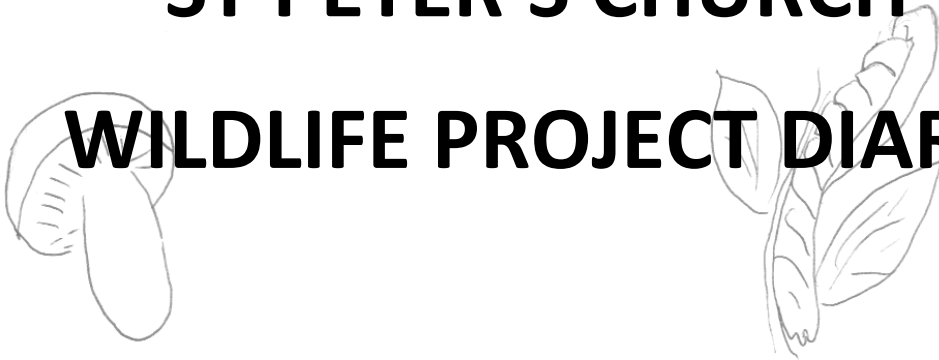


# **ST PETER'S CHURCH WILDLIFE PROJECT DIARY**



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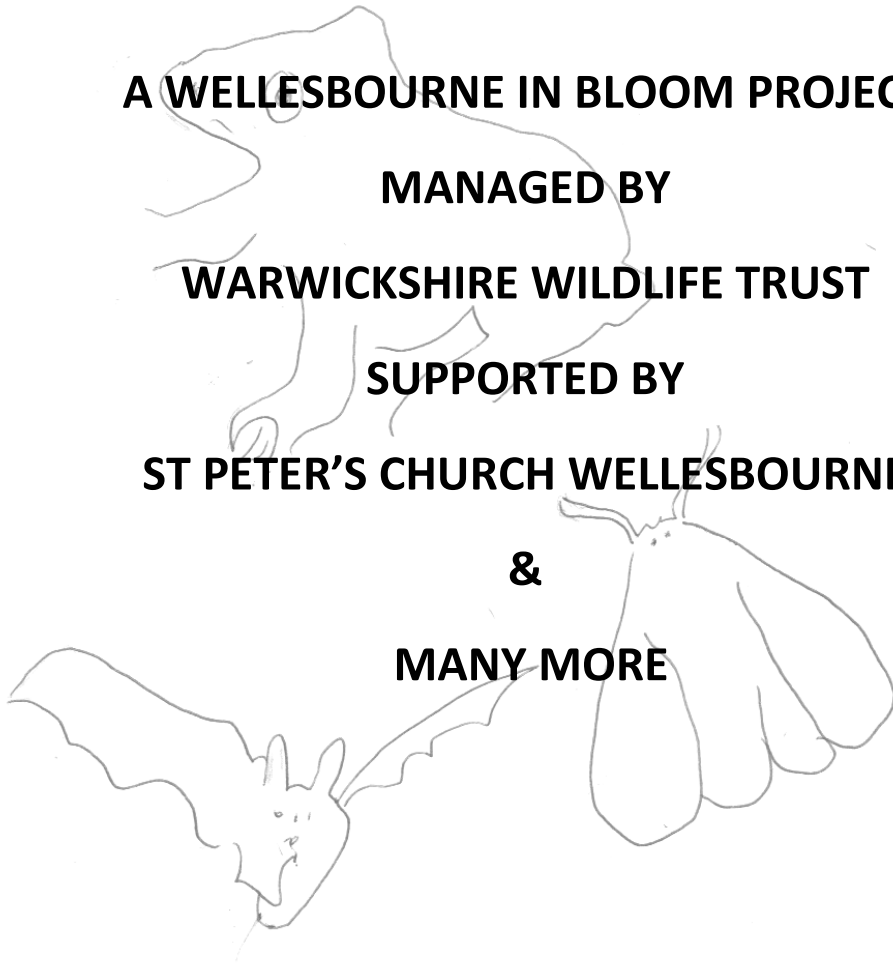
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**9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2009**

In conversation with the Revd Kate Mier, it came up that the church was judged in Diocesan competition on the up keep and appearance of the churchyard. It was commented that the churchyard and church centre could be more wildlife friendly and this is when our initial e-mail was sent to Phil Dickin of the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust to see if they could help us.

**15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2007**

Contacted by Claire Cuncliffe of the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust on how they may be able to help us.

**3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL 2007**

Initial tour of churchyard.

**16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2007**

Notified after visit, of possibility of applying for a "Natural Connections" grant by Amanda Henshaw.

**5<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2007**

Volunteer surveyor comes to churchyard. Amanda and Caroline set up first consultation meeting.

**4<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2007**

Initial consultation held in Church Centre attended by Pre-School, Youth and Community, Church congregation and local residents.

**JULY 2007**

John Ball surveyor does report on churchyard.

**AUGUST 2007**

Access audit report done.

**27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2007**

Open evening with project display available for consultation. Submission for grant delayed until June. 2008 Heritage Lottery fund "Natural Connections" project summary complete.

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**5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2008**

Site visit Mark Fyffe.

**6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2008**

First official cream scones and tea meeting with Mark and Amanda.

**APRIL 2008**

Wellesbourne in Bloom invited to represent the Parish Council at the Warwickshire and Solihull Parish Bap conferences.

Attended first meeting with Parochial Church Council to seek permission for the project with Amanda from wildlife trust.

**7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2008**

Attend the annual "Wellesbourne Street Fair." Do a combined display with wildlife trust. Amanda did mask making and dream catcher making for children. Plans on display for project.

**JULY 2008**

Another combined display at our annual judging event. Ragley Hall annual Bap Conference. "Natural Connections" bid unsuccessful.

**NOVEMBER 2008**

Started applying for "Community Spaces" grant.

**1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2008**

Site meeting.

**10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2008**

Meeting with Revd Kate Mier, Ron and June church vergers. Alice from the church PCC and Julie from the wildlife trust. Approval of plan.

**8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2009**

Meeting at church centre with Revd Kate and PCC about Stage 1 application form. Alice comes on board.

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**FEBRUARY 2009**

Stage 1 application for "Community Spaces" lottery grant submitted.

**8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2009**

Passed stage 1 application.

**6<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2009**

Greg Street Head of Horticulture at Moreton Morrell College visits site with a view to advising and providing manpower with his students.

**30<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

Jo Webb Lottery Facilitator comes aboard to assist with Stage 2 application. First Stage 2 Meeting.

**MAY 2009**

Gathering landowner's permission and letters of support from the community for the project. Alice invaluable help gaining diocesan permission etc.

**7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2009**

Wellesbourne Annual Street Fair consultation, mood boards etc for preference of materials and subjects of sculptures.

**23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2009**

Judging day, combined exhibition with wildlife trust of project.

**26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2009**

Site meeting with Michael Twite of Michael Twite Landscapes. Asked Michael to come on board as our "Lead Professional" for the project. Offer accepted.

**29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2009**

Artist brief sorted and Jo does a draft site plan.

**14<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2009**

Meeting with Jo lottery facilitator, Alice WIB and wildlife trust. Revised plan done and planning authorities contacted.

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28<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2009

Meeting. Seek approval for works within churchyard by Diocese.

AUGUST 2009

Walton Fete, wildlife project display.

26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2009

Meeting.

OCTOBER 2009

Draft development application form.

6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2009

Development Grant approved offer letter sent out.

18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2009

Lunch Development grant meeting.

DECEMBER 2009

Development grant accepted.

22<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER 2009

Tree survey done on site by Damon Hall of Middlemarch.

23<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY 2010

Meeting WIB, wildlife trust, Jo lottery and Alice PCC.

28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2010

Final meeting with Jo Webb lottery facilitator.

9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2010

Application finished, confirmation of application received.

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**MAY 2010**

YIPPEE! 3 YEARS AND 2 MONTHS AND WE FINALLY DID IT APPLICATION APPROVED  
£48,737.28p RECEIVED FROM NATIONAL LOTTERY "COMMUNITY SPACES" PROGRAMME.

**3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2010**

Celebratory meeting and paper work to sort out. Wellesbourne Annual Street Fayre  
exhibition of project by WIB and wildlife trust.

**22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2010**

Power point display and talk by WIB Chairman to Annual Parish Bap Conference at Bishops  
Itchington on the project. Planning permission granted.

**28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2010**

Meeting.

**DECEMBER 2010**

Hedge planting done, all the gaps in the hedging backing onto the meadow were filled in  
with native hedging by the Scouts and Cubs. A lot of fun was had by all, and even the horse  
in the meadow behind appreciated it! He ate the top of one of the new saplings. Sausage  
and chips from the chip shop were the order of the day for all the hard work.

The three new planters arrived and caused chaos the road was blocked, the Christmas lights  
were along the drive and the deliveryman forgot to put in a forklift truck to position the  
planters. Absolute panic ensued we had managed to save the Christmas lights but what do  
we do. No fear! Ring the "Angel of Hunscore" Michael Twite. Within no time two of his men  
came down and brought a sack barrow and did all the hard work for us.

**FEBRUARY 2011**

Dropped kerb put in for access to new path. Artist visits site to gain ideas.

**11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2011**

Meeting.

**5<sup>TH</sup>/12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2011**

Moreton Morrell College arrange to come for two Tuesdays to put in the new path. Tons of  
vegetation was moved, a membrane honeycomb path put in and filled with road stone. It  
was topped of with Bredon gravel. The sensory posts were also put in. Michael's men came  
with a whacker plate to finish the path and also built the sleeper planter for us.

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The students are all doing a "Greenkeepers" course and need to do a landscaping module for their exam so our project is ideal, they have helped us before. Fuelled by cornish pasties, french stick, lemon drizzle and welsh cakes they were brill.

28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2011

The artist Andrew Keown came down to run an artists workshop with a group of children. They were taken into the church and in the churchyard to gain inspiration for the design of the screen artwork titled "Natures Stain Glass Window." They picked leaves and looked for wildlife inspiration. They then had a lesson in "Still life drawing." After squash and cakes they made beautiful clay models of insects and other wildlife.

30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2011

Julie visits site with her manager and brings all wildlife boxes, planters and feeders down.

1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2011

Mammoth shopping trip to plant wholesalers and National Herb Centre for project. Never has so much fun been had by three ladies, once we got used to it. Big compost delivery.

2<sup>ND</sup> JULY 2011

Planting all day, completed the herb garden along the wall and planted up mint planter, flower planter and sedum planter. Worked hard all day. Jenny and Max Down from the village had a lunch party in the Church Centre so kindly fed us all day which was lovely.

5<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2011

All day planting large cast iron planters, putting in shrubs and clearing beds and planting even more planters. Clare from Pre-School helped which was great. PCC agree art work designs so all systems go for Andrew the artist. Finial sent off so can be cast to match railings for new gate.

10<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2011

Big sweep up and tidy up of churchyard and church centre for "Heart of England in Bloom" judging day.

14<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2011

Probation Service doing a huge clearing job of dragonfly bed, weed matting and laying down bark. Also clearing rubbish out of copse and making specimen gaps for new shrubs and small trees.

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**3<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST 2011**

Supervising deliveries in readiness for installation of art work down at Church Centre.

**4<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2011**

Planting and tidying. Preparation for art work arrival.

**5<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2011**

Dragonfly sculpture and Stained Glass window art work arrive and is installed by Andrew McKeown artist and the guys from the forge who made the art work for him.

**16<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2011**

Lunch meeting to discuss project and project Launch.

**26<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2011**

Eco Log seat installation done by volunteer Nature Force Team. Amazing chain saw action and it is so amazing and in a fantastic position. Trellis put up on boiler mound. Picnic for lads much appreciated.

**21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2011**

Final meeting before launch and judging of art work competition

**23<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2011**

Lions lay wildflower turf around and on back of bench. Like a scene from "Carpet fitters are us" wildflower planting on mound also. Box hedging also put in at base of mound and around Dragonfly bed.

**24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2011**

Official launch day very well attended by all ages. Badges, fridge magnets, stained glass windows and clay creatures made by young and old. Opened by our top supporter Michael Twite who has been invaluable to us with this project.

**10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2011**

New church gates installed between church centre and church entrance.

**18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2011**

Meeting to discuss "Sustainability Grant" and further planting etc. Feedback on Launch Day.

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25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2011

Mothers Union plant Rowan Tree they have kindly bought for the Wildlife Project to celebrate their Centenary. Tea and celebratory cake afterwards.

OCTOBER 2011

Church Verger Stephen Nightingale kindly "Smart Waters" all the art work and gates installed for the project.

11<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2012

Lunch meeting Julie to sign papers for "Sustainability Grant" which has been awarded for the project for the amount of £3500. Yippee!

24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2012

Site meeting with Michael Twite our "Lead Professional" to sign of "Completion of Works " forms.

24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2012

Further planting of bulbs and tidy up of containers and beds.