



Welcome to Warwick districts Green Conversations 2 Tuesday 7th May







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Welcome and housekeeping



Our Goal:

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





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



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





#TeamWilder

Amanda Evans

#TeamWilder Director







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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

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



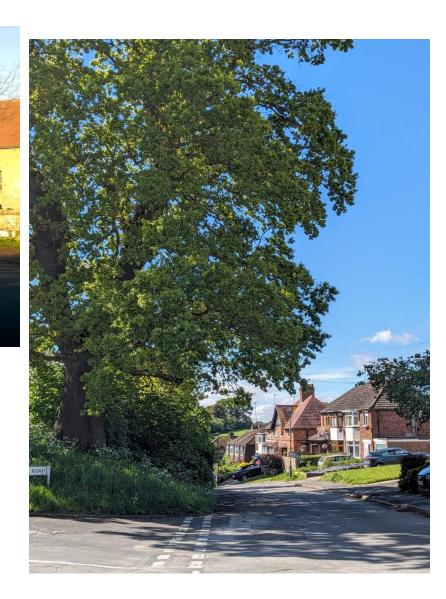


Restore Nature Now | Pledge To March on June 22nd in London

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

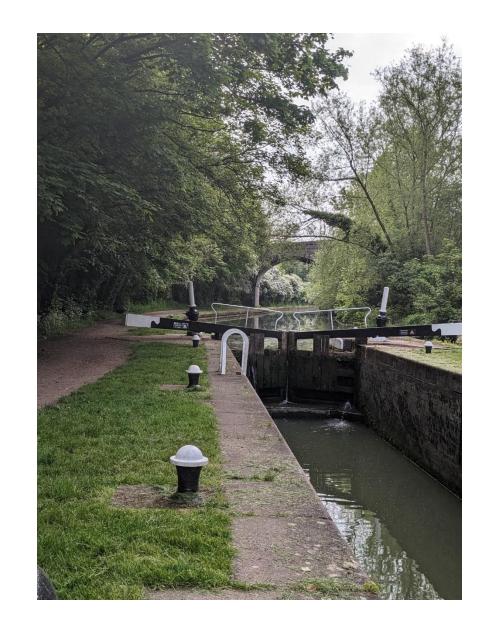






Canal access project

- 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



FRADFORD GENEVATION OCCUSIONAL NEWSLETTER OF THE FRIENDS OF Radford's Green Environment

CANAL SCHOOL NATURE PROJEC

adford Primary School 'Forest School' has news of an exciting collaboration with the Canal and River Trust; Julia Finn, Radford School teacher and Forest School teacher and Forest School and Contacted up to let us know all the details:

We have adopted an area of the canal, just by the bridge on Offchurch Lane - if you walk down there, you will see a new flower bed. The year 4 children have planted 150 spring bulbs; there is also a hedgehog house, bird boxes, bug hotels and bot boxes. This area will be the school's responsibility to maintain. Close to this area are the bins which are behind a fenced area. The Canal & River Trust has supplied marine



ply-wood and the children will then paint their designs on it to brighten up the whole area. We very much hope that the whole community can get on board with this - enjoy the area and help pick out a few weeds if ever passing by! We will continue to visit the canal during Forest School sessions to learn about the flora and fauna and to maintain the area we have adopted."

Julia would like to thank the Canal & River Trust for all their support with this amazing project; it will be great to watch how this beautiful 'space for nature' develops during the coming months and years as we all walk along the canal (and don't forget to take a weed or two home with youl).

Josie Sanderson

GREEN ENERGY TALK - You missed a treat

Despite a line of up two energy experts and three local speakers, only 12 people attended our talk on 19 October. But those who didn't come missed a treat. The talks from Bruno Gardner, Climate Change strategist and Jason Savidge of Strafford Energy were inspiring and informative. Attendees went away with a much better idea of how they could 'green' their homes using a combination of solar panels and battery technology and how this investment might reduce their energy bills but also their personal impact on climate change. After these expert talks the audience heard from Julia Cooley and Dave Steele about their different experiences of installing and using solar water heating followed by Gary Stocker's personal engagement with green issues in his illustradet falk 'My low carbon journey'.

So why didn't more people come to this event? Was it the timing or location or are people just not interested in the subject matter? What would make you attend more talks? If weekday evenings are a problem, would advite talks at weekends be more attractive? Is the Parish Church too remote for most people? Should we are the property of the property



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

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