people in
Warwickshire,
Coventry and Solihull
take action for
wildlife.





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Aims for the session

- . bring community groups and individuals together to hear about their aspirations and concerns for nature in their local area
- . connect people taking action for nature in their local area with each other
- . identify the support that groups or individuals need to take action



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Plan for the session

18.30 – Arrival

18.35 – Welcome and feedback

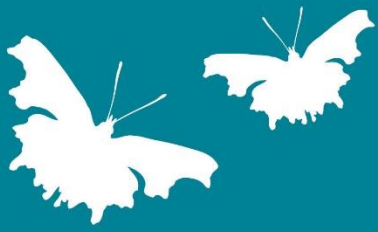
18.45 – FoRGE

19.15 – Round table –what do you want to share with the group?

19.30 – Break

19.50 – Walk round the village

20.20 – Next steps, ideas and support



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#TeamWilder

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What do you love about nature?



What are your concerns for nature?



Your concerns could be themed into:

- Litter
- Water pollution
- Pesticides
- Clean air .. Use of cars
- Food waste
- Cynical farmers
- Loss of biodiversity / Loss of pollinators
- Habitat fragmentation
- Climate change and resilience
- Flooding
- Balance between people and nature
- Use of resources e.g. electricity
- Development
- Lack of education and opportunities for children and young people
- **Government inaction and policies**
- Apathy

Support needed



Help to create wildlife corridors between parishes

Info on what support, networking and connections are available?

Advice on how to get a group of residents from Bullimore Grove to manage Bullimore Wood

Help with connecting to the right people (Bee Friendly Warwick)

Local group eg Scouts / Guides signposting as well as standard volunteer opportunities

Helping local organisations promote their activities e.g. case studies, local focus etc (raise awareness)

Signposting to grants for delivery - sharing when they come out - grant applications

Coordination between groups - involve local authority too

A flow chart of what you need to set up a group - templates for best practice.

Could we create a way to share boards with groups so they could run this exercise with their members?

A page / site which lists all the volunteer groups, what they do and how to get in contact

General election



Nature needs your vote!

Five Priority asks

1. Bring back Warwickshire's lost wildlife
2. End river pollution and water scarcity
3. Fund wildlife-friendly farming
4. Enable healthy communities
5. Tackle the climate emergency



General election



[Election Resources | Warwickshire Wildlife Trust](#)

TheyWorkFor you

Local Intelligence hub

Council Climate scorecard

Election candidate satisfaction survey

Restore Nature Now



June 22nd 12.00 – 3.00pm

Nature groups across the country are uniting in a peaceful march through London to [#RestoreNatureNow](https://www.restorenaturenow.org/)

We have a message for all politicians – change is needed now to save nature . Everyone is welcome to join.



[Restore Nature Now | Pledge To March on June 22nd in London](https://www.restorenaturenow.org/)

Friends of Radford's Green Environment (FoRGE)



Activities

- Plant Sale
- Campaigning
- Hedgerow surveys
- Hosting nature talks
- Butterfly survey
- Promotional activities, such as 'No Mow May'
- Providing bird boxes for the village school
- Helping to plant a hedge on the school playing field
- Providing an Eco Tree for the village Christmas tree festival



FoRGE Plant Sale

SAT 11 MAY 2024
11AM-1PM
BAPTIST CHURCH HALL
THEN OUTSIDE



FORGE TALK

A HEALTHY GARDEN WITHOUT PESTICIDES

Do you know your insect friends?

Pauline Pears – Organic Gardening Expert

THURS 7 MARCH

7.30PM

FREE ENTRY – Suggested Donation £5

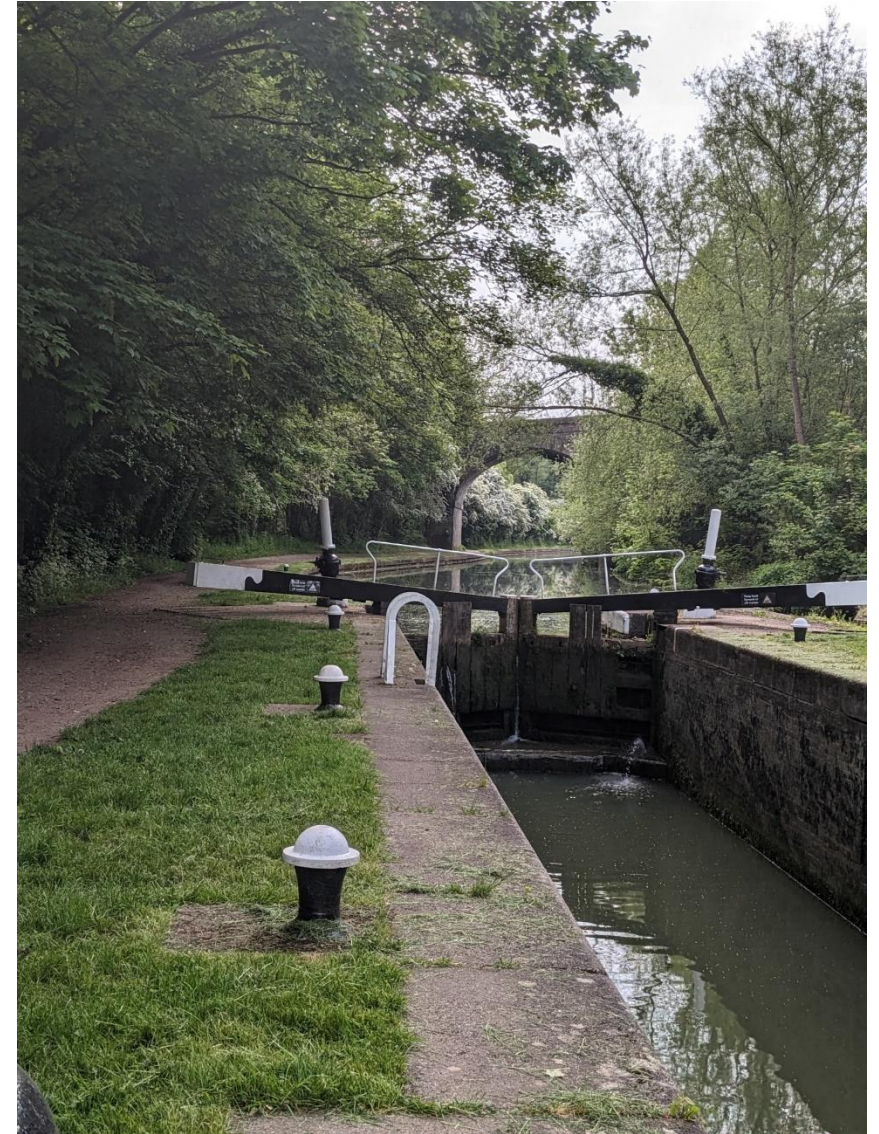
With
Bring
& Buy
Houseplant
Sale

Baptist Church Hall

Lewis Road Radford Semele

Canal access project

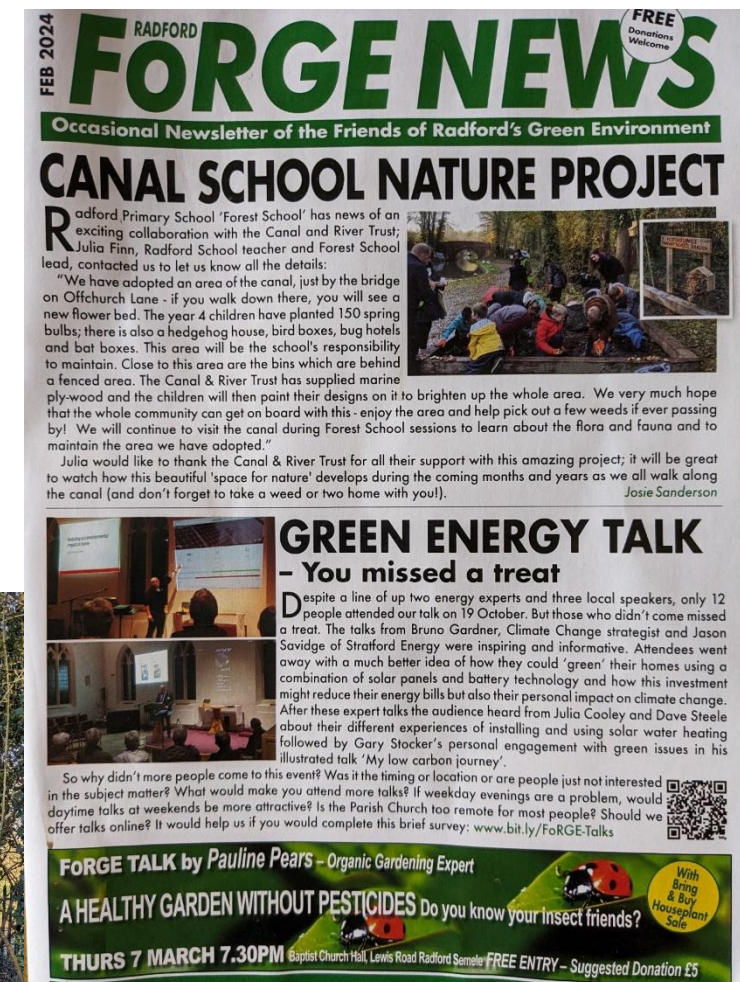
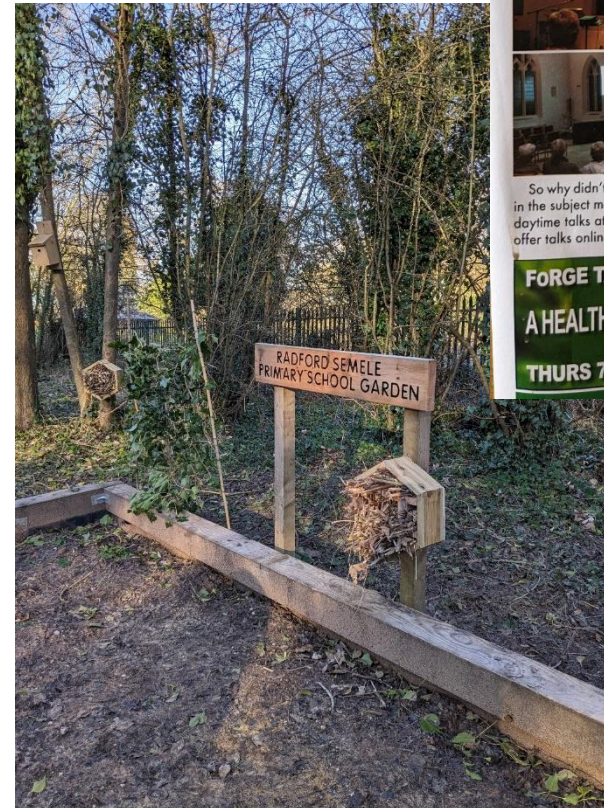
- Initiated by Dave Steele seven years ago
- A collaboration between FoRGE, the Parish Council, the Canal & River Trust, Sustrans, WCC, Active Travel England
- Supported by the Parish Council with £41,000 Section 106 funding
- Planning permission granted on 30th January 2024
- Modifications now required to the design to ensure that the gradient is acceptable



FoRGE News

Produced twice a year and delivered to every house in the village - contains environment-based news and events taking place in the village, including:

- Nature talks
- Forest School projects
- Parish Council events, such as traffic calming initiatives; renovation of the village telephone box; wildflower meadow and hedge creation project
- Plant sale events
- Preparing the garden for spring planting
- Hedgehog awareness
- The Canal Access project updates



Tree planting projects

Presented by Barbara Wyatt



Footpath Group

Presented by Gary Stocker



Working with the Parish Council

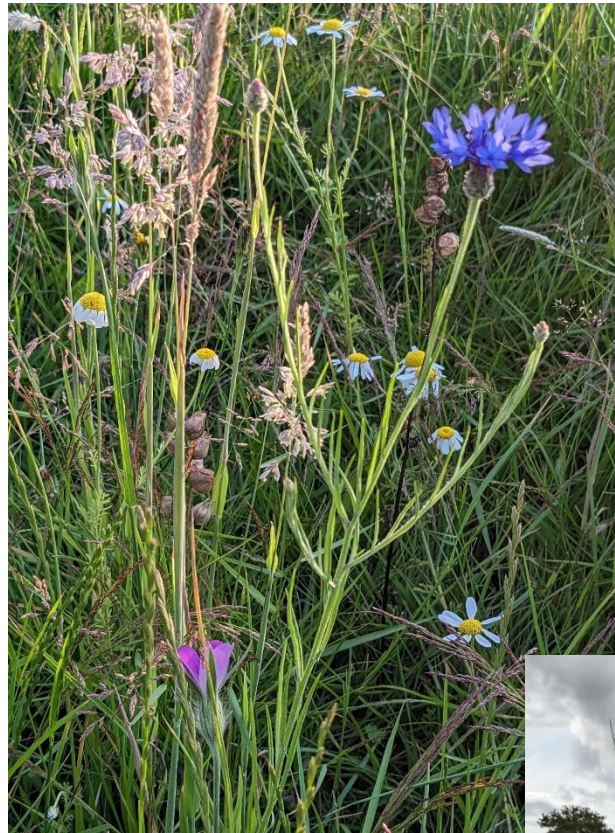
Collaborations include:

- **Maintaining the village pond (and flood defence)**
- **Maintaining the network of footpaths around the village**
- **Liaising with WCC on footpath issues**
- **Key projects, such as the Canal Access and telephone box restoration**
- **Supporting events, such as the Parish Assembly**
- **Conducting surveys, i.e. improvements to the bus service; hedgerow condition**
- **Assisting with wildflower and tree planting projects**
- **Advising on maintenance of trees on the playing field**



Wildflower meadow & hedge creation

- Created in the autumn of 2022 on the village playing field
- 29 species of wildflower
- 100 hedge saplings – hazel, blackthorn, field maple & hawthorn
- Produced 13 species of wildflowers in the first year



Collaborations

Warwickshire Wildlife Trust – Green Conversations (Team Wilder)

Warwickshire Association of Local Councils (WALC)

**Warwickshire County Council – Climate Reference Group meetings & the
‘Sustainable Warwickshire’ podcast**

Warwickshire Low Carbon Network

‘The Great Collaboration’

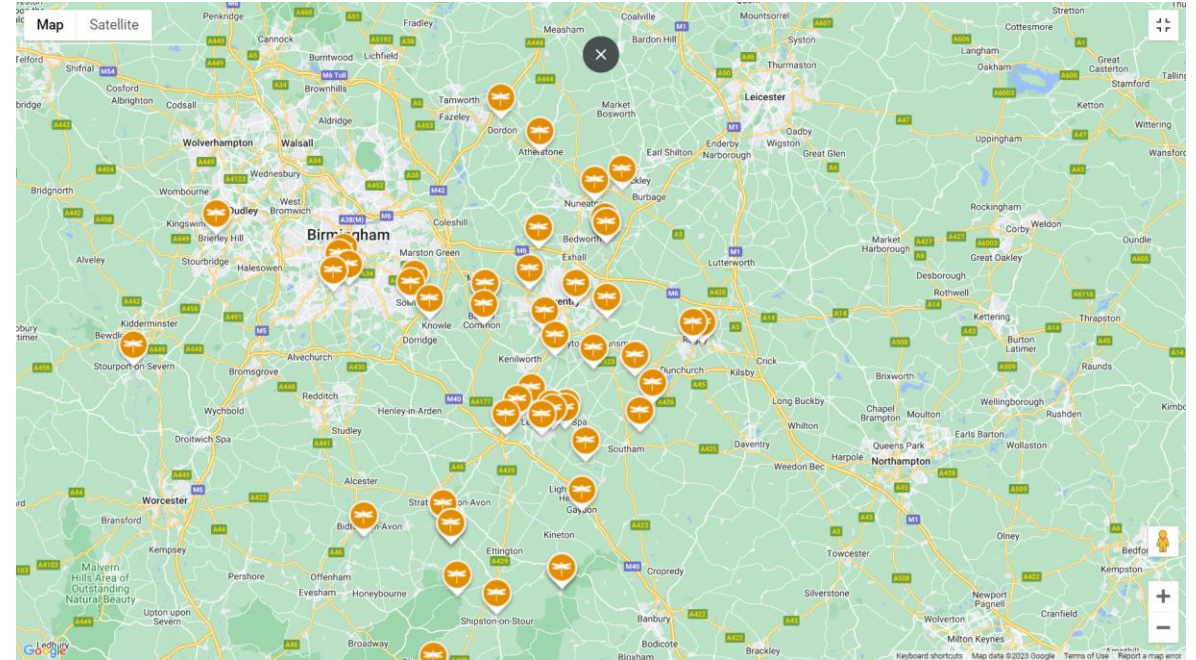
People are already taking action!

You can see what
people have been
doing to help wildlife
all over

Warwickshire on our
map.

<https://www.warwickshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/teamwilder>

Tag us at @wkwt #TeamWilder



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What are you doing to
help create a wilder future?

Take action for
nature today and
play your part in

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