

## **Worcestershire Wildlife Trust Malvern Group**

Thursday September 5<sup>th</sup> 2019

Wendy Carter: Worcestershire Wildlife; from Wyre to the Vale

The Malvern Group of WWT very much enjoyed their meeting in their large, comfortable new venue, the Eden Centre in Grovewood Road. Wendy Carter, WWT Communications Lead, took us on a personal journey through the interesting and often very unusual species which occur in Worcestershire, some on WWT reserves and others in hedgerows and back gardens. Wendy is especially enthusiastic about insects and showed us photos of snow fleas, weevils, glow-worms, beetles, butterflies and various bee species including the ivy bee which has only been recorded in this country since 2003. A rare and beautiful metallic-green beetle called the noble chafer is relatively plentiful in Worcestershire orchards, making the county an internationally important site for this species. Unusual bird visitors to the Malverns were mentioned: ring ousels, snow buntings, redstarts and pied flycatchers. There are a great many slow-worms in the county and small populations of adders. Much research is being done to find out how many dormice live in our area.

Duncan Bridges, Director of the Malvern Hills Trust, gave a short introduction to the Public Consultation concerning proposals for changes in management and fundraising powers.

Colin Raven, Director of WWT, outlined the achievements of the Trust over the last 50 years and talked about plans for the next 50.



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