



Future events:

Wildlife Walk and Talk **Saturday 11th April, 10.30am** **Liverton Copse**

Our next walk-and-talk is an opportunity to visit Liverton Copse and adjacent areas of Withycombe Brook, which include some ancient woodland. Further information will be sent out separately.

Past events

Topsham walk-and-talk on **Sunday 1st February 2026**



Bowling Green Marsh

Despite an extremely wet January, we were very lucky with our walk, and only had to contend with a brief shower. We were well rewarded as there was plenty of wildlife to see from the hide at Bowling Green Marsh, and also in the fields and from the Goatwalk and Quayside.

The light at Bowling Green Marsh was really lovely, and this male teal was photographed swimming in one of the scrapes.



Teal (Anas crecca)

Thanks to the sharp eyes of one of our group, we saw two snipe hiding in a clump of grasses. They are so well camouflaged that they were really hard to spot. Well done Hills!



Snipe (Gallinago gallinago)

There were lots of wigeon - we heard their distinctive 'whistles' before we saw them – and a number of shoveler as well as lots of lapwing.



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Moorhen (Gallinula chloropus)

Along the lane the hedgerow birds were flitting about, and the song of robins could be heard everywhere.

We took the route through the fields and along to the copse by the Goat walk, where we saw plenty of snowdrops, and a few early daffodils.



Snowdrop

Despite the inclement weather our spirits weren't dampened, and several of us stayed for a pleasant picnic with views across the river.

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The Bystock newsletter, issued quarterly, is full of updates and information about species to look out for at the reserve.

Nature news from DWT

There has been an unusually high number of seabird strandings in the early part of this year, following all the stormy weather. with many birds showing signs of starvation. These birds can recover with specialist care. Do not touch or pick up dead or sick birds as they may have avian flu. There is something you can do.

If you come across an injured seabird:
Dead: Call Devon Wildlife Trust Marine Strandings Hotline on 07719 086531
Alive: Call RSPCA West Hatch Wildlife Centre: 0300 123 0721



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What's happening in and around Exmouth

If you have local events you would like us to include in future newsletter, please email us at exmouthdwt@gmail.com

Sideshore

- Big Dip, Sunday 29th March
- Paddle Out Protest, Sat 16th May
- Vegan Market, Sun 7th June
- Wellness Festival, Sun 14th June

Plastic Free Exmouth

- Sunday Morning Beach Clean starts at 08.30am from either end of the beach, meeting up at Sideshore for a weigh in of the haul, Discount drink from Hangtime and general chat.
- Million Mile Beach Clean in April.
- Possible collaboration with other Exmouth Groups for the Keep Britain Tidy Campaign. 13th-29th March.

Wild About Lympstone: Gardening for Wildlife Award

Beautiful trophies, designed by three local artists working together and using UK native wood and local materials, will be presented to the winners. We will be sharing entries in a display at Lympstone's annual Garden Show on Sat 15 August, and we hope they will inspire others to make small changes for wildlife (and maybe win a trophy next year).

Mushroom: Exmouth District Community Food Network

We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to fill the following roles:

- "Fun-Guy" Team Members: Help us bring food-related events to life and engage with our vibrant community.

- Coordination Volunteers: Assist us in managing the network and keeping our various initiatives running smoothly.

Friends of the River Exe (FORE)

FORE are running a pilot project with bi-monthly water testing by the RNLI, Exmouth and in Lympstone in order to get a baseline picture about the state of our water. They are testing for FBI (Faecal Bacteria Investigation) and get a red, green or amber result after approx 15 mins, with a reading to show severity of E coli & gram negative bacteria which pose serious health risks. We're grateful for a local donation from The Letting Centre which helps cover the cost of reagents, and hope to increase our tests when funding allows. If you're interested in our findings do ask!

Ecochurch Coffee Morning



EDDC vote to protect rivers!

At February's council meeting councillors voted unanimously to 'recognise and protect the rights of rivers in Devon.'

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