

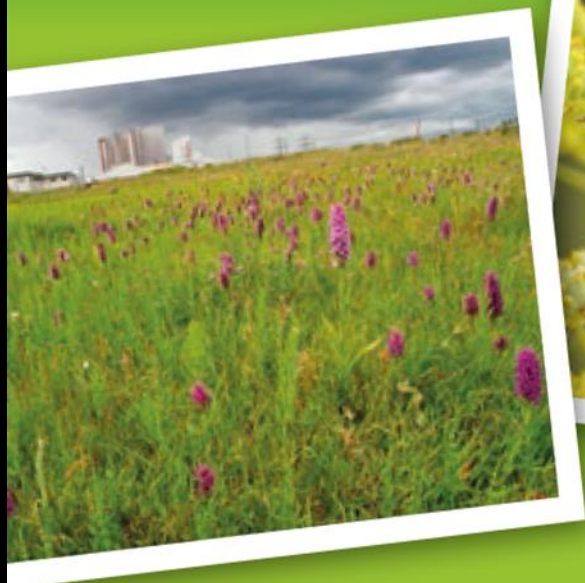


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Tees Valley
WILD
Green Places



Working with local communities and volunteers
to care for the precious green places of the Tees Valley



Rich urban wildlife



Future management challenges

Why this project is needed



Quality of Place in Tees Valley



What people need and want



Project Partners



**Tees Valley
Nature
Partnership**

**Five Tees
Valley Local
Authorities**

**Tees Valley
Wildlife
Trust**

ERIC

**Colleges-
CCAD,
Askham
Bryan**

**20 Green
Place
Community
groups**

Supporting local green place groups in caring for and celebrating their green places



Empowered and resilient network of green place groups



Improve
biodiversity



Engage new
audiences

- Increase
enjoyment,
appreciation
and
understanding



Engage and
support local
people in
caring and
celebrating
Green Places



Develop skills
of volunteers
students and
trainees



Celebrating Wildlife

- Community events, walks and activities
- Targeted engaging activities
- On site interpretation and digital communication

Wildlife Citizen Science

- Bioblitz
- National recording schemes events
- Training workshops and skills mentoring
- Annual wildlife recorders conference
- Bespoke ecological monitoring projects

Communities Caring for Wildlife

- Open conservation work parties
- Targeted conservation taster activities
- Involve in decision making/project management

Enhancing wildlife

- 54 small scale wildlife enhancements (20 sites)
- Green Place Biodiversity Action Plans (10 sites)

Wildlife Training

- Programme of open workshop for groups and volunteers
- Wildlife Trust trainee placements
- CCAD creative student projects and placements
- Askam Bryan work based conservation training



Story so far



Successes

**Eighteen
months on**



Challenges

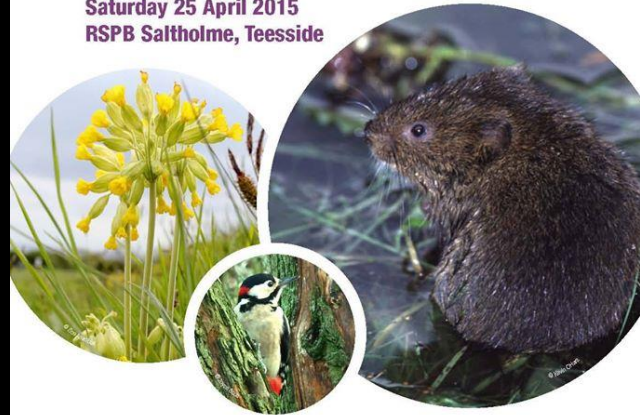


**What we are
learning**



Tees Valley Wildlife Recording Conference

Saturday 25 April 2015
RSPB Saltholme, Teesside



Join us to celebrate the wildlife of the Tees Valley and find out how you can get involved with watching and recording it. Anyone interested in observing wildlife is welcome, from the complete beginner to the seasoned naturalist.



Workshops in wildlife and conservation



2015

Training for conservation volunteers and members of wildlife and community groups in the Tees Valley





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Wild and Safe

Saturday 7th November 10 am - 3 pm
Summerhill, Hartlepool

A safe and well planned event definitely doesn't need to be a headache. We'll take a common sense approach to the planning and running of conservation tasks and community wildlife activities, to show you how to safely keep fun and interesting!

Take home pack so you can continue to develop your wildlife skills.

Small, friendly and informal workshops, with lots of hands-on learning.

We will be covering the relevant and up to date guidance on risk assessment, first aid, food hygiene, personal data, public liability insurance and working with children and vulnerable adults.

Guaranteed to be informative and funor your money back

Free training for conservation volunteers and members of wildlife and community groups in the Tees Valley

To book email Santrabus@teeswildlife.org or ring 01287636382





The Friends of Drinkfield Marsh
and the

Tees Valley Wildlife Trust

Come and help us plant a

Meadow of Wildflowers

Saturday, 2 May, 1pm– 4pm



We have over 1000 wildflower plugs and 140 plants that will transform the slope near the lake into a wildflower meadow and need volunteers to help us.



- For children we have wildlife craft activities
- You will be able to sow a pot of wildflower seeds to grow at home
- Refreshments served



Everyone is welcome, pop along for an hour or stay all afternoon. We really welcome your support

Come armed with a hand fork if you have one (we have plenty spare)



The plants have been funded with a grant from the Tree Council



Wonderful wildflowers

Drinkfield Marsh 2 May 2015



Birdsfoot Tofoli
A member of the pea family, this is the food plant for the common blue butterfly. Its yellow flowers look like little slippers and appear in small clusters. They are followed by seed pods that look distinctly like bird's feet or claws. Other common names include 'Butter and Eggs', 'Eggs and Bacon', and 'Hen and Chickens' which refer to the egg-yolk yellow flowers and reddish buds.



Field scabious
The dainty, lilac blooms that bob on the end of long stalks. It is a lovely sight on wayside banks at the tail-end of summer. The pom-pom like nature of its flower has given rise to alternative names such as 'Lady's pincushion' and 'blue bonnets'. A member of the teasel family its flowers are highly attractive to butterflies and bees.



Meadow vetchling
A scrambling plant with long stems that end with a group of yellow, pea-like flowers. The flowers are followed by shiny, black seed pods that look like peapods. Its leaves comprise a single pair of leaflets that have tendrils. Groups of four to twelve yellow flowers appear between May and August attracting bees and wasps.



Red clover
It's reddish-pink flowers form oval clusters and its leaves - while still recognisably 'cloverleaf' shaped - are larger, downy and marked with a white 'V'. It is not as common as its white relation, red clover and is an important nectar source for bees and although widespread is becoming less common. In "the olden days" children used to suck nectar from the flowers when sweets were in short supply.







Horace the Hedgehog

Free Autumn half term family wildlife activities
26th—30th October 2015

 Discover the secret life of the humble hedgehog

 Follow an autumn nature discovery trail

 Make your own clay model hedgehog

 Top tips on how to make your garden hedgehog friendly

Wrap up warm and wear your wellies

Guest appearance
by Horace the
Hedgehog



- Monday 26th October** (12 noon – 3.00 pm) **North Shore Academy**, Stockton, TS20 2AY. In partnership with North Shore Academy Community Zone
- Tuesday 27th October** (10.30 am - 12.30 pm) **Drinkfield Marsh**, Darlington, DL3 0QZ. Meet at the dry stone wall in the reserve. In partnership with the Friends of Drinkfield Marsh
- Wednesday 28th October** (10.30 am - 12.30 pm) **The Whinnies Local Nature Reserve**, Middleton St George, DL2 1UX. Meet by the pond in the reserve
- Thursday 29th October** (10.30 am - 12.30 pm) **Seaton Park**, Seaton Carew TS25 1BN. In partnership with the Friends of Seaton Park
- Friday 30th October** (10.30 am - 12.30 pm) **Errington Woods**, nr New Marske, TS11 8EE. Meet at the carpark. In partnership with the Friends of Errington Wood

Info: www.tvgreenplaces.org.uk or
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(01287 636382)





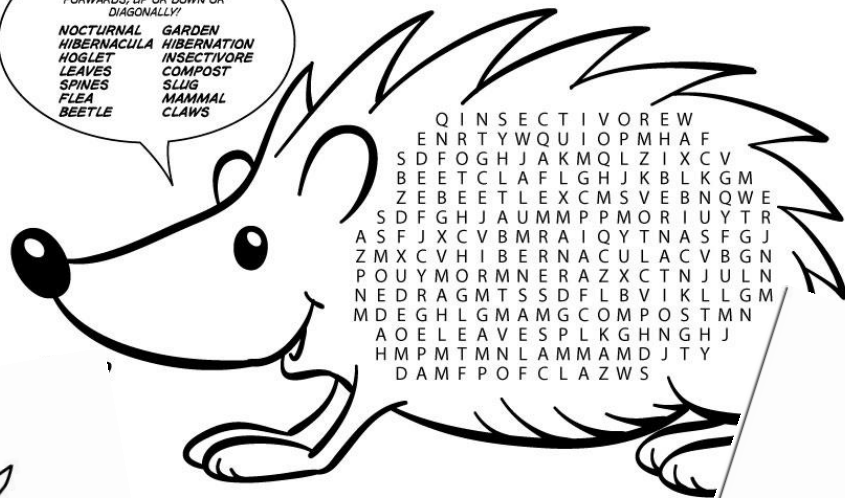
A prickle of hedgehogs, created by families taking part in the Hedgehog and litter picking activities at Maidendale Nature Reserve, 4 October 2015.

Photos by Judith Clayton and Pat Meridith

Harry's Word Search

CAN YOU FIND THESE HIDDEN WORDS? REMEMBER - WORDS CAN READ BACKWARDS OR FORWARDS, UP OR DOWN OR DIAGONALLY!

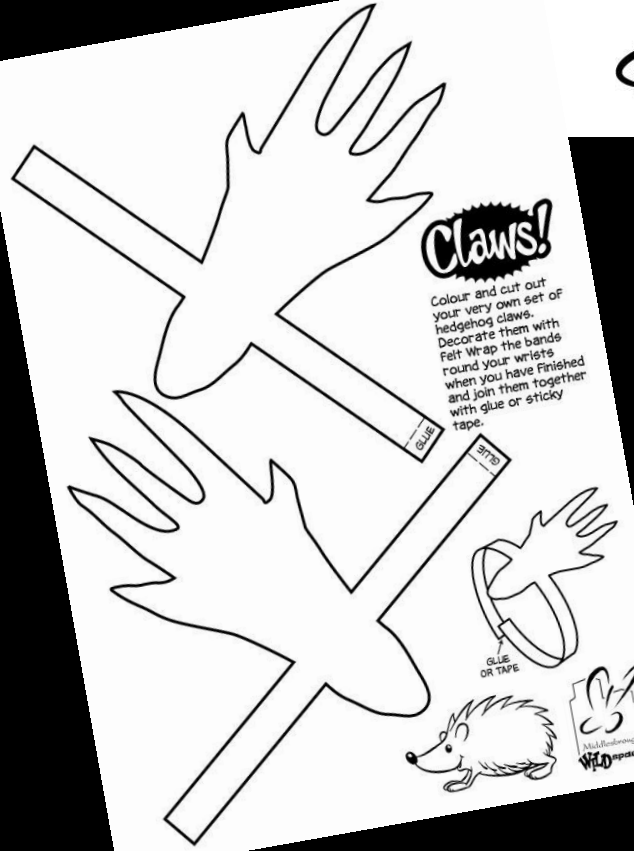
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| NOCTURNAL | GARDEN |
| HIBERNACULA | HIBERNATION |
| HOGLET | INSECTIVORE |
| LEAVES | COMPOST |
| SPINES | SLUG |
| FLEA | MAMMAL |
| BEETLE | CLAWS |



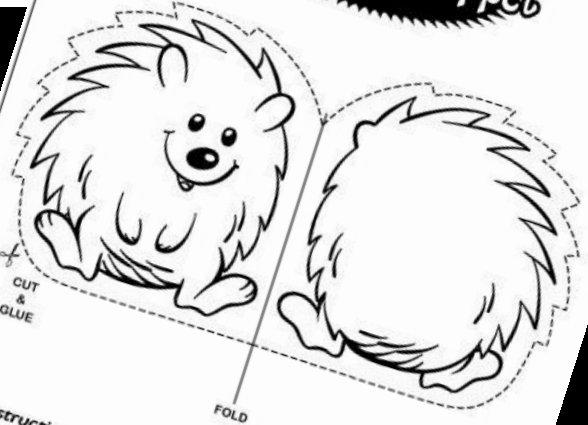
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Claws!

Colour and cut out your very own set of hedgehog claws. Decorate them with felt. Wrap the bands round your wrists when you have finished and join them together with glue or sticky tape.



Fun Finger Puppet



CUT & GLUE

FOLD

Instructions:

Fold where marked.
 Cut around the dotted line.
 Colour in your puppet (both sides!).
 Glue the edges together, remembering to leave an unglued gap at the bottom so you can put the finished puppet on your finger.
 Have fun making up some stories!





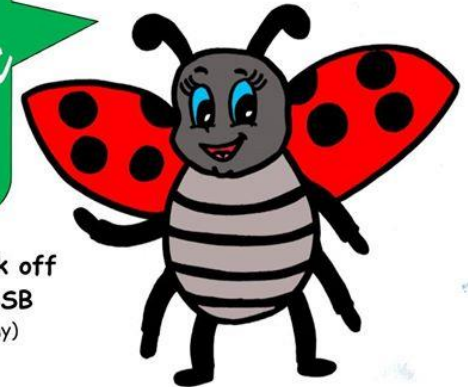


LUCINDA LADYBIRD

FREE SUMMER WILDLIFE FAMILY EVENTS!

Come along to...

Blue Bell Beck
Thursday 25th August
10.30 - 12.30



Meet at the play park off
Trimdon Ave, TS5 8SB
(near the Salvation Army)

- 🐞 FUN FILLED LADYBIRD ARTS, CRAFTS AND GAMES
- 🐞 FOLLOW LUCINDA'S NATURE TRAIL TO LEARN ABOUT THE DIFFERENT SPECIES
- 🐞 DISCOVER FASCINATING FACTS ABOUT LADYBIRDS
- 🐞 FREE LADYBIRD TAKE HOME PACK FULL OF ACTIVITIES
- 🐞 LEARN TIPS ON HOW TO ATTRACT LADYBIRDS TO YOUR OWN GARDEN
- 🐞 EVERYBODY WELCOME, NO BOOKING REQUIRED



For

more information, contact the Tees Valley Wild Green Places Project on 01287 636382 or:







Girl Guides, seed sowing Coatham Green







Health & safety,
insurance

Level of
skills,
confidence
and
expertise in
groups

Group
dynamics
and
stability

**Staff
resource**

Multiple local
authorities and
geographic area

Match
funding

Local colleges
– timetabling
and college
politics

Challenges

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