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SALISBURY WILDLIFE PROJECT



Volunteers create an artificial bank in the Maltings in central Salisbury (also photo below)

Photos: Nicky Warden WWT



Local projects are finalists for international river prize

The Living River Project and STREAM are finalists in the 2009 International Thies Riverprize, which has been organised by the International River Foundation (IRF).

The IRF is working in partnerships around the world to drive the protection and restoration of the world's rivers, lakes and wetlands.

As an international and dynamic non-governmental organisation the IRF has a meaningful, measurable and life-changing impact on individuals and communities by helping them to restore and sustainably manage their rivers for improved health, ecological,

economic, and social outcomes.

The Wiltshire Wildlife Trust is a partner in both projects, which are working across the Avon catchment to address threats and issues that the river faces.

Volunteers with the Salisbury Wildlife Project have contributed to this achievement by helping with the restoration of the river as it flows through central Salisbury at Crane Street and the Maltings.

At these sites an artificial bank has been created to provide a place for plants to grow, which in turn provides a home for wildlife. The bank also helps to speed up the flow of the river.



A sustainable future for wildlife and people

About the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust



Our vision is of a sustainable future for wildlife and people. We have over 20,000 members, look after 38 nature reserves and have over 1,000 volunteers. We work with local communities, schools, businesses and public bodies to achieve our aims. Please join us.

Please enrol me/us as member/s of Wiltshire Wildlife Trust.

I/we would like to join as:

Single..... (£24)

Joint..... (£30)

Family..... (£36)

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Autumn/Winter 2009/10 Conservation Tasks

The events listed below take place on the second Sunday of every month, from 10am – 4pm. (Sept. has two).

Sep 13: Lakeside shore management, Langford Lakes

Come and help us coppice willow and create some bare ground for the migrating waders at this important wetland nature reserve.

Meet in the car park at Langford Lakes nature reserve Grid ref: SU 037 370. Take the A36 towards Warminster. Eight miles out of Salisbury turn left, signed to The Langfords. In the village of Steeple Langford take the second left into Duck Street. After crossing a bridge (over the River Wylye) Langford Lakes is the first turning on the left, just before entering Hanging Langford.

Sep 27: Side channel restoration to the river at Lord's Walk, Amesbury

We will be putting in gravel and some woody debris along a side channel at Lord's Walk to create diversity and improve the river.

Please call Nicky Warden (see box below) for directions.

Oct 11: Bluebell planting at the Devenish Reserve, Little Durnford

Come and help us plant native bluebell bulbs to brighten up the woodland at this beautiful reserve.

Meet in the car park in the entrance to the reserve. From Salisbury take the Amesbury Road (A345), turn left on to Stratford Road. Go through Stratford sub Castle following the signs for Little Durnford. Do not cross the river, but turn right for Durnford

and Salterton, then immediately left onto Phillips Lane. Reserve entrance on right after two miles. Grid ref: SU 128 349.

Nov 8: Coppicing at Blackmoor Copse, the Vaughan-Pickard Reserve

Come and learn the traditional skill of coppicing at this atmospheric woodland reserve.

Meet at the entrance to the reserve, grid ref: SU 234 288. Six miles east of Salisbury between the A30 and the A36, Blackmoor Copse is on the western side of the minor road from Winterslow to East Grimstead. The main entrance is at the junction between Livery Road and the road to Farley.

Dec 13: Scrub bashing and burning at Middleton Down

Come and help clear encroaching scrub and gorse from this beautiful chalk downland reserve. We'll have a bonfire with jacket potatoes and marshmallows for an early Christmas celebration.

Meet at the reserve, one mile south of Broad Chalk, eight miles west of Salisbury. The reserve can be reached on foot from Broad Chalk via Church Bottom track. Start at grid ref: SU 043 252. Easy walking along track for one mile. The reserve entrance (kissing gate) will appear on your right.

Important information for volunteers...

BOOKING A PLACE: It is helpful if you book in advance by calling Nicky Warden, the Trust's Salisbury Wildlife Officer, on (01722) 792015.

TRANSPORT: Transport by minibus is available. Pick-up is from outside the store next to the footbridge over the River Avon by Salisbury Leisure Centre, at grid ref SU 140 310, at 9.45am; or from outside Debenhams, Salisbury Market Square, at 10am. Please call Nicky Warden on (01722) 792015 for information or to book a place.

HEALTH: We recommend that you have an up-to-date tetanus vaccination.

WHAT TO BRING: All tools and training provided. Wear suitable outdoor clothing and footwear. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided, but please bring a packed lunch for all-day tasks.

The Salisbury Wildlife Project

If you would like to receive a copy of this newsletter on a regular basis, get involved with the Salisbury Wildlife Project or just find out more, please contact Nicky Warden.

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