

Loders Wildlife Conservation Group

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Over the last six months we have formed this wildlife group to promote wildlife in our parish, steps we can take to support wildlife, and an opportunity to catch up with like-minded people.

The group have built and installed 16 swift boxes which you may see around the village as well as participating in national swift surveys with similar activity planned for dippers and owls under discussion and involvement with a potential vole survey along the River Asker.

We have made contact with Dorset Wildlife Trust regarding the community orchard at Peascombe Nature Reserve and are in discussion to perform some maintenance in the coming months.

We have already visited the Dorset Falconry Centre in Dorchester to learn more about what environment and type of owl boxes may be appropriate in Loders with a further visit being planned later in the summer, which can include anyone within the community (please contact Pete Warne).

There's interest in assessing and in future, monitoring the water quality and eco-diversity of the River Asker. Work in this area has already been undertaken by Dorset Wildlife Trust and National Landscapes over recent years and this group looks to generate more community interest and continue supporting this work.

We have also considered a Loders Wildlife Charter which we are sharing widely, as a way to help everyone in the parish feel able to do something.

Please do let us know what you would like to see, or come and join us at our meetings at The Crown (regular Sunday evening meetings are ongoing).

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