

Sutton Poyntz Biodiversity Group

Planting Pollinators



Get your garden buzzing

Wild bees and other pollinators are in decline. One way gardeners can help is by planting garden flowers that provide forage for a wide variety of pollinating insects

For more information
Rhs.org.uk/pollinators

Plant a fruit tree for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

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- Formed in 2009
- We run a monthly garden bird watch week
- Members moth trap
- A few of us do a weekly butterfly count round the hill
- We monitor many types of wildlife, which we report in a monthly newsletter
- In 2021 we completed a survey of the Waterworks fen for Wessex Water



**We now need to recruit new members. Contact
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These birds can be seen around the village in Sutton Poyntz. Can you identify them? If so you may be interested in joining our monthly garden bird watch. Members receive a monthly newsletter. Garden bird watch usually takes place on the last week of each month, but always happy to receive lists a little early or late if you are away. We ask you to keep an eye on your garden during the week and provide a list, preferably on an excel form, which reduces the risk of me copying things wrongly or otherwise on a word form. These are emailed out each month, along with your monthly newsletter. We keep members posted about national initiatives such as British Trust for Ornithology's species surveys and Botanical Society's wildflower hunts.

From 1st April to 30th September, we contribute to Butterfly Conservation's standard weekly butterfly walk around the Waterworks hill monitoring the butterflies seen there. In addition, casual butterfly records are noted using their smart phone app. We also have activities such as moth trapping. We monitor butterflies and other insects in our gardens as well as the local countryside. We are always interested to hear if you have a slow worm or frog in your garden. How often do badgers visit? For some years now, we have monitored small mammals such as wood mouse and bank vole around the Waterworks wood as well as do an annual bat emergence survey from the Waterworks office for the Bat Conservation Trust. Members are welcome to take part.

