Walsall Arboretum

The programme is designed to get you outdoors and engaging with nature through interesting walks,
talks and activities. Shown to improve both physical and mental wellbeing we will follow a set of core
themes in the **5 ways to well-being**:

* Introduction to the health and well-being benefits of connecting with nature in the city, wherever you live
* How to build nature into your everyday life
* Where to find the wild spaces across Birmingham and the Black Country
* Explore – through wildlife walks, discovering locally accessible spaces to encounter the natural world
* **Learn** – hands on learning about different environments including woodlands, meadows, canals and ponds
* **Give** – protecting local wild space by volunteering and practical conservation activity
* **Take notice** – how to be mindful in nature
* **Be active** - fitness through the walks and volunteering activity
* **Connect** – how to stay connected with nature and ways to join other groups locally

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| **Session** | **Activities** | **Session** | **Activities** |
| **Session 1**15/05/20193 hours10:00am – 13:00pm | - Intro to health and well-being in the urban environment- Phenology walk- 30 days wild talk- Wellbeing activity | **Session 5**12/06/20193 hours10:00am – 13:00pm | - Wildlife Gardening- Volunteering on-site- Bug houses- Afternoon nature tea- Make your garden wild |
| **Session 2** 22/05/20193 hours10:00am – 13:00pm | - City birds- Tuning into nature- Bird Songs- Creating bird feeders- Bird Spotting | **Session 6** 19/06/20193 hours10:00am – 13:00pm | - Field Trip to Pelsall Common- Freshwater invertebrates- Stream Dipping- River pollution- Wildlife Walk |
| **Session 3**29/05/20193 hours10:00am – 13:00pm | - Discovering and exploring wild spaces- Visit Mill Lane LNR- Wildlife Spotting-Tuning into nature- Local wild spaces and ecological corridors  | **Session 7** 26/06/2019 3 hours10:00am – 13:00pm | - Pollinators- Visit Park Lime Pits- Pollinator spotting walk- Identifying Bees- Making bee B&Bs |
| **Session 4** 05/06/20193 hours10:00am – 13:00pm | - Natural Childhood- Meet local nursery children- Nature rafts- Pooh Sticks- Question time | **Session 8** 03/07/20193 hours10:00am – 13:00pm | - Phenology walk- Volunteering on-site- Wild Kitchen- Reflections and the future |

This is a **FREE** 8-week Health and Wellbeing Course for local Walsall residents aged 50+ that want to get out of the house, meet new people, make friends and enjoy and learn about nature. If you would like to be involved please contact Emma at: emma.s@bbcwildlife.org.uk or call 0121 523 0094.