

Woolhope Dome Environmental Trust

Selected Reports and Previous Awards – August 2022

Examples of recent awards

Recipient	Project title
Warwickshire Hedgehog Rescue	Equipment for hedgehog rehabilitation
Denise Plume	Carmarthenshire and Herefordshire Bat Projects
Woolhope Parish Council	Broadmoor Common Local Nature Reserve: Pond Restoration
Herefordshire Wildlife Trust	Extension to Common Hill Nature Reserve, Fownhope
Woolhope Parish Council	Broadmoor Common LNR: Winter site work and tool purchase
Wye Valley AONB	Woolhope Dome conference/workshop
Farming4Wildlife	Wildflower seed harvesting service in Herefordshire
Plantlife	Joan's Hill Nature Reserve: Ancient orchard restoration
Herefordshire Wildlife Trust	Evaluating the Wildlife Habitats of the Woolhope Dome
Herefordshire Mammal Group	Woolhope Dome Bat Radio Tracking

Woolhope Parish – Broadmoor Common Management Plan

As part of the disposal of former Herefordshire Council owned Local Nature Reserves, Woolhope Dome Parish Council acquired a large area of common land within the central part of Parish. The area includes extensive tracks of unimproved flower rich meadow, species rich wet meadows and marsh, ponds and woodland.

The site had fallen into neglect and so Mark July, who heads up the Broadmoor Common Management Team on behalf of the Council applied for funding to produce a management plan for the site. This plan is now being acted upon and WDET have made a commitment to support the enhancement of this important area for wildlife.

For more information follow this link: [Broadmoor-Common-5-year-Works-Programme](#).

Herefordshire Mammal Group - Woolhope Dome Bat Radio Tracking Project

Woolhope Dome supports important assemblages of bats, particularly associated with high forest semi-natural broadleaf woodland. As part of ongoing voluntary work by Hereford Mammal Group to map the distribution of all species of bats within the area and to identify the location of bat roosting sites, an application was made to WDET for the purchase of radio tracking equipment.

Two years of radio tracking has so far been undertaken within the area and has resulted in some significant findings that has been compiled into a report.

For more information follow this link: [Woolhope Dome Bat Radio Tracking Project](#).

PlantLife – Signage and kissing gate

One of Plantlife's 23 reserves, Joan's Hill Farm, occurs in the north-west of the Woolhope Dome area and represents a 40 acre farm of largely unimproved species rich meadowland. As part of improved public access to the reserve, kissing gates and information boards about the reserve were needed. WDET were able to provide funding to ensure a successful completion of the project. Further funding was provided to support ancient orchard restoration. More detail about the site is on the [Plantlife Reserves page](#).

Herefordshire Wildlife Trust – Evaluating the Habitats of the Woolhope Dome.

Herefordshire Wildlife Trust has a long history in the Woolhope Dome and manage several nature reserves in the area including Pentoloe Glen & Convallaria Area, Wessington Wood and Pasture, Nupend Wood, Rudge End Quarry, Common Hill and Lea & Paget's Wood.

Efforts to map and describe the various habitats within the Woolhope Dome area were carried out in acknowledgement of its inclusion within the Living Landscapes initiative. WDET provided the funding needed to capture the habitat data on a Geographic Information System (GIS) so that calculations of habitat extent and connectivity could be assessed and that the ecological information held on the system can be readily updated. A report has been produced regarding this work.

For more information follow this link: [Phase 1 habitat survey Herefordshire Wildlife Trust](#)