

Minutes for Feldons Wildlife Group Meeting:

Tuesday 30th September 2025 7pm

Present: Ally Blake, Chris and Kerri Carr, Sue Rodger, Sue Williams, Jon Pym, Sylvia Bland, Ann Holland, Peter Stoddart, Harriet Granville, Jane Upson, Nick Holmes

Apologies: Amanda Holden Annie Lewis

Reflection of 2025 Events

Cherington Flower Show, August: Decided not to exhibit board at Show because felt people who attend go to visit the stalls not to learn about wildlife, this seemed to be proved in 2024 when we all put a lot of effort into the display for very little reward.

Everyone who attended the Cotswold Distillery Tour kindly organized by Chris really enjoyed it and found they learnt much that they had not been aware of. (See plans going forward for 2026)

Calendar of events going forward for 2026:

Sue W said she would contact Fiona Nourse at Blackdowns Farm, Stretton on Fosse, re the possibility of a group walk sometime 2026 spring/early summer. ATTENTION: Sue W

David Sewell keen to take us on a nature walk at sometime. Possibility of him giving a talk in the winter about his wildlife experiences here and abroad. CHRIS happy to speak to him to discuss what he may be able to provide but struggling to get hold of him. Sue and Ally to ask for his input if we bump into him on a walk. ATTENTION: Chris, Sue R, Ally

ATTENTION: Sue W needs to register frog crossing and then liaise with county council about possibility of erecting warning signs for cars. Need to advertise in the Link during January/ February for frog crossing volunteers.

Water testing: Ally overseeing it for BB currently. Nick, Sue R, Annie L volunteers. Ally to ask Annie P if her daughters may wish to help with the testing in the New Year.

Litter Picking: Peter noticed woman litter picking between Burmington and Little Butts. She collected 5 full bags. He proposes buying some litter pickers to go out litter picking. Peter will report back to next meeting and see if others are happy to join him. ATTENTION: Peter

Following distillery tour with Dean, Chris spoke to him about us getting involved with the distillery to support the various projects they're pursuing. Chris has agreed that in the spring he is going to visit the distillery and look at Dean's to do list and see if we can get involved as a group with their wildlife aims. ATTENTION: Chris

A.O.B.

Hedgehog talk on 24th October by Hugh Warwick 7.30pm The Baptist Hall, Hook Norton. Tickets in advance from www.hookyinharmony.co.uk or email hookyinharmony@btinternet.com for more information.

Wildflowers:

Jane: attended a talk by Paul Totterdell, Director of Cotswold Seeds and Honeydale Grp. Notes from talk provided by Jane. Wildflowers flowered throughout the season on village green but watered throughout the summer by Jane. Flowers dependent on the weather/ watering

Need to agree to water wildflowers otherwise they won't produce a good show. Suggested replanting patch in front of village hall if it rains in the next few weeks.

The Old Bakery in Stourton put the wildflowers out on the rubble area behind their house which was created to stop the floods and apparently they have been very impressive.

Paul Marriot had special wildflower seeds purchased for the church but has had no success so far with his wildflowers.

FINANCES to date: £314.50 boosted by Annie P kindly selling rhubarb and donating the profits to the group.

Next Meeting on Tuesday 28th October at 7.00pm

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