



Chudleigh Wild AGM report for 2024

The AGM was held at Chudleigh Town Hall on 23 January 2025, and followed by a quiz.

Chairman's Report (Dave Smallshire) incorporating Secretary's report (Sue Smallshire)

Achievements in 2024

Newsletters – 3 issued; many thanks to Sue for producing these (and articles in *Chudleigh Companion*); articles for the Newsletter are welcome.

Telephone box hub – opened officially and stocked with freebies.

Harcombe Orchid counts – over 1000 flowering orchids of 6 species counted (including 627 Greater Butterfly Orchids) in coordinated counts; recent meeting with National Highways to discuss management. Common Spotted Orchids thriving in fields at Holman's Wood and Hams Barton.

Stancott-Amberley Woods survey – helped Wildlife Wardens in April survey.

River Teign Restoration Project – thanks to the volunteers who undertook three Riverfly Surveys and monthly Water Quality Surveys. Project ends in 2025.

Open Gardens – very successful: 12 gardens; £1149 raised; thanks to Emma, with help from Hannah, Mandy (Griffiths) and Sue for organising and to the gardeners for partaking.

Development – CH2 proposals for amenity land.

Bats – meeting with lighting engineers over street lighting concerns. Further GHB surveys.

Oldway Batfields – worked to keep the 'batrun' route clear for GHBs; Vicci leading on management; continued to survey wildlife there and in the SuDS field.

CW events – talks: DS spoke on Teignbridge Wildlife in March, Wildlife Highlights in November, Pete Hurst spoke on butterflies and moths in April, dipping in Kate Brook with Scouts in June, had a stand at Annual Town Meeting in April and at the church in July, held Swift Watch evening in July and a community bat evening in August. Helped with Bioblitz at Gappah in October.

Lawn Drive grass cutting – following representation at CTC Conservation Committee, CW agreed to continue managing the verges, with checks by CTC reps in June and October.

Thanks – to Committee members for their input during the year, including Peter for cutting the verges, Emma for maintaining the website, sending out newsletters and other mailings and taking care of our social media output. Thanks also to our 9 ACT Wildlife Wardens.

Treasurer's Report (Keith Benyon-Tinker, 24/01/25)

Date	Details	Credit	Debit	Balance
01/01/24	Opening Balance in Bank			£2851.92
	Expenditure during year		£1408.42	
	Income during year	£1223.60		-£184.82
24/01/25	Closing Balance in Bank			£2667.10

1. Total cash in hand £175.71
2. Major items of expenditure during the year:
 - Mail Chimp renewal £148.44
 - Wildlife wardens £600.00
 - Zurich Insurance £157.00
 - Website £303.77
3. Major item of income during the year
 - Open gardens £1149.20 (a greater proportion came to CW in 2024).

Officers and Committee for re-election

Officers: Dave Smallshire (Chair), Keith Benyon-Tinker (Treasurer). (Secretary – vacant).

Other Posts: Audrey Compton (Events Officer), Tessa Frost (Work Party Organiser – wishes to hand over), Sue Smallshire (Newsletter Editor), Emma Smith (Website and Social Media).

Other Committee Members: Hannah Bone, Vicci Camm, Mary Rush.

ACT Wildlife Wardens: Vicci Camm, Audrey Compton, Val Compton, Tess Frost, Ben Jansen, Sue Knott, Sue Smallshire, Barbara Steele, Peter Warn.

The Officers and Committee were re-elected.