



September is always a quieter month in the Ross Branch calendar, as the excitement of summer activities simmers down and we prepare for an autumn and winter full of wildlife and nature talks. Our main goal with the talks is simple: to engage our branch members and entice those less familiar with their local branch with talks that spark curiosity about the local projects and initiatives that deserve the spotlight.

Autumn-Winter Talks Programme

We're very happy to confirm the first three talks of the new programme, starting **on Friday, 3rd October**:

1. **Hidden Herefordshire** - Tim Kaye
2. **Hedgerow Heroes** - Andrew McRobb
3. **The Hedgehog Aware group**

Three distinct topics but all about essential projects or campaigns that impact the Herefordshire landscape and its wildlife.

Like last year, the meeting place will be The Venue, Hill Street, Ross-on-Wye, with the usual start time of 7:30pm:

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- Google Maps link <https://maps.app.goo.gl/PvvLdabawu7x11Pk8>

Each talk is £2 for members and £4 for non-members (at the door). If you'd like to spread the word at work or your local facilities, we have a poster which we would be happy to share!

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**ROSS BRANCH
AUTUMN-WINTER
TALK SERIES**

**HIDDEN HEREFORDSHIRE
WITH TIM KAYE**

FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER
7:30 - 9:30PM
**THE VENUE,
HILL STREET
ROSS-ON-WYE HR9 7AD**
**£2 MEMBERS
£4 NON-MEMBERS
UNDER 18'S FREE**

Join Tim Kaye from CLaN CIC as he discusses the Hidden Herefordshire project, which is being conducted in collaboration with the Hereford Biological Records Centre.

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**HEDGEROW HEROES
WITH ANDREW MCROBB
+ AGM**

FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER
7:15 - 9:30PM
**THE VENUE,
HILL STREET
ROSS-ON-WYE HR9 7AD**
**£2 MEMBERS
£4 NON-MEMBERS
UNDER 18'S FREE**

Join Andrew McRobb from CPRE Herefordshire to learn about the Hedgerow Heroes Project and its mission to help restore and protect hedgerows nationwide, 50% of which have been lost over the last 75 years, which are integral to the ecosystem and the survival of wildlife.

Wild About Gardens Workshop

Another date for your diaries! Back by popular demand, the Wild About Gardens Team are doing a Wild Gardening workshop on **Saturday, 25th October, 2-5pm** at St Mary's Church Hall.

This introductory short course will provide you with some practical ideas about how to make your own garden more wildlife-friendly as well as how to approach caring for your garden in the depths of winter.

The March workshop was very well received and spaces are limited, so please do reserve a spot by emailing HWTRossBranch@gmail.com



Vacancies

Over the past year a lot of members have been appreciative of the fact that we have become a more active branch and in order to maintain this we do need to fill some committee positions. So if you have the time, enthusiasm and skills to help please volunteer alongside us to make this a successful branch for members, as well as wildlife, in the Ross area.

We have three positions to fill and it is crucial that we will them to be able to continue our events and fundraising:

- **Team Leader** - this role is key and sets the tone and direction of the branch and its activities. It is an opportunity to shape how the branch operates but is also one which allows and encourages others to contribute with ideas and events.
- **Treasurer** - the treasurer is responsible for taking care of the money coming in and going out, the bank account and card payment device as well as reporting the state of finances to the team and HWT staff in a simple annual report.
- **Events Coordinator** - the Events Coordinator is responsible for making the events programme relevant and attractive for the local membership as well as organising the finer details of events to ensure they are successful.

It doesn't require a huge time commitment and it's a great, collaborate small team to be a part of! If you think you can help, please get in touch with the branch at our new email HWTRossBranch@gmail.com.

We hope to see you on the 3rd October at 7:30pm. In the meantime, don't hesitate to get in touch if you're interested in the committee propositions!

The Ross Branch Committee