

# Nextdoor Nature Pioneers Programme



## Nextdoor Nature News

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### **What's been happening on the Nextdoor Nature Pioneers Programme?**

Thanks to everyone who could make it to the Hamilton Claypits event at the beginning of April. We had a great day learning about how the community run the reserve and spotted some great wildlife! The reserve is open to the public so if you couldn't make the event, it's well worth a visit another time. We have also put together a short video of the day which you can watch here: <https://youtu.be/DOrH3ekh4Ks>

There is also a short video from Event 2 at Castlemilk which you can watch here: <https://youtu.be/BrrrNpRf-7Q>

### **Coming up**

#### **Webinar 4 – Community Organising**

Our next webinar has changed date and will be on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 19:00**. This webinar will be run by NACO... all about community organising theory and how this can help you to engage more of your community. You can join using this link:

<https://scottishwildlifetrust.zoom.us/j/81868964856>

#### **Share and learn – Community Organising**

Following on from the webinar is the Share and Learn session held on zoom on date. This is an informal space to ask questions, discuss ideas and share experiences about community organising.

#### **In-person event – Storytelling at the Falls of Clyde**

Our next in-person event will be held on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May at the Falls of Clyde Visitor Centre, <https://goo.gl/maps/siqXQTbBALfb1M279>. The event will run from 10:00 – 16:00 and lunch will be provided. At this event, we will be focussing on storytelling and how we can share nature with a wider audience. We will also learn about and see some of the amazing wildlife found at the Falls of Clyde Reserve, including badgers! More details to come soon!

**The next online module (Funding your Project) is live on the Pioneers Portal now! Look out for the Health and Safety module which will be released on the 17th April.**

## Interesting Links

Urban Good have created urban greenspace maps for both Glasgow and Edinburgh. These maps show all the greenspace in the cities and some of the path networks: [Glasgow Urban Nature Map – UrbanGood](#). These maps are very similar to the maps we discussed in our mapping webinar. If you haven't had a chance to watch it yet, you can watch here: <https://youtu.be/knP56mygyjl>

At our last in-person event, we saw the beautiful “dialectogram” information board which shows everyone's different experiences of the claypits. Here is the BBC news article about the artist: [Unique 'dialectogram' drawings capture a regenerating city - BBC News](#)

Plantlife are running their “No Mow May” campaign through the entire month of May. This is a great opportunity to get your neighbours and wider community to take action for nature: <https://www.plantlife.org.uk/nomowmay>

There are lots of community wildlife surveys starting in April which you can get involved in. Most of them only require you to do a survey 2-4 times a year and you don't need to be an expert as they also provide lots of useful resources and training sessions.

Here are some you can get involved in:

- Wetland bird survey - [Wetland Bird Survey | BTO - British Trust for Ornithology](#)
- Butterfly survey - [Welcome to the UKBMS | UKBMS](#)
- Bee survey - [BeeWalk - Bumblebee Conservation Trust](#)
- Plant survey - [Welcome! | National Plant Monitoring Scheme \(npms.org.uk\)](#)
- Frog and reptile survey - [National Amphibian and Reptile Monitoring Programme \(arc-trust.org\)](#)

Continuing with the wildlife surveying theme, there are lots of great apps that you can use to identify and record wildlife. Here are some of our favourites:

- **Seek iNaturalist** uses photos to identify lots of different species but its particularly good for plants and invertebrates: [Seek by iNaturalist · iNaturalist](#)
- **Birda** is an app that aims to create a national birding community. You can use it to find good bird watching locations, identify any birds you see and record your sightings: [App Features List | Birda](#)
- **The Woodland Trust** have an app that can help you identify British trees. It asks you a series of questions about the trees leaves, shape, bark etc to help you narrow down the species: [Identify Trees With Our Tree ID app - Woodland Trust](#)