

A Rocha UK update Autumn 2022



We are pleased to share our Autumn update with you. To support you in your creation care journey, we've included resources and information below to inspire you and your church to pray and take action. Please share this update with your church. **Our work would simply not be possible without your support and prayers**, so on behalf of our trustees, staff and volunteers, we **thank you**.



What better way to test your knowledge of all God's creatures, great and small, than by trying out our new Green Quiz! You'll bring your church together, learn more about creation and have some fun. All while helping to raise funds to equip Christians and churches in the UK to enjoy, nurture and protect nature as part of loving and serving our Creator God. Head over to our website to download the quiz pack here: arocha.org.uk/greenquiz



Helen Stephens, A Rocha UK's Church Relations Manager gives an exciting update about the progress that has been achieved so far as more and more churches achieve their bronze, silver and gold Eco Church awards. Please use this film to inspire and encourage your congregation, and take time to give thanks for the impact that Eco Church is having around the UK: bit.ly/EcoChurch22

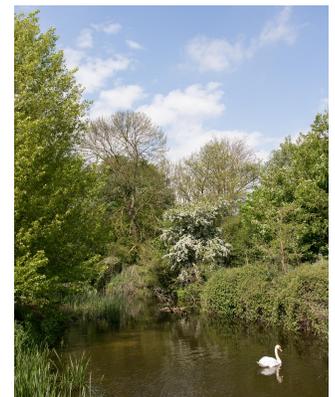
Our community nature reserves

Our reserves give a home to nature and benefit people locally. They also demonstrate to churches and other community groups nationally what is possible on small patches of urban and rural land. We are thankful for the committed team of volunteers who help us maintain the reserves and run conservation activities there.

Wolf Fields is our thriving urban nature reserve in Southall, west London. Once an abandoned brickworks that had become a neglected wasteland used by drug dealers, it has been transformed into a hub for community activities with an allotment area, pond, sensory garden, bee hives, wildflower meadow, orchard, art installation, and a prayer labyrinth - thanks to the hard work and dedication of the Reserve Manager and volunteers. You can watch our Wolf Fields update film at: bit.ly/WFupdate22

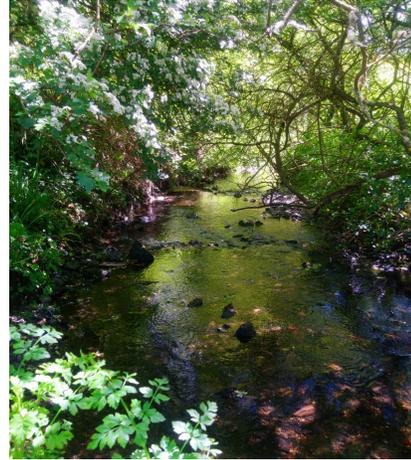


Foxearth Meadows is our community wetland nature reserve on the Essex-Suffolk border. Our team of staff and volunteers work hard to make it a home for a growing number of dragonflies and other insects, plants, fungi, mammals and birds.



You can watch our latest Foxearth Meadows update at: bit.ly/FMupdate2022

A Rocha UK's Partners in Action network brings together over 30 independent Christian conference centres, activity centres, communities and projects which are managing land. Our Partners in Action Coordinator, Regina Ebner, shares an update on where we are in working towards our vision to see Christian owned or managed land playing a transformative role in restoring nature across the UK: bit.ly/PIAupdate22



Prayer

Prayer is an important part of A Rocha UK's life and mission. We welcome your prayers and the prayers of our supporters as we fulfil our calling to equip Christians to protect and restore the environment – for God, nature and all people. Our quarterly prayer diary is available online, and we invite you and your church to pray with us. Perhaps you could pray for A Rocha UK each Sunday in your service? Pause and join us in prayer for God's creation and share the prayer diary with your congregation:

arocha.org.uk/get-involved/pray

Keep up to date

- Take a look at our news, comments, and events by exploring our noticeboard: arocha.org.uk/noticeboard
- If you would like to use our logo or share information with your church family, please visit: arocha.org.uk/about-us/our-resources

Encourage your church family to join our Wild Christian online community to explore how our life and faith can affect the natural environment around us: arocha.org.uk/wild-christian

Act for nature days

It has been wonderful to meet many of our supporters at our Act for Nature days this year. We ran a series of practical conservation and campaigning events hosted by our Partners in Action including our own two reserves. Hugh's Meadow Nature Reserve in County Antrim, Northern Ireland, hosted one such day in July. Our 30 attendees learnt about the importance of wildflowers and wetland meadows, on an informative guided tour, and had the opportunity to take campaign action together and write to their MPs about the Climate and Ecology Bill. More information about future events can be found at: arocha.org.uk/events