

Hello wild ones!

Welcome to your June newsletter

Sorry this reaches you a little later than we had hoped, we have had a very busy month as our project is buzzing with activity and we've had a swell of interest which is all very exciting. However, as we are all volunteers, sometimes things can take a little longer, so thank you for your patience.

Our Wildlife Champion networking event

We had a fantastic event online and for all who attended thank you so much, it was super informative and inspiring. For those who could not make it along you can watch the recording which we have uploaded onto our website.

View our event by [clicking on this link](#). (please scroll to the bottom of the page)

Your very own Wildlife Champions resource page

We have created a one stop shop for you on our website full of resources and information to help you care for nature on your street and in particular the wildflowers on your pavements. This page is regularly updated so visit it whenever you need to. On this page you will find:

- Your new Street Wildflower ID chart to download. This has a guide to how to manage plants
- Frequently Asked Questions
- A map showing all streets in our #poisonfreepavements pilot
- A form for you to complete if you wish to connect with your neighbouring Wildlife Champions
- Link to our event film
- Street teams - Which team is your street in?
- A form to record your street wildflowers, you can also submit photos via this too

Click on your dedicated [website page here](#)

Let's connect!

Our project aims to connect nature street by street but importantly our community's street by street too.

When you look at the map of streets, you will see you have neighbouring Wildlife Champions! It's important for you to feel part of a network and connect with your neighbours so you can help and support each other as well as share common interests in helping and loving nature where you live.

Whatsapp groups and email groups can be created for those wishing to connect. This is optional and remember you can opt at any time. Your details are only shared with Wildlife Champions who also are happy to share their details in your team. The form is on the Wildlife Champions page and we will be in touch to connect you together.

Street teams

We have created 4 street teams

Team Poppy
Team Dandelion
Team Foxglove
Team Toad-flax

You can view your street teams on your website too.

Your teams are there to connect you in smaller groups. As teams we can also get updates on activity, wildflowers recorded and opportunities.

Events

We have so many planned this summer and they are all free to attend

Wildflower Graffiti Tours (our June event is coming up this Sunday)

Meet our neighbour the Linden Tree led by artist Becky Beinart with input from our City Tree Officer Alex Begg

Swift Street Talk and Tour, part of Swift Awareness Week led by Trish and Nick INSTAR/wild.ng and Lorna Griffiths

Bat Detecting led by Lorna Griffiths and Michael Walker

Talk about Poison Free Pavements at Windmill Gardens, led by Trish and Nick wild.NG (details to updated soon)

We also plan to host **4 x urban walks**, one in each of our Wildlife Champion team areas, providing an informal opportunity for you to get to know each other whilst walking a tour of streets in the pilot. We will confirm dates soon. We welcome you to help coordinate any of these walks, so please do get in touch.

All events can be found on our events page. [Click here to view and book you place.](#)

June Top Tips

This month our streets are blooming, our skies are filled with bird life (and if you are lucky our urban swifts) and our insects are buzzing. It's a great time to get up close to nature.

On your street here is what you can do to help care for nature this month

1.

Identify the plants on your street (those outside on pavements) and complete our online form. You can use our new wildlife ID guide to help you. Recording species is super important for our project and it's also a fantastic way to connect with wildlife and discover more about pavement botany. We have so many species in our area. Here is a link to the form (you can also find this link on your website page). You can also upload images of plants you can't identify.

2.

Using our ID guide, which has a key to advise you, decide if you need to remove or cut back plants. Follow guidance in our Frequently Asked Questions on your website page. If you have a problem plant which needs more effort to remove please email Tony at NCC - details are on your website page and NCC will come and remove it (poison free of course) Please keep safe and always wear protective gloves.

3.

Photograph your street wildflowers and share on social media or upload them on the recording form. We want to celebrate our urban nature as much as possible. Here is our [FB](#) page, our [INSTAGRAM](#) and our [TWITTER](#)

4.

Keep an eye out for spraying!! We have had news that one of our streets in the pilot has been sprayed with pesticide :(We accept mistakes happen, but we do need to report them and help prevent this happening again

Funding

We have applied for funding to support you (our volunteers)/ This will include (if we are successful) workshops and materials to build wildflower planters for all of our streets, equipment, training and events. We will be keeping everything crossed. We will find out if we are successful at the end of June...

In other news

Our sister project Swift Street has breeding swifts this year with a nest camera in Carrington! We expect a hatched chick this weekend and regular updates and films are shared online. This just goes to show that in our urban areas we can make a huge difference for nature. We are also creating a new Swift Street on Central Avenue this year, which we are super excited about! Join us for our free Swift Street talk and tour in July! You can follow Swift Street on our [FB page here](#).

and finally...we must thank you!

We couldn't do this without you! Thank you. We have over 140 Wildlife Champions registered with us and each and every one of you is greatly valued and appreciated. It does not matter if you can't offer much time to our project, all we ask is for you to simply observe and notice nature on your street and in your local area, and now and again (if needed) manage wildflowers and plants to keep your street safe and healthy. Most importantly we want you to enjoy and love nature where you live.

Contact us if you need to about anything! We may take a bit of time responding but we will respond.

Keep wild, keep safe

team wild.NG

