

## September – October 2025 Update



### What to look out for in September and October

- Green hazel nuts ripen, with empty shells dropping early
- Hawthorn's berries ("haws") also ripen into deep red jewels
- An occasional chiffchaff calls wistfully from a tree
- Voles are at their most numerous and attract swooping kestrels
- Small tortoiseshell and red admiral butterflies on the buddleia
- House martins chirp overhead, flying low when it's overcast
- Bush crickets and grasshoppers also chirp from the long grass
- The robins are singing once again, setting up their winter territories
- Ivy flowers provide a critical food source for bees, hoverflies and even butterflies
- Morning dew bedecks spider cobwebs rendering them useless
- Many sloe, spindle and hawthorn trees are laden with juicy berries
- Yellow leaves are appearing in the field maples as autumn arrives

### FLHF is now Five Years Old!

We were granted our Licence to manage and improve our lovely Fields by B&NES Council on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020. This was of course the first year of the COVID pandemic. Following a successful launch meeting with potential volunteers by Zoom, we began our first working sessions with small groups the following month. It was actually a good time to be starting such a venture as people desperately wanted to get outside and do something congenial and useful.



2020: Tackling  
bramble thickets in  
the West Field and  
starting to improve  
the footpaths.

We produce an Annual Report and Accounts for our Annual General Meeting and for B&NES. This year's AGM took place on 22<sup>nd</sup> July. All of our Annual Reports (including the latest one) can be found on our website, under the 'Reports and Policies' tab <https://friendsoflyncombehillfields.co.uk/flhf-reports/>.

This latest Annual Report includes a 'Highlights of the Year' section, and a mention of the possibility that at some future date we may become designated as a Local Nature Reserve.

## Our 2026 Calendar is now available



This is our 3<sup>rd</sup> calendar.

We produce it to publicise what we do, encourage people to visit, enthuse new volunteers to join and to finance our work. All the pictures have been taken by our volunteers and supporters, along with our trap camera (see the cheeky fox), sited by one of the tiny ponds.

It is A4 size that opens out to A3. This is the back cover, showing what you can find inside. The calendar is available for £10.00. We will be selling it, along with our greetings cards at the Bear Flat Community Market, Bruton Avenue BA2 4QJ between 9.30 and 12.30 on the third Saturday of the month, starting Saturday 20 September and every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month up until the new year.



## Photo Gallery

Please check out our [website](https://friendsoflyncombehillfields.co.uk) to view more photos selected by our Photo Team.

## Donations to FLHF via Localgiving

If you'd like to support our work in the fields your donations are very welcome. Please do donate via Localgiving on our website

[friendsoflyncombehillfields.co.uk](https://friendsoflyncombehillfields.co.uk)

Remember there is an option to donate via direct debit so you may give a small sum every month, for as long as you wish, rather than a single larger sum. Donations to FLHF via Localgiving from UK taxpayers also enable FLHF to benefit from Gift Aid payments.

## Volunteering

Typically around 12 people join us in the Fields for two hours on Sunday mornings, with slightly smaller numbers on Wednesdays. Our sessions are from 10.00 to 12.00 on Sunday and Wednesday mornings. You can come as often or as infrequently as you wish. In doing so you will do your bit to improve the local environment and community, and improve your health. We will teach you new skills, and you will find that this is a very sociable activity. There are no fees; all it costs is your time. If you or any family or friends are interested in getting involved, please contact us at [lyncombehillfields@gmail.com](mailto:lyncombehillfields@gmail.com)