



FRISBY ON THE WREAKE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

APPENDIX E: Wildlife Survey Summary

An email was sent on 27th September 2016 to known email addresses of villagers living in Frisby-on-the-Wreake requesting sightings of wildlife in order to gain a picture of the bio diversity within the village. Below is a summary of the replies received from Great Lane, Hall Orchard, Mill Lane, Water Lane, Wellfield Lane and Rotherby Lane. This is an encouraging response from our community that has raised interest in the protection of our village wildlife.

Three species of bats have been sighted in the village, with a known roost of **common pipistrelles** and **brown long-eared bats** (BAP sp.) in the church. As yet unidentified, additional roosts are probable in and around the village. Two species of bats have been observed along Rotherby Lane including the pipistrelle and the higher flying and less often seen **noctule** (BAP sp.). These were observed using a bat detector with the help of a representative of Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust. The bats feed amongst the remaining veteran ash trees that have not been felled on Rotherby Lane.

Hedgehogs (BAP sp.) have been observed throughout the village. Residents on Wellfield Lane have an established 'nursery' for underweight hoglets, currently caring for nine youngsters.

Badgers and **muntjac deer** are frequently seen in the fields along Rotherby Lane and those behind the school and Mill Lane.

Otters (BAP) are now seen using the river corridor and fishing lakes, with traces and remnants of meals found in riverside fields, on the banks of the river Wreake

Rotherby Lane, Wellfield Lane and Hall Orchard have **field mice** and other small rodents. Fields behind The Laurels and the cricket field have **moles**.

Newts are regularly found in gardens across the village, being observed on three sites. **Great crested newts** (BAP) are confirmed to breed here, and other smaller newts, possibly **smooth or palmate newts**, are found in gardens on Wellfield Lane, though identification is uncertain. **Frogs** and **toads** (both BAP) use field ponds and garden ponds around Hall Orchard, Wellfield Lane and Rotherby Lane. **Grass snakes** and **adders** (both BAP), **foxes** and **muntjac** are also recorded here.

Gardens along Hall Orchard and Wellfield Lane have in excess of 20 species of birds visiting throughout the year with at least 10 species visiting every day. Both **green woodpeckers** and **greater-spotted woodpeckers** use gardens across the village. A Rotherby Lane resident believes that **lesser-spotted woodpeckers** and **tree creepers** use their garden.

A garden in Wellfield Lane has **bullfinches** feeding in spring and summer and **reed buntings** in the winter, both are BAP species. **Wrens** are present here all year round. **House sparrows** (BAP) are resident in Wellfield Lane in flocks of 20 or more. They live in the hedges along the top of Great Lane, where there is a proposal for house building, and also in ivy and hedgerows along Rotherby Lane and Water Lane. There is a substantial flock of **starlings** (BAP sp.) overwintering or resident in Wellfield Lane and in the fields including the Planning Application site on Water Lane. These birds provide stunning visual displays as dusk falls. Flocks of starlings feed on **leather jackets** along Hall Orchard. In severe winters, a mixed flock of **blackbirds**,



fieldfares and **redwings** feed on fallen apples in a large garden on Wellfield Lane and these are also seen on Rotherby Lane. **Thrushes** are a treasured sound and sight seen occasionally.

Water Lane and the fields close to the railway have flocks of flying birds including **swifts**, **swallows** and **house martins** in summer. A pair of white egrets (believed to be rare **little egrets**) is often seen in the fields along and behind Water Lane and down to Mill Lane. **Grey herons** are also seen here. **Swans** use the river along with many types of **ducks** and **geese**.

Other species of birds found throughout the year along Rotherby Lane and Wellfield Lane include: **chaffinch**, **goldfinch**, **greenfinch**, **robins**, **collared doves**, **woodpigeons**, **blackbirds**, **great tits**, **coal tits**, **blue tits**, **long-tailed tits**, **rooks** and **crows**. Thrushes sometimes, including Fieldfares,

Rotherby Lane, close to the trees, has had a successful **owl** nest with an owlet.

A **Sparrow Hawk** flies over the village and collects its prey from various bird feeders. **Buzzards** and **kestrels** reside in fields and woodland throughout the parish. A group of three **carrion crows** with unusual white feathering also reside Wellfield Lane gardens and trees in the conservation area.

Brown hawker and **southern** or **common hawker dragonflies** and many **damsel flies** appear in late summer in Wellfield Lane, and other, gardens. A red dragonfly, possibly a **common** or **ruddy darter**, has been seen in the same Wellfield Lane garden. Hall Orchard has **wasp** nests. Wellfield Lane has many species of pollinating **bees** and **hover flies**. **Lace wings**, **shield bugs**, **crane flies** and **2-spot** and **7-spot ladybirds** abound here also.