

Parish Nature Warden Scheme. (PNWS)

November/December 2021, Monthly report.

Number of bags of litter picked	3 bin bags
Number of home / land owners discussed PNWS face to face	60+
Communications / actions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting with Devon Contract Waste- took in 3 types of tree guards (Tubex / Spirals and open mesh) to see which type can be recycled and the logistics of how they would be recycled eg no soil residue. Discussed possibility of making tree stakes out of recycled plastic. Also discussed opportunity for Ide School to visit the recycling facility and learn about plastic recycling. Email sent to school.• Attended Teignbridge Wildlife Warden meeting about fungi and met Tedburn Wildlife Warden and Dunsford wardens.• Cleared grit bins and reported to DCC• Meeting HS to discuss Queen's Green Canopy. Decided on Wild Service Trees as they grow well on heavy clay soils. Have good blossom for insects and produce fruit for birds and small mammals (and fruit is edible), and beautiful autumn colours.• Picked up 70 Tree guards and stakes for Queen's Green Canopy parish trees• Made Stella the Beer Can Fairy to raise awareness of the amount of beer cans thrown in the parish as litter.• Phoned Perrie Hale and emailed order for 70 Wild Service Trees to pick up second week in January. Cost = £105 + VAT = £126.00• Wrote Parish Nature update for website and also sent copy to Tedburn Times for inclusion• Wrote Queen's Green Canopy update for Milk shed• Attended Longdown Farmers Christmas Market<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Pine cone activity with kids. Approximately 50 pine cone bird feeder kits given away and discussed PNWS scheme and what people can do for nature, special focus on cleaning bird feeders- Hedgerow information, importance of not replacing hedges with impenetrable fences- Gathered names for Queen's Green Canopy planting scheme- Created a good working relationship with Devon Wildlife Trust also in attendance, discussing our scheme and also possibility of liaising on future projects- Donation of £10.00 to PC from previous resident to contribute to funds of QGC	



ACTIONS

Briefly discuss points marked in green above at Parish Council meeting.

To arrange a community activity eg Bioblitz / Removal of laurel in Chalk's Corner

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.

Pick up trees from Perrie Hale and distribute 70 Wild Service Trees. Create certificate, ? explore commemorative tags still.

Give Clerk £10.00 donation from member of the public

Monitoring projects:

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

MONTHLY NATURE PHOTO LOG



Spring bracket fungus on oak tree near stream survey site.

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