

Make hay while the sun shines

Now that the hustle and bustle of the breeding, feeding, and seeding season is drawing to a close, nature conservation activities are once again gathering pace.

The annual hay cuts will be taking place soon on the Commons and in Sunbury Park. These cuts help to promote wildflower growth both by preventing the flowers being smothered by dead grass in the spring and by reducing the amount of nutrients being returned to the soil, which can cause the grasses in the meadows to hinder flower growth.

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Photo: Cynthia Bendickson

Spelthorne Civic Pride

Spelthorne Civic Pride Volunteers will be promoting 'Make a Difference Month' in October by offering £2 a bag (max £100) to any community group carrying out a litter pick. If you want to get involved or have any suggestions for areas that could do with clearing, please get in touch with us.



Photo: Sue Butler

Planting season will also be starting soon. If you're looking to improve your own garden for wildlife, perhaps by planting a hawthorn hedge or putting in a garden pond, tips can be found on the Council's website. Alternatively, why not enter a team into the annual Great Tree Race? The race is organised by Spelthorne Civic Pride and will take place in a Spelthorne park during National Tree Week (27 November – 5 December) so look out for further publicity or contact us for more details.

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