



## **Enstone Eco report for Enstone Annual Parish Council meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

We are a group of volunteers, with a network of over 90 local residents who are interested in fun events and volunteering opportunities which improve our local environment and biodiversity.

### **Over the last year we have:**

1. Sown wildflower seeds at the Bicester Rd and Gt Tew Rd crossroads and had the site recognised by Oxfordshire Highways.
2. Raised awareness by publishing articles in The Ensign and blogs on our website [www.enstone-eco.co.uk](http://www.enstone-eco.co.uk) monthly.
3. Monitored water quality in the River Glyme testing for nitrates and phosphates and counting riverfly larvae each month.
4. Surveyed plants, butterflies and other wildlife across the parish to measure changes at valuable sites.
5. Put on events to engage residents in our valuable local habitats: A tour around Heythrop Park, Lichen identification in the churchyard, Spotting wildflowers with ease talk and the Rivers in decline talk.
6. Generated income from grants and events to fund our work.

### **Enstone Eco volunteers have also supported local organisations:**

- Enstone Primary School by helping clear the school pond and garden, providing bird boxes as competition prizes, demonstrating riverfly larvae monitoring and growing wildflower plants with the children.
- St Kenelm's church by sowing wildflower seeds in the old churchyard to boost biodiversity and putting up bird boxes.
- The Parish Council by drafting a Biodiversity Action Plan which was adapted and adopted to ensure the Council effectively conserves and increases local biodiversity. We also joined the annual litter pick, reported invasive species and commented on planning applications.
- The Green Gym and Cotswold Wardens hedge laying at the Bicester Rd and Gt Tew Rd crossroads to strengthen the perimeter and clearing the stream near the pond in Gagingwell to improve the ecology.
- The Garden Club by suggesting speakers.

**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, donors for funding our work and the Parish Council for its continued encouragement.

**Over the next year** we intend to involve more residents so we can support more local groups with our volunteers and in a small way, tackle the decline in our wildlife.

### **What you can do for us.**

Ian Cave is moving to Malvern and we are seeking others to be involved in running the group, particularly someone to keep track of our income and expenditure in a simple excel file. No bookkeeping skills required!

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