



## **LCCs Parish Urban Verge Wildlife Project- training dates & workshops 2022**

Leicestershire County Council continues to work with a wide range of Parish Councils and local communities to change the management of selected roadside verges in order to improve their biodiversity value, this is as simple as minimal intervention and reducing the intensity of cuts to help nature thrive. Local wildlife charity, NatureSpot continues to support the project by helping with wildlife surveys and by promoting the verges as bespoke Wild Places pages ([https://www.naturespot.org.uk/verge\\_biodiversity](https://www.naturespot.org.uk/verge_biodiversity)). The annual scheme now has a staggering 51 parishes signed up, including a total of 63 roadside verges now been managed more sensitively for local wildlife.

As part of the scheme, we will be offering additional opportunities for the local community to get more actively involved this year with the wildlife surveys of some of these important verges, whilst also contributing important wildlife data to our local environmental records centre in order to aid future monitoring and protection.

The open days will give members of the public a chance to assist and shadow specialist wildlife volunteers and county recorders from Naturespot in undertaking a wildflower survey, whilst giving local people a chance to learn more about the diversity and role of these key habitats via species identification and survey technique. You do not need in previous experience, just a passion for nature!

If you are interested in attending any of the verge open days or would like more information please register your interest via: Environment Policy and Strategy Team [EnvironmentTeam@leics.gov.uk](mailto:EnvironmentTeam@leics.gov.uk)

Parish		Verge Location	Date & time of Open Day	Wildplaces Page (including verge location)
Cropston & Thurcaston		Leicester Road	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2022 Start: 2pm	<a href="https://www.naturespot.org.uk/Cropston_Leicester_Road_Verges">https://www.naturespot.org.uk/Cropston Leicester Road Verges</a>
East Langton		Church Causeway	Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> July 2022 Start: 10am	<a href="https://www.naturespot.org.uk/East_Langton_Church_Causeway_Verge">https://www.naturespot.org.uk/East Langton Church Causeway Verge</a>
Great Glen		London Road	Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2022 Start: 2.30pm	<a href="https://www.naturespot.org.uk/Great_Glen_London_Rd_Verge">https://www.naturespot.org.uk/Great Glen London Rd Verge</a>
Groby		Ratby Road	Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2022 Start: 10am	<a href="https://www.naturespot.org.uk/Groby_Ratby_Rd_Verge">https://www.naturespot.org.uk/Groby Ratby Rd Verge</a>
Hoby		Church Lane	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2022 Start: 7pm	<a href="https://www.naturespot.org.uk/Hoby_Church_Lane_Verge">https://www.naturespot.org.uk/Hoby Church Lane Verge</a>
Kirby Muxloe		Glenfield Lane	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2022 Start: 7pm	<a href="https://www.naturespot.org.uk/Kirby_Muxloe_Glenfield_Lane_Verge">https://www.naturespot.org.uk/Kirby Muxloe Glenfield Lane Verge</a>
Newtown Linford		Groby Lane	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2022 Start: 7pm	<a href="https://www.naturespot.org.uk/Newtown_Linford_Groby_Ln_Verge">https://www.naturespot.org.uk/Newtown Linford Groby Ln Verge</a>
Peckleton		Church Road	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2022 Start: 2pm	<a href="https://www.naturespot.org.uk/Peckleton_Church_Rd_Verge">https://www.naturespot.org.uk/Peckleton Church Rd Verge</a>
Rothley		Hallifields Lane	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2022 Start: 7pm	<a href="https://www.naturespot.org.uk/Rothley_Hallifields_Ln_Verge">https://www.naturespot.org.uk/Rothley Hallifields Ln Verge</a>

<b>Thurnby &amp; Bushby</b>		Hollies Way	Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> August 2022 Start: 2pm	<a href="https://www.naturespot.org.uk/Thurnby_Hollies_Way_Verge">https://www.naturespot.org.uk/Thurnby_Hollies_Way_Verge</a>
<b>Woodhouse</b>		Forest Road	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2022 Start: 7pm	<a href="https://www.naturespot.org.uk/Woodhouse_Forest_Rd_Verge">https://www.naturespot.org.uk/Woodhouse_Forest_Rd_Verge</a>
<b>Kibworth</b>		Wistow Road Roundabout	Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2022 Start: 2.30pm	<a href="https://www.naturespot.org.uk/kibworth_wistow_rd_roundabout">https://www.naturespot.org.uk/kibworth_wistow_rd_roundabout</a>