

NATURE SOCIETY NEWSLETTE



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Making a real difference

Phew! What a busy month the Nature Society have had. There has been lots of muscle involved and not just from the male of the species. More work done in the woodland with a final clearing of the planting area and the plants are now in and looking as if they have taken well. Apart from keeping an eye on them we will now leave the woodland alone until next winter.



The team take a break.

Below we can see Nancy is getting down and dirty, literally.

She worked so hard clearing the ground on Ibis/Jay ready for some seed sowing. We also have ten plants to go in here as well. It is not just Nancy's area, so if you have not already, please let her know that she can rely on some help to look after it.



As well as all this there has also been a lot of work going on in the middle dog walking field. The old hedge is being rejuvenated by planting the gaps with native hedgerow species which includes good insect attracters such as Alder Buckthorn and Spindle, which are less common. Also, climbers such as Hop, Clematis and Byrony have been planted.

More away from the hedge a copse of ten Hazels are now in. On two sides of these some areas are being prepared to sow spring & summer wildflowers.



As you can see the girls are hard at it again. Well done to Pam, Jo & Celia for all the hard work.

BUTTERFLIES

On March 17th Ken Orpe, Derbyshire Butterfly Recorder, came to give us a talk. He informed us of how to carry out the butterfly transects, however after much consideration, sadly, it was decided that we cannot, at this time, take on the transects. The commitment would be too much, as the walks must be carried out weekly and the protocol for doing them is very precise. We do not have the people with the time required to devote to this. However, it was suggested that we need to learn more about the butterflies, their lifestyle, food plants, caterpillars etc. As we are in the process of sowing a butterfly nursery this will be a good learning tool. Therefore, we hope to provide some training later on. Going forward Ken is happy to accept any sightings that we may have which he can then build into his records.

INSECT HOTELS



We will be creating some insect hotels sometime next month. These are brilliant for all our invertebrates from bees and beetles to ladybirds and spiders.

DAWN CHORUS

We have been really struggling to find someone who can help us with a dawn chorus walk. Hurrah! At last we have a contact who is able and willing to help. Will post details as soon as we have a firm date.

SUMMER EVENTS

The Nature Society are planning two Wildlife Weekends this year. The first May 6th/7th and then on Aug 12/13th. There will be the usual stall, raffle, lucky dip, other organisations etc. also photographic competitions. Mr Buzz will be here for August and hopefully we can get him for May as well.

Coffee morning in August. Proceeds to Butterfly Conservation and Bumblebee Conservation Trust.

PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN OR JUST VISIT US.