



Biodiversity Action Across Teignbridge Parishes

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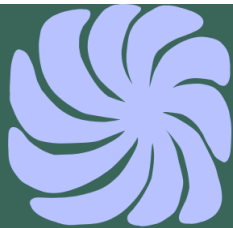
Trusham Bird Surveys and Guided Walks

A bird survey was undertaken in the parish, covering Parish Council owned land, private gardens and land owned by local farmers.

RSPB Cirl Bunting surveys have also been completed, recording information about a specific species that has benefited from recent conservation efforts and whose numbers are on the rise.

Community members enjoyed a wonderful birdsong walk, were introduced to the Merlin bird app, and were encouraged to contribute their sightings to the British Trust for Ornithology's BirdTrack website or iRecord.





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Who Was Involved

The surveys and walk were led by a local Wildlife Warden, who had prior experience of bird recording, along with members of the community.

Costs

Total of £5 to cover refreshments for the group of ten, at the end of the walk.

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 present
- **Motivated Change:** Highlighted the impact of personal behaviour on sustaining or reducing wildlife and gave 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 of bird species found in the parish, which can be used for future comparison and to help focus conservation efforts

Actions

- Find any locals with strong identification skills who can help with creating baseline surveys or ask your local Wildlife Wardens for contacts.
- Promote and encourage community participation in national recording schemes, such as 'The Big Garden Bird Watch' and RSPB Cirl Bunting surveys.



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