

Wolvey Environment Group

What a year. The decision to form an environment group in Wolvey to sustain and enhance this precious green environment we live in, has had a larger impact on the surrounding area than could ever have been imagined.

The profile of Wolvey has been elevated to other villages in the Fosse Area and beyond, with magazine articles, newsletter items and many awards won. So much so, that the Annual county bio-diversity Action Plan conference is being held here in June.

We have a unique wetland area here in Wolvey and the boardwalk is completed. It is accessible for many more people to enjoy. There are many delightful things to see, from a large selection of insects and butterflies and newts to a mother duck with 12 ducklings.

A bird survey is being carried out in the reserve and also an amphibian recording exercise to log and hopefully preserve our native wildlife.

The snowdrops planted at Temple Hill were fantastic this year in spring and more bulbs were added , so next years show should be even better.

In other areas of the village improvements have been made, with more planting in the village square and by the bus shelter, which has provided much needed colour through a very long cold winter. Planters at the village gateways are welcoming and cheery and, shortly the summer baskets will be completed and places to enhance the village square further.

There are many plans for the future. The wetland management plan is completed and ready to implement. This will be ongoing in the future. Wildflower areas are planned around the village to help bees and other insects survive and to preserve their ever declining habitat.

A walking group has been set up and whilst enjoying a walk, notice is taken of repairs needed of stiles & fences. Also a signage survey around the village has been implemented.

Group members are undertaking courses at Brandon Marsh Nature Reserve to add to our knowledge and broaden our outlook so a busy year has been had by all.

The most wonderful thing about the last year for me personally is the friendships that have been made, the bonds that have been formed and the sheer amount of hard work that has been given freely and cheerfully by the EWP members. Long may it continue.

If you would like to join us the next meeting is on Monday 11th May at 7.30pm in the Millennium Building. Do come along and see what we're about.