

**WYCHWOOD**



**PROJECT**

Restoring Landscapes  
Inspiring People

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# What is the Wychwood Project?

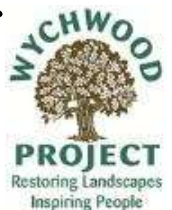
- Registered charity and Oxfordshire County Council hosted project.
- Funded by OCC, WODC, grants, membership and donations
- Membership and Volunteering organisation.
- Working in partnership – facilitating projects.



# Where is the Wychwood Project?



The Wychwood Project uses the focus of the Royal hunting Forest of Wychwood to encourage local people to understand, conserve and restore its rich mosaic of landscapes and wildlife habitats.





# Wychwood Project Area



## **What we do**

- Conservation
- Education
- Participation

## **Priorities**

- Survive current financial pressures
- Increase scope and number of projects
- Expand level of engagement

# 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

## The Greens, Wigwell, Charlbury

- Wychwood Project long term involvement in Wigwell, Charlbury Town Council
- Near threatened plant – Meadow clary
- Establishment of Wigwell Friends





# Wigwell Nature Reserve



# 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

- Foxburrow Wood, Witney – maintenance, including tree planting with North Leigh School.





# 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

- Chadlington Pocket Nature Reserve



# 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

## Education ‘history box’

- National curriculum for those aged 4 -11
- Teacher guides, artefacts, photographs, maps and documents from the 19th century
- Partnering with Oxfordshire Museum Service
- Demonstrations –  
Hurdle making



# 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

## Honeydale Farm, Shipton Under Wychwood

- Demo site for soil improvement
- Slowing water flow
- Tree planting
- Volunteer involvement
- WP Barn Owl Group box
- Bee Pollinator Event
- Orchard Planting







# 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

## Abbey Fishponds, Eynsham

- 10 yr management plan in 2004
- 2010 Wychwood Project ‘V’ helped in restoration work
- Facilitated wildlife surveys
- WP Flora Group survey
- Management Plan for next 10 years



# 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

## Restoring the River Glyme & Woodstock Water Meadows

- Evenlode Catchment Group
- Funding partners – Thames Water, Catchment Partnership Action Fund (EA), Cotswold Rivers Trust, Cotswold Fly Fishers, Wild Trout Ass.
- Woodstock Town Council
- Delivery of management plan written by WP 2014











# 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

## Restoring the River Glyme & Woodstock Water Meadows

- Logs for Labour
- Access furniture
- Habitat management
- Interpretation boards







# Wychwood Project Groups

- Flora Group
- Owl Group
- Hedge laying
- Stonewalling
- Bird Aid
- Orchard Group







# Cogges Manor Farm





**Owl box at Honeydale Farm**

# Wychwood Project Events

- Forest Fair
- Think. Grow. Eat - a talk on permaculture
- Foxburrow Friends evening
- Foraging Event
- Sponsored bluebell walk
- Pollinator Day
- Tree Planting
- Walks







**The Forest Fair – a chance to share  
Wychwood more widely**





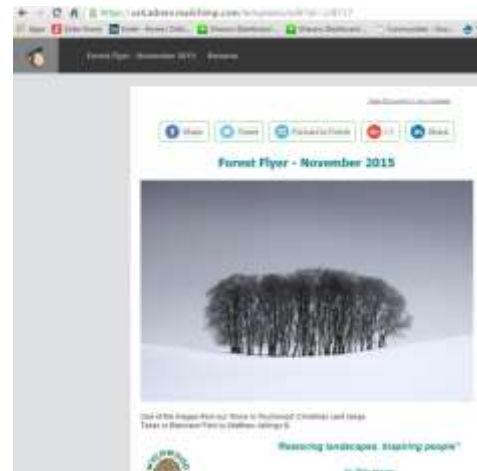


## Foray Event, Leafield



# Wychwood Project Communications

- Forest Update – membership magazine
- Forest Flyer – e newsletter
- Interactive website
- Facebook, Twitter & Meet Up







## Current volunteering opportunities

## What's new

Wychwood Project holds successful foray under the expert guidance of Lin...

The Leaffield foray yielded many species of 'edible', 'edible, but why would you eat 'poisonous' plants. Culminating in a picnic of (shop bought) hedgerow...

See some photographs from the v...

## Conservation



## Education



## Participation







# Wychwood Project

Community Organisation

Create Call to Action Liked Message

Promote

THIS WEEK

2 Page Likes

251 Post Reach

205 likes +2 this week Sharon Williams

251 post reach this week

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Status Photo/Video Offer, Event +

What have you been up to?

**Wychwood Project**  
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**Foray Fun!**  
Wychwood Project held a successful 'foray' under the expert guidance of Linda Rees. The Leaffield foray yielded many examples of 'edible', 'edible, but why would you' and 'poisonous' plants. Culminating in a picnic of (shop bought) hedgerow goodies.. See the pics at [www.flickr.com/photos/wychwoodproject/albums](http://www.flickr.com/photos/wychwoodproject/albums)



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