

Somerset Networks and Forums

Together we can achieve so much more, we all have different skills, experience, knowledge and inspiration to share. There are lots of networks in Somerset which aim to bring together different environmental groups to focus efforts and learn from each other.

Geographical networks

Taunton Green Forum brings together volunteer groups who manage green spaces in and around Taunton, to share tools and ideas. Contact teamwilder@somersetwildlife.org

Bridgwater Blue Heritage Forum hold regular dates to meet up and share nature-based solutions to flooding and nature recovery in Bridgwater. Find out more <https://www.facebook.com/groups/FriendsoftheMeads>

West Somerset Green Forum is a forum of likeminded people who share solutions, knowledge and enthusiasm, coordinating projects across West Somerset. Find out more <https://www.westsomersetgreenforum.com/west-somerset-together>

South Somerset Environmental Network brings together groups in and around Yeovil and South Somerset to tackle the nature crisis. Contact Joeknights@able2achieve.org.uk

The Polden Environment Network seeks to promote positive action for the climate, to grow and connect the Polden's wild spaces, and support and enable residents to take action for nature in their villages. Find out more <https://www.facebook.com/groups/380310044555052/> or contact poldensgroup@outlook.com

Wells Environment Network is where individuals and organisations, come together to promote environmental stewardship and reduce carbon emissions in the Wells region and its vicinity. Find out more <https://www.wenvironment.org.uk/>

Wild Wivey is an umbrella group whose aim is to connect the various wildlife, nature conservation and sustainability projects in Wiveliscombe and the surrounding area. Find out more <https://wildwivey.org/>

Subject networks

Private and Community Nature Reserve network (not just for "nature reserves"!) is a user-led network providing peer-to-peer support, a newsletter and training opportunities for landowners, smallholders and community groups (such as local woodland trusts and community orchards), to benefit nature. Find out more <https://www.somersetwildlife.org/get-involved/specialist-groups/pcnr-network>

Somerset Specialist Groups Forum meets twice a year to coordinate wildlife recording efforts across the county. Get in contact with Somerset Environmental Record Centre to enquire about joining. You can find out more about each of the specialist groups here: <https://www.somerc.com/specialist-groups/>

Wilder Churches and Burial Grounds aims to support communities to get to know the wildlife in their local churchyard, other church land or burial ground and work together to find ways to increase the value of these special places for wildlife. Find out more <https://www.somersetwildlife.org/wilder-churches>

Grow for Good Forum focuses on food growing but also promotes community orchards and gardens that benefit wildlife. Find out more <https://somersecommunityfood.org.uk/news/grow-good-forum-0>

Community Action Groups Somerset offers training, funding and resources and focuses on broad environmental actions, in particular waste reduction. Find out more <https://cagsomerset.org.uk/community-action-groups/>

Somerset Climate Action Network is dedicated to enabling the changes needed to drive down emissions, whilst adapting to existing climate change working with businesses, organisations, councillors and like-minded individuals. Find out more <https://somersecan.org.uk/>