



Biodiversity Action Across Teignbridge Parishes

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Trusham Lichen Survey in the Churchyard

A survey was undertaken in Trusham churchyard of the lichen species found there. Community members joined the Devon Wildlife Trust lichen team to learn more about local lichen species by identifying and recording. Species records that were collected will provide a baseline for any future surveys.

Who Was Responsible

The project was coordinated by a member of staff from Devon Wildlife Trust in association with Trusham volunteers and the Parish Wildlife Warden



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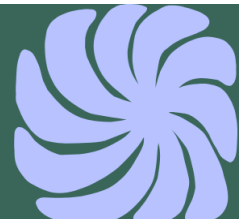




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Costs

Total cost of £5 to cover refreshments for the group of twelve volunteers at the end of the survey.

Benefits and Outcomes

- **Increased Community Awareness:** Raised local awareness about nature in the immediately environment, with a hope that people want to protect and conserve what is already there
- **Better Wildlife Records:** Added to the extensive records kept about wildlife in Trusham churchyard
- **Motivated Change:** Highlighted how personal behaviour impacts wildlife, giving participants a sense of responsibility.
- **Expanded Biodiversity Data:** Added to local and national records about biodiversity in the local area
- **Established a Baseline:** Created a baseline which can be used for future comparison

Actions

- Find members of your community with excellent plant or animal identification skills that could help create baseline surveys for the parish or reach out to your ACT Wildlife Wardens who have contacts to help you to do this.
- Flower and hedgerow surveys could also be completed in a similar way (without needing specialist help from DWT).
- Could councillors be involved by providing refreshments for volunteers or by joining survey groups and reporting back to the council?



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