

Minutes for Feldons Wildlife Group Meeting:

Tuesday 24th February 2026 7pm

Present: Ally Blake, Chris Carr, Sue Rodger, Sue Williams, Jon Pym, Harriet Granville, Annie Lewis, Ann Holland, Sylvia Bland

Events 2026:

Toad Watch:

Sue W has organized teams and new people involved, teams already out and Annie has produced a report of what has happened each evening. Weather warmer has led to toads migrating earlier. Annie commented that toads arrive on the road and then seem to stop and not know what or where to go next. Annie thinks the toads are smaller than last year and have been noisier. Annie feels population are definitely improving as a result of our efforts.

Other people are involved in helping this year following the advertising.

Some drivers now aware of what is going on and are intentionally slowing down including the tanker drivers from the sewage workers.

Sue has registered with Froglife now and her efforts are to be commended by the group for all her hard work in getting the initiative up and running for the 2nd year and to have registered with Froglife.

District Council need to be involved and Sarah Whalley Hoggins should be contacted to see if she will support the Froglife crossing by paying for official signs. Sign itself costs £27.15 plus VAT and posts from £18.

Sue W seeking expert to come along to speak to us as a village about toads.

Sue R suggested setting up a WhatsApp grp for Froglife. This has now happened, well done!

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 4th February

£50 raised at David's talk which covered the cost of the wine, hire of Hall and a bottle of champagne for David.

Evening was a great success and David and Chris very pleased with the event. Approx 50 people attended. David spoke to Jim and they have agreed to fast track putting swift boxes up. Need to find who will kindly put up swift boxes.

David met with Jacey but we have not heard yet what was discussed. Boxes need sealing and we need to find out what with. Chris will speak to Jacey to find out what the boxes should be sealed with and where to mount them and by whom.

Noticeboard

Need someone to take over keeping it up to date and advertising what we are up to. John P offered to take it on and Ally has dropped it to his.

Agreed to discuss what needs to go on it each meeting and then he can update it. Sue R kindly offered to support John if he needs help.

SWAN Website:

Need to get involved and advertise what we are up to as a grp. Sue R has volunteered to be our contact and forward a blurb to the SWAN grp about us.

Annie suggested advertising on the FACEBOOK page and the village website about our regular meeting to ensure the village and its surrounds know what we are up to if they want to come along and get involved.

A.O.B.

Warwickshire bat society could be approached to provide a talk

Annie suggested check inside bird boxes as if they're very smooth small birds can get in but not out.

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

Hook Norton Otter talk on 17th April. Traces of otters in Cherington

Next Meeting: Tuesday 31st March please bring subs along £10 each. Many thanks!