

## Parish Nature Warden Scheme. (PNWS)

October 2021, Monthly report.

Number of bags of litter picked	2 bin bags 1 Facemask
Number of home / land owners discussed PNWS face to face	2
<b>Communications / actions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Emailed Tree Council regarding the possibility of supplying grant to purchase trees for Queen's Canopy project. Grant is only available if trees are planted on public land.</li><li>• Attended 'Leading Volunteers' training, by Wildlife Warden scheme; including how to complete risk assessment and manage a work party. This now means we can run community events (including use of hand tools- not power tools) and will be covered by their insurance.</li><li>• <b>Attended 'Wild About Teignbridge' on behalf of the parish council. Really interesting and relevant talks especially from Sian Avon one of the Teignbridge Rangers discussing the Matford Country Park. Points that were also raised were about Biodiversity Net Gain proposals in new planning developments, as well as working as a district to encourage upstream planting to mitigate flash floods. Also discussed carbon and water treatment and to encourage residents and new planning applications to recommend water butt use.</b></li><li>• Took part in coppicing for dormice training with Raven Quest. Very interesting new technique to coppice for dormice.</li><li>• Wrote article regarding trichomonosis in birds and the importance of cleaning bird feeders. Planting for birds should be encouraged. <a href="https://longdownvillage.com/2021/10/21/nature-in-our-parish-bird-feeders/">https://longdownvillage.com/2021/10/21/nature-in-our-parish-bird-feeders/</a></li><li>• Bats in Churches sent a letter of Thanks for us taking part in their survey, copy of which forwarded to Holcombe Burnell churchwarden</li></ul> <b><u>ACTIONS</u></b> <p>Briefly discuss points marked in green above at Parish Council meeting.</p> <p>To arrange a community activity eg Bioblitz / Removal of laurel in Chalk's Corner</p> <p>In light of NERC obligations, would it be useful to create a loose standard paragraph to respond to planning applications how the development can enhance local biodiversity.</p> <p>Opportunities at Village Hall revamp.</p> <p>Discuss and action Queens Canopy Tree planting. ? Tree Council ? The Orchard Project</p>	

### **Monitoring projects:**

Continued surveying 4 stream points for Westcountry Rivers Trust CSI including Phosphate testing, turbidity, temperature and dissolved solids.

Visited Cutteridge Wood



### **MONTHLY NATURE PHOTO LOG**



**Tussock moth caterpillar**



**Wax cap fungi**



**Puff ball fungi**

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