

Subject: wildlife minutes

Present: Annie Lewis, Sue Williams, Chris & Kerri Carr, Sylvia Bland, Sue Rodger, Jon Pym, Peter Stoddart, Nick Holmes, Ann Holland,
Apologies: Ally Blake, Jane

Blackdowns farm

ATTENTION - Sue W to follow up with fiona

Frogs

- conversation with Sarah Scotter about the pond; there were more frogs and two herons this year eating them; the frogs may be going elsewhere and there may be several crossings; we will continue to patrol in late February, but may find alternative parking arrangements
 - company called NightSearcher does good torches
 - not sure when the baby frogs return, but there are likely too many of them to help!
- ATTENTION - Sue W to contact froglife

Litter picking

- Peter got some litterpickers online for around £9 and a high-vis jacket
 - picked litter around little butts from Sarah Scotter's house along the road to Burmington, and filled a large black refuse sack
 - this is worth doing once a month or two; we can do it independently, or co-ordinate
- ATTENTION: all to email peter stoddart at petercstoddart@gmail.com to express interest and coordinate

David Sewell

- Chris has spoken to him; he is busy, but will give a talk on the last Tuesday in February 24th February; we will ask if he wants to open the talk to others; we may need to use a projector - Peter has one
 - Nature walk - David will think about this and get back to us; we can start with the talk, we don't want to burden him
- ATTENTION: Chris, Ally

Water testing

- can we get a summary of the testing to date, the feedback, any changes following severn trends activities
- ATTENTION: Ally - to point us to where these data are

Distillery

- Chris is keeping in touch, and will see what else we can do later, for example a visit in Spring to see what we can get involved in during 2026
- ATTENTION: Chris

AOB

- Hook Norton Wildlife Group seem to be doing very well; they had a hedgehog talk last week; they have a professional-looking website and have invested a lot of time in promotional activities

- Wildflower patches: Jon and Annie have patches with flowers coming up now after planting in summer; Nick also planted some last week - we wait

- Social gathering with the garden group: This will take place on the 3rd December at 19:00 in the Hall; the numbers attending should be given to Kerri by the 1st December - update at next meeting

ATTENTION: Kerri

Sue W will not be able to Chair the November meeting, so we'll install a temporary chair then. the Hall is not booked for December; Still need to book the Hall for January

Next Meeting: Tuesday 25th November 2025