



Wildlife Ways Update - Issue 3

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



Wildlife Ways article on Birmingham Live

Local Democracy Reporter David Irwin (above, centre) met with Mike Eastwood (right) and Adam Noon (left) from the council's Landscape Team to catch up with how the Wildlife Ways programme and the Habitat and Nature Improvements Project are both progressing.

If you missed it, you can read the story on Birmingham Live [here](#).

Future Routes

We are preparing to move into the next phase of Wildlife Ways, with work shortly to start on

routes B (Damson Parkway to A45, Elmdon) and I (Hall Road to Chester Road, Castle Bromwich).

Visit our [website](#) for the latest news and to see information on and maps of these routes.

Ward Updates

It's been another busy month. Here's a flavour of what's been happening across the borough.

Castle Bromwich

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

Chelmsley Wood

Helmswood Drive has had 13 trees added. An area along Kingshurst Brook between Gloucester Way and Bosworth Drive has been found where we will also be planting trees.

Elmdon

Elmdon Park is having some more pine trees.

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

Shirley

Tree planting has been taking place all across Shirley, with new trees on Cranmore Boulevard (Shirley South) and Ashwell Drive (Shirley East).

Silhill

An additional area on the edge of the woodland coppice on Station Approach is to be laid with wildflower turf, with more work to be done on the main section opposite the station.

In addition two trees have been planted along Hampton Lane and 11 along Damson Parkway. On Streetsbrook Road 12 trees have been added.

Smith's Wood

Seven trees have been planted on Chester Road.

St Alphege

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

Pedestrian diversions remain in place so please continue to follow the signed routes.

New trees have been added in this ward on Whitewell Road, in Malvern and Brueton Parks (three fruit trees), Tudor Grange Park, and on Streetsbrook Road.

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.

There's more on our website www.wildlifeways.co.uk - and if you've any comments or questions, please email us at wildlifeways@solihull.gov.uk



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