

Gloucester Centre Site Resident’s Biodiversity Survey

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Notes on cold calling residents in their homes with flyer (15th – 21st June 2019)

2 pages so far

including from Facebook page comments (increasing numbers of residents since flyer drops, 111 total)

Trees, Shrubs, Planting & Pond:

Via facebook group and house to house calls

Nancicles: BRM

- Save the cycleway trees or we will leave the area
- Has a Tree Preservation already been applied for: on the cycleway, or on the site?
- Enquiry in progress See Emails below

Newcastle: KP

- Spoke to one lady she has put a request in for a tree preservation on the trees (on the site?) as they are 40+ years old, she will forward the email to the GCD email address we have.
- See Emails below
- Another lady commented about the greenery in the area, with shrubs being cut down, she felt a pond was nice but with the pressure on global warming, why are they cutting trees/shrubs down?
- What will they plant to replace those cut down?
- House on Newcastle/Shrewsbury junctions has bats in their garden

Oakleigh: BRM

- There are 2 conical trees as you come off Wainman into Morpeth they are on the verge against the road that deserve preserving
- There is a lime tree that Bats frequent that should be saved
- We should put a tree preservation order on the Big Sky cycleway/footpath tree line
- The trees along Big sky cycleway/footpath are a bat flight path
- There are other mature trees and shrubs on the site that should be preserved
- Bats may predate any mosquitoes from the pond

Oakleigh drive: KP

- We don't really want a pond if it's still water
- It will go stagnant and this will attract mosquitoes.
- Needs to be fresh running,
- Pond is there to deal with the water level/table? (Part of Sustainable Urban Drainage: Settlement Pond)

Morpeth Close: AN

- They said surely they cannot remove the trees as then they would be looking at the industrial units, with the trees there the road could only be widened to the trees which isn't enough,
- A lot of concerns for the wildlife and danger of leaves etc. on the road.
- The lady in the property nearest to the proposed development has a very private garden and says how quiet it is, very concerned about the noise of construction and the noise of the site in occupation.

Yarwell Close: BRM

- From Caldervale onto the development site is 8 feet wide and has a 2 foot growing margin because the planting is on the other side of the owners fences it is forgotten about. Some are brambles and roses.
- It becomes overgrown and covers the path/cycleway and has been reduced to 18 inches, insufficient for mobility vehicles and wheel chairs and prams or for pedestrians or bicycles passing; forcing people onto slippery grass, into mud or puddles.
- Letters from PCC threaten fines.
- Some but not all trim their bushes.
- Can any improvements be made?
- If cycleway/footpath moves away from back gardens could solve this problem
- Sounds like it needs some 'guerrilla gardening'
- There are 4 cherry trees 40+ years old along the cycleway heading towards Caldervale that deserve saving we should put a preservation order on them
- There is a copse of silver birch trees 40+years old on a raised bank which deserves saving, people picnic there and even do wedding photo-shoots there, they need preserving
- See Feedback via Email below

Biodiversity and bats in particular:

Via facebook group and house to house calls

Blue Sky Cycleway/Footpath: tree line is a bat flight path

Development site:

- Bat survey underway on the site (presumably by the developer)
 - They are checking bats in the area using detectors
 - They know about the Lime tree

- They are also checking each building individually
- Lime tree North corner of site and surroundings are bat flight circulation area, probably a food source (bugs live in lime tree, bats like these bugs)
- Is the Lime tree a roost or are the buildings a roost?
- A small deer was photographed on the site and in garden recently
- Fox photographed on site recently (face book page)

Thornleigh:

- No. 40 has pond visited by bats, they fly onto development site to circulate near lime tree

Caryer: FB

- We have had bat droppings on the car
- Bats fly over the garden
- Fox visits the garden
- Neighbour says 3 foxes have visited in the past
- Fox seen here from 7 Nancicles

Nancicles:

- No. 7 2 bats in garden every evening
- No. 7 Hedgehogs in garden

Newcastle: KP

- No. 1 House at Newcastle/Shrewsbury has bats in garden
- No. 23 bats flying over garden at dusk
- No. 23 Fox visits garden
- No. 23 Hedgehogs in garden
- No. 23 Ducks in spring

Dry Leys:

- Seen bats flying here for years

Morpeth:

- Foxes here too 9 pm

Oakleigh Drive: KP & BRM

- Fixes on the estate roads every night
- No. 19 has 2 bats
- No. 71 has bats visit garden watching them last night
- No. 73 love watching the bats in our garden
- No. 74 Hedgehogs in our garden as well
- No. 76 has many bats visit garden, counted 12 during 1 cigarette smoke
- No. 79 bats feeding at fir tree
- No. 87 has bats living in gable wall
- No. 87-93 is a bat flight gyration area
- 1 hawk (Red Kite?) seen daily at 5 pm overhead
- 4 hawks have been seen flying overhead last week
- Starlings swirling patterns in the sky before landing to roost in the bushes on Shrewsbury
- No. 91 Foxes seen regularly along the street and in the gardens
- No. 91 Hedgehogs are regularly seen in gardens
- No. 91 Herron used to land on our roof with a thud
- No. 91 Hawk seen predating a pigeon in garden
- No. 91 Magpies and Seagulls

Hillward Close: BRM

- So pleased there are so many bats
- Would love to join the bat walk/survey
- One person worried by the bats, but I reassured her

Caldervale: BRM

- Foxes visit the area
- Hedgehogs visit the area
- Foxes use the cycleway/footpath through development site
- Little deer visits our front garden from the Development Site (Video and Photo on facebook page)

Not located:

- Where are all the pigeons coming from? Loads of pigeons in the gardens
- I don't see any Magpies anymore