

WILD ABOUT NATURE

EVENT PROGRAMME – Sunday, 8th MAY 2022

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“WILD ABOUT NATURE”

Hosted by community wildlife group
WILD ABOUT STOCKTON HEATH (WASH)

At Stockton Heath Library,
Alexandra Road, Stockton Heath, WA4 2AN.

*A day of celebration
of the wildlife and spaces for nature in Stockton Heath*

At the “WILD ABOUT NATURE” community event, there will be :

- ~ **MORNING TALKS FOR LOCAL WILDLIFE ENTHUSIASTS** ~
- ~ **AFTERNOON NATURE ACTIVITIES FOR ALL THE FAMILY** ~

COME ALONG TO SEE AND HEAR AN INSPIRING COLLECTION
OF ALL THINGS WILD AND WONDERFUL –
about birds, bees, bugs, worms, hedgehogs, butterflies,
and much, much more!!

This all-day event will take place at Stockton Heath Library, with some of the afternoon activities in neighbouring Alexandra Park Pavilion.

The morning session (10am – 12:30pm) will comprise a collection of short talks in Stockton Heath Library and Expert Panel “WILD QUESTION TIME”, and will need to be booked through Eventbrite (*see booking details below*).

The afternoon (2pm – 4pm) will be an open-house drop-in for all the family, taking place in both the Library and in Alexandra Park Pavilion – no booking required. Meet some WILD people ready and waiting to inspire you with WILD things to see and do.

The day’s activities will close with WILD Storytelling in the Library from 4pm.



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MORNING SESSION : 10am – 12:30pm (Booking essential)

10am to 12pm – WILDLIFE TALKS

In a collection of short talks, learn about the WILD things going on all over Stockton Heath, and hear from wildlife experts about how we can all give our local wildlife a helping hand – in our gardens and yards, around our neighbourhoods and outdoor public spaces.

Guest speakers and topics :

Milton Wimpenny, Chair of **WILD ABOUT STOCKTON HEATH**, will highlight the rich variety of wildlife and wildlife habitats in the Parish of Stockton Heath. He will talk about recent WASH projects aimed at increasing local biodiversity, and explain how the local community can get involved.

Adam Linnet of **Cheshire Wildlife Trust** on CWT's vision for "*Creating Wilder Communities*".

Amanda Bowles, local hedgehog champion, will reveal the activities of hedgehogs all around Stockton Heath and will explain how we can help their populations to thrive by creating "*Hedgehog Highways*".

Anita Young, local nature enthusiast, will celebrate "*The wildlife value of Ackers Pit*" as a rich haven for wildlife in the heart of the Stockton Heath community.

George Pilkington, bee and wildlife gardening expert of **Nurturing Nature** (recently featured on BBC2's *Wild Gardener*), will offer practical advice on wildlife-friendly gardening.

Other wildlife specialists in the Library throughout the day with wildlife information and displays will be :

Louise Bentley – **Bolton and Bury Swifts**

Rupert Adams – **Butterfly Conservation**

There will also be supporting wildlife information leaflets provided by the **RSPB**.

There will be a mid-morning refreshment (*) break during which attendees can browse wildlife information tables and chat to all of our wildlife guests.

() Refreshments will be provided and served by the **Friends of South Warrington Library in Stockton Heath (SWISH)**. Their support for this WASH event is gratefully acknowledged.*

12 noon to 12:30 – WILD QUESTION TIME : Expert Panel

The morning session will conclude with a **WILD QUESTION TIME** when attendees can put their wildlife-friendly gardening and local wildlife questions to an Expert Panel of all guest speakers present.

Book through Eventbrite using the following link :

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/wild-about-nature-tickets-309484836477>

For more information contact Anita on 07813 536463

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~ AFTERNOON ~

NATURE HUB DROP-IN : 2pm to 4pm

Stockton Heath Library and Alexandra Park Pavilion

DROP IN on something WILD for all the family

DROP IN to the Library and Alexandra Park Pavilion between 2pm and 4pm to meet some WILD people ready and waiting to inspire you with WILD things to see and do :

In the Library

- Cheshire Wildlife Trust
 - Amanda Bowles (Hedgehogs)
- Louise Bentley – Bolton and Bury Swifts
- Rupert Adams – Butterfly Conservation
- Wild About Stockton Heath (WASH)
- Junior Photographic Display – The Nature of Stockton Heath
- Lots of nature and wildlife information for you to discover
 - Wildlife quizzes and games

In the Pavilion and Park

- Making wildflower seed-bombs
- Plant a seed to help the bees and butterflies – take it home and watch it grow
 - Cheshire Wildlife Trust “Pledge to Nature” Tree
- “Find the Hedgehogs” Trail (supported by local primary schools)

~ WILD STORYTELLING in the Library ~

4 – 4:30pm

*We close the afternoon with **WILD Storytelling** in the Library
Presented by Milton Wimpenny*



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