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# Ludwell Life

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Ludwell Valley Park



Photo credit: Mandy Smith

## Ludwell Life August 2024 Newsletter

What a sunset! What a photo, come to that! And weren't the wildflowers good this year? Not a great deal else to report this month, but DWT has been doing some good work improving access; a heads up about hay-making; feedback from our meeting with them a few weeks ago; and a note about our Facebook group, which is nearing the milestone of 2,000 members.

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## **Devon Wildlife Trust update**

As you may well have seen when walking in the Valley, DWT has installed a series of new, easier to access gates with funding from the Claire Milne Trust around the Pynes Hill section and also stoned many of the paths around the Pynes Copse location with funding from Wesleyan Assurance.

Hay cutting will be happening sometime in the next few weeks so expect to see

some fairly large farm machinery at work! Then the cattle will be removed from the Valley sometime between the middle and end of October.





Photo credit: Agnieszka Bobon

## Devon Wildlife Trust and Ludwell Life

Agnieszka's photos of the wildflowers last month illustrate beautifully what DWT does for us, for Ludwell Valley.

Andy and David met with Pete Burgess, Emily Cuff and Chris Moulton from DWT recently to update and share plans. These meetings are important, so that we know what they, as the managers of the Valley, are planning and we can comment and do our best to represent your views. We shared the results of our 'Your Say' report, which highlighted the issues of access for all and how best to balance the needs of dog owners and wildlife. As we've already mentioned, work to improve access has already started. We are also pleased to report that we have agreement to plant four more trees in the Community Orchard this coming winter.

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**Facebook**

Not everyone loves Facebook, but it is a great way of sharing news if used properly. Did you know that Ludwell Life has a Facebook Group, now with nearly 2,000 members? People report the latest news, share some great photos, report lost items, even post updates on which fields the cattle are in. So if you aren't already a member, might be worth a look?

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Ludwell Life is an independent community group, set up to protect and enhance Ludwell Valley Park

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