

Valley Conservation Society



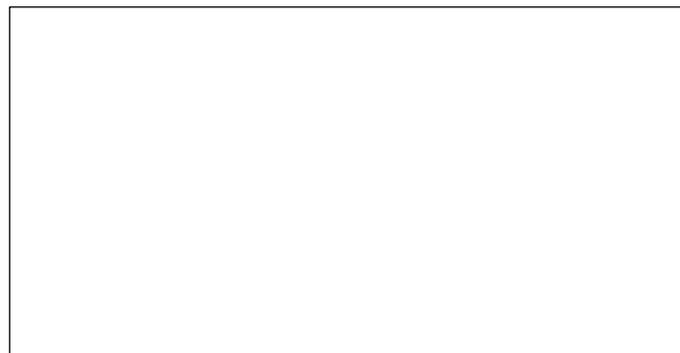
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We are a non-political organisation

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At last, things are returning to normal



With the easing of lockdown restrictions, the Society has been able to resume our regular Tuesday work parties in the valley.

Chairman Bryn Cornwell said: "Although the valley still remains very wet, spring has arrived and the splendid colours and the new growth looks fantastic. The geese have come back, and the ducks, moorhens and coots have all had little ones."

"We resumed the work party on Tuesday, March 30, using social distancing, and in just three weeks, we have been making up for lost time bringing the ponds and meadow back to how they should look."

If you'd like to lend a hand, just turn up at the Conservation Cabin in Cave Hill at 10am on a Tuesday, or you can call Bryn on 01622 746514 for further details.



Tidying up the bank of the Lower Crisbrook pond, and right re-instating a path with chippings



A moorhen with her chicks, and right snowdrops in bloom around the ponds

Membership

One unwelcome effect of the pandemic is that our membership has taken a dive, which is somewhat ironic since more people have been visiting the ponds and Crisbrook Meadow during lockdown than ever before.

If you haven't yet renewed your membership for 2021, please do so at once. Membership application forms can be downloaded from our website: www.valleyconservation.org.uk
Or email the membership secretary Tony Day for advice on vcsmembership@btinternet.com

Completed forms, with cheques made payable to Valley Conservation Society (written in full, please) can be left at:

57 Mayfair Avenue
3 Cripple Street (same side as barbers, near the top)
Bockingford House, Cripple Street (towards Teasaucer Hill)
Applebree, 4 Stockett Lane, Loose

We are keen to hold our postponed annual general meeting as soon as possible, but with the Government's current road map for easing restrictions, this is unlikely to be until July at the earliest. Please bear with us.

Twins

We were surprised and delighted to be contacted this month by a new volunteer group called the Fowey Valley Conservation Group – based in Cornwall. The River Fowey rises in Bodmin Moor and discharges into St Austell Bay.

As well as a similarity in name, the group which was established only in January this year has similar aims to our own, and its leader Martin Surgery contacted our chairman for advice. Bryn said: "We had a very interesting conversation, which ended with Martin offering to give VCS members a tour of his valley if they ever find themselves in Cornwall."

You can visit the Fowey group's website on www.thefowey.co.uk