CFBoA Newsletter December 2025

Biodiversity

Over the border, very close to Bradford on Avon, the CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England) Avon and Bristol Group have Hedgerow Heroes.

*Hedgerows are the vital stitching in the patchwork of the local countryside. Not only are they beautiful, with shifting seasonal colours, but they also provide homes and corridors for wildlife. And all the while they help tackle the climate crisis by capturing carbon.*

*At CPRE Avon and Bristol we have an ambition to create/restore 10km hedgerow by CPRE's centenary year in 2026. Over the last 3 years we have achieved 5.85km of our target, which wouldn't have been possible without the fantastic work of volunteers. This winter our Hedgerow Heroes project continues to grow bigger and better, now taking place across the counties of South Gloucestershire, Bath and North East Somerset, and North Somerset.*

**https://www.cpreavonandbristol.org.uk/what-we-care-about/hedgerow-heroes**

And a very interesting article in The Guardian 25th November shows how fast a commitment to rewilding , via a group called Youngwilders gets results with real improvements in Biodiversity:

They came out of university, wanted to do rewilding, needed land. A lady in Surrey who had read Isabella Tree's book 'Wilding' let them have a farm.

**https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/nov/25/it-fully-changed-my-life-how-young-rewilders-transformed-a-farm-and-began-a-movement**

And the movement is acting nearby… follow the link below, then click on Our Projects. Up comes a map, click on the one near us and lo and behold it's in Freshford. 'Nature Chain' leads the way again!

**https://www.youngwilders.org/**

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Looking forward to Spring : **Announcing the 2026 Spawn Survey**

**Freshwater Habitats Trust** have been collecting data on sightings of breeding frogs and toads since 2012. Last year's survey was the biggest so far, with 2,657 records submitted!

One of the first signs of Spring is the discovery of frog or toad spawn in our freshwater ponds. You can help to record this measure of Nature by joining in the **Freshwater Habitats Trust** in their annual survey. The survey is open from today 1st December until 31st May 2026.

**https://freshwaterhabitats.org.uk/news/spawn-survey-help-track-frogs-and-toads-this-spring/?mc_cid=c163072763&mc_eid=06b58d928f**

Thank you

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