

## Cropwell Bishop Parish Council Environment Review Autumn 2024

Cllrs Allison, Bryan and Wregg with a group of villagers have reviewed the Village Environment map and the local Environment. The informal Group plan to meet in the New Year to consider raising the profile of the Environment and Biodiversity in the village.

Thank you to Derek Tabron for his Bird Observations.

### ANIMALS

Badgers - increasing	There are now 5 well established and expanding badger sets along the Canal between the A46 and Colston Bridge.
Deer – increasing	Roe Deer have been seen around the Hoe Hill area and Pasture Lane.  Muntjac Deer: sightings more frequently
Bats – increasing	Reports from the Tower Captain - bat droppings have increased in the Belfry; assume bat numbers are on the increase. Local Farmer reported a new residence of Bats in the Hay Barn, pasture Lane.

### CANAL WALKS ALONG THE TOWPATH:

Wild Flowers	Meadow Sweet, Briony, Dog Rose, Field Sow thistle
Pollution	South of Colston Bridge – sewage in the canal reported to Canals & River Trust Nov2024
Sloe	Stretch along the West Side of Hoe Wood

### Village Activities 2024

Gardening Club Speaker - Worm farming talk by Anna de la Vega

School Gardening Club - New Wildflower area

Growers & Gardeners - Village Garden Club considers the Environment in their newsletter.

Parish Council consider BNG when commenting on planning applications.

St Giles the Village Church has a Biodiversity champion

Volunteer Cultivation of the Old School and Pinfold Garden.

Vale of Belvoir Rotary Club planting 1000 crocus bulbs on the Pinfold – November

Gardening Club speaker Darren Rudge ‘Teabags Bras & Tights – Recycle, Reclaim, Reuse, Repurposed’ – non-commercial ideas for gardeners.

Environment articles in the Cropwell News

### CONCERNS

Cropwell Meadow - Bloor's omitted to create Hedgehog access in fences

Grantham Canal pollution reported November 2024 to Canals & River Trust

Hedgehog population at risk

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## CROPWELL BISHOP BIRDS

<p>In Village Gardens Common</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• House sparrow</li> <li>• Goldfinch</li> <li>• Woodpigeon</li> <li>• Collared dove</li> <li>• Dunnock</li> <li>• Blue tit</li> <li>• Great tit</li> <li>• Robin</li> <li>• Blackbird</li> </ul> <p>Sparrowhawk (including fly-throughs) Starling (a bit seasonal – after fledging we get lots of juveniles)</p>
<p>Less Common</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chaffinch</li> <li>• Greenfinch</li> <li>• Long-tailed tit</li> <li>• Wren</li> </ul>
<p>Increasing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carrion crow</li> <li>• Jackdaw</li> <li>• Magpie</li> </ul>
<p>Occasionally:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goldcrest</li> <li>• Tree sparrow (though not this year – so far)</li> <li>• Great-spotted woodpecker</li> <li>• Siskin</li> <li>• Song thrush – much rarer in the garden these days</li> <li>• Coal tit</li> </ul>
<p><b>Around and about Cropwell Bishop</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Yellowhammer – there seem to have been fewer around this year, though certainly not uncommon</li> <li>○ Reed bunting – similar to above</li> <li>○ Pied wagtail</li> <li>○ Little egret – never common, but seen more at the start of the year around Cropwell Meadow pond</li> </ul>

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