

LOHP Members News

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Welcome to the first issue of **LOHP Members News** a quarterly update for LOHP Members, covering some of the things that we are involved with over the year, that you might not know about or might want to get involved with.



Hop to it!

Spring is upon us, the birds are starting to sing, trees are blossoming, and amphibians are starting to spawn. We need your help to update our records of any frog or toad spawn and amphibians you might see.



Common Frog - Parkers Piece © Nick Lingwood

As part of the wider **Brecks Fen Edge & Rivers Landscape Partnership Scheme** (BFER LPS), the **Freshwater Habitats Trust** are leading on a **Spawn Survey 2023** <https://freshwaterhabitats.org.uk/the-brecks-spawn-survey-2023/> (where you will find survey forms, id guides, training video and much more to get you started).

Get involved by recording spawn and amphibian sightings in the Brecks and beyond. Of our LOHP sites only Scarfe Meadows is in the actual BFER project area, but you can include results from any other LOHP site and beyond to help build up a picture of how our amphibians are doing.

We have been involved in other citizen science projects as part of the BFER project over the last couple of years - Testing the Water and eDNA survey - more information about the other projects can be found here <https://freshwaterhabitats.org.uk/bfer-lps-citizen-science-testing-the-water/>

Our wildlife is under threat

A recent invertebrate survey on Broomscot Common, found that invertebrate numbers are being affected by dog faeces. We are happy for people to walk their dogs on our sites but please clear up after them, as it is affecting the wildlife of these special sites – it is also not very pleasant if you come across it while walking or working on site. This is not only happening on the common but on other sites as well. We want everyone including dogs to be able to enjoy our sites so please respect others and clear up after your pets and keep them on a lead when grazing animals are on site.

Events and Activities

Coming up in April, May and June.
See our website for further details nearer the time.

(black – LOHP events, purple – external events)

Date	Time	Item	More Info
Saturday 1 st April	10.30am- 12.30pm	"Fenland Trees", an amateurs view from the ground	Join LOHP for a guided walk around the fens looking at trees
Sunday 16 th April	10am- 3pm	SWT Peat-free Plant Sale	We will have a stall at Suffolk Wildlife Trust's Redgrave and Lopham Fen, so why not pop in and see us
Monday 8 th May	TBC 10am- 12pm	Big Help Out – Practical Conservation Taster Session	Join LOHP on a Practical Conservation Taster Session to see if volunteering is for you
TBC End June	TBC	Wildflower Ramble	Join LOHP on a guided walk around the fens looking at wildflowers

Other events to look out for later in the year – Moth Evening and Fungi Walk.

Hope you have enjoyed this first issue, wrap up, get out and enjoy the spring.

Ellie Beach – Conservation Manager

