

Eco-fame!

I am pleased to announce that the Yellow Land Project is to play a major part in a county-wide nature conference. Tuesday 22nd June will see environmental experts and enthusiasts from all over Warwickshire meet to discuss environmental issues – part of the day will involve a tour of the Yellow Land to see ecological improvement work in action!

Following some fairly drastic looking landscaping work that took place over the winter, the Yellow Land is now beginning to take shape. If you haven't been recently, a new footpath now makes it easier to have a short walk around the site and enjoy the range of wildlife that lives there. Look out for Common Spotted Orchids in an area cleared of scrub, and different species of butterflies such as Speckled Wood and the Small Blue. The rare Grizzled Skipper was spotted in late April!

COMMUNITY

On the 1st May, a small group of local people (pictured) enjoyed a morning bird safari with the county expert, John Bowley. Amongst common birds such as finches, starlings and blue tits, we heard Song Thrush, Willow Warbler and a rare migrant – the Wheatear. The photography course and 'moths by moonlight' event also took place in May.



Pupils from the **Primary School Nature Club** continue to play a major role in helping to improve the site and to record the animals and plants that live there. The **Mums and Toddlers Group** also spent a morning in May exploring the site – soon to be followed by youngsters from Busy Bees! **Dog walkers** - please continue

to make the Yellow Land a safe place for children by cleaning up dog mess which, whilst not only being very unpleasant, can cause a nasty round-worm infection (*Toxocara canis*).

YOUR VOICE

Hopefully you will agree that the Yellow Land could be a major asset to the village. It will be an ideal place for many people to go for a short walk (including mums and toddlers, the disabled and senior residents), and for others to just sit and relax! It could also become part of longer walking routes.

If you would like to contribute to the ongoing design of the site, or have any concerns about what is happening, please get in touch. I am aware from talking to people in the village that fencing and access to the site (and the private land beyond!) continues to be of concern – I am more than happy to talk to all users of the area and hear different points of view.

EVENTS

HALF TERM:

Thursday 3rd June: The World of Insects 10.30-1.30pm.

A bug hunt aimed primarily and mums and toddlers/young children.
Adult enthusiasts also welcome!

Saturday 5th June: Bat Detectors!

Meet 8pm @ the Greaves Club.

Sunday 6th June: Fire-wood giveaway! 10.30-1.30pm

Come and collect free firewood/kindling at the entrance to the Yellow Land. **WORK PARTY** on the same day.

Take a look online at www.bishopsitchington-pc.gov.uk



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