



East Midlands Railway and Notts Wildlife Trust working together for local wildlife

Did you know about East Midlands Railway's (EMR) **Station Adopter Scheme**, aimed at improving diversity of wildlife at its local stations? There is some great volunteer-led work happening on our local stations, from installation of insect houses and bee-friendly planting to putting up nest boxes, along with opportunities to help with other maintenance tasks.

Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust recently met with Alexa Stott, EMR's community ambassador leading on the scheme. We discussed local projects and met with a new group currently being set up at East Midland Parkway (EMP) Station. This station is particularly unique in Notts as it is in such a rural location, and comprises not only the station and car park, but it is surrounded by over 11ha of land, all of which is wildlife habitat comprising ponds, trees and scrub, rough grassland, wildflower meadow and ponds, all established in 2007 when the station was built. This forms a fantastic wildlife corridor, linking with the River Soar, extensive areas of habitat around Ratcliffe on Soar Power Station and the surrounding countryside.

We are currently working with the Parkway Station group to look at opportunities for survey and monitoring wildlife to create a baseline. The group is likely to focus on projects within the immediate station surrounds first, such as native bulb planting. Depending on the results of the survey, there could be opportunities to support any required management on the wider site.

The group is looking for additional members. If you are interested in helping at EMP please contact Ben Driver bdriver@nottswt.co.uk.

For all other enquiries in relation to the Adopters Scheme generally, including registering your interest in helping at your local station, please contact EMR directly via the website



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