

March 2023 Molescroft Wildlife Network: Molescroft Cemetery, Rosemary Walk Postbox Pocket Meadow and the Millennial Meadow

Was it the promise of tea and cakes that drew out seventeen of our members on Monday? It certainly wasn't the weather, which heralded the visit with a downpour. But it was almost dry by the time we grouped in Molescroft Cemetery to hear Karyn explaining the objectives and some of the achievements and obstacles encountered by the Molescroft Wildlife Network in our first year.



After a stroll round the Cemetery some of us drove to Thurlow Avenue and some walked down Rosemary Walk. There we passed the Postbox Pocket Meadow, one of our projects featured in the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust's online case study, as an example of one of their supported 'Team Wilder Communities in Action'.

We met up at the end of the Hudson Way to look at the Molescroft Millennium Garden, a project set up in 2002 by Molescroft Parish Council. Trees, woodland and meadow bulbs were planted and although the footpaths through the area are still maintained, the planting has not been managed as in the original plan due to staff changes. It's part of our plan to revive interest and maintenance of the area to restore diversity to this hidden corner of nature so close to the town centre.

Refreshments followed at Karyn's and already one of our group has volunteered to help the Network. If anyone else is interested please contact us by email at molescroftwn@gmail.com. The YWT case study is at https://www.ywt.org.uk/sites/default/files/2023-02/Molescroft%20%23TeamWilder%20case%20study%20Feb%202023_0.pdf if you'd like more information on the project.

Great start to a year of Wild Things! Thanks for your outstanding support and good cheer.

Helen



Above clockwise: Molescroft Cemetery, a gravestone no match for a tree, Blackthorn and Hazel in blossom in the Millennium Garden, Willow catkin on Rosemary Walk, Sweet Violets in the cemetery.