

# Newsletter

## January 2026

Happy New Year! We're very excited to relaunch our newsletter! 🎉 Our group has grown throughout 2025, and with more hands on deck, we are able to continue doing the great things we love, not only for the Ecology Centre but also for our wider community 🍏💚 2025 has been a busy year, filled with events and the start of several new projects around the Ecology Centre 🌱🔧 Please be sure to follow our social media channels to stay up to date with all of our wonderful initiatives as well as key dates for our events. 📱✨



Newly oiled Dragonfly - Dec 2025

So what have we been up to...

This winter has seen the start of a few projects around the ecology centre

🐸 Small Pond Refresh - Clearing the pond behind the allotments has already begun. We'll gently tidy, enrich the soil, and plant native species for improved cover and habitat, as well as Planting ferns, primroses, foxgloves, hellebores and a mix of bulbs, crocuses, Scilla, fritillaries and snowdrops to create early colour for pollinators 🐝🦋🐌.

🦋 Sensory Garden & Dragonfly - Our wooden features and signs have been cleaned and oiled to maintain their appearance.



Oiling the Sensory Garden Sign - Dec 2025



Planting around the pond - Nov 2025

We recently launched a major fundraising campaign to help secure funding for the pond dipping platform 🌿💧

While we were not successful on this occasion, we want to say a huge thank you to everyone who voted for and supported this cause.

Although this funding wasn't secured, we remain optimistic and committed to making the pond dipping platform a reality. We'll be exploring other opportunities with the Ecology Centre team and keep you updated on next steps.



We had a fallow year from hosting the Winter Wonderland Christmas Trail and instead held a wonderful stall at the All Saints Christmas Market 🎄📺 We sold beautifully crafted Christmas cards, prints, plant pots, and much more, and it was lovely to connect with so many people from the community 💚

Would you like to join our team?

We are always excited to have people join our team, there are many ways you can get involved from simply baking cakes for our events, running a stall, helping to set up, donations to help support our projects and events.

Please feel free to contact us on all of the below channels to find out more.



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