

# A Dec-Aid of Service to Wildlife

Celebrating 10  
years of  
WildCookham



# Launched in 2014

- Just 6 people around a table
- Now - Team of 32 committee and project leaders
- 641 Meetup Members
- Facebook community of 1,100
- 17 ongoing projects



**Board of Trustees**  
 Chair: MC, Treasurer: WB, Trustees: LA, LP, RS  
 Oversight, overall strategy approval and annual objectives/targets. Meets 4 times a year

**Operations Committee**  
 Chair: LA, Treasurer: WB, Secretary: AA  
 Members: AG, AP, BC, CS, LP, MSt  
 Manage projects at operational level. Meets monthly

**External Links**  
 BAP: MC  
 BBOWT Team Wilder: AA  
 Maidenhead Waterways: BC  
 RBWM: LA  
 South East Water: BC  
 The Wilds: MC  
 SCNRN: MC

**Habitats strategy/priorities (inc. key external partnerships: BAP, CNP, RBWM) Lead: LA**  
 LNRS: BC

**Communications and social media Lead: CS, Newsletter Lead: MC, Web management: KR**

**Events and Functions Lead: LP AP CC**

**Habitat protection: Grassland, Farmland, Woodland**  
 Liaison: AA

**Habitat protection: Wetland**  
 Liaison: Vacant

**Habitat protection: Urban**  
 Liaison: LP

**Species protection and data gathering**  
 Liaison: BC AG

**Art Festival 2023 & special projects: LH**

**Projects and Leads:**  
 Wilding the Commons: JS, Battlemead: MC, Trees: KY, Hedges: RA, John Lewis Partnership: MC, PCo, BC

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 Marsh Meadow: Vacant

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 Wild About Gardens Award: PCa, Harris Woodbridge: CC, Alfred Major: BP

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 Glow worms: JE, Toads: AE, Schools: JH, Voles: MY, House Martins: AM, Swifts; DF, Grey Partridge: ED

- AA – Angela Alexander
  - AG – Ann Greenwood
  - AE – Alan Evans
  - AM – Alison McKendrick
  - AP – Andrew Padmore
  - BC – Brian Clews
  - BP – Becky Pinniger
  - BW – Barry Weare
  - CC – Caroline Collins
  - CP – Clare Padmore
  - CS – Charlotte Serpell
  - DF – Derek Fry
  - DP – David Pinniger
  - ED – Ed Donald
  - JE – Jacqui Edwards
  - JH – Joelle Hewson
  - JS – John Southgate
  - KR – Kevin Robertson
  - KY – Kevin Yearley
  - LA – Lars Ahlgren
  - LH – Leysa Henderson
  - LP – Lynne Peperell
  - MC – Mike Copland
  - MF – Martin Fisher
  - MH – Michelle Hunt
  - MSt – Malcolm Stork
  - MY – Marianne Young
  - PCa – Pam Campin
  - PCo – Peter Comport
  - RA – Rob Acker
  - RS – Rosie Street
  - WB – William Beglow
- Specialist input:**  
 Bees/pollinators: MH  
 Botany: CP Insects: DP

# Other 'Wilds'

- Wild Maidenhead
- Wildlife in Ascot
- Wild Eton Wick
- Wild Windsor
- Wild about Datchet
- Wild Marlow
- Wild Amersham
- Wild Bracknell
- Wild Burnham (???)





# Community Seats

- Borough Biodiversity Action Plan Group
- Berks Local Nature Recovery Strategy Group
- BBOWT 'TEAM WILDER' Activity
- Cookham Parish Local Plan and BAP Team
- Local Water Catchment Groups
- 'Wilds' collaboration Meetings

# Projects

- Water Vole re-introduction
- Annual Toad Patrol
- Annual Glow-worm surveys
- Schools liaison (4 Primaries)
- Swifts and House Martins
- Wild About Gardens

# Projects

- Wetland protection and Liaison
- Marsh Meadow (Farmer cooperation)
- BOAs (8 sites)
- Commons Wilding (4 sites)
- Recording Activity



# Recent Funding for New Project

- Cookham-wide pond survey
- Great Crested Newts and other wildlife
- Grant offered by Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment
- Thanks to TVERC for this assistance.
- Project commences next spring.





# Recording

- Several 'experts' record directly to Berks



## County Recorders

- General recommendation to members – use iRecord
- In addition – WildCookham 'harvests' records from all local Facebook pages, verifies and collects the sightings for TVERC, usually sent annually.

# Biggest 2024 Project



**The Big Cookham Wildlife Weekend 2024**

*Take a safari trip around your garden.*

How many species of wildlife are in your garden?  
Probably more than you might imagine.  
There are Bees, Birds, Bugs & Badgers;  
Fleas, Flies, and 'Flutterbys'; Damsels and Dragons;  
Mayflies, Moths and Mini-beasts.

Join us, and the whole village on June 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> to find out just what lives alongside us. Go to [www.wildcookham.org.uk](http://www.wildcookham.org.uk) to register and find out more.

**An event for all the family**

Eyes Akimbo!

2,200 gardens reached

1,000 packets of wildflower seed distributed

Talks in schools

Nature Walks

Press coverage

# **NEXT DEC-AID?**

- Be here in 2034 for our speed Update  
Session
- Thank You!