

Volunteer newsletter November 2022

Dear TTTV volunteers – Welcome to our November update, where we celebrate the great work you’ve been doing with TTTV. Make sure you read to the end – we have a Christmas ‘save the date’ for you!

Friends of Brook Hollows

The Friends of Brook Hollows have now been volunteering for over a year and in September they celebrated the one year mark with well-deserved hot drinks and bacon sandwiches.

Alongside their continued general woodland management and footpath enhancement, the Friends have also been instrumental in creating and installing two new interpretation panels on site and, as a nod to the Moseley family crest, the original owners of the former fishing lake, erecting a series of beautiful eagle carvings spread throughout the woodland.



Geocaching volunteers

On Sunday 7th August, TTTV was joined by festival goers from the Mega 2022 Geocaching Event. Held in Uttoxeter this year, participants were encouraged to volunteer their time and join us in litter picking rights of way and pillboxes. Over 80 bags of litter were collected – a great effort!

Drone flight volunteer

We're lucky to have a volunteer who is a qualified and registered drone pilot. Jenny has been capturing images of the Trent Valley to help us with interpretation and also as part of a record of the valley at this time.

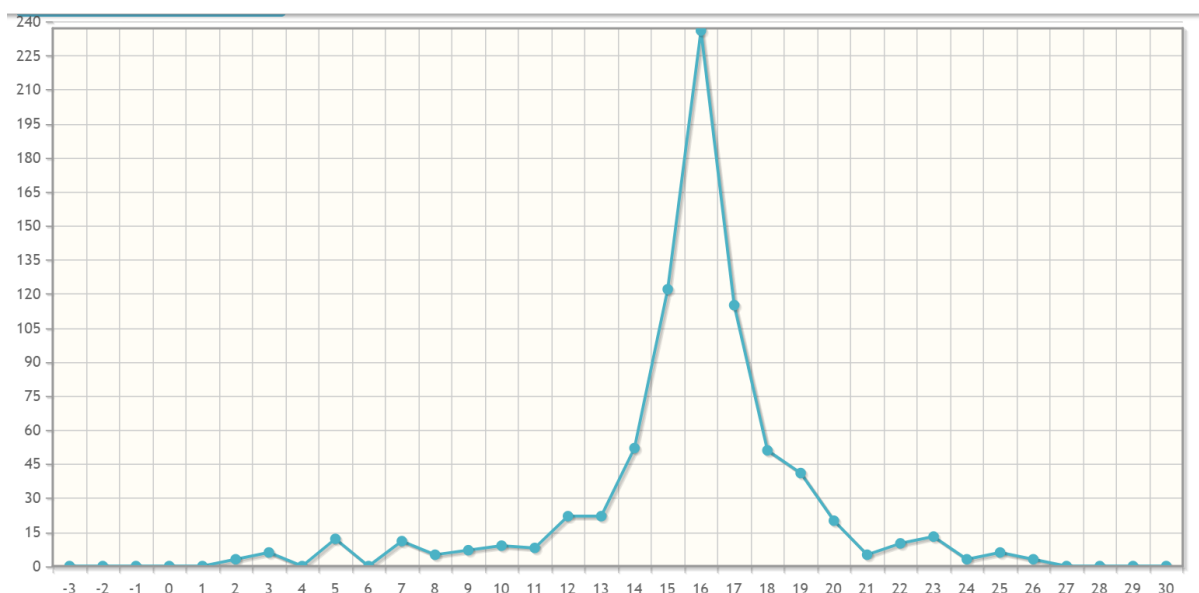


Butterfly transects

Some of the Wildlife Recording Volunteers have been busy over the spring and summer taking part in a butterfly transect at Princes Wood. Working on a rota, the group walked the transect each week, counting and identifying the butterflies they saw along the way.

The most common butterfly seen throughout the season was the Gatekeeper (pictured), followed by the Meadow Brown, with a total of 782 butterflies counted over the whole season. The graph shows the number of butterflies seen each week between April and September; as you can see, July was a bit busy! We'll be running the transect again in 2023, if you'd like to get involved then contact Nicola –

Nicola.lynes@supportstaffordshire.org.uk



Corporate volunteers

We have been working with a number of corporate volunteer groups who have expressed interest in supporting our project delivery. On 29th September, Together Active, a Board partner, supported our Pillbox project by coming out on site and helping with clearance works at Branstons Leas Nature Reserve.

<https://togetheractive.org/together-active-volunteer-with-transforming-the-trent-valley-to-help-local-wildlife/>



Save the Date: Winter Walk and Mince Pies: Monday 12th December

We'd like to invite you to an informal get together on **Monday 12th December, between 1.30 – 4pm at Burton Library/Burton Washlands.**

Hamish, our Living Floodplains Officer, will be leading a walk around the Washlands to show off some of the great habitat improvement work we've completed this year in the area. Following this, come back to Burton Library for a hot drink and mince pie, and catch up with the TTTV and each other. Please can you let us know if you plan to attend the walk, or just want to come for the hot drink and mince pie – email Nicola: Nicola.lynes@supportstaffordshire.org.uk



We hope to see you there!

Finally, a big thank you to our new Creative Content volunteer Lois for putting this newsletter together!

Thanks for reading,
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