



# Churchstanton Wilder Spaces Group

## Come and Join Us!



Formed in May 2023, our Wild Spaces Group aims to encourage residents to take every opportunity to increase biodiversity in our Parish. As many threats are challenging natural habitats, every green space matters. Rewilding your garden is a meaningful way to restore biodiversity and support local healthy ecosystems.

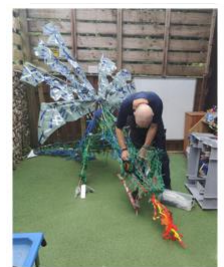
## Latest News



We launched **Somerset Wildlife Trust's "Wilder Gardens" Scheme**, early in 2024 after leafletting every household inviting people to sign up and take part. We will hopefully secure Wilder Community status for Churchstanton over the coming months. A big thank you to all those who have already secured their plaque, but we still need a few more people participating in the scheme if we're to obtain the Community Status. Sign up link: <https://uk.surveymonkey.com/r/YCSSWVG>

Young, budding local artists provided us with some great **No Mow May posters** which were displayed around the Parish to encourage people to let wildflowers grow, thus increasing biodiversity and providing food for pollinators.

We organised a **monster dragonfly workshop** at Churchstanton Primary School towards the end of the summer term with local artist and sculptor, Alistair Lambert and facilitated by the school's art teacher, Karina Holt. Materials were from a scrap store and showed the children what could be done with recycled materials. Great fun was had by all!



At the **Churchstanton School Fete**, youngsters made wild seed bombs, attached their wishes for Nature on a Wish Tree and took home pebbles they had coloured with nature-inspired motifs. Books on gardening for all ages were also available for free.

We had a joint stall with the Blackdown Hills Eco Hub at the **Blackdown Food and Craft Fayre** in Churchinford on 25th August. The Wild Spaces Group gave away books, sold packets of wild flower and yellow rattle seeds to raise funds for future projects.



Our small but enthusiastic Wild Spaces Core Group is looking to expand so that we can organise some more fun, community projects in the coming year. Whatever your age, if you are creative, passionate about our natural world and would like to help us make a difference, we'd love to hear from you.

Please email Trisha if you'd like to come along: [trishacomrie@gmail.com](mailto:trishacomrie@gmail.com).

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