



Wildlife Ways Update – Issue 2

Welcome to the second Wildlife Ways Stay Connected bulletin, giving you all the latest news about this exciting three-year programme.



First Small Grant Awarded

Staffordshire Wildlife Trust has received £25,356 of ERDF funding from Wildlife Ways to restore Tucklesholme quarry near Barton under Needwood in the county. Work starts spring 2019 and by autumn 2020 it will be a regionally significant wetland nature reserve.

This award was given as part of the Small Habitats Grant Programme managed by Solihull Council as part of Wildlife Ways. Our team works to provide funding to organisations across the Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership (GBSLEP) area to improve land and areas of value for people and wildlife.

Cattle grazing will help keep Tucklesholme quarry maintained to allow a diversity of species to thrive. This historic method works with nature better than modern farming. To encourage visitors to the reserve a wildflower meadow will be created around the car park, new footpaths will be laid and bird hides installed. There will also be new signage.

Please email esif@solihull.gov.uk if you think you have a potential Small Habitats Grants Project.

Ward Updates

It's been another busy month with planting starting to take place as spring gets underway and pathway improvements continuing. Here's a flavour of what's been happening across the borough.

Bickenhill

60 trees have been planted in Marston Green Park.

Castle Bromwich

The laying of some 1,000 square metres of wildflower turf has been completed along Hall Road's verges.

Chelmsley Wood

The open space in Forth Drive and Meriden Park now benefits from 60 new trees.

Elmdon

Some 4,500 square metres of wildflower turf has been laid at Elmdon Park and 48 new trees are also being planted.

Construction work continues on the footpath between Lode Lane and Elmdon Park. The alleyway by the side of Jaguar Land Rover remains closed. Please follow the alternative routes for pedestrians which are signposted.

More pathway work near Streamside Way is scheduled for April.

Silhill

Nearly 12,000 square metres of wildflower turf has now been laid opposite Solihull rail station. 40 trees have been planted along Streetsbrook Road and Glebe Road.

St Alphege

Work along Monkspath Hall Road to widen the existing footway is ongoing. Pedestrian

diversions remain in place so please continue to follow the signed routes. Over 30 new fruit trees have been planted.

Solihull's Town and Parish Council Conference

Wildlife Ways was present at the borough's first Town and Parish Council conference held at The Core in Solihull town centre. Our stand at the event featured Wildlife Ways and other work going on in the area. Please get in touch at wildlifeways@solihull.gov.uk

Our New Website

There's more about Wildlife Ways on our new website www.wildlifeways.co.uk. Here you can get details of the work being done in each ward, maps of the routes, latest news updates, information on business support, resources for community groups and schools and much more.

If you've any other comments or questions, please email us at wildlifeways@solihull.gov.uk

About Wildlife Ways

Wildlife Ways is a £16.8 million programme – part-funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) – to improve the borough for the benefit of people and wildlife alike. The programme will include tree, bulb and wildflower planting. It will also make it easier for people wanting to walk and cycle across the borough by widening and connecting paths and cycle routes with green spaces.



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