

December Update

Tea at Three

Thanks to Ruth and Ian for getting the whole afternoon up and running! It really was a great success and it would be super to make it an annual event, super as a lead up to Christmas! Not only that but we were delighted to welcome two new Wildlife and Habitat group members, Mike Chapman from Bourton and Edith Moorhouse from Zeals. As we always explain, members do only what we have the ability and the time for - no pressure, just fun is the idea. The most important aspect is to have the support to press ahead with our ideas for next year.

There was also a lot of interest from those in the room and a number of those undertook to grow some corncockle seeds for the village wildlife bank.

Moldrams Ground Nature Reserve volunteering

The previous morning, some members of our group worked with the South Somerset Countryside Rangers up at Moldrams Ground nature reserve in Pen Selwood, clearing a fallen tree, cutting back and clearing excess brambles, repairing the lower pond so water is flowing once again over the weir. Elsa collected a mass of holly which was cut back, and this will provide some Christmas decorations.

Nest Box Hunt

We probably will not have another get together until late January or early February, but we are now on the hunt for a variety of nesting boxes to place throughout the village. If anyone happens to receive one they do not want to place in their garden, we can certainly make use of it in the village. For those who feel the need to do something practical once the festivities are over, or know anyone else who feels that way, and would like to construct a box or two, here is a link to some great and unusual designs. A little owl box design is also attached.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS !

<http://www.bto.org/about-birds/nnbw/make-a-nest-box>