

Dear Manor Woods Valley Supporter

As the nights draw in and leaves and temperatures fall, it's even more important to be outdoors and in nature for that wellbeing feeling.

- So please come along on **Saturday 9th** to our regular monthly **volunteering work party**, when we will continue with repairs to the Woodland Path. Join us for an hour or two, between 10.30am and 12.30pm. Everyone is welcome. Meet inside the St Peters Rise entrance to Manor Woods Valley (behind Bishopsworth Library).
- Earlier that week, on **Tuesday 5th**, 30 staff from the TSB bank will spend the afternoon with us, moving gravel into place along the Woodland Path and cutting back Brambles in Manor Woods Orchard. Do give them an encouraging 'hello' if you're passing.

Other related events in November that we are involved in include:

- **Bristol Tree Forum's annual general meeting on 4th**, which will debate plans to double Bristol's tree canopy by 2045;
- **Avon Wildlife Trust's annual general meeting on 13th**, to learn about their future plans and how we can contribute;
- **Orchard pruning training on 23rd**: if you'd like to help us manage Manor Woods Orchard and learn how to prune fruit trees, please email us for details.

And here's a glance back at what happened in **October**:

- We had a very productive meeting with Groundwork SouthWest about involving young people in Manor Woods Valley. This resulted in a subsequent meeting with City of Bristol College at the Skills Academy in Hengrove about the possibility of involving their construction students in the repair work to the Woodland Path.
- The University of Bristol biology students began the fieldwork for their research projects in Manor Woods Valley. Over three months they will look at birds and their foraging activity, mammal activity in and around the dead hedges and along the Malago and invertebrate richness in the water. We are very much looking forward to the results.
- And, speaking of results, October saw the publication of our 2019 survey of butterflies in Manor Woods Valley. The survey, carried out by Rachel Harvey and compiled by Peter Loy-Hancocks, is on the [Blog page](#) of our website. It shows just how important the wildflower meadow in Manor Woods Valley is to some butterfly species.
- Our stall at the Over 55s Drop-in Information Morning at Zion Community Arts Space was very successful and we signed up some new members.

- Following a report of pollution in the Malago, the Environment Agency are requesting members of the public to report suspected pollution, e.g. if the water is a milky gray colour and there is a bad smell, call their incident hotline Telephone 0800 80 70 60 as soon as possible.
- Following a report from us about a partly fallen tree that was hanging dangerously over the Woodland Path, the Council's tree officer promptly removed it with a chainsaw.
- We ended October with a flourish: Avon Wildlife Trust spent the last day of the month (yesterday) working with us in the Orchard and Rabbit Field, cutting back the tall herbal plants with their new bar mower. Follow us on [Manor Woods Valley](#) Facebook for photos and video clips. Thanks AWT, that would have taken us weeks and months of effort with hand shears.

Finally, a date for your December diary: please join us for our next committee and open forum meeting at 7pm on Monday 2nd December in Zion Community Arts Space and hear the latest about Manor Woods Valley, have your say about future plans and have your first mince pie of the season.

Please pass this email on to anyone you think may be interested and encourage them to sign up for these regular updates. If you know of anyone who doesn't use email and who may be interested in Manor Woods Valley Local Nature Reserve, please print a paper copy for them if you can, many thanks. If you prefer not to receive these emails from Manor Woods Valley Group, please let me know.

Best wishes and thanks again for all your support

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