

Minutes for Feldons Wildlife Group Meeting:

Tuesday 28th April 2026 7pm

Present: Ally Blake, Ian Beaumont, Chris and Kerri Carr, Sue Rodger, Sue Williams, Jon Pym, Harriet Granville, Amanda Holden, Ann Holland, Sylvia Bland, Nick Holmes, Peter Stoddart, Veronica and Jonathan Reed

Events 2026:

Toad Watch:

Jonathan and Veronica thanked for their contribution to the Toad Patrol.

Thanks to Sue R for taking over from Sue W whilst she went away for a week and for setting up the Whats App group which worked brilliantly despite Sue W's earlier reservations

First 3 weeks end of Feb/ start of March most activity but this year no females seemed to appear.

Frog life agreed numbers are down across the country and females may have starved due to very dry Autumn.

All data submitted to Frog Life and you can look up data submitted from groups across the country. Approx 500 toads down this year as compared to last year. Total rescued was approx 1,127 compared to 1,600 last year.

Need to get an expert in to ascertain when they may be returning to the pond following the spawning.

Warwickshire Wildlife Grp and Amphibians Grp may have a contact

Waiting to hear if District Council will support purchase of metal signs. Sue W to chase

Perhaps Sue W could write a short update for June Link briefing village on numbers of Toads rescued and how different the experience was this year compared to last??? (Likely to be the July issue!)

Sue discussed meeting Friday 5th June for a social event to get together those who have volunteered and supported Toad Watch.

Hooky in Harmony is wildlife grp in Hook Norton and Sue W and Sue R attended an interesting talk there about otters.

Financial Update:

Subs paid during the meeting, thank you. Please remember subs for next month's meeting.

David Sewell Update on Nature Walk

David not sure when he may be able to offer a walk at his vineyard in Upper Swell near Condicote but will request visit to happen at the weekend.

David thinks walk may be approx. 5km: just over 3 mile loop and he suggested walking first thing in the morning as more wildlife around. AB spoke to him 4.5.26

Swifts

Boxes have been modified by Paul Levitch and sealed and they are now ready to mount. Adam Walsh who lives in Stourton has offered to erect the swift boxes. David keen to be involved with putting them up as there is a specific way to space them. Chris will call Adam and David asap to get the boxes up.

AB contacted Annie as David doesn't have contact details for Adam.

Sue has asked Chris to share with the grp when the boxes will be going up so that the grp can observe if possible.

A.O.B.

Jane Upson has resigned from the grp. Thank you from the grp to Jane for all her contributions to the group, especially in respect of her wildflower passion.

Warwickshire Bat society could be approached to provide a talk. Need to check our boxes are correct before mounting them.

Chris and Kerri have 4 bat boxes that they are happy to donate to someone who can use them.

Bat walk in Whichford Friday 8th May (for more information contact: cbottine@gmail.com) advertisement in May's Link.

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

Katie Beswick from Little Soaps a herbalist from Shipston is happy to provide another nature walk. Need a couple of hours and need to charge participants. Suggested Sunday 28th June. [Jon to contact her to confirm date and timings](#)

Hugh Warwick suggested as a hedgehog speaker for the Autumn and [Sue W is going to contact him](#).

Wildlife Quiz: Tysoe Sunday 3rd May Team of 6 participated and came in 6th place out of 16 so did the group proud, especially for one round where we were the only team to score full points!!!!!!!

6-14th June Big Green Week Stratford. On the website it holds information about Big Green Week.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 26th May PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING MONEY FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS!