

G-UP NEWS

SPRING 2021



GREENER UGBOROUGH PARISH
A community where it's easy to live sustainably

Happy spring from G-UP!

WILDLIFE AND BIODIVERSITY

Discussions about where we might sow native wildflowers around the Parish, have made it feel even more spring like recently!

If you have a piece of land (or spot one) that you think could lend itself to more sensitive management, less mowing and some meadow flowers please let us know. We aim for G-UP to get sowing in September when - hopefully - we'll all be able to be involved.



This means that we have time this year for taking stock of what we already have and are lacking locally in terms of pollinators, insects, other wildlife and flora. Currently we are working out which flora and fauna surveys will most easily help us assess numbers (like a biodiversity census!). With your help to spot species locally we should be able to shed light on how our projects are impacting upon these numbers, and how we should invest our energies in future years. More info coming soon! Our next Wildlife and Biodiversity (zoom) meeting is on Wed 31st March at 8pm. This is very much about shared learning and no previous experience is necessary, if you are interested or have some time to lend a hand with helping organise, then please come along.

In the meantime we have set up a new WhatsApp group for anyone who is interested in understanding more about the wildlife within the parish. The aim of the group is to share knowledge about the animals, plants, fungi, to help each other out with identifications and share any interesting or notable findings. To join just go to the following link <https://chat.whatsapp.com/FPeSpQvDJpcLfsWCWXJcE3> or email us your smartphone number.

OTHER NEWS

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Primrose Trail - a local community group are spearheading the opening of a safe, accessible multi-purpose trail for walkers and cyclists between South Brent and Kingsbridge (a direct accessible route from Moor to Sea). For more info and to support this great initiative see: <https://primrosetrail.org>.

A few G-UP members were interested in getting water saving devices such as Water Butts. Whilst we are currently unable to get any for free, there are subsidised ones (and other water saving devices) available here: <https://www.savewatersavemoney.co.uk/>

You may be interested to see a questionnaire MP Gary Streeter currently has running. Follow the link to have your say on which local sustainability issues you feel should be prioritised: <https://www.garystreeter.co.uk>

Road works due to new housing developments on the B3213 will be in place for many months. PL:21 are working with Ivybridge Town Council, the Highways Authority and Wain Homes, one of the developers, to create a temporary cycle route that avoids all these road works whilst underway. The diversion signs - supplied by Sustrans - should be in place by the end of March and will direct to existing quiet routes, avoiding busy motor traffic.

South Hams District Council has funding from The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) to offer residents up to £10000 for an air source heat pump heating or solid/single wall external insulation.

To see if you are eligible follow this link:

<https://www.southhams.gov.uk/article/4188/Reducing-Fuel-Bills>

Watch out for the Wild Garlic coming into season - see here for recipes <https://www.riverford.co.uk/organic-fruit-veg-and-salad/vegetables/wild-garlic>

RESOURCES

- The Moor Meadows website is a brilliant resource for anyone interested in creating their own area of meadow or finding out why they are so important: <https://moormeadows.org.uk/> They have a useful forum: <https://forum.moremeadows.org.uk/> and some excellent online talks (25th March: 'How to Create a Meadow').
- If you haven't already you might also like to check out Jackie Andrade's blog about her ambition for Moorhaven: <https://devonhedgerow.wordpress.com/2021/02/07/moorhaven-meadows/>.
- STOP PRESS: At Moorhaven, permission has been given for a trial period of managing the historic cemetery area as a wildflower meadow. We shall be scarifying the lawn after an initial mowing, then planting plugs of field scabious, betony and yellow rattle, all plants that enjoy our damp acidic soil conditions and grow in this area but are unlikely to be naturally seeded here in the first year. We will also sow cornflower and poppy seeds for a colourful display of annuals, and transplant surplus plants such as ox-eye daisy, campions and primroses growing wild in people's gardens.

Sustainable South Brent have also done some brilliant work in this 'area' - Check out what their 'Brent Bees Bugs and Butterflies (4Bs)' group has been up to here: <https://ssb.org.uk/projects/brent-bees-bugs-and-butterflies-4bs/>



Litter picking equipment will be available from the end of March for anyone to borrow in Ugborough, Bittaford or Moorhaven. Please get in touch if you would like to borrow any bag hoops, high vis vests and pincers...

EVENTS

- On 31st March Wembury Environment Group host 18 year old Mya-Rose Craig, a prominent British Bangladeshi birder, conservationist and environmentalist:
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/wembury-environment-group>
- The AONB presents 'Life on the Edge - South Devon's incredible insects'. A free online talk about the array of rare and important insects which can be found on the coast of South Devon on 27th April:
<https://www.southdevonaonb.org.uk/pec-events>

CEE Bill

An open letter coordinated by South Hams Climate Action Network, which asks local MPs Anthony Mangnall and Gary Streeter to support the CEE Bill (the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill) has been circulating.

Many local businesses and organisations have signed this and the G-UP Steering Group has done so also.

If you would like to do so, please follow the weblink where all info can be found:
<https://www.sh-can.org>.

BECOME A CITIZEN SCIENTIST IN 2021

Ways to get involved...

Great British Wildflower Hunt

Register here now

<https://www.plantlife.org.uk/wildflowerhunt/>

Butterfly Conservation

<https://www.gardenbutterflysurvey.org>.

Big Butterfly Count

<https://bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org/>

The Great Bug Hunt 2021

www.School.Science.co.uk

* Admin SOS!

Could you volunteer any spare time on your hands to help with G-UP admin? There's lots we want to get off the ground and plenty of ideas come our way but some help to make this possible would be appreciated... making enquiries, arranging meetings, taking notes or the odd bit of research. Please get in touch if you can lend a hand, even if it's here and there.

All best wishes

Faith, Jane, Jackie, Vici, Rowan,
Ashley and Caroline
The Steering Committee

South Hams District Council's new Recycling initiative is being rolled out in Spring 2021 allowing the recycling of a much greater range of materials than before: Full details here <https://southhams.gov.uk/newservice>

Other materials which can be recycled locally:

CRISP PACKETS* ✓

- Store these at home ready for a collection later this spring.
- Fold about 20 packets together (in two lots of 10) and stuff in to another packet (like the crisp packet 'brick' pic).
- We can accept packets from ANY POTATO crisps - any make, brand or size.
- We CANNOT accept any POPCORN, PRETZEL, MINI-CHEDDAR, PORK SCRATCHINGS OR PEANUT BAGS. Please check they are crisp packets before collecting!



OLD PENS* ✓

We can accept any dried up writing instruments (any brand, any parts of pens or propelling pencils). Save these from your black bin and we will collect later this year.

*Ugborough Primary School pupils can leave these items in school where collection boxes are set up. Recycling both these waste creates funding for charities.

CANDLES/WAX ✓

Save any stubs or used night lights and put in the tub in Ugborough bus shelter. Local maker Amanda Angus is turning these into scented firelighters!

DENTAL PRODUCTS ✓

Electric toothbrush heads and covers, Electric flosser nozzles, Flossing sticks and interdental brushes and Dental floss containers can be recycled at Virginia Lodge, Park Cottages, Ugborough and 7 Bittaford Terrace, Bittaford.

www.ugborough.com/g-up

STAMPS ✓

Collect used stamps for the RNIB- <https://www.rnib.org.uk> or drop off at Willow Cottage, 12 Lutterburn Street

PLASTIC BAGS, PET FOOD POUCHES, PLASTIC WRAP & PLASTIC FILM ✓

These soft plastics are now taken by Tesco to recycle - collection point at the exit to the Lee Mill store.

Please get in touch if you want to be part of our Greener Ugborough Parish Group or have any questions

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