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To "clerk"<clerk@shawbury-pc.gov.uk>

Dear Shawbury Parish council

I would be please as a resident of Shawbury if you could raise the management ideas as presented to SWT below regarding the moat, surrounding wetland, meadow, woodland and riverside in developing a partnership or advisory role with the Shropshire Wildlife Trust.

A site visit by them could have an enormous beneficial impact on how best to manage these areas regarding the balance between promoting wildlife, in particular insect life such as butterfly and flora which supply the food chains for wildlife in the area and human activity. It could shed light on methods and practices that develop this area ecologically which will also impact in a very positive way on the local community.

Could you please raise this at your earliest convenience and prior to any designated management of the area such as flailing the meadows, riverbank and tree work in order to hopefully action a partnership with the SWT. If as I see no reason why not, you do agree to a site visit, (given the low cost involved) could you please laise directly with Luke and please let me know how you get on.

I have written back to Luke informing him that I would be speaking with yourselves.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

Resident of The Paddocks.

From: Luke Neal <luken@ShropshireWildlifeTrust.org.uk>

Sent: 01 July 2026 16:31

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: LMAS <LMAS@shropshirewildlifetrust.org.uk>

Subject: RE: General enquiry: SWT enquiries form

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for getting in touch and for your concern about the butterflies. I do not think that we have worked with Shawbury Parish Council in the past but certainly would be willing to do so. However, this would have to be as part of our paid for advice services and it seems uncertain if Shawbury would be willing to pay us.

That said we can offer general advice by email.

We do offer an introductory advice visit for £240 inc vat and do have a butterfly specialist on the team. The introductory visit allows for up to two hours on site and a follow up letter of our thoughts and recommendations.

Let me know what you would like to do, we can arrange a call if that would be helpful,

Yours Sincerely,

Luke Neal *He/his*

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General enquiry

Your message

Dear SWT

As both a member of SWT and a resident of Shawbury, I am enquiring whether you would be willing to work with Shropshire Parish council regarding a riverside area that has been opened up from the villages recreational field. A few years ago on being involved with the national butterfly count, i have noticed that butterfly levels have fallen significantly. The land area is a mix of riverside, wetland, meadow, woodland and has paths going through it. Each year the parish council arrange for the meadows and paths to be flayed. However, it is unclear the impact that this cutting has on wildlife and vegetation in preventing the establishment of insect larvae and whether natural succession of the meadows should be allowed.

I am prepared to work with the parish council on integrating SWT into their management and policy development of these areas. The areas do definitely host, bats, small mammals, various insects including dragonfly, bird life and a variety of flora species.

It is possible that you are already working with the parish council on these public areas, but i would be grateful if you could take a look the region from North of the recreational field to the river Roden and around the medieval moat area and let me know if you think that approach to the parish council will help develop the area from an environmental view point if you have not been involved.

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