

Nextdoor Nature Pioneers Programme



Nextdoor Nature News

Cohort 2 – Newsletter 2 – June 2023

Welcome to the Nextdoor Nature Pioneers Programme!

Hello everyone! It feels like just last week that we sent the May newsletter... oh wait! Due to the short time in between newsletters, this one will be shorter than usual. You can expect your Nextdoor Nature Newsletters to come through at the beginning of each month. Each newsletter will include updates on upcoming events and webinars as well as any other useful info. Which brings us nicely onto...

Up next!

In person event 1

What: We will be spending the day getting to know each other, starting some community organising training, and looking at some goal setting for your 6 months on the programme. Please bring a notebook and a pen. Weather permitting, we are planning on spending most of the day outside so please wear suitable clothing for the weather.

Where: Jupiter Urban Wildlife Centre, Wood Street, Grangemouth FK3 8LH. There is space for parking.

When: 10am – 3.30pm

Anything else: Please remember to bring any receipts if you travel via public transport. We can reimburse you for your travel costs at the event for both public transport or fuel if you've driven.

Webinar 1

What: Our first webinar will be an introduction to the Scottish Wildlife Trust and an introduction to community groups taking action for nature. We'll be hearing about the work of the Scottish Wildlife Trust as well as hearing from Jim Jarvie of SOS Leith. Jim will be talking about urban environmental change, and how we as communities can take action for nature in our local areas. We'll also have time at the end of the webinar for any questions you might have for our speakers.

Where: The webinar will be on Zoom – please register in advance using the link [here](#).

When: 7pm – 8pm on Wednesday 21st June.

Anything else: This webinar will be recorded for anyone that can't make it on the day. During any of our webinars please feel free to turn your camera off if you don't want to appear on the recording. We'll share the recording with everyone in the next newsletter.

Interesting links

- The UK's biggest nature challenge with The Wildlife Trusts has now begun! Throughout June, we are challenging people to do one wild thing every day for the whole month. It's not too late to sign up and you can find out more [here](#).
- Vegware has a regular funding opportunity called the Vegware Community Fund, which 'supports sustainability in its widest sense, including the built and natural environment, and community projects, by offering monthly grants or a regular donation of Vegware's eco packaging.' Every month it will give recipients between £20 - £200 to cover their core costs. You can read more, or apply using this link [About us - Vegware Community Fund Blog](#)
- Our friends at CEMVO have started a podcast, called 'Disrupting the Doughnut of Doom', which will have interviews with people working in Scotland to encourage greater inclusion and diversity in the environmental sector. You can listen to it [here](#).
- The first sighting of a Cetti's warbler in Scotland has happened! This suggests that its range is spreading, which is very exciting. You can read about it [here](#).
- Fonah Bog, which forms part of the Scottish Wildlife Trust's Balgavies Loch Wildlife Reserve, remains the only site in Scotland where a tiny water beetle has been found. The beetle, *hydroporus scalesianus*, is only 2mm in size! Signs of the beetle were found recently, confirming it is still there. You can find out more about the rare sighting [here](#).

The Pioneers Portal

Your log in details for the Pioneers Portal are now ready to use! You can log on using the link in the email or by clicking [here](#). On the Pioneers Portal, you'll find the online modules for you to work through at your own pace. The modules will be released every two weeks and cover a range of topics.

If you have any questions or require printed copies of the modules, please get in touch.

The next module is...

The next module is Wildlife Ecology which will be available on Monday 12th June. The module looks at the basics of wildlife ecology, some causes of global biodiversity loss and some of nature's needs.