



AUTUMN COLOURS AT THE RESERVE

Monkton Nature Reserve Newsletter



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Thank you, Sam!

As we continue our efforts to get the reserve ready for re-opening – whenever that might be – we are still trying to raise funds to keep things ‘ticking over’. With some unavoidable overheads and no real opportunities to receive income, every penny counts. We thank everyone for their continued support in uncertain times.

Hence, we are very grateful for any donations and have special reason to thank one of our wonderful members.

Earlier this year, Sam Peters lost her great-grandmother and was given a moneybox when helping the family. Sam organised a competition, asking family members to guess the total money in the box. Together with the contents of the box, Sam raised £102.62 and has donated the sum to Monkton Nature Reserve. Sam’s great-grandmother was a keen walker and birdwatcher and we will use the money to build bird-boxes as part of a new project.

At one of our recent member-only days, Sam presented the donation, together with some books for our bookshop.



Sam Peters (left) presenting her donation to Les Shonk, one of our trustees

NEWS FLASH: BOOK DONATIONS – we are still accepting donations of books for the bookshop. Please contact us to arrange delivery or we can organise collection

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Help our Hedgehogs!

The British Hedgehog has recently been officially classified as 'vulnerable to extinction'. We need the government to encourage wildlife-friendly practices: from farming to development to transport – our wildlife deserves to be taken seriously.

All over the country, people are working in their gardens to help wildlife. Hedgehog Street (free to join) encourages the connection of gardens conservation of our favourite animal through connection of gardens, holes in fences, feeding, hedgehog houses, and the removal of hazards.

Monkton's hedgehog 'champion', Roy Finch, offers presentations – when permitted - to families and interested groups and can be contacted for advice and information.

Two local rescue centres can be found on Facebook: Hedgehog Rescue Deal and Dottie's Little Hog Hospital, Herne Bay.



IF YOU WANT FURTHER INFORMATION ON HEDGEHOGS

Contact Roy Finch at roy@monkton-reserve.org

Fungal foray

Autumn is the best time to find fungi – mushrooms and toadstools as they are more commonly called. After a dry summer, the recent rains have led to an explosion of 'fruiting bodies', the reproductive stage of these strange organisms. The largest organism in the world is a type of honey fungus – one in a forest in Oregon, USA covers nearly 9 square kilometres, about one-and-a-half times the size of Thanet!



HELP WITH CONSERVATION BY VOLUNTEERING AT MONKTON

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