


Parish Nature Warden Scheme. (PNWS)

Summer 2022, report.

Number of bags of litter picked	4 bin bags (inc 2 x facemasks)
<p>Reported 1 dead hedgehog and reported on Big Hedgehog map.</p> <p>Additional Wildlife Warden post.</p> <p>I advertised for an additional Wildlife Warden on Facebook. One person responded and I had a face-to-face discussion with them. One of their friends is a Wildlife Warden in Dunsford. She was going to discuss with her what the role entails and whether this is something that she wanted to do long term. Signposted to ACT Wildlife Warden scheme.</p> <p>Longdown and Holcombe Burnell Parish Council Unanimously approved adoption of the NERC recommendations for planning applications, for those in which we have no comment.</p> <p>Milk Shed information board updated regarding amphibians.</p> <div data-bbox="525 837 1117 1624"><p>SUMMER- THINK AMPHIBIANS & REPTILES!</p><p>Amphibian and reptiles are a key part of food webs, and they are the 'canary in the coalmines' for the health of our environment. Examples found in our parish include: toads, frogs, newts, slow worms, lizards, and grass snakes. Here are Amphibian & Reptile Conservation's top tips for things you can do in your garden to help these fascinating creatures:</p><ol style="list-style-type: none">1) DIG A POND: of varying depth and plant native aquatic plants. Even a small 'washing-up bowl' sized pond can help.2) CREATE A COMPOST HEAP: slow worms can often be found in compost heaps feasting on slugs and ants found there. Grass snakes will also often lay their eggs in compost heaps as they are well protected from predators and kept at a constant temperature.3) GO WILD: Create log piles and be careful when you mow as frogs often like to rest up in long grass in the summer. Don't be too tidy!4) DITCH PESTICIDES: Avoid chemicals that kill insects as this has a knock on effect on amphibian and reptiles.5) THINK CONNECTIVITY: Toads and frogs can travel significant distances especially during breeding season. Think about how your garden connects with your neighbours.</div>	
<p>Article sent to Tedburn Times regarding amphibians</p> <p>Had a discussion with the Manager at Haldon McDonalds regarding litter along Haldon ridge and into Longdown. Supposedly his staff are unable to clear litter from anywhere outside of the McDonalds car park due to insurance purposes. Discussed need for greater awareness and also the possibility of number plate printing on packaging.</p> <p>Spoke to 5 residents who had planted Wild Service Trees for Queen Green Canopy, all doing well despite the drought.</p>	

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

NATURE PHOTO LOG



Male Glow worm.



Mayfly

Female seen glowing in Longdown as late as 29th August this year

ACTIONS

- To put an advert out to offer replacement Wild Service Trees if any were lost during the dry summer, I still have some in our deer proof enclosure.
- To visit Cutteridge Wood for update

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