



Nature Recovery in Skipwith and North Duffield – Spring/Summer Events 2026

News: Some of the house martin boxes have been put up in North Duffield and a dozen swift boxes in Skipwith so do listen out for the joyous sound of these birds, now reliant on buildings for most of their nest sites, from the end of April. If you have sightings to report and you'd like to join the 'what's app' groups please get in touch with Elaine (North Duffield) blake5rg@btinternet.com or Ros (Skipwith) rosalind@escrick.com.

Great to have a good turnout for the No Dig and Composting workshop back in February: we enjoyed Elaine's talk very much in March and were excited to hear from Jonny Patrick about the new plans for creating a wildlife friendly walk round the playing field. You are welcome, however amateur or expert, to our next events:

Saturday 9th May 10-12 Nature Natter – Trees in Spring and 'No-Mow May'

Join us for coffee at 10.00, have a look at Jenny's newly planted, and underplanted, trees and discover all about 'No-Mow May' – bring any photos of your patch and let's compare notes! Jennifer Hubbard jenhub@live.co.uk. We also invite you to bring a large plastic container (eg 4 litre plastic milk carton cut in half or similar) so each of you can make and take home a hoverfly lagoon! We'll supply all the rest of the materials you'll need. <https://www.ywt.org.uk/blog/yorkshire-wildlife-trust/creating-haven-hoverflies> **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).

Wildlife Gardens tour Saturday 13th June 9.30am Join our 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 **where we've been offered coffee!** and then to private gardens at North Newbald and Cottingham. Please could you let Jenny jenhub@live.co.uk or Ros rosalind@escrick.com 07976821903 know as soon as possible if you are able to come and then we can plan transport (small cost **if** we decide to get minibus).

Wednesday 8th July 7.00pm North Duffield Carrs. Join us on an evening visit to the birdwatching hides to view the hay meadows that form part of the Lower Derwent Valley National Nature Reserve. Elaine will tell us about the wildlife and the conservation value of the valley. Meet in the car park on the left on A163 towards Bubwith (what3words:health.bloomed.lovely) Email blake5rg@btinternet.com if you'd like more information.

Tips for May: It's not too late to start 'No-mow May' today in your garden!

<https://www.plantlife.org.uk/campaigns/your-no-mow-may-lawn-guide/> . Latest BTO advice – it's time to rethink how we best feed the birds: https://www.bto.org/sites/default/files/bt125-23-25_0.pdf?dm_i=NXX,96UEF,WYKAZP,12J7IC,1,0,0,0

Future events: If you have any questions, would like updates or to share your ideas re future events (very much welcomed) please email rosalind@escrick.com or blake5rg@btinternet.com. If you share your number we'll be very happy to call you back.