



Environment Theme Group
Outside meeting
Minutes Friday 09 April 2021

Present: Janette Matthews, Beth Somi, Tony Voss, Chris Hill, David Dunham

Cc John Martin, Emma Crowe, Nicki Dearson, Penny Weston-Webb, John McKeon

Chris Hill
Conservation Officer
Leicestershire & Rutland Wildlife Trust

We met at Polly Peggs corner and walked along Polly Peggs and Crabtree Lane to chat about the wildlife and environment

- Action – Beth to email Parish Council regarding an environmental survey for Polly Peggs pond and area around – are there great crested newts?
- If hedges form part of a parish boundary or are part of an established field and have been there for 30 years, they are protected – is this correct? We need to check
- Coppice around Polly Peggs pond – blackbird, chif chaf, willow warbler
 - Mixed trees – ash and willow among them
 - Good understory – perfect environment for birds and reptiles – blackthorn, hawthorn and ivy
 - Burdock and honeysuckle
 - Not touched since 1945
- Embankment = wildlife corridor
 - Bats
- Polly Peggs
 - Perfect for hedgehogs – the school should have hedgehog holes in the fence
- Crabtree Lane = wildlife corridor
 - Hawthorne
 - Perfect environment for hedgehogs to move around
 - Fertile – nettles, keck (cow parsley) Spanish bluebells
 - Garlic mustard, ground elder, celandine, speedwell, iris
- Green finch, red kite
- Verges on Back Lane
 - Willow herb, celandine, nettles
- Solar – black sail reduces the number of birds and bats that fly into them

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