

Growing Confidence

Springing out of Lockdown: May 2021



Finally restrictions are easing, and we can start to get out and about again!

Because you've missed out on so much we've organised two sessions of Make My Weekends Wild this month. Note that the first has been changed to a Saturday. The second is during term-time so may only be suitable for those of you who have left school, unfortunately. To book onto either, please email: TomRJ@ShropshireWildlifeTrust.org.uk

Date	Activity	Theme & Location
Saturday 8th May 11am—4pm	<u>Plant Surveys & Invasive Species</u> A local botanist will be helping us identify some of the key plant species growing in and around this iconic reserve. We will also complete some practical conservation work, clearing some of the invasive plant species. We might also see some great dragonflies and butterflies too!	MMWW Llanymynech Rocks
Wednesday 12th May 6.30—8pm	<u>Moths!!</u> A session of 'show and tell'! One of our long-standing members will be telling us all about his passion for these fascinating insects: what he's learned about them and how to identify them, maybe even some hints on what you could do to help them. Hopefully he'll be bringing in some live specimens too...	Y4W Abbey Foregate
Thursday 20th May 11am—4pm	<u>Fence Building</u> Many of our reserves are in desperate need of fence repairs. Come along to this extra mid-week session to learn this skill, vital to any conservationist hoping to gain employment in the sector in the future.	MMWW Llyncllys Common

Youth for the Wild this month will finally be taking place at our offices at Abbey Foregate, in Shrewsbury. This is the first time we have met here since we re-launched last year (so that means biscuits too!). Guy has eagerly agreed to come along for the evening and tell us all about one of his great passions: moths. As well as showing us some of the amazing photos he's taken, he'll hopefully also bring in some live specimens—if he can catch them! To register your interest in joining us, please email: KatH@ShropshireWildlifeTrust.org.uk



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Some of the highlights from last month—including the newest member of our team: Cara-dog!

Some extra things you might be interested in getting involved with:

- ◇ For anyone over the age of 16, there is the opportunity to help us here at Shropshire Wildlife Trust with doing some habitat surveys over the summer. Some of you might be interested in being fully trained in Phase 1 Habitat Surveys, others might just want to volunteer to help with the surveys through July and August. Apply [here](#) by **3rd May**
- ◇ The Guardian newspaper is holding a competition for anyone between the ages of 8 and 14 who loves nature, and writing. Could you be the person to write for their Young Country Diary? Find out more details [here](#), and get your entries in by **Monday 17th May**
- ◇ The Shropshire Hills AONB has begun a new project for people between the ages of 12 and 16, called Young Rangers. They have a few different events planned over the coming months. You can find out all the details [here](#)
- ◇ For the older age group, people aged 16 to 30, a new group has just been launched called Generation Zero Carbon, who are working across the county on issues relating to climate change and how we can achieve net-zero carbon emissions. They have made a video about their group [here](#)
- ◇ Lastly, **May 20th** is Outdoor Classroom Day. Maybe you could persuade your school or college to do something special to celebrate that? Do let us know if you do, there's more information [here](#)

That's all for now! We're working on some exciting plans for June, so watch this space... (or our [webpage!](#))

