



Enstone Eco report for Enstone Annual Parish Council meeting on 14th May 2026

We are a local voluntary group which aims to improve the natural habitat in the parish, while at the same time getting people together to have fun. By teaming up, we get more done and it's not just the environment that benefits!

Over the last year we have:

1. Put on events to engage residents in our valuable local habitats including, expertly guided walks for bird and bats and around St Kenelm's churchyard with ecologist Craig Blackwell to see the increased number of wildflowers, butterflies and insects. Kate Farquhar-Thomson also guided us around the "Enstone Meadow Local Wildlife Site" which is on her land.
2. Submitted a proposal to the Enstone Relief In Need charity trustees to create a new community orchard and wildflower site next to the allotments and shared our vision with Enstone Women's Institute.
3. Raised awareness by publishing articles in The Ensign and blogs on our website www.enstone-eco.co.uk each month.
4. Monitored water quality in the River Glyme testing for nitrates and phosphates and counting riverfly larvae each month.
5. Surveyed plants, butterflies and other wildlife across the parish to measure changes at valuable sites.
6. Generated income from events to fund our work.

Enstone Eco volunteers have also supported local organisations:

- Enstone Relief In Need charity by assisting with clearing up the allotments
- Enstone Primary School by planting wildflower seedlings with the children.
- St Kenelm's church by marking the paths ahead of grass cutting, maintaining the nature notice board in the church entrance, and recording plants and butterflies in the old churchyard.
- The Parish Council by reporting invasive species and commenting on planning applications.
- ENCON with a prize for biodiversity in their school photo competition.

We thank those who have been involved with events and running the group, St Kenelm's PCC for allowing us to meet in the church, Kate Farquhar-Thomson for guiding guests around her land, donors for funding our work and the Parish Council for its continued encouragement.

Over the next year we intend to launch our booklet "Enstone Village Walks" which describe the natural wonders around our parish and start planting the new community orchard and wildflower site next to the allotments.

What you can do for us.

We are seeking others to be involved in surveying wildflowers, butterflies, bumblebees and organising events or keeping track of our income and expenditure in a simple excel file. No bookkeeping skills required!

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