



# NEWSLETTER

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## Moulsham Lodge Community Trust

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WELCOME BACK

### Neighbourhood Wildlife Day

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2016 10am-4pm

We are delighted to announce that we have organised a 'Neighbourhood Wildlife Day' on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2016 from 10am to 4pm at the Community Station and Scout Hut, Gloucester Avenue, Chelmsford, Essex CM2 9DS.

As you know British wildlife is gradually decreasing due to the loss of their natural habitats and it is our gardens that could still provide the safe haven that they so badly need to survive. We want to bring awareness of the issues and encourage people to make their gardens more wildlife friendly.

You can all help no matter how big or small your garden. For example; are you aware that you need to avoid hedge trimming during the birds nesting season and when this is? We can show you how to create a log pile and see how much wildlife this can help. We can help you pick the best plants for bees and insects which in turn will provide food for our hedgehogs, frogs and other animals and birds.

We will provide information and support on how to link our small garden spaces to make one large habitat for hedgehogs and other wildlife by leaving small holes and gaps under the hedges and fences.

If we all work together we can build our own local nature reserve right here in Moulsham Lodge, Tile Kiln and surrounding areas.



Date for the diary

## Community Fun Day

### Sat 14<sup>th</sup> May

We are lucky enough to have some well known organisations coming along to share their expertise including **Essex Wildlife Trust, Essex Bat Group, Hedgehog Haven, The Essex Badger Group, The Wilderness Foundation, Essex Beekeepers Association, RSPB, Essex Birdwatching Society, Imperial Birds of Prey Academy** and we are still awaiting final confirmation from additional fascinating exhibitors.

#### ILLUSTRATED TALKS at "Inner Space"

This will be a very informative and rewarding day. There will be something for everyone, exhibit stalls, displays, activities for the children (including face painting) and illustrated talks throughout the day. If you would like to be involved by adding your own creation or ideas for our displays i.e.: bug hotels, hedgehog houses, woody escapes please feel free to get in touch.

This is our first wildlife event and is being organised by volunteers within our community, we would be grateful for any help you can give by either donating any quality raffle prizes that could help with the fundraising for this day, or any cakes to be brought to the centre the day before (Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March) or on the morning on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March, but please provide a list of ingredients for each item.

If you would like any more information about the day please contact Lorna on 07842 069950 also the station will be open every Friday afternoon (12-3pm) leading up to the day.

The Neighbourhood Wildlife Day is **FREE** for you all to enjoy and in return, turn a piece of your garden into a little haven for all our wildlife!



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