

# G-UP NEWS

SUMMER 2021



GREENER UGBOROUGH PARISH

*A community where it's easy to live sustainably*



## We hope you are enjoying the summer season...

Two consultations you can complete quickly which could have a really positive impact...

- South Hams District Council are considering rewilding some of our public spaces so as to help offset the dramatic decline in biodiversity. This could, for instance, result in 10 hectares of wilder green space, 3.5 hectares of wildflower areas, and 3.5 hectares of tree planting. They've launched a consultation to find out how we as residents feel about this - please support the initiative and complete their short survey by 5th August here:

<https://www.engagement.southhams.gov.uk/enhancingbiodiversity>

- South Hams District Council and Co-Cars have just launched a survey asking for views on establishing a community-led electric car and bike club for the South Hams. Please take a moment to complete this short online survey!

<https://www.southhams.gov.uk/article/8082/Community-Led-Electric-Car-and-Bike-Club-Survey-Launched>

- You may also be interested to hear of Devon Local Nature Partnership (LNP) - a strategic collaboration of a huge range of organisations, groups and individuals committed to working together to tackle Devon's Ecological Emergency: <https://www.devonlnp.org.uk> This includes a link to Wild About Devon - a new initiative to help communities and Parish and Town Councils take action for wildlife and help tackle the Ecological and Climate Emergencies!





## The Great British Wildflower Hunt

Do you love wild flowers? Would you like to know more about them? And help save them for the future? So would we. Join us this summer in the Great British Wildflower Hunt

🌸 Great British Wildflower Hunt

<https://www.plantlife.org.uk/wildflowerhunt/>

Moorhaven Community Wildflower Meadow is attracting plenty of pollinators.



The Big Butterfly Count is running from the 16th July to the 8th August:

<https://bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org/>

This is a brilliant opportunity to get out and notice the wildlife around us!

There's a free downloadable chart, or App via the link above and it only takes 15 minutes. G-UP are doing lots of Wildlife and Biodiversity restoration work locally at the moment and by taking part you'll be helping to build up a clearer picture of what we have in Ugborough Parish and of the impact we are having through our projects.

For more info or to get involved further drop us a line: [greenerugp@gmail.com](mailto:greenerugp@gmail.com)

## BIOBLITZ

A bioblitz is taking place at Filham Park on 12th August (from 7am until 9pm) organized by Andrew Price, Ivybridge Town Council ranger. All are welcome - especially children - please come along and get involved!



## BATS, BUGS AND METEORS EVENING WALK IN THE PARISH

Lish Tod will take us on an exploration of all things night-time with a hunt for Bats and Glow Worms when the night sky should be illuminated with the peak of the Perseid Meteor Shower for those keen to stay up Weather Permitting

**THURSDAY AUGUST 12TH  
MEET IN THE SQUARE  
FOR WALK FROM 8.30 TO 9.30PM**

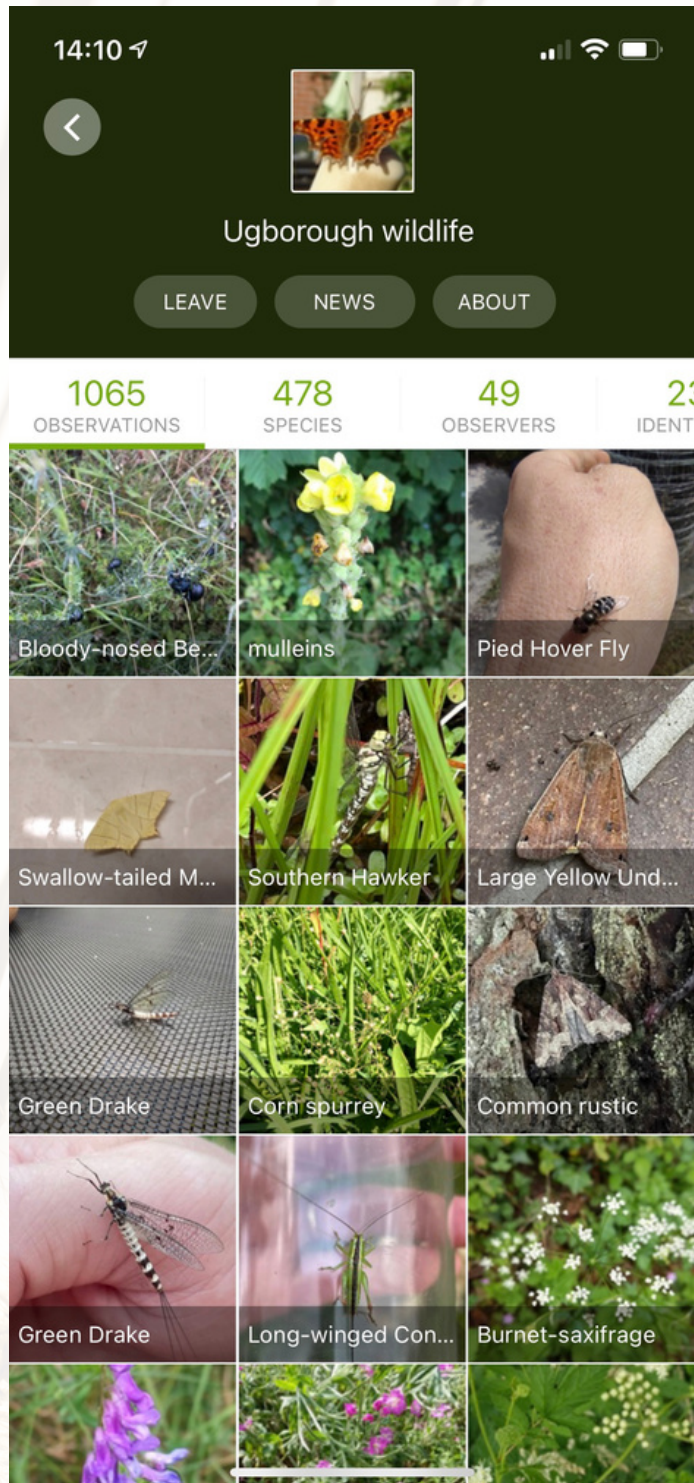
- We anticipate a walk of the lanes and fields around the village that will last about 1 hour followed by space on the lawn at Virginia Lodge to lie down and meteor spot for those who are interested (groundsheet provided)
- Suit all ages who are able to climb stiles and manage uneven ground.
- A free event but places will be limited - please call or text Vici on 07811 352129 to book.
- Donations to G-UP and Ugborough History Group





Our Ugborough Wildlife Project on I-Naturalist now has over a thousand observations with 478 species recorded including glow worms.

We are hosting a walk with Ugborough History Group on Thursday 12th August at 8.30 pm to go on a Bat and Bug hunt and look for these glowing beauties.



We would love as many people as possible to use iNaturalist to record the plants, animals, fungi and even slime moulds that they see while out and about in the parish. It's a great excuse to get out exploring Ugborough's footpaths and lanes or even identifying the bugs and weeds in your own back yard. You can build up a picture of what you have seen as the seasons progress, and test your knowledge of local wildlife. Your observations will help G-UP to create a thorough record of Ugborough's wildlife and discover if there are vulnerable species or habitats in the parish that we could do more to protect. They will also be important for measuring progress on our biodiversity projects like our new wildflower meadows and - launching later this year - our hedges project.

Full details on how to use this app: <https://www.ugborough.com/wildlife-and-biodiversity-working-group>

All best wishes

Faith, Jane, Jackie, Vici,  
Rowan, Ashley and Caroline

*The Steering Group*