

Quinton Meadows Consultative Committee Update March 2021

Despite Covid-19, Quinton Meadows Consultative Committee has continued to be active in 2021. With the current lockdown regulations about to be eased there is now the prospect of our activities expanding.

Individual/household members + one other have continued to regularly visit both HowleyGrange Recreation Ground and Quinton Meadows Local Nature Reserve, investigating and recording species. We hope to do the same for Quinton Business Park.

Following Paul Bateman's 2020 survey of Birds, Mammals and Butterflies, Nicola Benhamada is conducting a similar survey for 2021. Already she has reported seeing Grey Wagtails in the Bournbrook, and a number of Bullfinches plus old Badger sets and rabbit holes. Libby Hunt also reported a Small Tortoiseshell on a solitary dandelion. The Moorhens from the Business Park Pond appear regularly on the grass verges of Ridgeway. Please let us know about any birds, mammals, butterflies, moths and other insects, flowering plants, fungi or anything else you see which you think is of interest. Even better if you can photograph it for our records.

We still have to finish the conservation work on the Recreation Ground, removing the birch outbreak on the meadow area. Also, recently we noted some non-indigenous shrubs in the LNR woodland for which we have Ranger permission to remove. On a more positive note, we are expecting a delivery of tree saplings from the Woodland Trust in April which can be used both for the LNR and the Recreation Ground.

If anybody would be interested in helping QMCC with conservation work please contact Peter Beck 0121 422 6975 or petercharlesbeck@gmail.com