

## Cardiff Nature Recovery Action Plan update

Progress with developing a Nature Recovery Action Plan continues. The plan will set out the actions required to support nature recovery in Cardiff.



Workshops and engagement events were held at a number of locations across the city to gather views, concerns, and suggestions for action to aid nature recovery.

Key concerns included:

- Parks /green space / trees being lost to development / housing.
- Waste and litter.
- Variations in the quality and accessibility of greenspace Cardiff
- Barriers to engaging with nature including time, cost, poor transport links.
- Water pollution in rivers and lakes - litter and sewage
- Lack of connection with the Cardiff LNP - perception that it is only for 'big organisations' or experts
- Engaging with nature can be intimidating and tone / language can be off-putting.

## Nature Recovery Action in Schools Event

To capture the views of young people, a nature workshop for schools was also held.

Key themes discussed were the importance of ponds and the need for more pollinator friendly planting.

Some of the barriers to accessing greenspace and nature for young people included:

- Government and curriculum requirements
- Lack of equipment and resources
- Lack of wider respect and understanding of nature
- A lack of training and expertise in nature friendly activities

The comments and suggestions gathered during these sessions will be incorporated into a draft Cardiff Nature Recovery Action Plan. The draft plan will be circulated for comment in late summer.



### Community Ponds

The Cardiff Local Nature Partnership Community Project Fund supported over 30 community



projects last year. Pictured below are ponds installed at Allensbank and Heol Chappell allotment sites. They have wildlife-friendly sloping edges to allow safe access for mammals such as hedgehogs, and stones around the edge to provide shelter for frogs and insects. Once established these ponds will provide a home for a wide variety of plants and animals.

### Orchard workshop

The Orchard Project from Swansea led an informative and practical workshop on a lovely sunny winter's day back in February. Attendees put their new knowledge into practice, pruning trees in the Forest Farm Orchard. Everyone took note to only prune apples and pears as pruning cherries and other stone fruits during the winter months can leave them exposed to Silver Leaf disease.



### Winter Tree Identification workshop



Another lucky weather day for hosting one of two winter tree ID workshops in partnership with the Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales and Coed Caerdydd.

Further workshops are planned for this year including:

- Wildlife Gardening
- Water Vole Survey training
- Dormouse footprint survey training
- Grassland plant survey training

### We'd like to hear from you!

If you'd like some advice on making your community space more wildlife friendly, or wish to be added to our mailing list to keep up to date with our events, workshops, and volunteer opportunities please get in touch by emailing [Biodiversity.team@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:Biodiversity.team@cardiff.gov.uk)

You'll also be able to find us at the event below:

- 29<sup>th</sup> June - Wales Nature week celebration  
St Fagans Museum

More information about wildlife in Cardiff can be found on website [Wildlife and Biodiversity - Outdoor Cardiff](#)