

# Workshops for a wilder community



These sessions have been specially designed to support individuals, communities and groups acting for nature in their local area. Workshops are subsidised by donations made to Norfolk Wildlife Trust.

**Booking essential** – through Eventbrite at [www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk/whats-on](http://www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk/whats-on) or phone 01603 625540.

## Group Mechanics...

### How to lead a practical conservation task

**Saturday 14 May**

**10am – 4pm**

During this one day workshop The Conservation Volunteers will guide us through how to run a practical conservation session; looking at how to organise activities, run sessions safely and create a welcoming environment open to all.

**Fleggburgh**

**£15 per person. Booking essential**

### How to start a 'Friends of Group'

**Saturday 11 June**

**1.30pm – 4.30pm**

Are you interested in setting up a 'Friends of Group' or maybe you have already done it, but would like to meet like-minded people on the same journey? The Conservation Volunteers will talk us through how to set up a group, create a constitution, open a bank account, set up a committee and then run us through the first typical year – recruiting volunteers, promoting the group and organising your first AGM.

**Norwich**

**£7 per person. Booking essential**



### How to grab a grant – Introduction to applying for small community grants

**Wednesday 5 October**

**7pm – 8.30pm**

Do you have a great idea for a wildlife project but haven't got the funds to move it forward? Jane Warren, NWT Grants Officer, will guide you through some of the opportunities out there to help you raise funds for a community project.

**Poringland**

**Free. Booking essential**

### Getting to grips with social media

**Tuesday 8 November**

**7pm – 8.30pm**

Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, TikTok... with so many social media platforms where do you start? This workshop will guide you through the best way to promote your group or wildlife project through a variety of different platforms.

**Webinar**

**Free. Booking essential**

## Skill sharing day...

### Scything in action

**Saturday 17 September**

**10am – 3pm**

Drop into Eaton Park and see scything in action as we cut their wildflower meadow. Meet the experts, have a chat and see how this traditional skill is making a comeback, helping communities to manage their meadows.

**Eaton Park, Norwich, NR4 7AZ**

Do you have a scythe? Would you like to help us on the day for an hour or two to cut the meadow. Or if you're new to it why not improve your scything by working alongside experts? Get in touch and register your interest, by phone 01603 598333, or email [wild@norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk](mailto:wild@norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk)



## Habitat Focus...

### **A step-by-step approach to creating a meadow in your local patch**

Thursday 28 April

10am – 1pm

This workshop will give an overview of how to create a wildflower meadow either from scratch or by managing an existing green space with wildflowers in mind. Learn how to improve your chances of success and how to look after your meadow.

**Saxlingham Nethergate**

**£7 per person. Booking essential**

### **Creating community meadows**

Thursday 9 June

10am – 1pm

Helen Baczkowska (NWT Conservation Officer) and Eilish Rothney (NWT Trinity Broads Warden) will take us on a tour of three very different meadows, looking at how they were made, how they are managed and how you can source local seed for your very own meadow.

**Filby**

**£7 per person. Booking essential**

### **Managing, restoring and creating parish and community ponds**

Wednesday 21 September

10am – 1pm

Ponds are small habitats rich in wildlife, from plants to insects, birds to amphibians. Come along and find out how best to care for ponds in your local patch.

**Brisley**

**£7 per person. Booking essential**



### **How to create a woodland from scratch**

Saturday 24 September

10am – 1pm

Iestyn Griffiths, Arboriculture and Woodland Officer for Norfolk County Council, will guide us through how to plan, plant and manage a woodland with wildlife in mind.

**Gressenhall – Environment Hub**

**£7 per person. Booking essential**



### **An introduction to managing reed and sedge beds**

Monday 5 December

10am – 12pm

Norfolk is famous for its reed and sedge beds, but what do you need to consider when managing them? John Blackburn, NWT Reserves Manager, will talk us through some of the key factors to consider when managing these habitats for wildlife.

**NWT Hickling Broad and Marshes**

**£7 per person. Booking essential**

## Practical tool use...

### **Scythe maintenance and use refresher workshop**

Saturday 7 May

10am – 3pm

Do you have a scythe, but are not sure how to maintain it? This workshop will show you how to sharpen the blade and how to peen it, as well as refreshing your memory on how to set it up and use it to give the most effective cut.

**Hickling**

**£30 per person (inc. 50% subsidy)**

**Booking essential**

### **Safe hand tool use**

Saturday 25 June

10am – 12pm

The Conservation Volunteers will guide us through using hand tools with a practical conservation task group. This will look at how to keep your group safe, how to explain their use and how to use them correctly.

**Neatishead**

**£7 per person. Booking essential**

### **Introduction to practical scything**

Saturday 9 July

10am – 4pm

Scythes are a fantastic tool for managing small meadows. This workshop will teach you how to set up, use and maintain a scythe, as well as covering some of the basics of meadow management.

**Gressenhall - Environment Hub**

**£40 per person (inc. 50% subsidy)**

**Booking essential**







## Species focus...

### Introduction to recording wildflowers on your patch

Friday 24 June

10am – 1pm

Plants are fascinating and when you take the time to really look at an area you will be amazed at how many different wildflowers can be found. This introductory session will show you how to start recording wildflowers, how to get to grips with plant families and how to identify at least 20 common wildflowers.

Norwich

£7 per person. Booking essential

### Making room for swifts in your neighbourhood

Wednesday 6 July

6.30pm – 8pm

Would summer be the same without swift 'screaming parties' as they fly overhead? Surely this is something that would be truly missed if we lost these amazing birds that are now listed as a red data book species. On this interactive walk Caroline Spinks, Norwich Swift Network, will give us an insight into these birds and talk about how she is helping to look after swifts in the city. Come and learn how to 'talk' swift!

Norwich

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### Encouraging bees and butterflies into your local green space

Thursday 12 May

10am – 12pm

Discover the best ways to encourage bees and other pollinators into your local green space, from nettle patches to pollinator strips, an herbaceous border to wildflower meadow, bee home to minibeast hotel.

Norwich

£7 per person. Booking essential



## Community focus...

### Managing a heath in the heart of a community

Tuesday 7 June

6.30pm – 8pm

Litcham Common is a County Wildlife Site and Local Nature Reserve, grazed by ponies and cattle. This walk will look at what makes the heath so special and how Litcham Common Conservation Group manages the site with wildlife in mind.

Litcham Common

Free. Booking essential

### The making of an urban oasis

Saturday 6 August

10am – 12pm

Join the Gaywood Valley Conservation Group on a tour of the site they help to manage at Lynn Sport.

King's Lynn

Free. Booking essential

### Sowing the seed...

Friday 9 September

10am – 11.30am

Take a tour of Salhouse Community Tree Nursery and discover how James Cleaver set up this venture, to increase the trees in his local community.

Salhouse

Free. Booking essential

## Planning for wildlife...



### How to get the best outcomes for wildlife from planning decisions where you live

Wednesday 19 October

6pm – 7pm

Join Mike Jones, NWT Conservation Officer (Planning), for some top tips on how to get the best outcomes for wildlife from planning decisions in your community.

Webinar

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