



## Nature Recovery in Skipwith and North Duffield - Early Spring Events 2026

### **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 10-12 What have I done for nature in my garden?**

Many found Elaine Blake's talk in late 2025 inspiring so others have asked to have the chance of hearing Elaine speak about encouraging wildlife into the garden. Please come and have coffee and chat with fellow nature lovers and listen to Elaine's talk. Venue: Allonby Lodge, The Paddocks, North Duffield YO8 5DR. (The Paddocks is the new development next to the North Duffield playing field. Allonby Lodge is the only house with black bricks).

Free event, all welcome. [blake5rg@btinternet.com](mailto:blake5rg@btinternet.com).

### **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 10-12 Nature Natter – Trees in spring and No-Mow May**

Join us for coffee at 10.00, go for a wander round Jenny's newly planted, and underplanted, trees and check out her No-Mow May area – bring any photos of your patch and let's compare notes!

Jennifer Hubbard [jenhub@live.co.uk](mailto:jenhub@live.co.uk).

### **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 7.00pm- 8.00pm at Bubwith, All Saints Church**

An informative talk by Craig Ralston, Senior Reserve Manager of the Lower Derwent Valley NNR about the wildlife and management of the reserve. If you are interested in this free event please contact [Lucy.Murgatroyd@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:Lucy.Murgatroyd@naturalengland.org.uk) or put your name on the list at The Jug and Bottle for an idea of numbers.

**Advance notice: Wildlife Gardens tour Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June.** We are planning a (free) guided visit to three local gardens that landscape designer Beany, who spoke to us in November, has designed: the herb/kitchen garden at the Pipe and Glass (Michelin starred restaurant at North Dalton near Market Weighton) and private gardens at North Newbald and Cottingham. Likely to include byo picnic lunch. Please could you let Jenny know as soon as possible if you are interested [jenhub@live.co.uk](mailto:jenhub@live.co.uk) so we can plan transport (small cost if we decide to get minibus).

**Tips for spring:** Are you thinking of joining in 'No-mow May' in your garden? Here are a few tips to prepare in March/April including mowing once or twice and de-thatching:

<https://www.plantlife.org.uk/top-tips-for-nature-friendly-gardening-this-spring/>

Now is the time to clean out your bird boxes. Fledglings' health damaged and can die if bitten by bird mites, fleas, ticks and lice which carry disease and live on blood. Remove any old nesting material and drench boxes with boiling water. leave to dry. Don't use cleaning products, bleach etc.

If you'd like updates on future events or have ideas please email [rosalind@escrick.com](mailto:rosalind@escrick.com) or [blake5rg@btinternet.com](mailto:blake5rg@btinternet.com).