

WILDER

Bramley

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Registered Charity Number 201081

ABOUT US

Who?

- Formed in Feb 2022 by a handful of people who met planting trees in Basingstoke who wanted to connect and inspire the Bramley community to take action for nature.
- We now have nearly 400 facebook followers.
- We work closely with HIWWT – we won a pilot Wilder initiative with B&D council and are now a Wilder group

What we do:

- **Promote and volunteer:** Create and lead projects and ideas to help protect nature and to increase biodiversity
- **Take action:** local environmental issues
- **Share:** wildlife encounters and sustainability advice
- **Educate and engage:** walks, talks, educational events
- **Encourage:** wildlife gardening tips, species I.D., tips
- **Socialise and have fun**



HOW WE OPERATE

Structure

- In 2023 we set ourselves up as an **unincorporated group**
- We now have a bank account and insurance

Funding

- **We are self funded:** We rely on collecting money from walks and talks.

Committee: We have 6 core committee members who meet on a monthly basis.

- Paulina Brissenden – Chair, HIWWT Garden Champion and lead for wildflower meadow project
- Claire Levée – Vice- chair and events coordinator, HIWWT community engagement champion
- Matthieu Levée – Treasurer, Garden Champion, lead on Church project
- Jane Kirkwood – Lead on bee garden subgroup, insurance & risk assessments and other initiatives
- Mark Glover – Lead on Bramley fete and supports projects
- Hayley Maynard – Lead on sustainability initiatives and supports bee garden e.g. RHS award

We have additional volunteers who help with our projects e.g. bee garden and support work on Bramley Green

SOME OF OUR PROJECTS



Bee garden

- Plants donated and planted by local community
- Volunteer network established who are maintaining garden



Wildflower Meadow

- Disused area of monoculture grass turned to an annual and perennial meadow at local park



Adopt a tree

- Trees adopted by community that were not being watered
- Local business given water container



Bramley Green grasslands restoration

- Working with Parish council to restore Bramley Green to a lowland meadow

...AND MORE!!! Swift boxes installed in village, working with church and local village hall on wild areas...

WE ALSO AIM TO EMPOWER PEOPLE TO TAKE ACTION



Community engagement

- Social media
- Monthly Bramley magazine article
- Bramley Summer fete



Education

- Grassland survey training
- Hedgerow training
- Gardening for wildlife workshop



Talks

- Hampshire Ornithological Society
- N.E Hampshire Badgers
- HIWWT Wilder initiative
- Grasslands education



Walks

- Winter Wonderland walk
- Bluebell walk
- Bat walk
- Butterfly walk
- Moth night

WHAT WE HOPE TO ACHIEVE IN THE FUTURE



Increase sustainability

- ✓ Support the local climate emergency
- ✓ Determine strategy and focus areas - energy, waste, water, transport, nature
- ✓ Build support network / learn from others
- ✓ Education - engage with local community (businesses, schools, individuals)



New projects and networks

- ✓ Work more with businesses and landowners
- ✓ Enhance collaboration with Parish council
- ✓ Enlarge volunteer network to be more impactful
- ✓ Identify funding
- ✓ Green mapping
- ✓ Projects: Grass verge meadow protection, Church yard meadow, Hedgehog highways, more hirundine boxes