

## Minutes for Feldons Wildlife Group Meeting:

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026 7pm

Present: Ally and Milly Blake, Chris and Kerri Carr, Sue Rodger, Sue Williams, Jon Pym, Peter Stoddart, Harriet Granville, Annie, Amanda Holden, Sylvia Bland, Jane Upson

Apologies: Nick Holmes

### Calendar of events going forward for 2026:

RSPB Birdwatch: Chris and Kerri, Sue R, Ally B, Jane U all participated and uploaded their birds to the website and forwarded their results to Nick

Frog Watch: Sue W unable to physically come out but happy to co-ordinate. Last year 7<sup>th</sup> March first toads came out and they were what we were catching not frogs. 20<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> March most amphibians out which corresponded to slightly warmer weather, a waxing moon and a wet spell.

11<sup>th</sup> March 2026 is a waxing moon.

Sue has spoken to Froglife but not registered crossing yet. Majority collected were toads not frogs. Need name and grid reference of spot. Once it's registered can approach highways agency to ask for signs, officially you are not allowed to put your own signs out. If the highways agency agree to providing signs they will only allowed be displayed from Jan to March. Parish Council do not need to be involved. Milly will print posters out and they can be put out again for this year .

Need 2-3 people happy to be on call. It was a big ask though for everyone last year. Milly to create a poster and Amanda to post it on Facebook/ website asap and see if others are able to support us.

Milly will make a poster and forward it to Amanda who will post on Facebook pages and village website. Need to set up frog WhatsApp grp.

Sheet to sign up on in the foyer during David Sewell's meeting on Feb 4th?

### Financial Update:

£298 and we have paid for Hall up to February which costs £8 a month. Subs to be paid in April

### Wildlife Grp/ Gardening Grp Talk David Sewell Weds 8pm 4<sup>th</sup> February

David very knowledgeable and has agreed to talk about his life experiences in nature. Through the Link he's advertised that he's holding the talk and Chris has included info/ advert in February Link

David has also agreed to host a nature walk at some point.

Need people from 7.15 pm to help set up the Hall.

To thank David offer was made to donate to a nature charity of his choosing and provide donation bucket but he wants us to spend the money on swift and bat boxes. Need to utilize the boxes in Chris' garage by putting them up. David's a member of Warwickshire Wildlife Grp but he wants us to invest in the village and its wildlife.

We need a separate meeting to ask who can advise us as to exactly where we should put the boxes. Annie suggested that Jacey had already agreed on a site at the Village Hall for the 3 swift nest boxes so could approach David and ask if he would support this as he's a trustee of the Hall.

Refreshments? We have 6-7 bottles of white and some red wine. Annie to kindly bring some cordial.

Plan to have a bucket to ask for a donation for the drinks.

If anyone has a contact for Tysoe/ Whichford/ Long Compton gardening/ wildlife grps please message them asap

Need to get the Wildlife display board out and check how it looks. Annie volunteered to print out some flyers to leave at the Hall for those who attend classes.

## A.O.B.

Swift/ bat boxes to be installed in the village

Warwickshire bat society could be approached to provide a talk

Wellesbourne Wildlife Gardens open one weekend in May: Amanda to confirm dates

Next Meeting Feb 28<sup>th</sup> February:

Will discuss plans for grp going forward as Sue wishes to step back from her current role