

## Leek Wootton and Guy's Cliffe Environment Group

### Report for parish assembly

This parish group includes parish councillors as well as interested members of the Parish community and has been active for just over a year now.

Our Mission statement is "A greener village for all" and its primary goal is to bring people in the village closer to nature and to promote biodiversity and wildlife.

Our objectives include monitoring and supporting wildlife, education and encouraging community participation.

To help achieve these objectives, the following activities have been carried out in the last year:

- The surveying of 28 notable trees in the Parish and adding 8 new trees to the Woodland Trusts Ancient Tree Inventory.
- Writing regular features in our LINK magazine about local wildlife.
- Asking the community for information on their sightings, including the Big Butterfly Count in July/August, Big Garden Birdwatch in January and Toad patrolling in February/March.
- The groups Facebook page has 45 members, sharing what we see around the Parish. This year it has included, for example, the first ever sighting of a Cattle Egret in the Warwick area.
- Members of our group have been helping out at the new Avon Wood with species identification, simple management tasks and the planning of an Open Day.
- The group are actively involved in the planning and management of the new recreation car park area.
- The group took part in Community Live and Cherishing Churchyards events.
- A meeting took place, in June, with the Warwickshire General Manager of the golf course to discuss the development of a large flower rich meadow on the large grassy area, north of the main entrance drive. It was not considered suitable by the manager, but other areas were discussed.