

Parish Nature Warden Scheme. (PNWS)

April 2021, Monthly report.

Number of bags of litter picked	3.5 bin bags
<i>Comments:</i> <u>34</u> Monster Drinks cans!! 3 facemasks	
Number of home / land owners discussed PNWS	5
Communications <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Site meeting with Mike Long (footpath warden) at Valley Farm and discussed bridlepath to Cutteridge Wood. 09.04.21. Mike to get quotes from contractors to improve bridlepath surface and follow up with FP team at DC. I will regularly photograph and monitor surface with changes in weather.• Some evidence of recent cattle grazing in Wood itself and on sunken lane near Cutteridge wood entrance.• Discussed verge mowing regime at PC meeting and tabled review at next contract renewal to check optimum management for wildlife. Next renewal is Jan 22.• Emailed Plantlife re signage• Followed up Litter signs, still waiting from TDC... explored Clean Devon website they have signs we could download and get printed... but not bold image for car drivers https://cleandevon.org/wp-content/uploads/Clean-Devon-Poster-Wildlife.pdf• Attended Moor Meadows 'Life on the Verge' seminar with Plantlife looking at verge management• Emailed Chris Fowler (Churchwarden). He has kindly agreed that HB church will take part in the Bat Conservation Trust 'Church Bat Detective' survey so I will arrange a visit in the summer to fill in survey.• Discussion with resident and site visit of 3 acre pasture.	
Monitoring projects: Surveyed 4 stream points for Westcountry Rivers Trust CSI including Phosphate testing, Turbidity, Temperature and Dissolved solids 1) Feed of Alphingbrook, 2) Sowton Brook, Shepherd's Ford 3) Sowton Brook (just outside of PC boundary) at Farrants Hill bridge. Results uploaded to Cartographer.	
MONTHLY NATURE PHOTO LOG I am going to add some photos monthly so we can monitor interesting nature finds or when plants flower over the year and see if there is a change annually, eg do they flower earlier or later with changing climate?	



Native Bluebell



Early purple orchid



Wood Anemone

All taken on raised verge on Church Lane 29.04.21

MONTHLY CUTTERIDGE WOOD BRIDLEPATH MONITORING

Photo taken 29.04.21 Prolonged dry weather spell



ACTIONS

Carry on monthly stream surveys

No Mow May campaign

? Opportunity for PNWS table at Farmers Market re Butterfly Campaign

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